Planning Board Notes

Note: Following the vote taken at the 2007 Town Meeting, the Planning Board now requires that anyone considering either a subdivision or a site plan enters into a preliminary discussion with the Board before beginning the application process. This provides an opportunity for both parties to review the regulations and see whether there are any major concerns before time and money is invested in a proposal. No detailed plans are necessary and no binding decisions are made either by the applicant or the Board.

Matt Monahan, the circuit rider planner from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNRPC), is available for questions and consultation each Wednesday from 10 AM – 2 PM at the Town Hall.

Recent approvals by the Planning Board include a Boundary Adjustments for property owned by Constance Dayton on Center Road, Allen Clark on Cheney Hill Road, and Bruce Edwards for a small parcel on Pleasant Valley Road.

Two applications are currently under review. The Hill & Dale gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road has received a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to expand its operation and the Planning Board is reviewing the Site Plan application to determine if it is complete. The public hearing has been continued to June 12.

The Site Plan from Kevin Allen to develop three business units on Route 103 was determined to be a Development of Regional Impact with the potential impact on the Warner River. The Town of Warner will be notified as an abutter and the hearing is continued until June 12.

Preliminary discussions were held with Jane Lucas concerning a possible subdivision of land on Old Mountain Road (a class VI road) and with Maureen Cronin on her plan for a residential care facility at her home on Melvin Mills Loop Road.

Gravel pits have been discussed at several Planning Board work sessions and the Board anticipates hearing from Mary Pinkham-Langer at an upcoming meeting. Bradford’s gravel pit regulations will be rewritten based on her input and advice from CNRPC.

Meet Your Neighbor

Susie Janicki landed in NH in October of 1979, after a cross-country camping trip that started in Santa Cruz, CA where she then lived and worked as an auto mechanic and freelance photographer. “I’m still trying to figure out which is more abhorrent to New Hampshireites,” she said, “to be perceived as coming from California or from Massachusetts.” Susie grew up mostly in Massachusetts and summered on Webster Lake in Franklin almost every year throughout her childhood. She attended Emerson College on a full scholarship for theatre, switching to creative writing and journalism because, as she puts it, “I’m a realist.” After college she joined the Army National Guard. She said, “It was complete minutes of Planning Board meetings are available within 48 hours of the meetings at the Town Hall.
From The Editor’s Desk

From the Editors

I'm afraid this is our swan song, short though this time was. First, I have
to come clean: Gerry and I were never Co-Editors. I volunteered our
services at exactly the same time that he took a new position at the Wall St.
Journal in New Jersey (after the Argus Champion didn't work out). So, I
decided to see if I could do the editing on my own since then, which I've
been doing; I must say, it’s been one of the most gratifying experiences
of my life. Being involved with The Bradford Bridge has enabled me to
meet so many of the good people of this town in a short time -
something I might not have been able to do for a few years under normal
circumstances. I've grown to love Bradford and its wonderful
inhabitants.

When Gerry took the Wall St. Journal position, we decided that, since
we both loved it here so much, he would work there during the week
and commute back here for weekends. He's been doing that since
December; however, after these several months, it's become clear that
12 hours of driving for two days is not a very comfortable way to live.
Also, I have some health issues, and in the long run, it would be much
better for us to be living together than apart (as independent as I am).

Therefore, we have rented our beautiful home for six months (with an
option to buy after that) to a very nice young attorney and his wife and
son and hope that everyone will make them feel as welcome as you all
have made Gerry and me feel. We will never forget any of you, nor the
wonderful time spent here. Thanks for making us so rich.

Dorothy & Gerry Monigan

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in the historic Center
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7:30 PM

The Meetinghouse has open
dates during the summer for
other occasions such as wed-
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ings.
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Subscription Increase

To cover the cost of postage increase, the
new subscription price has to be increased to
$18 per year. We regret the inconvenience.

Volunteers from area churches participated in a May 6 CROP walk that raised funds for
local hunger fighting agencies. For more information on CROP events, contact Fred
Hubley at 938-5521
Area Happenings

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will be holding a model rocket launch on JUNE 9th from 1PM to 4PM. The rocket launch will be in Warner, NH. All are welcome to participate or spectate. There is no charge. For directions and any other details, please call Mike Bellino at 938-5129 or visit www.KARSNH.org on the web.

Saturday, June 16, Shaw Brothers in Concert at S. Sutton’s Old Meeting House, refreshments/doors open 7:00pm; show time 7:30pm.
Reservations 526-6643 or 938-5448.

Warner Food Cooperative needs new members. There is no cost. Call Nancy at 456-3661 or Kate at 456-2911 for more info and to sign up. There is still time for the June delivery. See our web page at www.coop.warner.nh.us or email at members@coop.warner.nh.us

Kate Dobrowski (greenhill@iamnow.net) Warner Food Co-op 603-456-2911

Contemporary Visions:
Selections from the Juried Regional of 2006, an exhibit featuring paintings, prints, drawings, and photographs by Terry Downs, Georgina Forbes, Michael Heffernan, & Audrey V. Sylvester, Library Arts Center Gallery & Studio, 58 N. Main St., Newport, NH. LAC is behind Richards Library off the Newport Common. OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 5 - 7 PM. FREE.

ALL welcome- bring your friends and neighbors.

EXHIBIT CONTINUES THRU JULY 7, 2007, Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm.

Women’s Club News

The BWC ended their successful bulb sale. Thanks to all for your support. Our Annual BWC Dinner was held and a good time was had by all. A granite bench has been installed at Bicentennial Park so stop by, sit awhile and enjoy the beautiful flowers. Don’t forget to get your money in for the Bradford Town Wide Yard Sale/Flea Market on June 23 with a rain date June 24. The yard sale is open to all Bradford residents and the flea market is open to anyone (does not have to be a resident) interested in selling. Prices will be $5 to be put on the Bradford map, $15 for a flea market space and $1 for each map that will be available at the flea market. Please send the info and money to BWC, PO Box 292, Bradford, NH 03221. Call 938-5951 if you have any questions.
the only school of photography I could afford.”

She had never been called a ‘flatlander’ until she arrived in Bradford. In the mid 80s, two of her friends bought the Bradford Junction and asked her to help out weekends. “Those were some fun times at the Junction. I never stayed in one place long enough to know what a real community was like—this one sure was interesting,” she said.

Many of you may know Susie as the “Smart Woman.” In April 1988 she bought a Farmers Home house from Lonnie and Alice Harris and started a graphic design business called SmartWoman & Co. Her goal was to help small and local businesses upgrade their printed materials without charging advertising agency rates. Susie said, “I would see a business with a fabulous logo or sign, but their menu or brochure was typewritten or otherwise unprofessional. When I asked questions, I’d hear a story that the business owner blew the budget on their logo design and had no money left over for other materials. I knew I could help.” Local logos she’s done include The Rosewood Country Inn, Happy Travels, Splitrock Stoneworks, Kenyon HVAC and Village Greenhouse Florist, to name a few.

Susie’s experience as the Editor of WomenWise, the Concord Feminist Health Center’s health publication, Public Relations Director of the Manchester YWCA and Prepress Manager of the Concord Monitor left her well equipped to take on her next challenge—In July 1997 she bought the Contoocook Valley Advertiser and renamed it The Smart Advertiser. “Having this paper really helps me stay connected to the area it serves,” she said. “I talk with so many business owners every month—I can really feel the pulse of the community. I love doing business locally—it’s the number one best thing anyone can do for their town.”

Susie’s contributions to Bradford include past editor of the Bradford Bridge, Treasurer of the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. and a stint on the Planning Board. “Everyone knows that communities are like families—they have good traits and bad,” she quipped, “and after the last couple of town meetings, I’m sure glad I’m an only child!”

For more information about SmartWoman & Co, call Susie at 938-2829 or check out The Smart Advertiser online at www.thesmartadvertiser.com

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First Baptist Church News
From Lynn E. Hubley

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to come to the Fisk House on Wednesday, June 13 from 6:00 pm. - 7:30 pm. They are asked to bring their favorite cd’s so we can play “Name that Tune”. We will be discussing how music affects their lives and be writing some creative lyrics to their favorite tunes that speak to teenagers. Munchies will be served.

Men’s Fellowship: Men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of pool, refreshments and fellowship.

Food pantry: The June distribution date for the pantry is Wednesday, June 20 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Car Hop: On Saturday, June 23 from 4-7 p.m., we will have a Car Hop in the church parking lot, complete with 50’s music. Waiters and waitresses will serve people in their cars — hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream sundaes.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held the week of June 25-29 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. each evening. The theme this year is “Avalanche Ranch”. As always, there will be great music, skits, bible studies, snacks and creative crafts. All children who are 4 years old and older are welcome to come. There is no charge.

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Real Estate by Laura Hallahan

The Internet Rules

As the real estate market continues to change, one thing remains a constant. If you are selling or buying real estate today, the internet is an absolute must. Sellers want to list with a company that offers a strong internet presence and better yet, a high number of daily page views indicating that buyers are finding the company's site and thus the seller's listing. Buyers have the opportunity now to get daily updates on the market so that they don't miss out on any new properties that come on the market that fit their criteria and price range. Real estate agents today also need to be tech savvy and be able to respond quickly to email inquiries and to attach pertinent information requested by potential buyers. Here are some recent statistics compiled by the California Association of Realtors®:

- 86% of home buyers started using the internet as part of their home buying process before they actually started looking at homes and 14% did so after they started looking, meaning 100% of buyers in this survey used the internet.
- 92% of internet buyers found their real estate agent through a web site.
- 70% of consumers said they found the internet to be an important tool in their home-buying and selection process. This is up significantly from 28% back in 2000.
- Internet buyers spend an average of 4.8 weeks researching homes before contacting an agent. This means an internet buyer is better prepared and knows what he/she wants by the time showings begin, saving everyone time.
- Internet buyers bought a home an average of 2.2 weeks after they started looking, whereas a traditional buyer spends over 7 weeks.
- Internet buyers look at an average of 6.7 homes whereas traditional buyers look at an average of 15.4 homes, more than twice as many.
- Internet buyers have an approximate distance between their previous residence and new residence of 242 miles, meaning that the internet reaches buyers out of town and out of state better than print advertising which is mostly local. Plus, the internet is available 24/7/365.
- 83% of internet buyers chose email as their favored communication method, important researched category than traditional buyers. 91% felt the process was quick and easy.

- Only 35% of 24 year olds read a daily newspaper, so print ads won't reach the internet generation. Many newspapers now have an online version and ads on those sites are a must.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 67 West Main Street, Antique Cape on .14 acres for $122,800
- 21 East Washington Road, Manufactured Home on 10 acres for $189,900
- 116 Breezy Hill Road, Ranch on 1.2 acres for $231,500
- 0 Fairgrounds Road, 15.09 acres of raw land for $120,000

There are 22 active and 2 pending residential listings, 24 active and 0 pending land listings, 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

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Bradford Business Association

As of May, the BBA had 39 members. Phone calls will be going out to members who have not renewed or have not sent their applications back in.
The BBA has $971.28 in the treasury YTD, the majority of that is earmarked for the Brochure printing and for a donation to the Bradford Scholarship fund.
The Brochure and the website were discussed.
The Business card ads in the upcoming brochure were discussed and the BBA was pleased that most renewing members have an additional ad in the brochure.
The town flower barrels were discussed, the town will be absorbing the cost of the flowers and adjoining costs to maintain the barrels and the BBA will manage it. The town has budgeted a $1,000 towards barrel maintenance, Abigail Hayes will be maintaining the barrels and contents.
Marilyn Gordon will send out the meeting minutes to members wishing to receive them by snail mail. Heather Turner will e-mail them out to members wishing minutes by electronic means.

Marilyn Gordon will be sending out postcards for the next meeting which will be on August 29, 2007 at the Candlelite Inn at 4 PM
Ann Lucier has stepped down from the board. Laura Hallahan has graciously volunteered to step in as a 2 year director.
Many thank yous to John & Kim Mock for the recent highway pickup. The roadsides look terrific.

The 2007 Slate of Officers was voted on and passed:
President—Steve Pitman (Lumber Barn)
Vice President—Marilyn Gordon (Candlelite Inn)
Secretary—Heather Turner (Forfeng Designs)
Treasurer—Bob Stewart (Stewart Agency Realtors & Insurance)
3 Year Term Director—Jim Richter (Compassion Veterinary)
2 Year Term Director —Laura Hallahan (ERA The Masiello Group)
1 Year Term Director—Marlene Freyler (Marlene’s Florist Shoppe)

Thank you!!

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Library Lantern
by Meg Fearnley

June is a quiet summer month at the library. We are looking forward to seeing all our summer visitors again.
Our book-to-movie discussion this month on The Shipping News by Annie Proulx is Friday, June 1 at 7pm. In July, we will compare the book to the movie Freedom Writers. Copies of the book will be available at the library in June. The book discussion will be on Friday, July 6 at 7pm.
June’s international movie is a film from Russia. Bring your glasses to read the subtitles because this movie is in Sami (the language of the Lapps), Finnish and Russian! Please come into the library for a list of movie titles in this series.
The library will have another book sale on Saturday, July 7 from 9am until 2pm.
Here are some of the new books added to your library in May:

For adults
Tumbling Blocks by Earlene Fowler
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
The 6th Target by James Patterson
Suffer the Little Children by Donna Leon
Simple Genius by David Baldacci
Cape Wind by Wendy Williams

For children
The Falconer’s Knot by Mary Hoffman
Jack Plank Tells Tales by Natalie Babbitt
The Navigator by Eoin McNamee
Beach by Elisha Cooper
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**BACC PROGRAM INFORMATION**

For scheduling activities at the BACC call the Director, 938-6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups at the BACC.

- For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels or Senior Programs, services or
- For transportation info call the Senior Center Program Manager, Sandi Bandier at 938-2104
- Kearsage Area Pre-School: for info, contact the school at 938-2442

For general Information please call the Administration Office at 938-6228.
WEDNESDAY

11 AM - 1 PM Writing Group - BACC

THURSDAY

9 AM - Mountain View Striders- MVSC parking lot 10:30 AM Foot Massage with Betty Perron - Donations welcome 12 N. Senior Community Luncheon

FRIDAY

8:45 AM SLE 9:00 - 10 AM Tai Chi 11:30am 1st Friday Brunch - "History of NH Dairy Farms" A slide presentation by John Porter. Call to reserve a seat, 938-2104 MVSC 7 PM Book/Movie Discussion - BACI

SATURDAY

11 AM - 1 PM Writing Group - BACC

10 AM - noon Wild Flowers - Know and Grow with Viki Ferrenia BACC

Ongoing Events

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. BML
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FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH 11:30 AM MVSC Reservations appreciated
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM BML
PLANNING BOARD 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM TOWN HALL
RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION 2ND MONDAY 7 PM BACC
SELECTMEN’S MEETING 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 6 PM TOWN HALL
ZONING BOARD - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM TOWN HALL

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Fish and Game Club Members gather for a group photo

Fish & Game News

The Annual Winter Fishing Derby held by the Bradford Fish and Game Club was a huge success this year! We hope that everyone who attended checked out the new web site www.bradfordfishandgame.com to view and download the pictures from the event. The site will also have updates and calendar events posted as the dates are set and become available. Keep checking in to find out when the Annual Summer Fishing Derby and other events will be held. The Bradford Fish and Game Club also wishes to thank everyone who attended, volunteered and donated to help make the children's winter fishing derby possible.

ATTENTION MEMBERS! Due to the busy schedules of our Members, the Monthly Member’s meetings have been moved to the first Monday of every month. See you then! Thanks So much!

Bradford Fish & Game Club's Annual Youth Summer Fishing Derby
June 2, 2007 at the Bradford Fire Pond
9:00am to Noon
Registration begins at 8:00am children 15 and under
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Bradfood:
Celebratory Soup
by Mike Quinn

When I was growing up in Buffalo, New York, soup was a popular dinner item in our home. My mom and grandmother—Nana—were virtuosos with a soup pot, concocting delicious meals from whatever was on hand.

Mom’s side of the family was Italian, and one of my best memories is a great soup that they made for special occasions: Wedding Soup. It was on the menu to greet out-of-town guests, and it graced the table at more than a couple rehearsal and holiday dinners.

Chicken broth-based, it is a simple soup of escarole or spinach, diced chicken breast, tiny BB-shaped pastina, and—a stroke of soup genius—tiny marble-sized meatballs. Just before serving, a beaten egg was stirred in, similar to egg drop soup.

Wedding Soup can be a comfort food, or an elegant meal. The ingredients remain the same; it’s what you bring to the table that makes the difference.

Some culinary anthropologists and Italian television chefs claim that “Wedding Soup” is a reference to the way the ingredients complement each other in a perfect balance of flavor and texture. Others call it “Stracciatelle,” which means “torn rags,” because of the way the eggs look when you stir them into the broth.

I suggest you use this definition: Wedding Soup was, and always will be, a warm bowl of pure celebration. So here’s to June brides, and here’s Nana’s soup for you to try at your next event—big or small:

Nana’s Wedding Soup
The soup:
1 quart chicken broth
2 cups water
3/4 cup pasta
1 carrot, sliced thin
1/2 pound fresh escarole, julienned
(spinach is ok, too)
The meatballs:
1/2 pound lean beef
1 egg
2 teaspoons flavored bread crumbs
2 teaspoons grated cheese
2 teaspoons fresh parsley, chopped
1 small onion, minced
2 cooked boneless chicken breasts, cubed
2 eggs
Grated cheese

1. Combine the soup ingredients and bring to a low boil.
2. Mix meatball ingredients, form into meatballs about the size of a small marble, drop into soup
3. Add the cubed chicken
4. Beat the eggs, stir soup as you slowly drop in the beaten eggs
5. Remove from the heat, let sit for a few minutes, and serve with grated cheese

Do you have a favorite family recipe you’d like to share with readers? Submit it and we’ll publish it in this column.

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Selectmen Highlights

**Flooding:** Board Chair Peter Fenton thanked all emergency workers, Fire Department, Highway Crew, Police Department, Selectmen’s Office, Community Center and all employees for the work they did during the storm to keep the Town safe.

**Highway Department:** Road Agent Steve Lucier reported $70,000 – $80,000 in estimated flood damage and is preparing the paper work for reimbursement from FEMA. Selectmen voted to accept a bid of $9850 for new doors on the town shed. Summer schedule for highway crew has begun with a lengthened work day four days per week.

**Town Hall:** Funds were approved for construction work in the Town Hall for the Town Clerk. State vital records grant money will provide some locking cabinets and an interior window. The new telephone system is a work in progress.

**Rescue Squad:** Fire Chief Mark Goldberg and Rescue Squad Captain Jon Thomas discussed personnel issues and requested opinions on alternatives needed to provide coverage for Bradford.

**Needs Assessment:** On Saturday May 5, at a combined meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Needs Assessment Committee, the Selectmen voted to establish a three person Steering Committee plus a Selectman as a non-voting member. The Steering Committee will decide the size and composition of two task forces—one to prepare a package to present at the 2008 town meeting to build a new Highway Garage and Police Station and the second to develop a proposed plan to restore the historic town hall. Members of the Steering Committee include Eileen Kelly, Everett Kittredge, and Tom Riley.

**Hazardous Mitigation Report:** Following a public hearing on May 15, the Selectmen voted to accept the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented by Project Manager Stephanie Alexander. The study is available for review at Town Hall. It is to be updated yearly and re-submitted to FEMA every five years.

**Conservation Commission:** On the recommendation of the Conservation Commission with support from the Planning Board, the Selectmen voted to add Bradford to the list maintained by NHDES requiring town approval before state overview of sewage or waste disposal system designs. Many issues are presented and discussed at each meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Many are on-going over several weeks or months so to choose a few highlights for the Bridge is not a simple task. It is strongly recommended that the full minutes be reviewed as they are available at the Town Hall 144 hours (6 days) after each meeting.

**Bradford Residents**
Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 from 7:00 PM -7:30PM at the Bradford Town Hall. This will be for the purpose of registering new voters and updating the checklist. Please bring proof of residency and age.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Ann Lucier
Judith Marshall
Ruth Marden

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KRSD School News

Bradford KRES News
Mary Keegan-Dayton

It's hard to believe it's June. There's so much going on here at school. It's a bittersweet time. Everyone is working hard and enjoying our last month together before summer vacation. We want to end the year strong to set us up for next year," Principal Jim Spadaro commented at a staff meeting last week.

Here's a quick look at some of our year end activities you might want to attend.

5th Grade Celebration
The public is invited to attend a wonderful evening on Tuesday, June 19th at 7pm here at school to celebrate the 5th grade class and wish them luck as they move on to the middle school.

Spring Concert
Grades 1,2 and 3 will be singing Patriotic Songs in honor of Flag Day and songs to welcome summer. The concert is in our multipurpose room on June 5th, Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Field Day
Teachers and school volunteers and the PTC team up to provide a fun day of outdoor activities for students, such as sack races, face painting, water play and group games. Field Day is Monday, June 18th. Call our office at 938-3959 to volunteer.

Last Day of School
School is out for summer vacation on Wednesday, June 20th. There will be a school assembly and awards presentation at 9am. Report cards will be sent home and class placement for September. Look for Summer Reading Program information to go with Report Cards. Read about the exciting benefits of daily reading in the summer in the July issue of the Bradford Bridge!

Big Thank -You
We would like to thank Lois Kilnap, Selina Jacobs, Pat Miller, Kris Sweet and all the Fourth Graders for their incredible help with our school recycling program this year. These students collect the paper and cardboard from classrooms each week with Mrs. Jacobs. We are grateful that our students care about the environment.

School District Report
Jon Steiner

There has been a great deal of discussion and excitement about the new middle school, move in dates, new bus routes, start times and more. In future months there will be plenty to talk about and write about. But another question that does not get asked as often is: “What happens to the old middle school?” I’ve mentioned in this space before that I am chairing a committee to work on this question, and the voters did authorize the Board to lease portions of the facility in the interests of the District.

We are finally getting close to two projects that will utilize the old school, not cost the district money, and provide ample recreational and educational opportunity for people all across the district. First we are looking at retaining some of the classrooms for use by the New London Elementary school as its population grows. We will also use some of the building to house school programs that are in need of space.

Next, the New London Outing club has proposed helping the district to rehabilitate the gym floor and fix the moisture issues. In return for their donation, we would allow the NLOC to use the gym for their programs when not needed for school or after school activities.

Lastly, a group called the Kearsarge Area Community Center has plans to expand and rehab the old 1941 portion of the building into a community center like we have in Bradford. Depending on fundraising, the plan could be as large as a theater and function area. It would be a great use for the building as we have seen here in Bradford, and it would be used by people across the region.

School is out soon and my daughter truly enjoyed her experiences in first grade. I feel very lucky to have such a nice little school here in Bradford with a super staff, involved parents and great kids.
Obituaries

Anna Thiemann
Schenectady - Anna B. Thiemann of Bradford, NH died Friday May 4, 2007 at St. Clare's Hospital, 2 days before her 102nd birthday, after a short illness.

Anna was born in Brotzingen, Germany where she attended elementary school. At age 17, speaking no English, she immigrated to the United States where she learned English in night school.

After arriving in the US, Anna was apprenticed to a caterer and became an accomplished cook. She accepted a position as cook on an estate in Bakersville, CT. After five years Anna and her husband, Hans, purchased a small store and gas station in Harwinton, CT. Their next enterprise was a small restaurant in Burlington, CT. Upon retiring to Bradford, NH, Anna and Hans operated the Candlelite Inn. After Hans' death in 1966, Anna sold the Candlelite Inn and purchased a home on High Street in Bradford. She traveled frequently and visited with her grandchildren often.

Anna was active in the Germania Glee Club in Torrington, CT, the Eastern Star in Bradford, NH and held the title of president of the Grandwood Park Senior Citizen Club.

Anna is survived by her daughter, Ruth Soudier and her husband Robert of Niskayuna, NY; 3 grandchildren, Lee Anna Obos of Niskayuna, NY, Carol Lyn Jansen of Warsaw, IN and Michelle Soudier of Hinsdale, IL. as well as seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 9th at 11 o'clock at Bradford Baptist Church with burial following in Sunny Plains Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Animal Protective Foundation, 53 Maple Ave. Scotia, NY 12303-4613.

Travis Cresswell
Travis Harrison Cresswell, of Truro, Massachusetts, and Bradford, New Hampshire, passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of March 27, 2007, while on holiday in England, after recently returning from his eleventh austral summer in Antarctica. He left this world peacefully, surrounded by friends, and in the arms of his wife, Harriet Hobbs Cresswell. Travis also is survived by his dear brother, Warren S. Cresswell, of New York City, New York. His father, Warren S. Cresswell, predeceased him in 1984 and his mother, Gloria H. Cresswell, predeceased him in 1994.

Travis was born in New York and grew up in Monson, Massachusetts, where he graduated from Monson Academy.

Travis' life was full of joy, love, and true adventure. Widely traveled, he leaves behind countless friends all over the world. During the austral summers, he was employed as an Expedition Team Member in Antarctica, first aboard the cruise liner, M.V. Marco Polo, and later aboard the cruise liner, M.V. Discovery. An accomplished soccer player, sailor, scuba diver, equestrian, and downhill skier, Travis was a fully-certified Canadian and American ski instructor, and a former assistant director of the Mount Tremblant Ski School in Canada. Besides his years at Mount Tremblant, Travis also spent many winters teaching skiing at Mount Snow in Vermont, Park City in Utah, and Alpine Meadows in Lake Tahoe, California. Travis started summering in Provincetown, Massachusetts in 1960, where, by day, he was one of the early commercial scuba divers who dove for lobsters in the waters off Cape Cod. At night, he first worked for Mylan Costi at the Moors Restaurant, and later was a bartender at the Atlantic House, Front Street, and Gruber's Restaurant. Travis loved the sea and enjoyed many blue water sailing adventures aboard his sailboat the "Sargasso". He also was often engaged to captain other sailboats for long-distance ocean cruising.

For the last nineteen years he was self-employed as a builder and real estate developer, doing business as Blue Water Building. Travis also partnered with his brother Warren, a former vice president of Christie's Auction House, in various fine art investments.

Travis' dogs, Georgiana and Fredericka, his cats, Winston, Edwina and Astor, and his horse, Kadence, will all miss him greatly. His wife Harriet and brother Warren are heartbroken.

A private graveside service was held in South Truro on Monday, April 2, 2007. A celebration of his life will occur on his birthday in August.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to "Antarctic Heritage Ltd", c/o Rachael Morgan, Secretary, United Kingdom Heritage Trust, Kingcoed Farm, Usk NP15 1DS, United Kingdom.
Letters

To the Editor

Let me take this opportunity to thank those members of the Needs Assessment Committee who worked so long and diligently to bring forth the Committee’s proposal at the 2007 Town Meeting. Although we failed to garner the 2/3 vote requirement, we certainly gained the majority support of those present and voting. The proposal addressed the concerns, well established as needs, including a new highway garage and police station and offered the restoration of a working town hall with, again, a superb meeting room.

To my 17 colleagues, I thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we worked our way through this task. A diverse committee? You bet, and yet we were able to come to a common solution that would have adequately solved the needs issue well into this town’s future.

Many thanks. My hat is off to each of you.

Dick Keller

What impressed me most was that the responders not only ensured that the basement was safe, they took a few extra minutes to help me discover the cause of the flooding (a frozen perimeter drain down in the woods) and offered some much-appreciated advice on how to quickly address the problem.

There wasn’t a burning building, or a motor vehicle accident, but these volunteers responded as quickly and efficiently as if something more urgent had occurred—and then took an extra step on our behalf. Amy and I have great confidence that if there ever was an emergency, our family would receive professional service and care.

We’d like to thank Chief Goldberg and the members of the Bradford Fire Department who responded that afternoon. The entire department is a great asset to the Town of Bradford.

Mike Quinn
Bradford

To The Editor:

The Planning Board is looking for a few members of the community to assist in this year’s survey of the needs of the different departments in town to assist the Budget Committee in assigning priority projects. (This is part of the capital improvement program).

Anyone willing to help with this program is asked to call Edythe Craig at 938-2110. This needs to be completed and given to the Budget Committee by December.

Thanks,
Edythe Craig
Historic Raymond Hotel

In the days of the many large hotels in Bradford, the Raymond House was one of the most celebrated. It stood at the corner of Main Street and Rt. 114; the stone marker at Lafayette Square is from a doorstep. It was built in 1804, offered a livery stable for tourists, business men and visitors. It was the site of many fancy balls, receptions, the visit by the Marquis de la Fayette, political gatherings and offices for the once-a-week tradesmen and professionals. In 1897, when Charles Gillis owned it as the Hotel Gillis, it caught fire. The local volunteer fire brigade kept the conflagration localized, although a special train bearing a steamer and firefighters from Concord arrived too late to save the structures, and the hotel, barn and one nearby house were leveled. It was said to be the oldest hotel in continuous operation at that time. Within months of the fire, Mr. Gillis started building the Candelite Inn. (Bradford Historical Society)

Classifieds

For Sale: 2 place rowing canoe. Old Town Discovery Sport 15 with MinnKota Endura 30 Elec, motor, battery - 2 sets oars. Excellent Condition. $875. Call 938-2877

Wanted: Old 2-6 Pane Windows. Must be free or very reasonable. I will pick up. 938-2422.

For Sale: Corning diner style dishes, white with green trim; 11 cups, 19 dinner plates, 85 bread & butter/dessert plates, 12 saucers, 4 small platters, 5 oval bowls. B.O. Call 938-5386 or 938-5314.

For Sale: Electric fencing and posts, several hundred yards of wire. $75 or b.o. Call 938-2692

Bradford Bridge
July 2007 Deadlines

To list events for the July Calendar—e-mail bradfordbridge@mctelecom.com by or before June 15th.

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- Nippers 9:00am – 10:30am, entering grades K-1
- Young Players 9:00am – 12:00pm, entering grades 1-3
- Intermediate Players 9:00am – 1:00pm, entering grades 4-6
- Advanced Players 9:00am – 3:00pm, entering grades 5-8

Registration deadline is July 1st. Registration forms can be printed from our website at www.bnsys.org. Limited financial aid is available.