Vitale Steps Down, Pickman Steps Up

Dick Vitale, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, officially announced his resignation, effective September 10, at the Board's September 3rd meeting. Vitale is retiring and will be moving to Conway with his wife, Sue, in early October. Vitale was thanked for his service to the town by the Selectmen with the award of a plaque. The motion was then made to appoint Dave Pickman to fill Vitale's position. The motion was seconded and the vote passed. Pickman was in the audience and accepted the position. Selectman Bruce Edwards will take over Vitale's role as Chairman of the Board.

Pickman, a longtime Bradford resident, served as selectman for six years from 1992 to 1998, and will serve until the elections in March. He told the Argus Champion that he is unsure whether he will run for election. Pickman was serving on the Budget Committee, which is now looking for a replacement member, and also serves on the Road Committee.

District 34 Candidates’ Night

Bradford voters will have the opportunity to meet all the primary winners running for State Representative in the newly drawn District 34 on October 23rd at 7:00pm at the Warner Town Hall. Candidates will present their backgrounds and positions on the issues facing the 2003/2004 State Legislature. Bradford is now part of a seven-town district that also includes Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, and Webster. Voters will be electing six representatives rather than the two that served the previous district of Henniker and Bradford.

This meeting is sponsored by the Sutton Business Council and the Warner Men's Club.

KRSD Budget Concerns

Superintendent Thomas Brennan announced at the September 12 meeting of the Keanser Regional School Board that the school district ended the 2001-2002 school year with a budget deficit of $196,810, or slightly less than 1% of the overall annual operating budget. He declared that he did not intend to ask the School Board to seek any additional funds from the taxpayer, but would instead recommend changes to this year’s budget to cover the overrun.

Discussion centered on why District financial management systems failed to recognize this situation prior to closing the books last year. Members of the School Board have called for an assessment of the existing controls and the compliance of Administrators and Principals with District policies and procedures. Superintendent Brennan recognized that the dilemma is evidence of the need to more carefully scrutinize and monitor management practices and systemic controls at all levels of the organization. Although District policy requires SAU approval of all Purchase Orders prior to goods and services being delivered, the on-line system used by the SAU to communicate with each school provided Building Principals with the ability to override budget warnings. The Superintendent took action last week to remove that override function.

Business Administrator Richard Petrini provided members of the Board a detailed list of budget items that were overspent last year. These included the following:

- Nearly $152,000 to enroll five special education students in unanticipated out-of-district placements as called for by federal special education requirements.
- Approximately $141,000 in building and grounds repairs. These include: physical plant repairs to electrical and HVAC systems at the high school, roof repairs to other district buildings, and an indoor air quality assessment completed last year to address staff concerns of increased incidences of illness. (It was also noted that last year the District reduced the requested budget in this area by over half a million dollars.)
- Insurance rates in three categories increased more than anticipated by the Administration. Workers Compensation, dental, and property insurance rate hikes were $81,500 over the amount budgeted for these items. (It was noted that insurance companies have abandoned a past practice of guaranteeing annual rates in advance to facilitate accurate budget planning at school districts across New Hampshire.)
- Payroll expenditures for bus drivers and custodians ended the year $125,000 over budget. The administration indicated that over half of this was attributed to overtime expenses for cleaning and maintenance personnel. Some reasons for this include school building use after hours, and throughout the weekend, for community activities, as well as coverage for unfilled custodial positions. (The Board directed the Superintendent's office to provide more detail concerning these costs at each site. Areas for review include staffing adequacy, management controls and the adequacy of rental fees to cover direct costs.)
- Electricity service cost $10,000 more than appropriated.

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News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector’s Office

August 5. Andrew Joseph Grilo born to Carlos and Maria in Franklin.
September 2. Kylee Anne O’Keefe born to John and Maureen in Concord.

September 1. Charles Trowbridge and Casandra Smith were married in Bradford.
September 7. Roy Messer and April Robbins were married in Bradford.
September 14. Andrius Dilba and Lia Richters were married in Bradford.
September 21. Jean Lectine and Marcy Keyser were married in Bradford.
September 22. David Trench and Barbara Perkins were married in Warner.

September 6. Margaret Bacon died in Concord.

Absentee ballots for the general state election will be available at the Town Clerk’s office by October 15.
Tax bills will be going out by the end of October. If you have any questions or do not receive your bill, please call the Selectmen’s Office at 938-5900 or the Tax Office at 938-2094.

HOURS: The office will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, 2002
Monday: Noon–7:00pm
Tuesday: 7:00–11:30am, 12:30–5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am–12:00noon, 1:00–5:00pm

TELEPHONE: 938-2288, 938-2094

—Sue Pehrson

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 292 calls for service in August. There were ten arrests, 168 traffic stops, nine abandoned vehicles, four accidents, four noise complaints, one criminal threatening, one burglary, one theft, 11 alarms/open door or window, nine suspicious activity calls, seven calls for paperwork service, one disorderly conduct, three harassment, five criminal mischief, one abuse/neglect case, and 11 calls to assist other agencies.

Our newest officer, Dave Gotthardt, has been sworn in as a full-time officer. Dave and his wife have a six-month-old boy. They live in Hudson but are looking forward to moving to Bradford. Officer Aaron Sparks has been selected to teach D.A.R.E. at the elementary school this year. The Chief injured his wrist in a training class but with physical therapy it is showing signs of improvement. Just a reminder that if you have a dog or other animal complaint you can reach the animal control officer, Gene Eldsner, by pager at 615-4842.

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Boston Post Cane Awarded to Galina Leonas

On September 22, 2002, Bradford Selectmen presented the Boston Post Cane to Galina Leonas to honor her as Bradford’s oldest resident. On October 17, 2002, Galina will celebrate her 95th birthday.

Russian-born Galina Leonas grew up in Lithuania. She diligently studied piano with Egan Petri and eventually became a concert pianist, performing throughout Europe before World War II. After the war, she and her husband, Algirdas, immigrated to Baltimore, Maryland, where as a faculty member at the Peabody Institute of Music, she taught piano from 1950 to 1970. In 1979, she moved to Bradford to be near her only child, Al Leonas, his wife, Annette, and their four children. The grandchildren have long since grown up and now live and work in locations across the globe. Galina is great grandmother to two great grandchildren.

In August, 1909, Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, forwarded to 431 New England Boards of Selectmen (no cities included) a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town. The cane was to be used by him as long as he lived (or until he moved from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the Town and not the man who received it. In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.

J. F. Bradly and Co., a New York manufacturer, made all the canes from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They have a 14-carat gold head which is engraved with the inscription, Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of (name of the town).

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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Supervisors of the Checklist
The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 11:00am to noon for corrections to the checklist prior to the State General Election on November 5. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until Election Day.
BWC Update

The September 17 tea was fun for all. Many thanks go out to Marge Messer, Vicki Simonds, Betty Blodgett and Marilyn Gordon. Welcome to our new members Michele Halstead, Shauna Kendrigan and Maureen Papuga. We will be sorry to see Sue Vitale and Gerri Dickerson leave. We wish them well.

Our main focus for the next few months will be the holiday crafts fair slated for November 29, November 30, and December 1. Many hands make light work so all members will be contacted to help.

The next executive meeting will be October 8 at 9:30am at the Community Center. The next general meeting will be on October 15 at 7:30pm at the Community Center. The evening program “New Hampshire Everlasting” is brought to us by the Conservation Commission.

Peter Moore of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will be the guest speaker. It will be open to the public so bring a friend.

—Barbara Vannata, President

Budget Committee in need of a volunteer

The Budget Committee is in need of someone to replace Dave Pickman. Dave has recently accepted the temporary position of Selectman that has opened since Dick Vitale has left us. As Budget Committee Chairperson it is my job to find someone to take his place. I would like to ask if anyone in our community is interested in this volunteer position, to please call me at 938-2482 or email me at d_gadoury@bradford-sw.com. Our schedule of meetings will begin November 12 to review and approve 2003 departmental budgets. This process will take a few months with two to four meetings monthly until we are satisfied with the results. A public hearing is held thereafter and we also meet in June to review the current expenditures. I look forward to hearing from any interested person.

Diane Gadoury

Know your candidates and vote!

With “Miss Daisy’s” (Governor Shaheen) veto of all the redistricting plans that crossed her desk, once again showing her lack of leadership skills, by turning redistricting into a political football like she did with the Claremont Decisions, the courts were left to do the job. As a result we are now in Merrimack 34 (for the House) and Senate District 8. These changes have left us in a seven-town house district with six Representatives instead of the old two towns and two Representatives. I thought I would take this time to pass on my endorsements.

Richard “Stretch” Kennedy (Hopkinton) is a long time associate of mine, and a good friend. In his years in the House he has developed positive relationships with the House and Senate leadership, led the fight for sportsman issues, and is a strong believer in no new taxes! “Fixing the problem instead of creating more is his goal.” Stretch is always accessible and is an excellent candidate to represent us. I would also highly recommend David P. Currier (Henniker) and “Steve” Winter (Newbury) these gentlemen have the experience necessary and are excellent choices.

Letters

And let us not forget our own Executive Councilor Peter J. Spaulding. Peter has done an outstanding job serving our community and the State in this important and influential position for many years. The next Governor will need his experience on the Executive Council in order to serve us well.

We have one candidate in Bradford signed up for the House, our own incumbent Beth Rodd. That Beth and I do not always see eye to eye on many issues is no secret. But Beth is a good neighbor, and most important a reasonable person. Beth always is willing to listen, and consider other opinions.

Due to its smaller population, the results of redistricting has left Bradford voters (as a community) with the potential for little influence on state representation. It is imperative for Bradford to have strong voter turnout. Make sure you know your candidates and are represented at the state level on important issues like taxes, school funding, and civil rights. Get out and VOTE! Best wishes.

Lance Rickenberg

Take care of natives first

Regarding Keith Stebbins excerpts in the Selectmen’s meeting regarding town road crew schedules: Let’s take care of natives before we invite new people into town. A few years back the town paved West Road without an engineer present or any type of survey. In doing so they raised the grade of the road a foot above our driveway. When we complained they dumped a load of gravel in our driveway. Since then water has flooded our garage and made life miserable. All road water now drains into our driveway. We have asked the town to repair this for the last six years to no avail. We have seen a lawyer and have a letter from the Selectmen to repair this problem dated June 2002.

Karen Sheufele, taxpayer for 20 years
New Hampshire Everlasting

The Bradford Conservation Commission has organized a presentation for the Bradford Women’s Club meeting on October 15 at 8:00pm, following a brief BWC meeting at 7:30pm, at the Bradford Area Community Center. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will present a slide show describing a program they have recently launched entitled “New Hampshire Everlasting” which addresses the following goals:

- To conserve community lands: those places that give each town its unique character.
- To preserve sustainable managed forests: keeping the forest-based economy viable and providing NH with the wood products we consume.
- To protect key habitats for native plants and animals, preserving a strong biological diversity.
- To keep NH waters clean by protecting the purity of aquatic ecosystems.
- To save productive farmlands by assisting the agricultural economy, helping communities provide at least a portion of their food base.

To achieve these goals, SPNHF will be collaborating with state and town governments as well as other organizations. Part of the project will be to expand existing land trusts and create new ones where needed. Sustained funding for the successful Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP) will also be pursued. An added benefit to an initiative of this kind will be to stabilize the tax base of participating towns. Overwhelming evidence shows that keeping land in “open space,” forestry, wildlife, recreation, and agricultural land, keeps taxes down because these uses do not require expensive services such as schools, transfer stations, police and rescue, etc. All are encouraged to attend this program with your thoughts and questions.

—Bradford Conservation Commission

South Newbury Union Church News

The South Newbury Union Church is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner (Ona’s famous recipe) with homemade desserts on Saturday, October 5 from 5:00–7:00pm at the handicap accessible Friendship House on the corner of Sutton and Village Roads in South Newbury. The cost for the dinner is $8 for adults, $3 for children ages 6–11, children under six years of age eat for free. Take out will be available. We will also be holding a great raffle. Summer is over—come on out, talk with old friends and meet new ones. For more information call 938–2064.

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a square dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, October 19. Ted Lizotte will call A-1 from 7:00–8:00pm, and Mainstream/Plus from 8:00–10:30pm. Phil Gaetche will cue the rounds. Admission is $5 per person. For further information please call Fred Trombley at 673–3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

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Bradford Scholarship Fundraiser Gaining Momentum

The Bradford Scholarship Committee recently launched the first fundraiser in the Committee’s history. Monies from the fund are awarded annually to a Bradford high school student who seeks to further their education in a university, college, school of nursing, or technical school. This year, a $500 scholarship was awarded to a very deserving Kearsarge Regional High School student, Ryan Sturgis, who will be attending Plymouth State College this fall.

College tuition and expenses continue to rise, so the Committee’s goal for the fundraiser is to increase the scholarship amount to be awarded next year. In the short time since the Committee sent letters to Bradford area businesses, their quick response has been very encouraging. The Committee has already received $640 so far—a remarkable response so early in this stage of the fundraising effort! This certainly reflects the high commitment our local businesses feel for our town and its residents.

Also, individual contributions from residents in any amount would be most appreciated! Let’s show our Bradford students that we value their academic achievements and community participation and that we want to help them achieve their goals for higher education. Please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Scholarship Committee, Bradford Town Hall, PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221. Thank you!

—Diane Gadouye, M. Lee Lepponen, & Dawn Rich, Scholarship Committee

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Coins and Candy: The UNICEF Tradition

Students at KRES at Bradford will be collecting for UNICEF while Trick-Or-Treating on October 31. All the proceeds from this year’s worldwide campaign will be donated to the global effort to eradicate polio by the year 2005. Effective worldwide immunization campaigns developed in the 1950s have led to a 99 percent decline in the infection rates for polio. But the virus still remains devastatingly active in ten countries. More than 600 million children still need to be immunized. Once a child is paralyzed by polio there is no cure. Last year UNICEF helped immunize 575 million children under age five in 94 countries.

The tradition of “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF” began in 1950 in the United States when Philadelphia school children first went door-to-door at Halloween collecting money in decorated milk cartons to help the world’s children. That first effort raised a grand total of $17, kicking off a campaign that has since brought in more than $188 million to provide medicine, better nutrition, clean water, education, emergency relief, and other support to children in more than 160 countries.

Last year, some second graders at the Bradford school raised over $100 for UNICEF. This year all the children in the school will have the opportunity to participate. Your support is greatly appreciated. So when you see the goblins and ghosts holding out their boxes and bags, please slip in some loose change along with treats.

—Debbie Bruss

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Telephone charges cost $34,000 more than appropriated.

Costs associated with the ongoing testing of all of the schools' water supplies, testing of the high school's waste-water treatment plant discharges, and repairs to the high school system in order to ensure compliance with state environmental standards exceeded budget by $49,000.

Surpluses in other budget accounts last year allowed the District to offset over half of the overruns detailed Thursday night, thereby reducing the actual deficit to $196,000. Superintendent Brennan presented the School Board with a proposed plan to address the deficit by adjusting the current year's budget as follows:

- Health insurance premiums actually paid by the District (when compared to the amount appropriated) were significantly less due to a variety of factors. Based on this experience it appears prudent to reduce the amount originally appropriated for this year (an amount determined in the summer of 2001) by redirecting $60,000 to offset the deficit.
- The salaries of teachers who retire or leave the district are generally higher than the salaries of those hired to replace them.

Accordingly, $40,000 may be redirected from the salary line item to offset the cost overruns.

The District entered into a contract to outsource our bus transportation services for this year. This should save the District approximately $75,000 when compared to the amount appropriated for this fiscal year. The Superintendent proposed redirecting $30,000 of these savings to offset the deficit.

Based on the information provided on custodial services and wages, the Superintendent proposed to forego hiring additional part-time custodial positions. This would allow $71,000 to be used to address the deficit. The Board requested further examination of how existing custodial resources can be better deployed.

Finally, the Board recognized that this situation represents a management failure by the entire District leadership, including the Board, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Principals. The Board directed the Superintendent to take appropriate actions to ensure enforcement of expenditure controls by the SAU. It also directed its Finance Committee to make recommendations on the need for additional Board-level financial reporting requirements and budgetary controls.

Mark Fairbank

Free Literacy, ESL and G.E.D. Tutoring

If you would like to have help learning to read and write better or brush up on your math skills or, if English is your second language and you want to improve your English, come to free tutoring sessions in Bradford or Warner. In Bradford, tutors will be available at the Brown Memorial Library, West Main Street, on Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm. Call Jan Riley at 938-5539 for more information.

In Warner, tutors will be available at the Pillsbury Free Library, 18 E. Main Street, on Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting on September 11. Call the library (456-2289) or Louise Hazen (456-3644) for more information or if you would like to help tutor. G.E.D pretests can also be arranged.

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Mature Driver Safety Program will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 and 16, from 9:00am-1:00pm at the BACC. Participants may be eligible for insurance discounts. The course cost is $10. Call instructor Tom Riley at 938-5539 to register.

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Planning Board Notes:
Who Needs a Site Plan Review?

The purpose of site plan review is to provide for the "safe and attractive development" of an industrial, commercial, or multi-family proposal. Particular attention is paid to preventable elements of pollution, provisions for adequate green space, safe and suitably located streets and driveways, and access for fire fighting equipment. The property involved must be suitable for the proposed purpose without danger to health and should "create conditions favorable for health, safety, convenience, and prosperity" for the town.

The Bradford Planning Board was authorized to carry out such reviews in 1989 when the Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the voters. Bradford's Site Plan Review Regulations provide three levels of review: 1) Full Site Plan when there is no plan on file for a proposed project including any land application of sewage sludge, 2) Modified Site Plan when an additional business or an expansion is proposed for a location with a site plan on file, and 3) Site Plan Revision when some element of a site plan on file is changed.

Businesses in operation in March 1989 are not required to file a site plan unless there is an expansion or a change of use on the site. New businesses have submitted site plans for review and approval and some existing businesses have filed Site Plans as the original business changed or expanded. Business owners need to understand the requirement for a Site Plan Revision when a change is made and appreciate the benefit, both to the Town and to themselves, of keeping a current record of what type of operation is being conducted at the particular location.

A case in point occurred at the September 10th meeting of the Board when the property owner of the Bradford Marketplace property on Main Street presented a site plan revision. Several of the businesses at that location have changed within the past year and the revised plan clarifies what is currently on the site. It is now documented what activities are currently located on that property.

The owner was responding to Notice of Site Plan Review Requirement sent to him by the Board. These notices are sent whenever the Board is aware of a situation that might trigger a full, modified, or revised site plan. The property owner is requested to talk with the Board to determine what steps need to be taken.

The Planning Board would like to stress the importance for all property owners to be aware of local regulations and the mutual benefits to owner and town when everyone follows the same rules. The Town is protected by knowing that activities are being carried out in a safe and responsible manner and the owner is assured that his business meets Town and state standards, which could be most helpful in dealing with financing or when ownership of the property changes.

The Planning Board is ready to assist anyone considering a commercial operation or a subdivision of land in order to ensure that these objectives are met. The Board is also prepared to ensure that the regulations adopted by the Town are followed.
Real Estate Hints:
Staging Your Home
by Laura Hallahan

One of my earliest articles addressed the issue of getting your house "show-ready" in order to make a good first impression. Even though inventory remains low in our area currently, there are several homes that have been on the market for longer than the norm. The problem may be staging—the solution is easy and in many cases, not that expensive. Keep these tips in mind if you are selling or thinking of selling.

Exterior:
• Remove any debris, dead plants, leaves or snow from the curb up to the doorway.
• Keep the grass mowed; trim the foliage and sweep or plow/shovel as needed.
• Create a warm entryway with flowerpots, seasonal items, a new doormat.
• Make sure all outside lights are working and illuminate the house for late showings.
• If the house needs painting and you can do it, use a neutral color. If you can't afford to paint, at least scrape any areas that are peeling and remove any dirt or other debris.

Interior:
• Natural light works wonders, so open curtains or blinds. If the house is dark, make sure all inside lights work and have some candles around, too, for a nice effect.
• Check all rooms for peeling paint or wallpaper and make any repairs needed. If you decide to paint a room, again, use a neutral color.
• Check for any repairs that are needed, such as leaky faucets, a broken window.
• Clean carpets or polish hardwood floors.
• Clutter is a big issue, so check around and place bulky items in the basement or attic and store collections in a box. Toys should also be put away as they may be a safety hazard.
• Clean out bookshelves, tabletops, and countertops.
• Put personal items away, including some photos, magazines & books, medicines. You want the focus to be on your house, not on your lifestyle.
• Keep appliances clean and in good working order.
• Clean out your closets so they appear roomier.
• Take the time to clean up after your pets. Clean litter boxes, pick up toys and pet hair.
• Do those few extras if you can—set the table nicely, have a bowl of fruit or fresh flowers out on the table, even bake something that smells wonderful!

Finally, let your realtor sell the house by vacating for any showings. Keep your home tidy for any last minute appointments and arrange for kids and pets to be elsewhere, too. Along with careful pricing, putting your house in the best possible light will lead to a quicker sale and higher likelihood of getting your price.
September Selectmen's Meetings

SEPTEMBER 3. Richard Vitale announced his resignation effective September 10. Mr. Vitale is retiring and was thanked for his service to the town by the Selectmen with the award of a plaque. The motion was then made to appoint Dave Pickman to fill Vitale's position. The motion was seconded and the vote passed. Mr. Pickman was in attendance and accepted the position.

Jane Johnson met with the board to discuss the "sandwich signs" illegally placed at the corner of Rte 103 and Main Street. The Women's Club has invested $4,000 and a large amount of volunteer time to rebuild Bicentennial Park. The Planning Board has not approved the signs and she feels they detract from the park. Selectmen discussed the area being a State right of way. Mrs. Johnson has been in contact with a representative from State Department of Transportation and stated the town has the right to remove the signs. Peter Fenton suggested Mrs. Johnson obtain a letter from the state allowing for the removal of signs. Mrs. Johnson stated it was a responsibility of the Selectmen. She cited the Antique Store on Main Street and groups from Sunapee and Newport as being the current offenders. She has returned the signs repeatedly to the owners of the signs. Selectmen will address.

Bernard Lamach met with the Selectmen regarding issues with his household water collectors. Mr. Lamach has obtained a quote for a new well to be drilled on his property because of annual damage to a collector off Cheney Hill Road. Selectmen have approached Town Attorney, Tim Bates, regarding the issues of ownership, right of way, and responsibility of the town in the matter. Peter Fenton asked Mr. Lamach for permission to do a dye test on the collector. Mr. Lamach agreed this was the town's right but did not feel it was necessary, because the collector has been identified for years as serving his home. Selectmen questioned whether the well is the only source of water Mr. Lamach has. Mr. Lamach has another well on his property. This second well is too close to his septic system and has been polluted by road salt in the past and is used only for irrigation. Mr. Lamach stated the long-term problem of the erosion of his collectors is compounded each year by the snowplows hitting the collector. Also the town crew has placed a very heavy cement top on the collector which requires heavy equipment to remove and does not allow him to maintain the condition of the collector. Selectmen questioned the use of the collector. It does not appear to have sufficient water. Mr. Lamach stated the spring provides a small but steady supply to a cistern in his basement which, when full, overflows into the brook. The question of ownership of the property on which the collector resides was discussed. The omission in the deed of David Duren of mention of water rights to Mr. Lamach's property is also a cause for concern. Mr. Lamach stated he would relinquish rights to the property in question to Mr. Duren. Selectmen will await reply from the town's attorney before making a decision. Mr. Lamach has stated regardless of the attorney's response, the town crew has damaged his property and he will pursue the new well issue in court.

Chris Way met with selectmen to discuss the issue of training for individuals to operate the trash compactor. Due to liability, Mr. Way felt the insurance carrier would not allow a non-town employee to operate the compactor, regardless of training. He suggested investigating the possibility of additional hours for businesses only; perhaps to be arranged to coincide with off-hour deliveries made to the station. He noted the need for consistency and discouraged the issuance of keys to special individuals because of the problems created by loss of control in the location of the keys.

Chief James Kirby had a request for the waiver of registration for a dog that was old and in poor health. The owner did not expect the animal to live much longer. The selectmen stated the animal needed to be registered because there was no way to know how long the situation would continue and it would set a poor precedent.

Driveway issues have been raised regarding paving material placed by the Road Crew at the end of driveways at Box Corner. Cheryl will have Arnold Anderson check the site. West Road resident Ms. Scheufle has contacted the office in writing requesting action on her driveway issues. Cheryl will also bring this to the Road Agent's attention.

Drainage issues on East Main Street were discussed. A letter from the Gordons regarding the drainage of road water into their pond was discussed. The drainage was installed by the State. The Road Committee will review the issue.

Alan McCartney has submitted his resignation as Emergency Management Director for the Town of Bradford, as his primary residence is no longer Bradford. He recommended the appointment of Bruce Edwards to the position. Selectmen voted to appoint Mr. Edwards to the post.

Bruce will be attending classes next week on Communications in an Emergency Situation.

SEPTEMBER 17. Mr. George Morse met with selectmen to receive an update on the issues concerning the Solomon Property on the corner of Old Warner Road and Rte. 114. Chip Meany, building inspector, was in the audience and reported he had not been back in contact with Solomon since August. He indicated he had some difficulty in reaching Mr. Solomon by telephone. He will try a registered letter. He informed the Selectmen of the need to contact a structural engineer to verify the condition of the building. Mr. Meany stated many of the issues involved were not applicable because the building was not occupied and the owner was not interested in renting it as a residence. Mr. Solomon is only using the building for storage, and does not have utilities connected to the building. Mr. Morse requested the building inspector refer to the RSA for definition of a dilapidated building.

Mr. Morse also invited Selectmen to attend the meeting of the Revolving Loan Committee on September 30. The meeting will discuss the possibility of the Bradford Community Corporation obtaining a grant from the Revolving Loan Fund to survey and test the transfer station property to establish the best use of the site. Chris Frey noted to the Selectmen, the study would not include the actual dump area, but the remaining acreage.

Chris Frey met with the Selectmen to discuss the updating of the Capital Improvement Plan by the BEOC at the request of the Planning Board. Mr. Frey requested one or more members of the Board of Selectmen attend the meetings. The BEOC is also asking the Selectmen to change the wording on the non-lapping article (article 27) passed at the March 2002 meeting to establish a capital reserve, with Selectmen as agents to expend, for use to improve the Naughton Property rather than excavate the area. Selectmen will obtain the correct wording and include in this year's town warrant.

Ed White, of Cersosimo Lumber, met with Selectmen to discuss the town requirements for a bridge on a Class VI road to remove timber. Map 15 lot 8 on Liberty Hill Road is on the Bradford-
SELEMTEN Continued from previous page

Henniker town line and is currently not able to support the necessary weight loads to remove timber. Mr. White provided two options—a timber bridge or large culverts. Bruce Edwards will check the bridge. Cheryl has called Brooks McCandlish for input from the Conservation Commission. No intent to cut has been filed yet. Selectmen will respond to Cersosimo within a week.

Marlene Freylar met with Selectmen to discuss a meeting next Thursday with the parade committee. Mrs. Freylar had questions on setting up the books and check writing. Cheryl will check with the town’s CPA regarding the money collected from vendors and the general fund vs. the parade/July 4th celebration committee holding the money in their own account. Insurance liability and maintaining adequate records were among the issues. The involvement with the Bradford Business Association was also discussed. Cheryl will get back to Marlene.

Dave Pickman, Selectman, and Ken Anderson, Transfer Station Manager, will attend a meeting in Warner this evening regarding the formation of a cooperative to share glass crushing equipment.

Current Use penalty warrant signed by Selectmen. Property is located on Cressy Road (lot 3 of the Cressy-Symes subdivision).

Letter from the Warner Board of Selectmen requesting selectmen attend a meeting on September 24 to discuss the effect of growth on the regional school system was read to the record. Selectmen will try to attend.

Selectmen approved the sale of two tart kettles by the Highway Department.

Cheryl presented Selectmen with a plan for changing the staffing in the Selectmen’s office next year. The plan requests permission from the board to become a host agency for the Community Action Senior program. This would allow the Town to host the placement of a senior worker, at no cost to the Town, for 20 hours per week. The worker is paid from community action funds and not Town budget. Selectmen approved the request.

SEPTEMBER 24. A special meeting was posted and held to sign financial forms for the Department of Revenue. These forms were reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Selectmen also reviewed an amendment to the town welfare policy specifying the Town’s liability for benefits for Bradford residents relocating in other areas. The motion to accept was made and vote passed.

Selectmen met with the Bradford Police Chief to discuss budget. Questions on cruiser repairs and overtime balances were discussed.

—Excerpted from the public minutes. Complete minutes available at Town Hall.
Sutton Historical Society
Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, at 2:00pm at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in Sutton Mills. The speaker will be Doug Smith of Weare. His area of expertise is outhouses. These pieces of Americana sparked in Smith an interest that led to years of research. He is "privy" to a great deal of knowledge about outhouses and is a delightful, humorous speaker. Doug Smith has shared his interest with the Weare Historical Society and has been the subject of a feature article in the Concord Monitor. Join us for an afternoon of fun with Doug and expect to learn the answers to such questions as, why the half moons and where is the Outhouse Shop? After the committee reports, there will be refreshments, door prizes, and baked goods for sale.

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Church News
From Lynne E. Hubley

Women’s Christian Guild: This group will meet on Friday, October 4 at 1:30pm in the Church vestry for a program entitled "Not Just Tea." They will also enjoy a sampling of all kinds of teas.

World Communion Sunday: On Sunday, October 6, our Church will observe World Communion Sunday and take a special offering for World Missions, an offering that supports our American Baptist missionaries.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The women will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00pm. The program is entitled "Halloween/Christians!" We will also be making autumn flower arrangements and cutting out tags for the Toys for Tots Christmas project that we do in December.

Food Pantry: The pantry is open Wednesday, October 16, from 6:00-7:00pm at the Fiske House. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the Church will be held, Sunday, October 20 immediately following the worship service. A light lunch will be served during the meeting.

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to come to the Church on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30pm and travel to the home of Dick & Phyllis Whall. We will enjoy pool, darts, Ping-Pong, and a number of other games and activities. Youth will be back at the Church by 8:00pm.

On Wednesday, October 30, the Youth Group will meet from 6:30-8:00pm for an evening of "Random Acts of Kindness" in the Church vestry.

Progressive Dinner: Our annual “traveling dinner” will be on Saturday, October 26 beginning at 5:00pm. We will travel to different homes for soup, salad, a main course and dessert and coffee. A sign-up sheet will be in the Church vestry for people to sign up to host or to attend the dinner.

Stewart Agency Realtors has been established in the Lake Sunapee Region since 1935. We are a family business spanning three generations providing real estate services to the surrounding area. Our extensive knowledge of the unique neighboring communities of this district is unsurpassed by any other agency. Our long-established ties within these communities give us a superior working knowledge of the Dartmouth–Kearsage–Lake Sunapee regions. We ensure you the most pleasurable experience in your personal real estate transactions. As members of the National Board of Realtors we can access the most recent properties listed on the market by all Realtors in New Hampshire.

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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

Thanks go out to the Friends of the Library for presenting two great programs in September. The poetry workshop was well attended and fun. The evening program with our neighbor, Burton Herah, was very interesting and ended with a lively discussion of current events. Bradford has many talented residents.

Perhaps you have noticed the new lighting, new sign, and lovely garden at the library this summer. None of this would have been possible without the time, energy, and donations of many library supporters. Our Fall Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Much of the inventory has changed since the last sale, so please come check it out. Enter at the Church Street lower level.

Here are some of the new books in your library this month:
- Red Rabbit by Tom Clancy
- Standing in the Rainbow by Fannie Flagg
- No Death, No Fear by Thich Nhat Hanh
- Partner in Crime by J. A. Jance
- The Grave Maurice by Martha Grimes
- Apprentice by Tesse Gerritsen
- Lumber Queen, the Life of Woodwoman, Ruth Ayer Park by Ellen C. Anderson

We also have a stack of new children's books thanks to a generous donation. Come in and take a look. Children's Story Time continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Bring a child, listen to some stories and stay to socialize. We love to have activity in the library.

Views from Library Windows Inspire a Poem

During the Poetry Writing Workshop, "Windows," held at Brown Memorial Library in September, 17 participants (including elementary school age children and retirees) wrote a group poem entitled "Window Frames." To encourage poetic language, New Hampshire poet Katherine Solomon of Sutton asked participants to describe (in a few words) what they saw when they looked out of the library's windows. Duly recording the list, the group then organized the poem included opposite.

Following this exercise, participants wrote and read their own poem to the group. The suggested perspective for the next poem was for participants to look through the library windows from outside the library. The Friends of the Library are considering sponsoring "An Evening of Poetry" in the Spring with published New Hampshire poets. The reading would be followed by an "Open Mike" session where amateur and professional poets may read their work. If you are interested in planning the event or in reading at an "Open Mike" session, call 938-5948.

WINDOW FRAMES

Old memories surround a many generational house.
Swaying shadows, long dark fingers grope for the last rays of the sun.

The breezy balm of Indian Summer throws pine breeze kisses over stone walls,
across sheltering slate roofs.
A scurrying child casts an irritated look past the lone picnic table, the toppled bike, the renegade screen stolen from its window.

The sky is so blue! I can see eternity through frames of green leaf.
We watch a car roll by a drooping pine, a broken basketball hoop.
A tree lists over the sandbox where a small pyramid shadows the ground below the spruce arrowhead, the blue sky. Blue and green do match!

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October Calendar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
Fuel Assistance Applications, 9:00am-noon, call 456-2207 for appointment

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Senior Beginner Watercolor Class (4th of 5), 9:30–11:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
“Don’t Get Caught Dirty Handed” with Jean Hughes Dove of New London Hospital will speak about infection control, 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
Car Pool to Gould Hill Orchards to pick apples and have a picnic lunch, 10:00am, call 938-2104 for reservations. Open to all area communities.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
Armchair Travel Series, Bev Leo will give an illustrated talk on Nepal from a personal perspective, 12:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
Senior Council Regular Meeting, 1:00-3:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
Fuel assistance applications, 9:00am-noon, call 456-2207 for appointment
AARP Mature Driving Course, 9:00am-1:00pm, register with Tom Riley at 938-5539
Medicare, Medicaid, and Medigap, with Karol Dermon, 10:00am (refreshments will be served)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
AARP Mature Driving Course, second session, 9:00am-1:00pm
Senior Beginners Watercolor Class, 9:30–11:30am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
Retki, with Peg Leighton, 10:00am–noon
Personal Touch Home Health Care, free blood pressure and foot care, 11:00am-12:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
Breast Cancer Awareness Fair, exhibitors from Dartmouth-Hitchcock and New London Hospital with brochures and displays on breast health and awareness, 10:00am-2:00pm. Buffet luncheon at noon, $2.00. Call 938-2104 to register. 12:30pm, Keynote speaker. Entire program open to the general public.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
CAP Food Preparation and Distribution, Karen will explain how they do it, 12:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
Hearing Tests, by Cheryl Kenney of Sound Advice, Free, 10:00am (tests by appointment only (call 938-2104 for appointment)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
Elementary School Parade on Main Street, with a stop at the Senior Center for refreshments.

Ongoing Activities

Senior Walking Group, (walk around the block), Mondays and Thursdays, 11:00am
Senior Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00–noon
Bridge Group, Mondays, Senior Room, 1:30–4:00pm
Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, Senior Room, noon (for reservations please call 938-2104)
Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00pm
Yoga Class, (not advanced), Wednesdays, Senior Room, 9:30–11:00am, call Fran at 456-3099 to register
Weight Watchers, Thursdays, 5:00-7:15pm
BACC Board Meeting, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Senior Room, 5:30pm
Computer Tutoring, Fridays, Senior Room, 10:00am (other times by appointment, call Bev Leo at 938-2996)
Computer Class, Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am (with Genie Polm, call 938-6009)

Program Information

For general information or to schedule activities, call Director Jim Bibbo at 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 CAP Senior Programs call CAP Program Director, Sandi Bandier at 938-2104.
For After-school Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 526-6415 or 526-2389.
For Kearsarge Area Preschool information call Sarah at 938-2624.
Outside

by Ann Eldridge

It's not just age that's causing a deterioration in my driving skills. Reading about damselflies and dragonflies has given me more reasons to weave and slow the truck.

Damselflies and dragonflies flew among the dinosaurs and are the two headings under the order of insects called Odonata. They have three-part bodies of head, thorax, and abdomen and a three-part life cycle of egg, larva, and adult. Four bristly, swivelly legs attached to the thorax serve as landing gear and aerial bug sieves. Two more, smaller legs further to the fore are used for stuffing food into their impressive jaws and for delicately cleaning their two huge doorknob eyes. Special hairs along these legs match up to the exact pattern of the compound eyes. In addition, they sport three simple eyes. With a plethora of visual gear, the two antennae remain inconspicuous. NONE of these insects bite or sting.

The basic differences between the two, damsel and dragonflies, is that the damsels tend to be smaller and thinner. The four wings of the damsels are similar in shape and members of the "broad-winged" and "pond damsel" families carry their wings closed over their backs when perching. The third family, the "spread wing damselfs", as the name suggests, hold their wings partly opened at rest. The eyes of damselflies, though large, are well separated to either side of their heads. The foremost wings of the dragonflies are narrower than the rear pair and they always hold them outspread, flying or not. The eyes of dragonflies seem to be crammed on there, bumping up against each other. Dragonflies are further sorted by the sorting scientists into one of seven families: petal tails, darters, clubtails, skimmers, and skatetails.

Though names like shadow darner, black-shouldered spiny legs, or flame skimmer are magnetic to me, I despair of ever mastering identification as they zip in and out of range of my multi-focal lenses. It might be possible, given the wide range of behavioral differences between the different species, to take guesses without actually perceiving the fine details. The basic activities of all adult Odonata are eating, arguing over territories, mating, and egg laying. Beyond this, however, each species lays claim to a different piece of the temperate season and different feeding altitudes. Time of day flying and habitat varies as well. Further indicators are how often they rest and what perching position they favor: high or low, horizontal, vertical or oblique, or at the tips of stems.

Most males will lay claim to favorite perching objects and maintain small kingdoms. Intruders instigate ritualized battles with flashing abdomens, face-to-face upward spirals, and/or wing clattering. Some will guard a female till she lays her eggs in or on water or on emergent or submerged vegetation or objects. The mating performance of damselfly and dragonflies, called "copulation wheels", are a complicated aerial feat; kama sutra of the insect world.

The aquatic stages of the eggs and nymphs are less often observed. Damsel and dragonfly larvae are as predatory as the adults. They consume prodigious numbers of mosquito, midge and other small insect larvae as well as tadpoles and similar large game. The damselfly larvae have three feathery gills at their posterior through which they filter oxygen out of the water. These they flush like fish fins for locomotion. Dragonfly larvae are squat in shape with an alarming set of pinchers that are kept tucked under their chins. They breathe by drawing water into their abdomens, extracting the oxygen, and expelling the rest. This squirming motion is also what they use to propel themselves forward quickly in an emergency.

After numerous molts and sometimes an over-wintering, they choose a night to crawl up out of the ponds, streams, or seeps, split their skins for the last time, and emerge as adults. After a brief rest for wing-drying, they might spend a week or so in the woods feeding before returning to the dating and mating game and then to leave their offspring to the care of the wetlands.

A couple of weeks ago I hiked up Lovewell Mountain. Dragonflies were there, in far-from-likely territories and in such a wind as to make hunting seem fruitless. A similarly brief overview of the general requirements and habits of people would not offer a clue as to what my own motivation might be in expending so much apparently unproductive energy. And yet, for whatever reasons, there we were.

Bradford Fish and Game Clubhouse News

The Turkey Raffle is coming up in November. Look for further updates, as the date will be determined at our next meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 1 at 7:30pm. All members should attend if possible. Remember that all memberships expire in December. Now is a good time to renew for 2003. Dues are only $12 per year. You can join at the door or by sending a check to: Ann Eldridge, PO Box 255, Bradford, NH 03221.

A Bow Hunters Safety Course will be starting sometime soon. We are putting a team of instructors together. No dates have been set yet. If you are interested in taking the course, you can contact me at bfgc@iamnow.net, call 938-5095, or stop by Dickie's and leave your name and information. The Special Youth Hunting Weekend for deer will be Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27. This is for youth under 16, who must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older. Pick up a copy of the 2002-2003 Hunting Digest for more details.

A new television series from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and NHPTV premieres Thursday, October 3 at 9:00pm. Explore New Hampshire's Great Outdoors on "Wildlife Journal". Don't miss it—this could be good.

—Lance Rickenberg
October Calendar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Kids' Dance sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00-9:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
Bradford Women's Club Board Meeting, BACC, 9:30am
Kearsarge Area Preschool Parents Meeting, BACC, 7:00pm
Planning Board, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, BACC, 7:00pm
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
"New Hampshire Everlasting" Bradford Women's Club and Conservation Commission program, BACC, 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for information
Road Committee, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
Kids' Dance sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00-9:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Fall Book Sale, Brown Memorial Library, 9:00am-1:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Learning Adventures, "Holy Wars: Christian, Jewish, Muslim" with Dr. Charles A. Kennedy, sponsored by the Bradford Area Senior Center, at Newbury Public Library, 10:00am
Planning Board, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Bradford Historical Society, Annual Meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

Classifieds

FOR SALE. Wooden kayak, brand new, $600. Kayak is in Bradford, call 508-655-4893.

FOR SALE. Craftsman 16 HP electric start, 42" mower 6 speed transaxle lawn tractor. One year old, NOT USED (lawn grade too steep). $850. Tractor in Bradford, call 508 655 4893.

FOR SALE. 1990 Mazda 4 X 4 pickup with snow plow, under 15,000 original miles, $2750. DR Trimmer/mower - 6 HP $175. 938-2157, 938-5334

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less, please call Carey Rodd at 938-2692 or email bradfordbridge@conknet.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY
Saturday, October 19 9:00am-1:00pm at the Henniker Highway Department
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For residents with valid driver's license or registration from Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Sutton, & Webster

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Please do NOT bring latex paints (give away for reuse, or dry out in the can and discard), empty containers, empty aerosol cans, propane tanks of any size, or household batteries.

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