

ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Bradford, Vermont

Year Ending December 31, 2018



TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
at 9:00 a.m. in the Bradford Academy Auditorium

The 2018 Bradford Town Report is dedicated to longtime resident Lawrence “Larry” Drew 1932-2018

“Larry” Drew, as he was known around town, passed away on Dec. 2, 2018 after a long life dedicated to serving the young people of the region and the town that he loved and where he resided.

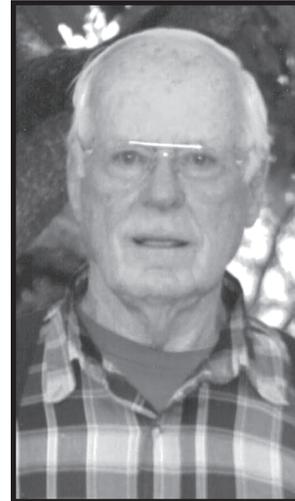
A father of three and husband to Margaret for 60 years, Larry taught mathematics and coached skiing, cross-country running, and track and field at Bradford Academy and at Thetford Academy after the BA closed in 1971.

A 1950 graduate of Bradford Academy, Larry went on to St. Michael’s College where he earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He had a long teaching career at several schools in Vermont before he settled in Bradford. He retired from Thetford Academy.

Larry never took the summers “off,” preferring to continue working with young people at Camp Billings on Lake Fairlee, where he coached and counseled for 47 years, retiring at the age of 80 as assistant director and head of maintenance. He was given a grand sendoff by the camp and by local press.

Larry served for many years on the Bradford Water and Sewer Commission and was instrumental in obtaining favorable financing for upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure in the Town. He also served on the Planning Commission for years.

We honor Larry for the many hours of work he contributed to making Bradford the strong, healthy municipality that it is today. He will be missed.



Drew family photo of Larry, his son Ed, Margaret holding grandson Hunter taken in 1999. COURTESY PHOTO



Coach Drew and a couple student athletes doing warmups. PHOTO COURTESY OF VALLEY NEWS—GEOFF HANSEN

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ON THE COVER: Our 2018 cover commemorates the 15-year endeavor of community members to see a dream become a reality in the Margaret Pratt Community living facility that opened in December 2018. The top photograph is of the facility was taken on a sunny December day. Interesting to note is the jet stream to the right of the shining sun wasn’t seen until the photo was reproduced. The bottom photograph is of Enhanced Living Inc. board members who attended the December 13 ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured are (left to right) Gail Auclair, George Pratt, Dr. Susan Dyer, Mark Johnson, Eileen Bolander, Graham Gove, Carol Foreman, Diane Smarro, Sen. Jane Kitchel and Nancy Frost.

**THANK YOU TO THE JOURNAL OPINION
FOR THE MAJORITY
OF THE PHOTOS IN THIS REPORT.**

VERMONT 2-1-1

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

Dialing 2-1-1...

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- Will provide accurate, updated information above available resources
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- Provides live translation services for over 170 languages
- Has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines
- Will provide call-back followup if needed and requested

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting
Tuesday March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Bradford, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bradford Academy Auditorium in Bradford, Vermont on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

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

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

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

Selectboard member for a three-year term (currently held by Thomas E. Unkles).

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

Selectboard member for the remainder of the three-year term, ending in 2020 (currently held by Lisa Sharp Grady).

Lister for a three-year term (currently held by Vincent Pacilio).

Auditor for a three-year term (currently held by Peter Terry).

Collector of Current Taxes for a one-year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers).

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one-year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers).

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

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

Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term (currently held by Martina Stever).

Article 4: To see what sum of money the town will vote for General Fund purposes for the year 2019, and to vote to determine the time and manner of collecting monies for General Fund and Town Highway purposes.

Article 5: To see what sum of money the town will vote for Town Highway purposes for the year 2019.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Bradford change the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and Collector of Current Taxes term from a 1-year term to a 3-year term?

Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to support the Bradford Conservation Fund?

Article 8: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC. (CVABE)?

Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4413.00 for the support of the Clara Martin Center.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Bradford, VT appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the support of Orange East Senior Center

Article 11: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to support the Stagecoach Transportation Services, a division of Tri-Valley Transit, Inc.?

Article 12: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$12,450 for the support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to provide services to residents of the Town of Bradford.

Article 13: Shall the Town of Bradford urge the State of Vermont to halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure and ensure that the transition to renewable energy be fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities?

Article 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before Town Meeting.

Article 15: To hear and act upon the reports of the water and sewer department for the past year. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article).

Article 16: To elect all Water and Sewer Commissioners as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to this meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

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

Article 17: To adopt a budget for the Bradford water system for the year 2019. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford

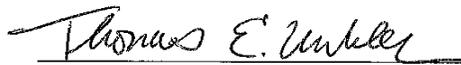
Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

Article 18: To adopt a budget for the Bradford wastewater system for the year 2019. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

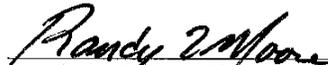
Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Water and Sewer meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

Article 20: To adjourn.

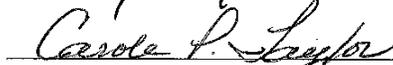
Dated at Bradford, Vermont, this 23rd day of January 2019.



Thomas E. Unkles, Chair



Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair



Carole P. Taylor

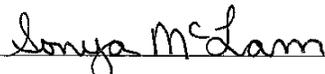


Daniel A. Perry III

Lisa D. Sharp Grady

BY LAW,
THIS REPORT
CANNOT BE
EDITED OR
ALTERED.

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

Attest:  _____, Sonya McLam, Town Clerk

Dated at Bradford Vermont this 24th day of January 2019.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE ACADEMY AUDITORIUM.
IF YOU NEED ONE, YOU MAY PICK ONE UP AS YOU
ENTER TOWN MEETING.
AT THE END OF THE MEETING, PLEASE RETURN.**

HOW TOWN MEETINGS ARE RUN IN BRADFORD

Bradford voters have met for town meetings since the 1770s. In early years, town meetings were held more frequently than they are now. Following the tradition of early Massachusetts, the town would select a board of men to make decisions for the town between meetings. Town meetings remain one of the best examples of participatory democracy in the world. It is within the confines of civil debate that voters get to thrash out, face to face, issues facing the town's government.

Bradford Town Meeting operates under a combination of *Robert's Rules of Order*, Vermont state law and our own traditional rules of procedure. Changes may be made as long as they do not violate state regulations. In order to change these rules, notice must be given and changes adopted by majority vote. If within a meeting there is a need for a rule change or for the rules to be suspended, that may be done with a 2/3 majority vote.

In order to vote, one must be a registered voter of the Town of Bradford. Persons who are not registered voters may ask permission to speak and if there is no objection, may do so. If there is objection, the group may, by 2/3 vote, give permission. Those wishing to speak ask to be recognized by the moderator, stand, and using the microphone speak so all can hear. When speaking for the first time, the voter will be asked to give his/her name. For the portion of the meeting that deals with water and sewer district issues, in order to vote one must be a registered voter and resident ratepayer.

During discussion, it is often difficult for the moderator to see a hand, so assistance is helpful. **If the moderator does not seem to see your hand even when you wave it vigorously, do not be reluctant to stand up. Voters will be recognized, as closely as possible, in the order in which they indicate their desire to speak. A person who is asked a question by another voter will be given an opportunity to answer that question.**

The first order of business is the election of a moderator. As the presiding officer of the meeting, the moderator recognizes motions, calls on those who wish to speak, calls for votes and announces results. It is the responsibility of the moderator, as chair, to maintain order and to that end, motions and remarks are channeled through the moderator. As former moderator, I always felt it was my responsibility to help a voter who is unsure of the proper way to bring a motion before the assembly. If there are any decisions of the moderator that a voter wishes to appeal, the right to do so exists. The appeal must be seconded and a vote taken, with limited debate, on the question "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained/upheld?"

Once the moderator is elected, the articles will be taken up as printed in the official warning. After the article dealing with the reports of the officers, election of officers is usually next. The moderator first calls for nominations for each office in turn, with no second required. When all nominations for that office have been made, nominations will be closed. Candidates will be given time for a short speech to the voters before the election is held.

As each article other than the one dealing with elections is taken up, the moderator will read the article from the warning and a motion will be called for. After a motion is made and seconded there will be discussion with as many amendments as desired, one at a time. Each amendment must also be seconded, discussed and voted on as it is made.

The article will then be closed. Vermont statutes state that once an article is closed and the meeting moves on to the next article, it cannot be brought up again at that day's meeting. If the group wishes to change the order in which the articles are brought up, it takes a 2/3 vote, with no debate. To limit or close debate on a motion a 2/3 vote is required. While it is important to allow voters to have their say on issues before the meeting, a motion to close debate will, if successful, bring a close to repetitious discussion and move the meeting along.

Votes at Town Meeting are taken in several ways. Voice votes are frequently used with the moderator asking for the ayes and nays in that order. When announcing the results, the moderator will usually say "the ayes (or nays) appear to have it." If there is doubt about the ability of the moderator to determine the outcome of the voice vote, a standing vote will be called for so that an exact count can be determined. Individual voters may ask for that standing vote if they feel there is doubt as to the ruling of the moderator.

In order to move the meeting along, the moderator will often say "if there is no objection..." This is calling for unanimous consent from all. If any voter does not agree then a vote will be taken.

A ballot vote for some town officers is required by state law. If there is only one nominee, a motion may be made to have the clerk cast one ballot on behalf of all. That motion must pass unanimously. Seven voters may call for a ballot vote on any other office or motion before the town meeting. If a

ballot vote is called for, voters will write their response on slips of paper and, after having their names checked, deposit the slips in the ballot box at the front of the auditorium. Handicapped voters may ask for assistance in casting a ballot. The moderator will call on members of the Board of Civil Authority to assist in counting votes.

The last article before adjournment of the town meeting and before the water and sewer district articles are taken up is “to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.” While no binding action may be taken at this time, other issues may be raised and sometimes “straw” votes are taken to give the officials a sense of the meeting. This generally goes on until someone asks to be recognized and moves to adjourn.

This is only a summary of the most important rules. For more complete information you may consult *Robert’s Rules of Order* or the Vermont State Statutes.

By Lawrence Coffin, Retired Moderator



The Oxbow girls varsity basketball team, along with Coach Barry Emerson, were Santa’s helpers at the Bradford Congregational Church on Dec. 15. The team helped serve breakfast and assist in sleigh rides with Santa. They have participated in this community event the past three years. The “Breakfast with Santa” was sponsored by Connecticut Valley Fair Inc. as a fundraiser for the Bradford Fair.



During their April vacation, 10 youth and three adults from the Grace United Methodist Youth Group, traveled to Haiti for a mission trip. The group went through an organization called Mission of Hope Haiti and worked in the village of Source-Matelas which has approximately 11,800 residents. While there, the group planted 25 fruit-bearing trees for eight families, painted a home, and gave three water filtration systems and two solar lights to other families. The group raised the money to pay for these projects.

BRADFORD TOWN INFORMATION

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

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

CLERK'S HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 8 a.m. to 12 Noon

TREASURER'S HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fridays 8 a.m. to 12 Noon

We now accept credit cards through Municipay which charges a convenience fee for their service. Contact the Town Office about it.

OTHER SERVICES AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

• NOTARIZING

Free service for documents except real estate transactions

• CAR REGISTRATION RENEWALS

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

• VERMONT HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

• COPIER

15 Cents per copy for Personal Copies

• GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

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

• REGISTER TO VOTE

• MARRIAGE LICENSES

• DOG LICENSES

VOTER ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

In order to vote in **any election** you must be on the Bradford Voter Checklist. Check to see if your name is on the checklist which is posted at the Town Clerk's Office and the Post Office. If your name is there, you are registered to vote.

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

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

**If you have questions, stop by or call the
Town Clerk's Office at 222-4727 Ext. 300
or, call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683.**

BRADFORD FOOD SHELF
LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT
OF THE BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING
Run by the Inter-Church Council
HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Fridays 11 a.m. to 12 Noon

**ELECTED OFFICERS
Town of Bradford as of 1/9/19**

Moderator: Peter Mallary	Term Expires March 2019
Town Clerk: Sonya McLam 802-222-4727 Ext. 300	Term Expires March 2020
Town Treasurer: Jennifer Rivers 802-222-4727 Ext. 303	Term Expires March 2020
Selectboard: 802-222-4727 Ext. 304	
Thomas E. Unkles, Chair	Term Expires March 2019
Carole P. Taylor	Term Expires March 2019
Lisa Sharp Grady	Term Expires March 2020
Daniel A. Perry III	Term Expires March 2020
Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair	Term Expires March 2021
Water & Sewer Commissioners: 802-222-4727 Ext. 311	
Lunnie Lang	Term Expires March 2019
Larry Russ	Term Expires March 2020
Leonard Dobbins, Chair	Term Expires March 2021
Daniel A. Perry III	Term Expires March 2022
Robert Lefebvre, Vice Chair	Term Expires March 2023
Listers: 802-222-4727 Ext. 306	
Vince Pacilio	Term Expires March 2019
Nila Newstrom-Anaya	Term Expires March 2020
Robert Wing	Term Expires March 2021
Auditors:	
Peter Terry	Term Expires March 2019
Henrietta Powers	Term Expires March 2020
Erin Odell	Term Expires March 2021
Collector of Current Taxes: Jennifer Rivers	Term Expires March 2019
Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Jennifer Rivers 802-222-4727 Ext. 303	Term Expires March 2019
Town Grand Juror: Gary Moore	Term Expires March 2019
Town Agent: Gary Moore	Term Expires March 2019
Trustees of Public Funds:	
Martina Stever	Term Expires March 2019
Tony Brainerd	Term Expires March 2020
Graham Gove	Term Expires March 2021
Justices of the Peace	Terms Expire Feb. 1, 2021
Ruth Bishop	
Lawrence L. Coffin	
Leonard O. Dobbins	
Robert W. Nutting	
Daniel A. Perry III	
Monique Priestley	
Carole P. Taylor	
Mary M. Wendell	
Donna H. Williams	
Gary Moore	

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Bradford Police Department: NON EMERGENCY 802-222-4727 Ext. 301
EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1
BRADFORD DISPATCH 802-222-4680

Police Chief: Russell Robinson
Part-time Police Officer: Richard Ostrout
Part-time Police Officer: Andre Thibault
Part-time Police Officer: Stephen Sampson
PD Administrative Assistant: Carole Taylor

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer & Grant Manager: Jesse Meyer 802-222-4727 Ext. 311

Selectboard Administrative Assistant: Danielle Kingsbury 802-222-4727 Ext. 304

Chief Water & Sewer Operator: Jon Thornton 802-222-4727 Ext. 308

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

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant: Jesse Meyer 802-222-4727 Ext. 311

Facilities Manager: Claude Ciurleo 802-222-4727 Ext. 305

Animal Control Officer: Wayne Godfrey Term Expires March 31, 2020

Zoning Administrator: Paul Berlejung Term Expires March 31, 2021

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Shirley Beresford	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Janice Larabee	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Christine Pratt, Alternate	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Bud Haas	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Doug Miller	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Carole Taylor	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Planning Commission:

Ron Huntington	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Ted Unkles	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Marcey Carver, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Robert L. Benjamin Sr.	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Recreation Director: Mollie Hatch 802-222-4727 Ext. 310

Parks & Recreation Commission:

Mike Aldrich	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Heidi Allen	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Charles "Skip" Barrett	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Conservation Commission:

Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2019
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Thomas Gray	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Edward Wendell	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Sandra Price	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Bob Claflin	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Nancy Jones, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Barbara Kulzyck	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Public Safety Commission:

Edward Garone	Term Expires March 31, 2019
John Hersh	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Ryan Chase	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Gary Moore, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Town Service Officer: Carole Taylor

Term Expires March 31, 2019

Health Officer: Camilla Thibodeau
Assistant Health Officer: Carole Taylor

Term Expires September 30, 2021
Term Expires September 30, 2021

Tree Warden: Ben Rubenfeld

Term Expires March 31, 2019

Fence Viewers:

Shirley R. Beresford	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Peter Hatch	Term Expires March 31, 2019

Forest Fire Warden: Robert W. Nutting

Term Expires June 30, 2019

Walter Lee Committee:

Charles D. Barton	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Bridget Simmons	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Brian Schlager	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Robert Wing	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Randy Odell	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Emily Willems	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Revolving Loan Fund Committee:

Dan Perry III	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Erin Odell	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Tony Brainerd	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Peter Terry	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Brian Schlager	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Fire Key-men:

Stephen Sampson	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Steve Longmoore	Term Expires March 31, 2019

Emergency Management:

Gary Moore, Director
Dan Perry III, Coordinator

9-1-1 Coordinators: Phil Page & Danielle Kingsbury

802-222-4727 Ext. 304

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

Daniel Perry IV, President	Colleen Steele
Ryan Terrill	Nick Balch
Ryan Dutton	Amelia Mcintire
Stephen Sanborn	1 Student Member
Chris Yaeger	
Brian Bavacqua	

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

Ryan Terrill, Fire Chief	Ralph Messenger	Bill Walters	
Nick Balch	Zack Peebles		
Zach Bagley	Dan Perry IV		
Brian Bevacqua	Brandon Perkins		Student Members:
Hunter Bingham	Stephen Sampson		Alex Boozan
Holly Creamer	Steve Sanborn, Deputy Chief		Cole Nanopoulos
Josh Danforth	Tony Stockman		
Ryan Dutton	Chris Taylor, Captain		
Zach Lang	Todd Terrill, Assistant Chief		
Joe Longmoore	Allen Thurston		
Steve Longmoore	Nick Vance		

UVA Local Representative:

Bonnie G. Thurston Term Expires March 31, 2019

Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission:

Nancy Jones Term Expires March 31, 2019
Marcey Carver, Alt. Term Expires March 31, 2019

CVSWMD Representative:

Gerhard Postpischil Term Expires March 31, 2019

Stagecoach Representative:

Vacant Term Expires March 31, 2019

Green Up Coordinator:

Barbara Kulzyck Term Expires October 31, 2019

Connecticut River Joint Commission:

Nancy Jones Term Expires March 31, 2019

Green Mountain Economic Development Representative:

Mark D. Johnson
Joseph Sampson

Bradford Public Library: 802-222-4536

Library Director: Gail Trede
Trustee Emeriti: Peter Richards, Eris Eastman, Shirley Conrad
Trustees: Tony Brainerd (President)
Diane Chamberlain (Vice President)
Bud Haas (Treasurer)
Angela Conrad-Schlager (Secretary)
Larry Coffin
Brad Johnston
Dorothy Unkles
Monique Priestley
Pamela Johnson
Betsy Kane
Laura Wolf Lornitzo
Anna Slack

Highway Department/Town Garage: 802-222-5718

Phil Page, Road Foreman
Peter Hatch
Grant Poliquin

Co-Road Commissioners:

Daniel A. Perry III
Carole P. Taylor

Term Expires March 31, 2019
Term Expires March 31, 2019

Deputy Registrars: (Appointed by Town Clerk)

Hale Funeral Home
Ricker Funeral Home

Term Expire March 15, 2019
Term Expire March 15, 2019

Beautification Committee:

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



BEST HALLOWEEN TREAT IS A FREE BOOK!—The Book Fairy (also known as library director Gail Trede) gives a trick-or-treater a free book at the Bradford Fair’s Trunk or Treat event held Halloween night at the Bradford Fairgrounds. The Bradford Public Library had a booth loaded with books to give away and it was an added bonus on top of all the candy the kids collected.



REACHING OUT UP NORTH—The Mentoring Project had a booth at the WRAP’s festival So Long Summer, Hello Fall September 1 in Wells River to reach out to students in the Blue Mountain Union area and Woodsville area.

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUE- GENERAL FUND					
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES					
BAGSD Tax Collection Revenue	7,000	8,062	8,000	8,143	8,000
Interest on Delinq Taxes	6,000	8,390	6,000	8,231	6,000
Del Tax Penalty Revenue	5,000	7,263	5,000	9,256	6,000
Total GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	18,000	23,714	19,000	25,630	20,000
PERMITS & LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	900	970	900	1,155	900
Dog Licenses	3,000	3,278	3,000	3,140	3,000
Dog Fines	50	0	0	0	0
Building Permits	1,000	1,310	1,000	1,525	1,000
Marriage License	100	200	150	160	100
Hunting/Fishing License	0	15	0	46	0
Park Use Permits	150	195	150	315	150
Total PERMITS & LICENSES	5,200	5,968	5,200	6,341	5,150
STATE GRANTS					
VT Reimburse for Current Use Tax	45,000	46,726	46,000	50,666	46,000
State of Vermont PILOT	13,000	13,549	13,000	15,177	13,000
Grant: Governor HWY Safety	0	1,996	0	0	0
Grant: Route 25B Detour	0	16,195	0	0	0
Grant: Colonial Village Renovations	0	0	0	3,630	0
Total STATE GRANTS	58,000	78,465	59,000	69,473	59,000
FEES FOR SERVICES, SALES					
Clerks Fees	20,000	22,693	22,000	17,805	14,000
Photo Copies	2,500	2,643	2,500	2,355	2,000
Total FEES FOR SERVICES, SALES	22,500	25,336	24,500	20,160	16,000
MISCELLANEOUS					
Miscellaneous - Gen. Fund	0	485	200	47	0
Town Police Misc Income and Grants	100	180	100	822	100
Municipal Fines - Police	1,500	1,741	1,500	1,605	1,500
Police Contracted Service	5,500	4,815	4,500	1,365	500
Interest Income	650	923	900	1,464	900
Sewer Connection Fees	0	250	0	0	0
Total MISCELLANEOUS	7,750	8,393	7,200	5,303	3,000

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE (CONTINUED)	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
RENTS AND BA USAGE					
Rents	32,000	34,168	32,793	35,828	29,405
Bradford Academy Usage	500	1,012	600	738	500
Total RENTS & BA Usage	32,500	35,180	33,393	36,566	29,905
PARKS & RECREATION					
Summer Camp	35,000	6	26,250	21,446	28,300
BPRC Donations/Fundraising	150	0	500	0	0
BTA Donations/Fundraising	150	0	100	0	0
BPRC Scholarships	0	0	0	1,201	1,000
Bugbee Landing Maintenance	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Total PARKS & RECREATION	35,300	6	26,850	23,647	30,300
Total General Fund Revenues	179,250	177,063	175,143	187,120	163,355
Highway Funds					
FEES					
Driveway Permits	0	60	0	120	0
Overweight Permits	400	490	400	430	400
State Highway Payments	110,000	110,875	110,500	110,841	110,500
Highway Misc. Income	0	40	0	40	0
Grant: Better Back Roads	0	0	0	11,396	0
FEMA: Storm Damage	0	0	0	29,893	0
Transfers from Capital Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total FEES	110,400	111,465	110,900	152,720	110,900
Total Highway Fund Revenues	110,400	111,465	110,900	152,720	110,900

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL FUND					
SELECTBOARD					
Salaries Selectboard	7,000	7,000	7,600	7,600	7,600
Salary - Adm. Assistant	33,197	31,578	34,195	34,176	35,227
Salary- Add'l Staffing	900	1,200	500	1,336	1,300
Grant Management*	5,150	0	8,000	7,872	8,183
Social Security-Board	536	536	581	581	581
Social Security- Admin.	2,540	2,401	2,616	2,615	2,695
Social Security- Grant Mgt	0	0	0	512	626
Benefits-Employer Paid Health	4,970	2,460	0	0	0
Retirement - Admin	996	918	1,026	1,025	1,057
Travel	50	0	0	218	100
Staff Training	250	175	350	195	200
Dues/Meetings	100	0	0	0	0
Legal Fees	3,000	1,285	2,000	390	1,500
L.P. Sewer Extension	0	1,675	0	0	0
Advertising	600	599	600	640	600
Grant Expenses	0	0	0	750	500
Town Property Expenses	0	2,030	0	0	0
	59,288	51,856	57,468	57,911	60,169
LISTERS					
Salaries - Listers	26,520	27,362	27,315	24,969	34,707
Salaries- Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0
Social Security - Listers	2,029	2,115	2,090	1,890	6,400
Social Security- Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0
2016-2018 Reappraisal	15,000	15,000	0	0	0
Travel	300	0	300	0	300
Telephone - Listers	650	699	650	794	800
Dues/Training/Meetings	2,500	1,280	1,300	1,010	1,300
Parcel Mapping	2,000	1,875	2,000	1,950	2000
Contracted Services	2,200	1,600	3,000	2,739	3000
Equipment & Supplies	0	0	0	0	360
Advertising	200	0	200	0	200
	51,399	49,930	36,855	33,353	49,067
CLERK					
Salaries-Clerk	41,122	41,183	42,349	42,278	43,618
Assistant Clerk Salary*	5,150	4,895	7,713	7,418	8,183
Social Security Clerk	3,146	3,151	3,240	3,234	3,337
Assistant Clerk Social Security	394	374	590	612	626
Benefits-Emplr Pd Health	8,241	2,060	0	0	0

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
CLERK (continued)					
Retirement Clerk	1,234	545	1,270	1,270	1,309
Training	0	0	250	160	300
Elections	500	22	500	1,642	100
Dues/Meetings	350	216	350	0	100
Advertising	200	221	250	173	250
Cotts System	0	0	3,060	2,863	3,190
	60,337	52,667	59,572	59,650	61,012
TREASURER					
Salaries - Treasurer	41,600	41,562	42,848	42,824	44,138
Salaries- Assistant Treasurer*	5,150	4,997	7,712	7,699	8,183
Social Security Treasurer	3,182	3,486	3,278	3,276	3,377
Social Security Asst. Treasurer	394	382	590	634	626
Benefits-Emplr Paid Health Insurance	8,241	8,241	9,023	9,023	9,442
Del Tax Coll Fee	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Social Security Del Tax Collector	0	0	306	306	306
Retirement Treasurer	1,248	1,247	1,285	1,285	1,324
Training	250	162	250	255	300
Dues/Meetings	150	35	150	0	100
Advertising	1,700	97	1,500	148	1,200
	65,915	64,209	70,942	69,450	72,996
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Auditing	22,000	15,080	18,000	15,535	18,000
Salaries-Add'l Staffing	1,000	0	1,000	0	500
Social Security- Addtl Staffing	77	0	77	0	38
Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100	100
Supplies	4,000	4,896	5,000	3,672	5,000
Postage	4,700	2,833	4,000	3,661	3,500
Printing Town Reports	3,500	3,760	3,800	3,886	3,800
Town Report Postage	650	592	600	605	600
Office Equipment	7,000	6,969	7,500	5,786	8,000
Computer Maint/Training	8,000	8,783	6,500	8,116	7,500
Server	5,000	5,468	0	0	0
Website Maintenance & Upgrades	2,000	195	500	895	900
Copier Maintenance	1,850	1,848	1,850	1,758	1,850
NEMRC Expenses	4,200	3,474	4,200	4,438	4,500
Technology Equip Capital Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Computer Monthly Service Charges	0	0	12,800	8,068	10,500
CAI GIS Mapping	5,700	5,700	5,700	2,400	2,400
Travel	400	160	200	111	200
Transfer Station Utilities	0	0	0	894	1,000
Telephone-ISP	3,000	2,329	3,000	1,343	2,000

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (continued)					
VLCT	4,169	3,703	4,169	3,783	4,169
Insurance	65,000	76,708	75,259	74,580	63,467
Unemployment Insurance	2,700	1,515	1,700	1,029	499
Emergency Management	500	190	500	0	500
Advertising	400	0	200	0	200
Trash/Recycle Center	22,500	23,312	0	0	0
CV Solid Waste	3,000	2,765	3,000	2,765	3,000
Bank Charges	100	0	0	0	0
Sewer Principal Bond Payment	0	24,489	0	25,011	0
Sewer Bond Int. Payment	0	26,249	0	25,727	0
Interest Expense	500	0	0	0	0
Tax Abatements	2,000	399	1,000	0	1,000
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance	3,000	2,000	2,500	2,000	2,000
2015 Library Repairs	0	0	0	5,117	0
2015 Library Loan Principal	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
2015 Library Loan Interest	2,331	2,293	1,554	1,524	777
Miscellaneous	4,000	600	2,000	115	1,000
	227,377	270,411	210,708	246,919	191,001
PLANNING/ZONING					
Salary - Zoning Adm	9,641	9,140	9,932	7,326	9,641
Social Security - Zoning	738	678	760	581	760
Retirement- Zoning Adm	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	0	0	300	38	400
Postage	0	0	200	0	100
Education/Training	200	265	250	90	250
Advertising	300	193	400	398	500
Town Bylaws/Plan/Subdivision	200	0	500	0	0
Public Forum Inducements	0	0	400	10	0
Grant Town Match	6,000	6,000	7,500	6,137	4,400
	17,079	16,276	20,242	14,579	16,051
ACADEMY BUILDING					
Salary- Academy Building	38,563	37,786	39,546	38,419	38,653
Social Security- Academy	2,950	2,816	3,025	2,939	2,957
Benefits- Employer Paid Ins	14,910	14,910	15,220	15,220	15,615
Retirement	1,157	1,156	1,186	1,215	1,254
Safety Compliance	1,000	160	1,000	0	500
Utilities	32,000	26,606	31,000	49,304	42,400
BA Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Auditorium Sound System	9,000	8,971	0	0	0
Maintenance	11,000	18,958	13,800	10,151	14,351
Tools & Equipment	600	246	600	409	600
Supplies	1,500	1,100	2,000	1,968	2,000
	117,680	117,709	112,377	124,624	123,330

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Fire Fighter Expense Reimbursement	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Chief Officers Stipend	1,200	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,500
Custodial Salary	806	870	1,014	915	1,045
Custodial Social Security	62	65	78	68	78
Chief Officer Social Security	92	92	115	115	115
Shots & Testing	250	0	0	0	0
FD Background Checks	300	250	250	375	375
Office Supplies	600	579	600	103	500
Fire Service Training	1,000	108	800	710	800
Utilities	8,000	7,317	8,000	8,610	7,500
FD- Telephone & Internet	1,800	1,538	2,200	2,188	2,200
Equipment Repair	7,000	8,390	7,000	2,926	5,400
New Equipment	8,000	9,253	7,000	10,113	8,600
Dues	500	475	500	450	680
Fire Dispatching	11,500	11,601	11,600	11,858	19,000
Package Insurance	17,500	17,500	17,500	16,829	17,500
Gasoline/Diesel	2,250	2,023	2,000	1,906	2,000
Safety Gear	2,400	4,875	2,400	3,199	4,000
Truck Maintenance	15,000	8,911	10,000	9,235	10,000
Capital Fund-Fire Equip.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Building Maintenance	6,500	6,816	6,500	3,389	6,000
Grounds Maintenance	1,800	1,775	1,800	2,220	1,800
FD Travel	300	505	300	477	300
	124,359	121,643	118,656	114,687	126,893
RESCUE-FAST SQUAD					
Squad Member Reimbursement	2,500	2,502	3,000	2,984	3,000
Vaccines & Testing	100	0	100	0	100
Office Supplies	300	298	250	176	250
Training	1,500	1,064	1,200	451	1,200
Safety Gear	1,000	961	900	763	900
Medical Equipment	2,000	1,760	2,000	1,445	2,000
Equipment/Medicine Replacement	2,600	2,573	2,500	1,358	2,500
Oxygen Tank Refills	150	121	150	101	150
Pagers/Radio Maintenance	1,000	989	1,000	925	1,000
Background Checks	0	0	300	0	300
	11,150	10,267	11,400	8,204	11,400
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries- PD Officers	135,500	126,857	141,000	143,378	145,055
Salary PD- Admin Assistant	0	0	0	0	18,188
Salaries -- Contracted Services	5,000	4,230	1,500	1,215	1,000

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
POLICE DEPARTMENT(continued)					
Salaries- Gov Highway Safety	0	1,653	0	0	0
Salaries- Route 25B Detour	0	14,413	0	0	0
Social Security-PD Officers	10,366	9,079	10,787	10,234	11,097
Social Security- Admin Assistant	0	0	0	0	1,391
Social Security- Contracted Services	793	309	115	85	110
Social Security- Gov Highway Safety	0	176	0	0	0
Social Security- Route 25B Detour	0	1,063	0	0	0
PD - Health Insurance	14,910	14,910	15,656	15,656	0
Retirement - PD	0	0	0	0	0
Uniforms - PD	2,000	1,618	1,800	1,466	1,500
Supplies - PD	400	320	350	184	300
Police Radio Maintenance & Upgrades	250	203	250	240	500
Computer Software	3,500	0	1,000	466	950
Cont. Education	1,250	1,198	1,500	549	1,200
Telephone/Cell/Pager	1,050	1,014	1,200	1,135	1,200
New Equipment - PD	3,000	2,886	1,800	1,075	1,500
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000	3,396	3,000	3,228	3,000
Fuel	4,750	4,033	4,500	4,612	5,000
Fuel- Special Detail	0	697	0	0	0
Vehicle Capital Fund	8,000	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,500
Advertising/Dues/Subscrip	300	291	300	275	450
Building Office Rent	2,500	0	0	0	0
	196,569	196,344	193,257	192,298	200,941
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE					
Social Security- PH & Welfare	200	134	200	140	150
Animal Control	5,019	2,682	3,571	1,710	2,200
Health Officer	1,000	1,000	1,000	917	1,000
Orange County Tax	58,871	50,823	50,823	49,944	49,944
Town Service Officer	0	0	0	0	0
Tree Warden	1,000	0	0	0	500
Fire Warden	1	0	0	0	0
American Legion/Memorial Day	500	500	500	500	500
Beautification Committee	400	400	400	400	400
Bradford Main Street Alliance	1,500	1,500	0	0	0
Bradford Merchants Association	750	750	750	750	1,000
Bradford Youth Sports	0	2,500	0	0	0
Cemeteries	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000	35,000
Central VT Adult Basic Education	0	3,000	0	3,000	1,500

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE(continued)					
Central VT Capstone Community	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Central VT Council on Aging	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Clara Martin Center	0	4,413	0	4,413	0
Conservation Fund	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
Downstreet Housing	1,000	1,000	0	2,500	1,500
Green Mountain Economic Devel.	0	1,383	1,383	1,383	1,361
Green Up Day Local Program	500	500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Library	55,000	55,000	57,000	57,000	57,000
Little Rivers Health Care	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Cohase Camber of Commerce	699	699	0	0	683
Northeast Slopes	0	2,500	0	2,500	0
Orange County Diversion Prog.	400	400	400	400	480
Orange County Parent Child Ct.	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Orange East Senior Center	0	8,500	0	8,500	0
Oxbow Senior Independence Prg.	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Safeline	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Sawyer Chapel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Stagecoach Transportation	0	4,120	0	5,120	0
The Mentoring Project	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	3,944	3,944	4,056	4,056	4,168
Upper Valley Ambulance	103,489	103,489	120,271	120,271	123,068
Vermont Family Network	0	0	0	0	500
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	0	12,450	0	12,450	0
	276,273	308,686	286,854	327,453	293,954
CONSERVATION COMM					
Supplies	450	450	450	447	450
Postage	250	249	250	115	250
Stationary	250	242	250	160	250
Publications	350	350	350	442	350
Seminars	175	132	175	80	175
Association Dues	150	150	150	150	150
Public Info & Education	475	436	475	362	475
Energy Subcommittee	400	359	400	107	400
Cons. & Beautification Projects	350	350	350	350	350
	2,850	2,718	2,850	2,214	2,850
PARKS & RECREATION					
Salaries - Park Maintenance	4,000	3,204	3,200	1,568	2,089
Salary BTA Coord	7,590	6,540	7,590	3,593	0
Salaries- Camp	25,000	0	21,280	17,833	23,100
Salary Recreation Director	12,000	7,335	19,760	19,759	23,406
Social Security - Park Maintenance	306	245	245	120	160

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PARKS & RECREATION (continued)					
Social Security - BTA Coordinator	581	500	581	275	0
Social Security- Camp Sal	1,913	0	1,628	1,364	1,767
Social Security- Rec Director	918	561	1,512	1,512	1,791
Materials & Supplies- Parks	200	371	200	64	400
Materials & Supplies for BTA	500	496	500	15	0
Materials/Supplies for BPRC	200	649	200	272	500
Food/Snacks- BPRC	350	348	350	185	350
Equipment- Parks	300	306	300	524	300
Rec Director Workshops/Trainings	650	0	650	797	800
Meetings & Travel- Parks	350	80	350	40	200
Travel- Rec Dept.	200	153	200	75	200
Utilities- Parks	1,500	1,524	1,800	1,905	3,800
Repairs & Maintenance	9,000	4,609	11,000	8,229	9,000
Park Building Maintenance	750	174	750	895	1,000
Denny Park Landscaping	750	0	750	112	250
Association Dues: Parks	100	0	200	75	200
Contracted Services: Parks	300	0	300	0	300
Advertising- Parks	250	181	250	131	250
Advertising-Recreation	350	321	350	197	250
Swim Program	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
P&R Cap Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fund Raising Expense: Park	50	12	50	38	50
BPRC Summer Camp Exp	6,000	35	4,890	3,450	3,400
Background Checks	500	125	1,000	75	150
Rec Director Activities/Events	2,400	248	2,600	67	2,000
BPRC Offsite activities	500	283	500	502	500
BPRC Events	500	419	500	0	500
	82,007	29,720	87,485	64,669	80,713
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXP.	1,292,282	1,292,437	1,268,667	1,316,010	1,290,376
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	179,250	177,063	175,143	187,120	163,355
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	1,113,032	1,115,373	1,093,524	1,128,891	1,127,021

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES					
SUMMER MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	60,000	59,852	62,400	59,492	75,000
Social Security	4,590	4,516	4,774	4,430	5,738
Health Insurance Summer	17,547	18,268	18,787	19,553	20,000
Retirement Summer	1,800	1,033	1,872	945	1,800

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
SUMMER MAINTENANCE (continued)					
Purchased Services	6,000	10,284	10,000	4,831	6,000
Downtown Mowing	4,000	2,688	3,500	2,847	4,500
Roadside Mowing	10,000	6,508	8,000	5,220	7,000
Equipment Rental	2,500	480	2,500	0	500
Materials	60,000	46,522	55,000	55,527	55,000
	166,437	150,150	166,832	152,844	175,538
WINTER MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	89,000	91,804	93,600	95,808	113,000
Social Security-Winter	6,809	6,930	7,160	7,167	8,645
Health Ins - Winter	26,321	25,600	28,180	27,414	29,300
Retirement Highway	2,670	1,544	2,808	1,624	2,800
Purchased Services	6,000	3,415	5,000	2,600	5,000
Contracted Snowplowing	16,000	18,555	19,000	25,399	20,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	9,500	9,764	10,000	12,998	12,000
Sand	25,000	19,252	25,000	24,233	20,000
Salt	75,000	76,877	75,000	96,127	88,750
	256,299	253,741	265,748	293,369	299,495
ADMINISTRATION					
Uniforms	2,000	1,590	2,000	1,659	2,300
Road Commissioner Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Social Security- Road Commissioner	77	77	77	77	77
Safety Compliance	2,500	1,215	2,500	2,338	2,000
Supplies - Garage	3,000	1,966	3,000	3,167	3,500
Technology Equip Replacement	1,500	862	1,000	366	1,500
Travel	500	0	500	32	500
Utilities	6,500	5,081	5,000	5,047	5,000
Park/Streetlights	17,000	16,552	17,000	13,969	14,000
Tele/Pagers/ISP	4,000	3,333	3,500	3,280	3,500
Street Bond Principal	0	4,613	0	4,613	0
Street Bond Interest	0	1,528	0	1,293	0
2016 Dump Truck Loan Repay	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398
2016 Dump Truck Interest	1,024	1,003	768	756	512
2014 Grader Payment	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
2014 Grader Interest	1,320	1,320	880	880	440
Maintenance - Garage	3,500	2,524	3,000	3,923	3,000
Highway - Bid Advertising	100	0	100	59	100
Downtown Trash Pick Up	7,500	10,353	10,000	11,929	13,000
Training	100	0	100	0	100
	87,019	88,415	85,823	89,785	85,927

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE					
Fuel, Oil & Lubes	35,000	31,015	32,000	35,068	38,000
Parts & Maintenance	40,000	28,391	30,000	31,922	30,000
Tools & Equipment	3,500	3,234	7,500	6,834	7,500
	78,500	62,640	69,500	73,824	75,500
SPECIAL ROADS					
Better Back Roads Grant	0	5,175	0	180	0
Paving Projects	225,000	235,945	250,000	228,358	250,000
Special Roads	10,000	10,000	10,000	8,399	10,000
Signs	3,000	2,389	2,500	1,512	2,500
Guardrails	8,000	6,957	8,000	0	8,000
Culverts	6,000	8,529	6,500	4,390	6,500
Line Painting	3,000	4,371	4,500	2,375	4,500
Sidewalk Repair	500	0	500	0	50
Projects Capital Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Equipment Capital Fund	80,000	80,000	72,000	72,000	75,000
HW Facility Cap. Fund	15,000	15,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Stormwater Discharges	0	0	5,000	1,990	2,500
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	390,500	408,366	416,000	376,203	416,050
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXP.	978,755	963,312	1,003,904	986,026	1,052,509
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	110,400	111,465	110,900	152,720	110,900
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	868,355	851,848	893,004	833,306	941,609

Total Town & Highway	2,271,037	2,255,749	2,272,571	2,302,036	2,342,885
Less Anticipated Revenue	289,650	288,528	286,043	339,839	274,255
Offset from prev. years surplus	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total to be Raised by Taxes	1,781,387	1,767,221	1,886,528	1,862,197	1,968,630

2019 BUDGET SUMMARY

General Fund	
2019 Proposed Budget	1,290,376
Less Anticipated Revenue	163,355
Less Accumulated Surplus	100,000
NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	1,027,021
Highway Fund	
2019 Proposed Budget	1,052,509
Less Anticipated Revenue	110,900
NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	941,609
COMBINED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,968,630

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2018 (unaudited)

General Fund

Assets

General Checking at Merchants	1,910,431	
Due to/from Other Funds	-1,740,306	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Principal	131,740	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Interest	42,269	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Penalty	10,505	
	<u> </u>	
Total Assets		354,639

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	21,712	
Next Year Invoices	-9,695	
Deferred Revenue:Principal	115,101	
Deferred Revenue:Interest	42,087	
Deferred Revenue:Penalty	9,174	
State Withholding Tax	1,946	
Aflac Ins. Payable	-381	
Colonial Life	-36	
Simple Ira	-417	
	<u> </u>	
Total Liabilities		179,489
Prior Year Fund Balance	206,330	
Current Year Fund Balance	-31,180	
	<u> </u>	
Net Accumulated Surplus		175,150
		<u> </u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, FUND BALANCE		354,639

Highway Fund

Assets

Due to/from General Fund	73,441	
Total Assets		73,441

Liabilities

Prior Year Fund Balance	19,090	
Current Year Fund Balance	54,351	
	<u> </u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		73,441

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2018 (unaudited)

GENERAL FUND: BONDS & LOANS

<u>Department</u>	<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/17</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/18</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sewer	L.Plain Sewer Extension	May 2011	1,540,000	Aug 2042	1,362,535	1,324,004	38,531
Highway	Street Bond	July 1996	106,853	Dec 2026	30,736	26,123	4,613
Highway	2014 John Deere Grader	March 2014	110,000	June 2019	44,000	22,000	22,000
Library	Library Repairs	April 2015	210,000	Nov 2019	84,000	42,000	42,000
Highway	2016 Highway Truck	April 2016	66,990	April 2020	<u>40,194</u>	<u>26,796</u>	<u>13,398</u>
Total Long Term Debt					1,561,465	1,440,923	120,542

Reserve Funds	Fund Balance 12/31/17	2018 Income	2018 Expense	Fund Balance 12/31/18
D Darling Quad Reserve	45	0	0	45
Bicentennial Cane Reserve	261	0	0	261
Capital Funds				
Fire Department Capital Fund	236,632	20,000	31,841	224,791
Fire Department Reserve Fund	1,400	0	0	1,400
Bradford Academy Repairs	41,756	5,000	3,200	43,556
Lavelle Memorial Fund	0	10,000	4,992	5,008
Reappraisal	72,585	12,645	33,089	52,141
Technology Equipment Capital Fund	6,000	2,000	1,413	6,587
Highway Projects	77,590	4,632	45,321	36,901
Highway Equipment	0	72,000	0	72,000
Highway Facility Capital Fund	43,791	17,000	4,150	56,641
Village Streets (from Village)	3,000	0	3,000	0
Police Reserve Fund	12,434	10,405	21,486	1,353
Police Vehicle Capital Fund	13,748	8,500	0	22,248
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	199,245	15,000	0	214,245
Pager/Radio Capital Fund	3,874	0	0	3,874
BPRC Capital Fund	7,461	1,000	0	8,461
Record Restoration & Misc Rev	31,985	1,820	9,427	24,378
Total Capital Funds	751,501	180,002	157,918	773,585

TREASURER'S REPORT
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Special Funds	Fund Balance 12/31/17	2018 Income	2018 Expense	Fund Balance 12/31/18
Bradford Academy Roof Project	1,531	0	0	1,531
HWY: Ustore Tank Replacement	10,000	0	0	10,000
Green Up Day	100	2,518	1,828	789
BPRC Reserve Fund (Teen Assoc)	608	73	0	681
BPRC Reserve Fund (Recreation)	165	3,166	0	3,331
Prepay Sewer Hookups (for offsetting future bond payments)	11,139	89,566	26,501	74,204
Beautification Committee Funds	641	550	611	580
Revolving Loan Fund	118,518	1,986	20,000	100,504
Library: VCDP Planning Grant	0	1,615	1,400	215
Municipal Planning Grants	10,872	16,750	20,585	7,037
Total Special Funds	153,574	116,224	70,925	198,873

Special Asset Accounts: (also see Trustees of Public Funds Report on Page 52)

Bradford Conservation Commission: Misc. Grants WRSB Passbook Account	7,929
Bradford Conservation Commission WRSB Passbook Account	39,152
Bradford Conservation Commission: Friends Wrights Mtn WRSB Passbook Account	1,317
Bradford Conservation Commission: Friends Wrights Mtn WGSB CD	5,087
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	17,995
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	11,158
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	10,099
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	13,163
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	<u>5,000</u>
Total Special Fund Asset Accounts	110,900



Jordan Carrier (left) and David Buzzell (right) checked for damage and dislodge ice atop the spillway of the dam at Bradford Falls on the Waits River mid-January. They were part of a Green Mountain Power team that included Alan Farmer and Frank Chaloux that spent a couple of days at the dam. Carrier and Buzzell were tethered to a safety line above the river.

**DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES
as of December 31, 2018**

Includes principal, interest & penalties

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Total All Years</u>	<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Total All Years</u>
09-62-0045	Barnett, George	532.10	04-01-0106	Kretschmer 2016 Trus	338.50
05-20-0124	Beck, Michael	1,608.02	01-08-0860	Lillbask, Camilla	1,757.55
08-57-1844	Bedell, Milton	2,278.30	04-61-0223	Lyons, John	1,289.06
07-29-0119	Brinkman, Stan	18.98	04-61-0184	McMorrow, Francis	5.24
09-57-0284	Cairns Brothers	10,734.74	09-75-0011	Merrill, Kanaan	1,661.94
22-56-0025	Champagne, Wanda	1,738.46	05-20-0654	Morgan, Maryann	867.79
01-08-0752	Clark, Alan Sr	414.48	04-11-0203	Morse, Charles	1,912.68
01-12-0211	Comollo, Bruce	813.66	04-61-0155	Navey, Edwin	738.37
01-12-0211	Comollo, Robert	446.29	07-28-0356	Nutting, Robert	4,256.94
05-79-0166	Copp, Beverly	1,479.20	22-88-0033	Nutting, Robert	3,645.13
09-57-0176-09	Covey, Buddy	94.89	21-97-0069	Onxy, LLC	7,320.52
04-61-0265	Dutton, Judson	3,044.95	23-98-0256	P&M Partnership	6,161.22
08-68-0176	Elliott, David	245.70	23-98-0228	Pacilio, Maria Life Es	1,767.96
08-09-0925	Elliott, Lloyd	557.32	09-99-0110	Pacilio, Vincent	1,748.12
01-08-0646	Erwin, David	710.13	08-57-2025-1	Pape, Shawn	2,130.89
22-90-0131	Fairlee Marine & Rec.	760.77	05-06-1575	Perry, Drew	2,123.34
08-36-0148	Fay, Lawrence	3,069.07	09-75-0017	Perry, Drew	4,053.40
04-22-0276	Fischer, Jennie	1,045.72	09-38-0140	Phelps, Mona	1,339.64
04-22-0272	Follensbee, Darryl	53.35	22-90-0051	Pickett, Jocelyn	3,394.07
22-91-0065	Ford, Stanwood	5,552.87	09-54-0009	Piper, Neil	4,244.23
09-99-0330	Fournier, Mary	6,885.31	05-14-0198	Plante, Joseph	353.92
08-57-1837	Frye, Berton	590.27	22-91-0125	Proctor, Kevin	55.06
05-05-0612	Gelfant, Alan	124.21	05-03-0593	Rogers, Theodore	1,100.64
08-36-0209	Gilbert, Mary	574.24	21-93-0187	Rose, Susan Hanna	6,944.20
22-96-0178	Webster, Gerald	1,511.38	04-11-0165	Roy, Arthur A	837.96
08-02-0758	Gusha, Francis	236.71	09-99-0319	Rueda, Todd	383.53
04-11-0223	Hatch, Clayton	2,213.43	01-61-0124	Ryan Lowell Family	200.14
05-06-2035	Hayward, David	1,632.98	01-61-0164	Ryan Lowell Family	157.29
05-20-0020	Hines, James	2,854.44	08-41-0083	Stockwell, Chester	1,780.80
05-06-1140	Hines, Patricia	3,910.55	12-38-0244-1	Suncommon	132.47
22-91-0090	Hoisington, Magan	754.42	09-99-0335	Sweet, Sylvia	1,093.35
05-79-0024	Holly, Robert	28,018.27	09-38-0067	Sylvester, Peter	2,858.37
23-98-0243	In Season LLC	3,591.59	04-19-0310	Tarbox, Fred Jr	263.67
21-97-0354	Johnson, Willis	13,300.85	05-20-0740	Tarbox, Fred Jr	470.43
04-23-0565	Kenyon, Gloria	343.59	05-20-0019	Tarbox, Fred Jr	239.70
06-18-0006	Kingsbury, Thelma	6,721.70	08-09-1251	Thurston, Allen	2,605.85
04-01-0449	Knapp, Corey	1,529.52	04-61-0234	Tremont, Stephen	83.89

**DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES
as of December 31, 2018**

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Includes principal, interest & penalties

Parcel #	Property Owner	Total All Years*
04-20-0620	Tumel, James	261.68
07-09-2353	Tunick, Jeffrey	835.96
21-97-0153	Vaughan, Stephen	1,031.59
22-96-0200	White, Dean	1,728.87
09-57-0176-7	Williams, Terry	346.31

Delinquent Tax Collected 2018
Includes principal, interest & penalty
\$119,151.93

**WORKING ON
TAX SALE 2019**



Annie Puciloski of Bradford in her Halloween best from her witch's hat to her black cat socks, was stationed in front of Space on Main Halloween Day with her knitting and also a special companion—a dancing broom. Puciloski, well-known for her knitting at the former North of Falls, braved the cold temperatures to celebrate Halloween.

Delinquent Tax By Year	
Includes Principal, Interest & Penalty	
2018	61,467.35
2017	45,878.99
2016	24,475.13
2015	12,247.07
2014	3,909.61
2013	6,465.18
2012	5,162.79
2011	1,822.11
2010	1,974.33
2009	190.12
2008	656.67
2007	1,278.02
2006	2,055.40
2005	1,991.33
2004	1,687.96
2003	1,818.65
2002	1,907.95
2001	2,039.79
2000	1,884.71
1999	2,392.73
1998	2,605.95
1997	602.89
Total due all years	\$184,514.73

HIGHLIGHTS OF TOWN BUDGET REPORTS

NOTE: In this report, numbers are rounded and “K” refers to thousands of dollars.

Town General Fund

Revenues for the General Fund in 2019 are expected to fall to \$163K from an actual \$187K in 2018 mainly due to expected decreases in Town Clerk’s fees, interest on delinquent taxes, police contracted services, interest income, and rent from the Academy Building where a tenant has left the premises. These decreases should be partially offset by higher fees from summer camp programs in Parks & Recreation.

The Selectboard has proposed a total budget for 2019 of \$2,343K, which is 3.1% above the 2018 budget of \$2,273K, reflecting primarily an increase in the highway budget of 4.8% to \$1,053K. The general fund budget is set to rise 1.7% over last year’s budget to \$1,290K. The amount to be raised by taxes for 2019 is pegged at \$1,969K, compared to actual taxes raised in 2018 of \$1,862K, an increase of 5.7%. Other requests for funds voted separately at Town Meeting could increase that amount.

Expenditures in the General Fund are budgeted to decline 1.9% from actual expenses in 2018 to \$1,290K. The 2019 budget reflects primarily declines in outlays for General Government. In General Government the proposed budget of \$191K is 22.6% below the actual expense in 2018, but the 2018 expense was 17% over budget due to the fact that \$55.9K of bond payments (which do not appear in the budget) are part of actual expenses. If these expenses were omitted, actual expenses would have been only \$191K, or \$19.6K under budget.

These decreases will be partially offset mainly by increased projected expenses (as compared to last year’s actual expense) in the Listers Office (47%), Planning & Zoning (10%), The Fire Dept. (10.6%), the Rescue Squad (39%), Police (4.5%), and Parks & Recreation (24.8%). The Listers have added additional hours to the work week and have received a 3% raise, while the Zoning Administrator’s salary is expected to rise to \$9.6K. The Fire Dept. has requested increases for the dispatching system and building maintenance, and the Rescue Squad expects to spend more on equipment replacement and medical equipment.

The Police Dept. will receive a salary increase, while the department’s Administrative Assistant’s salary will be broken out separately going forward. These increases will be partially offset by a lack of expense for health insurance for the officers, who have health insurance through the state. As a result, the Selectboard has suggested an increase in the department’s budget of 4% to \$201K.

The proposed budget for Public Health and Welfare of \$294K is 2.5% above the 2018 budgeted amount primarily reflecting an increase in expense for cemeteries and ambulance services. Actual expenses for 2018 again appear to exceed the amount budgeted to a greater extent because certain line items are voted on separately from the budget at Town Meeting.

Parks and Recreation has requested an increase of 24.8% over last year’s actual expense as they expand their offerings, resulting in additional recreation hours, higher salaries and program expenses. These increases should be at least partially covered by increased revenue from families who participate in the summer camp program.

Highway Fund

Anticipated revenue in the Highway Fund is expected to fall back to the 2018 budgeted amount of \$111K as one time payments from the state and FEMA will not be available in 2019.

The Highway Dept. has requested a 6.7% budget increase over last year’s actual expense to \$1,053K. The increase is primarily the result of the addition of a part time employee to help the department maintain its summer and winter general maintenance programs and to cover an increase in downtown mowing. In addition, winter road maintenance reflects the higher costs for salt and sand.

The budget for Equipment Maintenance is set to rise 2.2% due to increases in cost of maintenance materials, and the budget for Special Roads will be 10.6% over last year’s

expense mainly due to paving projects that were under budget in 2018 and an increase in the contribution to the capital equipment reserve fund to \$75K.

Water System

In 2018, Water System revenues came in slightly below the budgeted \$293K at \$291K. Officials believe that revenues will be flat in 2019.

On the expense side, total expenses in 2018 were 5.9% below the \$193.9K amount budgeted primarily due to lower outlays for personnel and equipment. The System's Administrative Assistant resigned in 2018 and was replaced by a part time clerk who also puts in some work hours for the Town. As a result, salary and health insurance expense were significantly lower, and the 2019 budgeted amount is 77% below last year's budget.

Operating expenses are budgeted to increase 10.2% to \$201K compared to actual expenses in 2018 mainly due to higher expected outlays for software, security, and hydrant replacement. This last item was planned for 2018 but postponed as the System incurred the unexpected cost of three major and unexpected expensive repairs. Only \$8K was budgeted for repairs in 2018, but the system had to spend \$21K; \$12K is budgeted for 2019.

Sewer System

Sewer revenues totaled \$262K in 2018, \$3.6K over the budget, and the System expects \$264K of revenue in 2019.

Expenses are budgeted to rise 20.2% in 2019 to \$219K as compared to actual expenditures of \$182K in 2018. The increases are expected primarily in sludge removal, new batteries for the back up generators, new air conditioning equipment at the in house lab, and health insurance for a new hire at the treatment plant (the former employee, who retired, did not need health insurance from the Town). In addition, the System will pay a greater share of the annual Town audit, and new equipment is needed in the lab at the treatment plant.

It should be noted that the Water and Sewer System lists in its budget several line items that are on a contingency basis. Water main breaks and other repair and maintenance line items are difficult to predict, and the System budgets these items based on history and its best estimate of likely expense over a given period of years. For example, the hydrants that were projected to be replaced in 2018 still function properly and are scheduled to be replaced in 2019. The funds that were budgeted for the hydrants had to be repurposed to meet a necessary expense for emergency repairs.

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

The Bradford Town Auditors met in mid-December of 2018 to perform our annual review of the financial records of the Town. To complete our review, we randomly selected a few dozen transactions that occurred in the Town accounts during the year, both deposits and disbursements, to ensure that funds received were deposited in a timely and accurate manner and to ensure that disbursements were duly authorized for payment by the Selectboard and that checks were issued with the correct payee and in the correct amount. We were able to satisfactorily document and verify all the transactions selected.

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

The Town hires professional auditor (Fothergill, Segale, & Valley, CPAs) annually to perform a full examination of the Town's financial records and accounts, and these professionals issue a report when they have completed their audit. In previous years, our auditors have made several suggestions to improve financial reporting and controls, and the Selectboard has addressed these concerns and made improvements and corrections as needed. We are pleased to report that our professional auditors did not find any material deficiencies to report in their audit of the Town's financial records for 2017. We reprint here the opinion paragraph of the professional auditors:

“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund of the Town of Bradford, Vermont, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

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

Peter Terry
Erin Odell



Approximately 90 runners from Bradford, Newbury and Haverhill schools took part in the youth division of the Race to the Top at Wright's Mountain on June 2.

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

Once again, the Bradford Selectboard was very busy throughout the past year.

Perhaps the most significant event occurred near the end of the year, when Jeff Stiegler, who had been Bradford's Police chief for six and a half years, was elected Sheriff of Grafton County, New Hampshire. We congratulate Jeff on his new career challenge, and we thank him for his dedication to the Town of Bradford, and all the hard work he put in building up Bradford's police department.

When it was clear that Jeff would be leaving, we needed to find a new Chief of Police, and we were delighted when Russ Robinson expressed interest. The Selectboard appointed Russ Robinson as Bradford's new Police Chief, but that opened up a vacancy in the position of Sergeant, which Russ had previously filled. We were very fortunate when Richard Ostrout retired from the Vermont State Police, and he expressed interest in serving as Bradford's Police Sergeant. Many small towns in Vermont are having an extremely difficult time finding qualified police officers. Chief Robinson and Sergeant Ostrout were both sworn in on December 27, 2018. Bradford is very fortunate to have two excellent veterans of the Vermont State Police filling these two important roles in the Bradford Police Department.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to the Bradford Public Safety Commission, which met many times to assist the Selectboard as we recruited and hired our new Chief and Sergeant. In addition to their invaluable assistance with staffing the Police Department, the members of the Public Safety Commission have spent many hours meeting with officers of the Fire Department and FAST Squad. Our community is better off thanks to these dedicated volunteers.

Our road crew has been very busy this year, having completed major repaving projects on portions of Rowell Brook Road, Fairground Road, as well as Cottage Street and Wrights Avenue. They also were very busy with never-ending maintenance and repair projects. Their jobs were made even more challenging because of several severe storms that damaged many backroads. Bradford's road crew does a lot of work with very limited resources, and we very much appreciate their hard work.

Another very significant milestone in the past year (for which the Selectboard cannot claim any credit, but that warrants mention) was the designation by the US Department of the Interior of the trails on Wrights Mountain as part of the nationwide network of National Recreational Trails. In 2018, only 19 trail systems throughout the entire US were designated as National Recreational Trails, and the Wrights Mountain network was one of them. The enthusiastic volunteers who build and maintain the trails deserve our thanks and our congratulations for their outstanding work.

Jesse Meyer, who is Bradford's Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer, also began working part time for the Water & Sewer Commission. This has resulted in improved communication and coordination between the Selectboard and the Water & Sewer Department.

The Creamery Road bridge had to be closed last year, and we hope it will be back in service with new decking this year. The current decking was installed only about 10 years ago by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. They installed a new membrane which showed great promise but has not lived up to its expectations. We expect that the State will install new decking, but we have not yet concluded those discussions.

These are just a few highlights of the past year. Bradford depends on volunteers to serve on its boards and commissions, and there are vacancies. The town cannot function without its citizens actively participating. We thank all the volunteers who contribute so much to our community, and we encourage anyone who is interested to volunteer on a town committee.

*Ted Unkles, Selectboard Chair
Randy Moore, Vice Chair
Dan Perry
Carole Taylor
Lisa Sharp Grady*

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The Board of Listers would like to thank all the taxpayers for their help and assistance in providing information during the townwide reassessment. As with any large project, there are always a few bumps in the road. Whether it be people, software, computer, or programming issues, we have been working closely with NEMRC to help resolve all that have accrued. We thank you all for your patience and understanding.

The 2018 Equalization Sales Study Results came out on December 24, 2018, the Common Level of Appraisal is set at 100.22% and the Coefficient of Dispersion is at 3.86%. Both numbers are lower, due to the reassessment.

Here are some reminders:

- Change of Appraisal Notice will be sent out in May
- Grievance Hearings will be held as usual in June and are by appointment. (Owners are encouraged to come in with questions prior to grievance)
- Homestead Declaration: Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15th to avoid any penalties. If you sell your home, the tax bill will go to **who owned the property as of April 1st**. If you qualify for a tax rebate the rebate remains with the property unless you or your attorney complete the proper paper work. Towns **cannot** give back a rebate.
- Veteran's Exemptions: Veteran's Exemptions go through the Vermont Office of Veteran's Affairs (VOVA) in Montpelier and must be filed by May 1. In mid-May, VOVA will send final list of those Veterans who qualify to receive the exemption.

We are in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 am-1 pm. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions. We can be reached by phone at 802-222-4727 Ext. 306 or by email: listers@bradford-vt.us.

*Robert Wing
Nila Newstrom-Anaya*



Boy Scouts joined Bradford Historical Society members to place flags at the graves of veterans buried in town cemeteries before Memorial Day. Pictured are (front row, from l to r): Gloria Randall, Diane Smarro, Calvin Bonser, Harry McLam, Samuel Bonser; (back row): Meroa Benjamin, Carolyn Coffin, Larry Coffin, Daniel Perry IV.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

In 2018, the Planning Commission continued to work on updating the Zoning Bylaw with the help of Kevin Geiger of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (Municipal Planning Grant for 2018). We also worked with TRORC to develop an Enhanced Energy Plan. In 2019 we will be integrating this into an updated Town Plan. With the inclusion of this enhancement, the town will have an increased impact on decisions by the Public Service Commission on energy siting.

The Build Out and Capacity Study which began in 2017 was completed in 2018. The results of this study have greatly informed the zoning bylaw update particularly for the Lower Plan Commercial Zone.

Also on the agenda for the coming year is revisiting the adoption of the Subdivision Bylaw for the town.

We held six quasi-judicial Site Plan Hearings during 2018, all of which were approved with conditions except one. We also held a Historic District Review for one of the applications which also had a Site Plan Hearing. Again, the application was approved subject to conditions. Members of the Commission attended training sessions sponsored by the state and Vermont League of Towns and Cities.

Bryan Mitofsky stepped down as Commissioner, and soon after we welcomed Monique Priestley to the Commission. Paul Berlejung is the new Zoning Administrator. His hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

We also were saddened to learn of the passing of a long-serving member of the Commission, Larry Drew. He will be remembered fondly for his passion on a variety of zoning matters.

The Planning Commission is always looking for new members to join the group and participate in various projects.



SECOND ANNUAL MAKE MUSIC DAY IN BRADFORD—For three hours on June 21, Bradford was alive with the sound of music in honor of the second annual Make Music Day. Scheduled gigs were held at local businesses and people congregated at each to enjoy live music outdoors, the essence of the World Music Day annually. Musicians entertained outdoors at the Local Buzz, Bradford Public Library, The Space on Main, JM Landscaping, North of the Falls, David Penland's, Colatina Exit, Wells River Savings Bank and the Hungry Bear. Musicians pictured here are Dwayne Benjamin Country Originals. 2017 marked the first year that Vermont coordinated a statewide effort to have June 21 as Make Music Vermont and another first was Bradford being the first town in Vermont to hold a townwide celebration.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2018, the Bradford Highway Department finished up the Better Backroads Grant on Hackett Hill. The Highway Department paved the end of Rowell Brook Road, Wrights Avenue, Cottage Street and a portion of Fairground Road. For most of the summer, the department was down to a two-man crew, due to the third member being out for a non-work-related accident. This made highway operations difficult throughout the summer.

The new automatic 10-wheel truck that was purchased in 2018 has been a benefit to the department and the highway crew is liking it. A new loader is in the scope for 2019 and will be purchased by trading the old loader and using the Highway Department capital funds; no loan will be needed to purchase a loader.

The end of 2018 was very costly due to increase in salt prices (went up \$20 a ton) and fuel prices. We have had to cut back on salt use, which is a difficult thing to do. The department is still working with the State of Vermont to get the Creamery Road bridge open, it has been a painful experience for everyone involved. The Town is also continuing to work on the sidewalks and the underground vault on Main Street but continues to run into funding issues.

To kick off the summer of 2019, the Highway Department is receiving a structures grant for the culvert at the beginning of Mink Hill. On the books for paving in 2019 will include portions of Fairground Road and if we're able to receive a Class 2 Paving Grant the Town is looking at possibly paving portions of Chelsea Road.

As always, the Highway Department would like to thank the residents of Bradford and give thanks to all of the local contractors who have helped the Town Highway Department and supported them throughout the years.

*Phil Page
Bradford Highway*

Farewell to Longtime Bradford Businesses...

Shearer's Greenhouse
and
North of The Falls Store



*We thank the Welch Family and staff
of Shearer's Greenhouse and
the Darling Family and North of the Falls staff for years of
dedication to our community.*

REPORT OF BRADFORD PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

As you all know, our police chief Jeff Stiegler was elected Grafton County Sheriff and resigned as chief effective January 2. The sheriff's job is a good career move for Jeff and we told him so and emphasized that we were sorry to see him go. We want to thank Jeff for all he did for Bradford and the professionalism he brought to the department.

We are proud to announce that Russ Robinson is our new chief. He was a sergeant for Bradford and before that a Vermont State Police lieutenant. Russ comes to us with a lot of experience as a road trooper, canine officer, patrol commander, detective and station commander. His long service in Bradford with VSP means he knows the area and the players very well.

We are also fortunate to have hired yet another veteran police officer. Rick Ostrout has been hired to fill the sergeant's position vacated by Russ. Rick just retired from the Vermont State Police where he spent the last six months in charge of the Waterbury policing contract. Before that he served eight years as a trooper assigned to the Bradford station, so he knows the town very well. Prior to joining VSP, he ran a successful business for many years.

Thanks to Phyllis Lavelle who left the Department \$10,000 in her will and the Byrne Foundation which awarded the Department \$7,000, we were able to purchase the Watch Guard System that includes cameras in the cruisers and body cameras for the officers, both of which record video and audio. It is the same system that the Vermont State Police purchased and will protect our officers, the public and the taxpayers.

We continue working on updating policies and procedures for the ever-changing world of public safety and the very litigious society we live in.

A Free and Impartial Policing Policy that meets federal and state laws has taken considerable time and has been much in the news. We believe the policy we have protects the public without hamstringing the police.

We are happy to say that our police department is currently staffed at a level we feel is what the town needs and what it can afford. Chief Russ Robinson and Sgt. Rick Ostrout work full time. Part time officers Andy Thibault and Steve Sampson work various shifts as needed. The members of our police department daily demonstrate the professionalism and type of community policing we desire.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gary W. Moore, Chair

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Fire Department consists of 23 members, three of whom are senior members. Additionally, we have two junior members. These are men and women who volunteer hundreds of hours each year. Out of the membership, eight are Firefighter 1 certified and four are Firefighter 2 certified.

More and more of our firefighters are working out of town, and it is getting harder to support the staff for daytime calls. We only have a hand full of firefighters that are in town during weekdays, and because of their jobs they are not always able to respond. Currently we are seeking additional volunteers.

The department responded to 172 calls in 2018:

Alarm Activation	35	Ambulance Assist	24	Agency Assist	2
Chimney Fire	4	CO Alarm	3	MV Accidents	34
Mutual Aid	15	MV Fire	1	Structure Fire	2
Outside Fire	6	Service Call	27	Dhart Landing	1
Smoke Investigation	4	Trees and Wires	14		

In 2016, the town applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the effort to help replace our aging airpaks. We were awarded \$113,649. With this, we were able to acquire 17 airpaks; a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) Pack. The firefighters raised additional funds to purchase a 5-gas meter. This equipment went into service April 2018.

In the past, our fire trucks have been maintained by the same heavy truck repair shop. Fire trucks would be taken down once a year for inspection and service. This summer we found out that the company was not properly servicing the trucks. Engine 1, the 2008 E-One Pumper, had to have the engine rebuilt because the air filter was not changed resulting in fine sand getting into the motor. The company performing service could not produce information on the air filter being changed in this truck going back six years. They did confirm that the other fire trucks' air filters had been replaced. This was a cost to the town of \$26,167 which was taken out of the Fire Department's capital improvement fund. A new service provider has been found to maintain the truck and service is being done according to engine hours and mileage.

SAFETY FIRST!

- Make sure you have a working fire extinguisher, CO detectors, and smoke detectors in your home and change the batteries as recommended.
- Make an emergency escape plan and practice it, especially with your children. It is good to have more than one escape route in place. Have a meeting place out of harm's way when exiting your house. Fire is very unpredictable; and if a plan is practiced, it can save lives.
- Since we are a small community, make sure to always check on your neighbors. Remember, if you have an emergency, call 9-1-1, and we will be there for you.

You may also check us out on the Town of Bradford's website at www.bradford-vt.us, Like us on Facebook (Bradford Fire Department Inc.), or email us directly at Bradford.firedept@gmail.com.

*Ryan Terrill
Fire Chief*

REPORT OF BRADFORD FAST SQUAD

This past year, the Bradford FAST Squad increased the level of care we are able to provide by upgrading our service license to the paramedic level.

We currently have two paramedics, three AEMTs, and five EMTs. We also have four people who have completed their EMT class and should be testing in 2019.

In 2018, we had 408 requests through 9-1-1.

We look forward to servicing the Bradford community in the coming year.

We can be reached at 802-449-2051 or BradfordFASTSquad@gmail.com.

Stephen Sanborn NRP

REPORT OF BRADFORD MAIN STREET ALLIANCE AND BRADFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Bradford Main Street Alliance (BMSA) continues in the capacity of a Village Center Designation. This allows Bradford to apply for benefits including tax credits and state grants. The BMSA continues to support the Bradford Business Association (BBA) by providing a non-profit status for grants and other services and provides event insurance coverage for the annual events the BBA coordinates.

The Bradford Business Association is a group of local Merchants working as a team to provide fun, family friendly events that draw positive attention to the Bradford community while helping the local economy grow.

2018 was a triumph for the BBA. We organized “Customer Appreciation Days” during the last week of May for all to enjoy. We organized the Bradford Parade in July and we put on one of our most successful Midnight Madness events in recent history.

We inherited the task of ensuring window boxes and flower beds on Main Street had seasonal arrangements to enhance the beauty of our small charming town.

To a poorly researched *Valley News* article that described Bradford as a failing economy and suffering community, the BBA responded in a letter to the editor with positivity, strength, truth and data showing that despite the closure of several beloved, longtime businesses, Bradford is not failing. We are thriving and “Open for Business.”

So much so that this year there are plans for instituting a “First Friday” event each month where Bradford businesses offer fun events and sidewalk sales on the first Friday of every month. We also hope to add more events including music, local talent, and theater to our Midnight Madness itinerary for 2019.

A thanks to all local merchants who contributed and participated in the 2018 events. We happily invite all local businesses that would like to join the BBA. Meetings take place the first Tuesday of every month from 8 to 9 a.m. at The Space on Main.

On to 2019! We are excited for what’s to come!

*Bradford Main Street Alliance report submitted by Sherry Brown
Bradford Business Association report submitted by Erin Fredieu*

REPORT OF BRADFORD POLICE CHIEF

It has always been my honor and privilege to provide you with the Police Department report. I am pleased to inform all of you that the number of police related incidents and traffic violations have declined slightly this past year.

In 2017, Bradford Police attended to 671 calls for service and in 2018 that number fell to 641 calls. In 2017, we stopped 1,106 motorists and in 2018 we stopped 534 (Bridge Detour on Rt. 25B yielded 541 traffic stops in 2017 that caused the spike in traffic stops). These numbers signify that our efforts are sending a clear message about public safety in Bradford. Maintaining a consistent and proactive local police presence builds on Bradford's business friendly outlook and family-oriented culture. The Vermont State Police has also continued to partner with us and answered 606 calls for service in our absence this past year.

Many of you have asked about what my greatest reflections have been as your Police Chief and what I have enjoyed the most about the job. The answer is really, people and trying to build on relationships. A very wise police chief once told me that when the community and the police work together, the outcomes are unmeasurable on the scale of success. This has been a common theme so many times in Bradford when we have worked collaboratively for the common good. I must also say that the greatest piece of technology I have ever seen in over 30 years of policing came to fruition in 2018 at the Bradford Police Department. Through a very generous donation from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, accompanied by an extremely thoughtful gift from Phyllis Lavelle after her passing, the Bradford Police Department now has state-of-the-art WatchGuard camera systems that have an independent server to prevent any commingling of the audio and video encapsulations of our police interventions. I consider these cameras tools just like any other piece of equipment a police officer is issued. This system protects people on both sides of the lens while assuring transparency and accountability that people are seeking in 21st century policing.

In closing, I want to thank all of my Bradford co-workers, the Bradford Public Safety Commission, Bradford Selectboard and all of you for your support over these past six plus years.

I am hopeful you are as supportive of Chief Russ Robinson in his new position as neither he nor anyone else can do the job without you. Please remember to call 802-222-4680 or 9-1-1 if you need police services in 2019. Our administrative number for non-time sensitive matters remains 802-222-4727 Ext. 301. My best to all of you in the days ahead; Bradford is truly a great community thanks to so many of you!



A surprise farewell party was given in honor of Chief Stiegler on December 20 by the Bradford town employees at the Bradford Academy.

*Jeffrey F. Stiegler
Chief of Police
August 1, 2012 – January 3, 2019*

**Our Thanks to Jeff Stiegler
for 6^{1/2} years of service
to our Town.
We wish him
all the best in his
new role as
Grafton County Sheriff!**

BRADFORD'S NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

**On January 3, 2019,
Police Chief Russell Robinson
took office
and
Sgt. Richard Ostrout joined
the Bradford Police Department.**



**BRADFORD
POLICE CHIEF
RUSSELL ROBINSON**



On December 27, 2018, Selectboard Chairman Ted Unkles swore in Richard Ostrout as Sergeant, joining the Bradford Police Department. Russell Robinson was sworn in by Unkles at the same meeting.

REPORT OF BRADFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Be careful and be prepared. Watch out for your neighbors and help one another. That is what living in a community like Bradford means.

You can help protect your family and property by being security conscious. Lights are a big deterrent and game or security cameras can help police identify perpetrators after the fact. Various companies offer sophisticated security systems but they are not cheap.

The best thing we can do is pay attention. Note strange vehicles and persons in the area. Watch your neighbor's property when they are at work or on vacation. Keep everything locked and under cover.

Record the serial numbers of expensive items such as chainsaws, kayaks, canoes and other items frequently stolen.

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

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

It is important that you have an evacuation plan that every member of the family is familiar with and that is practiced. A designated place outside the home to meet is critical so that it can quickly be determined if anyone is missing.

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

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

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

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

It would be naive to think no one was making meth in this area when it is occurring all over the state. As meth is an illegal drug and the making of it is a criminal offense, the disposal of the waste and paraphernalia used in the process is often done with no concern for those who may encounter it.

Likewise, drug users often toss used needles out. They can infect anyone who handles them. Should you find liter soda bottles with plastic tubes in their caps or white residue inside or you find needles, do not touch them. Be safe. Call the police.

Gary W. Moore
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING

Another year has come and gone. Winter is here. The weather has been like a roller coaster ride with fluctuating temperatures, snow, sleet, rain, etc. We have had it all and as I write this, it's still early in winter. Be safe outside.

Heating the Bradford Academy building has been a challenge over the years with learning and understanding its unique steam heating system. This has kept me on my toes. With continued monitoring and maintenance, I feel that the heating system is doing great. Areas throughout the building are heating up evenly – “ambient.”

During the winter months, both boilers are on 24/7 maintaining 5 psi. of pressure. We had to do this because the boilers were not running all the time causing uneven heating, excessive makeup water, not efficient at all.

With these changes, we did not budget enough for fuel in 2017. For the 2018-2019 season we will get a better idea of the #2 fuel oil we will burn in the future. The heating season starts mid-October and runs until the end of April.

There was a generous donation left to the town by our former good neighbor, Phyllis Lavelle, who passed away in 2017. With the BA's portion, we installed new window shades in Conference Room 10A and in the auditorium. We hired Valley Floors to order and install them with the help of their sales associate Greg Hodge. They look great. Many thanks to the Lavelle family for the gift.

A lot of small jobs have kept me busy throughout the year. Painting projects around the building included the moldings and second-floor bathroom. There was also the annual waxing of the gym and auditorium floors.

Busy! That sums up the BA building use. With basketball in the winter season, events, meetings, plays, ballet recitals – it's great to see the community using the BA.

I would like to thank the residents for their support of this beautiful building and I hope you and your families enjoy what it has to offer.

A big thank you goes out to the Selectboard, Town employees and numerous volunteers who make Bradford a nice town to live in.

Special thanks to the following for the services they provided in 2018:

- ARC Mechanical Contractors (boilers)
- Bill Walters (electrical)
- Valley Floors (window shades and flooring).

*Claude Ciurleo
Facilities Manager*



Old Church Theater volunteers hold posters for the upcoming fund raiser, “Winter Cabaret,” with the just completed annual mailing on the table in front, promoting the 2018 season and advance ticket sales along with an appeal for donations to the Old Church Restoration Fund.

REPORT OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Another successful year has come and gone at the Bradford Historical Society's museum. Our museum was open on the first Friday of April and May and then every Friday from June through October.

This year our total visitor count was up and many new folks came to enjoy the photo display of Philip Ross Hastings, a Bradford native and BA graduate who was an accomplished photographer documenting train history from steam to diesel all over the US including Bradford and other Vermont lines. This exhibit was featured in the *Valley News* newspaper as a "must see" of the Upper Valley. Curator Larry Coffin and Board Member Diane Smarro spent many hours combing through many pictures, articles, magazines and family documents picking out the best photos to display in our new "Swing Wing Unit" that was purchased with funds from the Phyllis Doe Lavelle Estate donation to the Town of Bradford.



Museum Curator Larry Coffin, left, and Board Member Diane Smarro show the new Swing Wing Unit that was purchased with donations from the Phyllis Doe Lavelle Estate.

The "Oldest Female Citizen Cane" was returned by Eris Eastman when she moved to Florida; we presented it to Vera Grant at a little family gathering in December. When Mrs. Grant moved to the Atkinson Home, the cane was again returned, and the search for the next recipient determined that Eris Eastman had returned to Bradford and is eligible for the cane again. The "Oldest Male Citizen Cane" was held by Robert Valliant and was returned upon his death. Robert Pierson is now the holder of this beautiful cane made by our own Harry McLam.

BHS has taken over the responsibility of decorating veterans' graves at all four Bradford cemeteries for Memorial Day and removing them after Veterans Day. We are happy to have Bradford's Cub and Boy Scouts help us with this project. In recognition of Veterans Day, Martina Stever and I worked with the Oxbow Student Council and their advisors to present a program, "Veterans Day; Through the Years" for the entire student body. Area veterans were invited to participate and be recognized for their service. BHS President Meroa Benjamin gave a brief overview of how Bradford men and women have answered the call to serve our country through the years. A letter from General Earnest Harmon of Newbury was read, and photographs from 2nd Lieutenant Harold W. Haskins of Bradford were shown. A collection of artifacts was displayed for the students to view.

Professional quilt appraiser Sarah Palmer shared her knowledge and expertise with

us as we examined our quilt collection; many others also shared their valuable quilts. In conjunction with the Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, historian and author Carrie Brown presented an interesting program on “The First Arsenal of Democracy “High Tech” in the Connecticut River Valley , 1875-1900.” Vermont was very much a front runner in the Tech world with machine and tool making.

New acquisitions include a Family Signature Quilt that was presented to the museum from the Silloway family in Randolph. This early 1800 quilt was made by family members who originated from the Goshen Church area, and some are buried in Upper Plain Cemetery. A doorbell and name plate from the front door of Charles A. Haskins, photographs of the falls reconstruction, and many other items were also acquired.

Larry Coffin opened the museum on BA Alumni Day and more than 40 took advantage of his guided tours of the Academy and our museum. The Annual Strawberry Festival concert featured the local duo of “Jen and Don” and was enjoyed by all on the lawn of Bradford Academy.

Game Supper Day, Martina Stever and Gloria Randall opened the museum and 48 guests enjoyed our museum, and they learned a little more about our Town and our rich history.

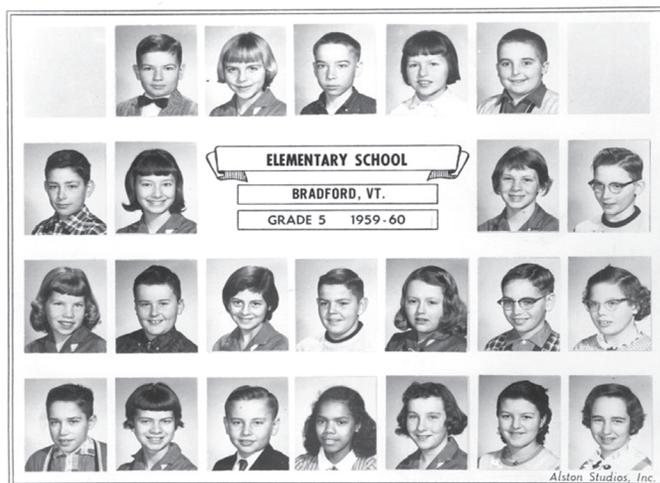
We were pleased to have been asked by the Margaret Pratt Community Living Center to help decorate the main halls of their new building with Bradford photographs. Larry Coffin and I worked with interior designer Regina Lawrence to select more than 20 photographs. The collection includes recent photos by area residents Anthony Brainerd, Bonnie Prouty and Meroa Benjamin as well as many historical photos from our files.

This past year, I have posted many pictures on our Facebook page (Facebook/BradfordHistoricalSociety) and we had more than 22,500 visitors view our posts. Pictures ranged from local buildings, events, advertisements, people, school, bands, and class pictures. Photographs from the 2018 Alumni Reunion were viewed by more than 2,600 people. The 1959-60 Class picture of Grade 5 garnered over 2,800 hits. This year has started out as well. The first picture I posted of East side of Main Street in 1974 had more than 1,900 hits in just two days. No doubt this is a great way to share our history.

Our current board members include; Larry Coffin, Curator, Martina Stever, Correspondence Secretary and Vice President, Janice Larabee, Secretary, Diane Smarro, Treasurer, Joe Sampson, Penny Perryman, Gloria Randall, Harry McLam, and Director Emeritus Jeanette Nordham. Newly elected members include: Donnalyn Burgess Lyon and Karen Manning Paquette.

We are looking forward to another exciting year as we “Preserve the Past and Embrace the Future” for years to come. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we work to make Bradford’s history come alive and be enjoyed by all.

*Meroa Benjamin
President*



This class picture of the Bradford Elementary School 1959-60 Grade 5 was posted on Facebook this year and garnered over 2,800 hits.

**REPORT OF VERMONT STATE POLICE
A Troop, St. Johnsbury**

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town during hours not covered by the Bradford Police Department. We also continue to work collaboratively with Chief Jeff Stiegler, and in the near future Chief Russ Robinson, to provide the best possible service for the residents of Bradford.

Throughout the year, troopers responded to a broad range of calls, and the total number of cases generated by the Vermont State Police was 583. Troopers also remained active in area schools and participated in a variety of community functions.

Here is a list of the offenses that Vermont State Police responded to in your town from January 1, 2018 to December 18, 2018.

AGENCY: ST. JOHNSBURY VSP	
<u>NATURE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Consent Search	11
Accident-Damage-DMV Report	23
Motor Vehicle Disturbances	25
DLS Criminal	15
Alarms	44
Agency Assist	98
Citizen Dispute	20
Citizen Assist	44
E911 Hangup	12
False Alarm	13
Motorist Assistance	12
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	27
Traffic Crash Non-Reportable	34
Welfare Check	30
All Other Incidents*	175
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THIS AGENCY	583

*Lieutenant Matthew Amadon
Station Commander
St. Johnsbury Station*

*There were 62 categories with less than 10 incidents per category.



Family Health and Safety Day was held April 22 at Oxbow High School. Geoff Nelson from Co-op Insurance instructs a youngster on how to properly extinguish a fire using the PASS system with the help of Erin Odell of Odell Insurance Agency. Sponsored by the Cohase Rotary Club and with Odell Insurance Agency agents on hand, attendees could dispose of old fire extinguishers, participate in handson demonstrations of fire extinguishers and learn about safety in the home. Pictured on the left are Becky Fischer and Doug Blanchard of Odell Insurance Agency.

Year of Growth on Main Street

Thomson Fuels, owned by Stacey Thomson, set up shop in the former Perry's building offering propane, heating oil and kerosene. Thomson Fuels also opened the gas pumps in September.



The former Hill's 5&10 building was renovated by owners Vin and Angela Wendell and became the home of Monique Priestley's vision – Space on Main. Years of planning and fundraising made this coworking and maker space a reality. Space on Main opened in October and has brought new people to town.



Main Street also welcomed Dough Boy's Pizza which opened Memorial Day 2018. Gerard Keating established his carpentry/restoration/contracting workshop in the former Bradford Bottle Shoppe. The Lower Plain welcomed Route 5 Auto which opened in the former Bradford Sales and Service location after BSS closed when Lane and Wilma Dexter retired.

REPORT OF BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION (BCC)

With Selectboard approval, BCC's bylaws were amended this year to read: "The Commission shall consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of nine members, appointed by the Select Board. Not more than three members may be non-residents of the Town of Bradford." With that approval, the BCC welcomed Shilo Gregory as its newest member.

At the end of 2017, Bradford was one of 10 Vermont towns selected to participate in the Town Forest Recreation Planning Project, funded by the National Forest Service and in collaboration with the VT Urban & Community Forest Program and UVM Extension Service. A private consultant firm, EC Group, worked with our 16-member Steering Committee which held 2 forest walks, 2 public forums and collected survey responses about our Town Forest. The culmination of this yearlong effort was a comprehensive Town Forest Recreation Plan based on the input of local participants in the process and endorsed by the Selectboard. Noted below with asterisks are some of the priorities set forth in the plan that the BCC has already begun work on.

Stewardship

- *A Bradford Trails Collaborative is being organized by Shilo Gregory. It will have a Steering Committee to establish its mission and to develop a list of potential volunteers to groom and maintain trail resources in Bradford.
- Trail grooming in the WM/DD Town Forest was assisted by Oxbow High School students in May and by members of the Green MT Club in June.
- The 2018 Race to the Top was coordinated by Rick & Caroline Evans with Monique Priestley on June 2nd. It hosted 64 kids on the 1.5 mile course and 38 adults on the 3.5 mile route. The fastest youth was Abe Musty, age 10, at 15 minutes and the fastest adult runner was Stephan Dunn, age 28, at 34 minutes, 6 seconds.
- The Wilderness Trail was re-routed this summer, thanks to the efforts of Riley Hudson, Aaron & Bentley Rivers, Shilo Gregory, Tom Gray & Andrea Franklin. The new section of the trail was then blazed and GPS'd by Angela Wendell, Susan Underwood & Nancy Jones. Upper Valley Land Trust will provide an updated Trail Map.

Management

- The BCC hired Jeremy Hatch to clear the large landing area at the intersection of the Woods Road and Commemorative way to restore it to its former state of openness
- *3 new trail head signs will be installed at Wrights MT, Devil's Den & Tillotson's Trek trailheads this year.
- *Due to safety issues, the foot bridge on the Chase Hollow Trail has been replaced by Shilo Gregory, Tom Gray and Angela Wendell.
- *In 2019 the parking areas at Wrights MT and Tillotson's Trek trail heads will be expanded to accommodate more vehicles and enable school buses to safely park and turn around. Tillotson's Trek trail head will then have all-season access. Funding for this project has been sought from the Recreation Trails Program of VT Forests, Parks & Recreation Division.

Information and Education

- The 2018 Friends of Wrights MT Scholarship was awarded to Isabella Giesing.
- First Monday environmental documentary films were shown at Colatina Exit Upstairs each month in 2018.
- Two films: *Negotiating with Nature*, presented by the filmmaker, and *The Eagle Huntress*, followed by a VINS Raptor presentation were shown at the BA Auditorium.

Beautification

- The BCC gave \$150 to the Bradford Business Assoc. for Fall plantings in the Downtown planter boxes.
- Plans have been made to replace sickly weeping crab trees at the edge of Denny Park.

Conservation

- Benefits for the Bradford Conservation Fund included the Annual Yard Sale on Memorial Day weekend, private donations, the \$5,000 allocation at 2018 Town Meeting, Colatina's Buck-A-Pie Week, and being the food vendor at The Giving Fair.

REPORT OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Bradford Beautification Committee is a group of volunteers who have worked for many years to make our community more attractive for residents and visitors.

This year, the committee used the annual appropriation from the Town, supplemented by donations, to maintain perennial gardens at the Bradford Academy including the area around the Veterans Memorial, in the Memorial Park near the Library, at the corner of Barton and Main streets, the stone water boxes and at the gazebo in Denny Park.

The members of the Committee this year were: Carolyn Coffin, Cynthia Bazzano, Kathy Thibault, Margaret Kidder, Diane Smarro, Diane Bennett, Harvey Dorr, Jeff Bensel, Kathy Munson, Geri Mooney, and Penny Hodge. Emeriti members are Carolynn Floryan, Vida Perry-Munson and Jeannette Nordham.

The Beautification Committee is open to volunteers who wish to help with this important civil responsibility. Gardening experience is helpful, but not necessary. Those who wish to work with the Beautification Committee may contact me at 802-222-4423.

Carolyn Coffin



The gardens in front of the Bradford Academy are beautifully maintained by members of the Beautification Committee seen above. Below is the end result – bright, colorful perennials for all to enjoy.



REPORT OF GREEN UP DAY AND TIRE EVENT ACTIVITY

Once again, Bradford's Green Up Day 2018 was quite productive! Bradford families and friends as well as Veteran's Place signed up as did the Bradford Cub Scout pack and their parents .

Townwide participation yielded 1.1 tons of mixed green bags, trash bags, and recyclables which included tires, blue board, plastic bins and buckets, glass, televisions, bedding and clothing. All of which were loaded into the rolloff parked in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot.

The Spring Tire Recycling event held in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot yielded over 260 tires, 18 of these tires with rims. This total included 92 assorted tires from River Bend Career and Technical Center's Automotive class under the direction of Robert St. Pierre.

Mr. St. Pierre also helped coordinate a community service project with the assistance of Meredith Puffer, Math Instructor along with Mr. Reimanis and the Pre-Technical students. On a cold, wet April 26, these students picked up a total 77 tires on South Road.

I thank everyone who participated in the Green Up Day cleanup and the Tire Event. Bradford looked green and clean clearly the result of our community's hard work.

I look forward to seeing you on May 4th on Green Up Day!

*Barbara Kulzyck
Green Up Day Coordinator
Bradford Conservation Commission*

REPORT OF CEMETERIES (UPPER PLAIN & SAWYER)

This year we got off to a rocky start with no help at the cemeteries. I pitched in and did what I could. When the high school boys were there, they did a good job. We had 14 burials. The lawn mower went in for a new deck.

Hours spent working at the cemeteries in 2018:

Upper Plain, 734 hours; Sawyer, 379.

Total hours: 1,113 hours.

As you can tell by the hours worked, the cemeteries were not as well taken care of this year as in the past.

Gary Tillotson



LOCAL COMPANY GIVES BACK—Odell Insurance Agency donated \$750 to Blue Mountain Afterschool Program which was matched by Cooperative Insurance Companies. The money will be used to help fund the startup costs to initiate the afterschool program. Shown at left are (l-r) Brian Emerson of River Bend Career and Technical Center, Erin Odell from Odell Insurance Agency and Molly Dugan Sullivan from Watch Em Grow representing the new afterschool program at BMU.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Calls for the year have been down. Maybe people are watching their animals better, let's hope. We have also had a lot less calls concerning cats this year. The most important things you can do is to: 1. make sure your dog has its tags on; 2. have your dog microchipped (chip under the dog's skin) so if the collar slips and the dog loses it, we can still find its owner.

When leaving your number in my pager system, please make sure to include all numbers (with area code). This is very important if you are using a cell phone number. For example, you have a cell phone that is 802-272-0000 with no area code. I will try calling 603-272-0000 thinking it's a Piermont number. The other night this happened and I reached someone in New York. I know when your dog is missing, it's hard to put numbers in. In addition, please do not give me a cell number if you don't have your voicemail set up.

If you call to say your dog is missing, please follow up and call me if you do find it. I keep a list of missing dogs, and I am sure you don't want me calling at midnight to say I found your dog when you already know that.

Wayne E. Godfrey ACO
1-802-741-1640

Connecticut Valley Fair and Parade – July 12 to 15, 2018



REPORT OF BRADFORD RECREATION DIRECTOR

Another year has come and passed so quickly, my first full year as director has been productive and seen its share of success and excitement in the upcoming programs. I look forward to another year of serving this community and improving the programs and activities we provide.

Two major projects we executed this year were the multiple purchases for and updates to the Elizabeth's Park building. Two new doors were installed and feature automatic door locks. An added flood light to illuminate the flag pole, as well as updating the current camera system and heating system were completed. New to be installed Spring 2019 will be two new play items. Parks and Recreation would like to thank the Walter Lee Fund for making this all possible, as well as the vendors who supported the project.

Secondly, was the BPRC Summer Camp, we had just under 60 campers throughout the summer, and averaged anywhere from 30 to 40 campers each week. We look forward to return this summer with the possibility of extending the program to eight weeks.

As always, we want to thank those who support Parks and Recreation throughout the year, everything we work so hard to plan is not possible without the volunteers and participants. Here are some events we are proposing for the coming year:

Winter:

- Snowball Skate and Slide – Ice Rink Grand opening
- Sweetheart Skate/Snowshoe (weather permitting)
- Winter Carnival
- Caroling

Spring:

- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Cornhole Tournament
- Community Day
- Tennis Lessons

Summer:

- Summer Camp
- 3 v. 3 Soccer
- Tennis Lessons
- Kayaking

Fall:

- Moonlight Hike
- Trunk or Treat
- Dodgeball Tournament
- Midnight Madness

The success of this year's programs and events we offer, are pivotal on our volunteers. The Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission is an amazing group of individuals, and they work to ensure the community's needs and wants are addressed accordingly. Please let us know if you're interested in being involved with BPRC or collaborating on future events and programs.

Mollie Hatch
Recreation Director
recreation@bradford-vt.us

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

CEMETERY FUNDS

Funds Invested with Stifel Nicolaus	12/31/18	\$42,105
Income Fund		<u>\$2,008</u>
Restricted Fund		\$40,097

Investment made up from the following funds:

Trustees of Public Funds	\$17,987	42.72%
Permanent Fund	6,295	14.95%
Johnston Fund	6,000	14.25%
Emerson Fund	5,246	12.46%
Rowell Fund	3,448	8.19%
Geneva Ostrout	1,958	4.65%
George Colby	1,019	2.42%
<u>Kendall Sanborn</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>.36%</u>
Total	\$42,105	100%

Grand Total Cemetery Funds	12/31/18	\$42,105
Balance as of	12/31/17	\$43,913

WALTER LEE FUND

Invested with Stifel Nicolaus	
Principal Fund as of 12/31/18	\$328,111
Interest available for future awards	\$78,849

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

The Fund is overseen by the Trustees of Public Funds and administered by the Walter Lee Committee that is appointed by the Selectboard. The Committee will review the grant requests made each year. Grant applications are available at the Town Office in late March of each year and must be submitted to the Committee for consideration by May 1st. Grant requests that are recommended by the Committee for approval are then forwarded on to the Selectboard for final approval. Funds that are awarded are to be disbursed by December 31st of that year.

Awards made this year were to: Bradford Youth Sports, \$730.61 for dry line field marker, infield drag mat & pitching machine; Bradford Park & Recreation Commission, \$30,895.16 for double doors & entry lock, illuminated flag pole, camera system, 2 play structures & heating system. This year a total of \$31,625.77 was used for the purposes Mr. Lee intended.

ELIZABETH'S PARK

Invested with Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank CD	
Balance as of 12/31/17	\$17,079
<u>Interest</u>	<u>+70</u>
Balance as of 12/31/18	\$17,149

*Graham Gove
Anthony Brainerd
Martina Stever
Trustees of Public Funds*

REPORT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND

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

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

The Revolving Loan Fund received one application in 2018, and we are pleased to announce we were able to make a loan to this applicant to meet the needs of the business. The current balance of the Revolving Loan Fund, that is, funds available to lend, totals \$100,504 (unaudited) as of 12/31/18.

We encourage the small businesses of Bradford to review the guidelines for the RLF that are posted on the Town of Bradford website (under the Community tab) and apply if there is a need. These funds are here to support small business in Bradford. If you have specific questions, please call the Town Office at 802-222-4727, and they will connect you with a committee member.

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

REPORT OF BRADFORD YOUTH SPORTS, INC.

2018 was another great year for Bradford Youth Sports, Inc. We had approximately 275 participants in our Baseball/Softball, Soccer, and Basketball programs. These programs are 100 percent run by volunteers from the Bradford community. Over 20 coaches and parent volunteers stepped up in 2018 to make sure our Bradford youth enjoyed a quality sports experience.

In 2018, BYS ended up in a better financial situation from our various fundraising efforts and the generous support of the Walter Lee Committee. Thank you to all who donated to BYS in 2018. Again, after considering our current finances and past expenses, we will not ask for any Town appropriation for the coming year. We want to express our deepest gratitude to the voters of Bradford for their past and future support.

As we look forward to 2019, there is much excitement in the BYS community as we continue to improve our programs for the benefit of our young players.

*Josh Danforth
Secretary*

REPORT OF DOG ACCOUNT

		Fees	\$2,238
171	Spayed	Late Fees	\$900
191	Neutered	Kennel	0
34	Female	State of Vermont	\$2,200
44	Male	Total Collected	\$5,338
		Paid to State of Vermont	-\$2,200
440	Total Licenses Sold	Total Revenue	\$3,138

VSA Title 20 § 3581 General Requirements

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

DOG LICENSE FEES

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

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

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

A Rabies Clinic
will be held at the Bradford Firehouse at which time Bradford residents may license their dogs. You must bring or have on file neutering and rabies certificates before licensing your dog.
The clinic will be held
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

REPORT OF BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

2018 Highlights:

We were saddened by the passing of former Commissioner Larry Drew on December 2, 2018. Larry was a valuable member of the Water & Sewer Commission and the Bradford community. He will be missed.

2018 saw several changes involving our departments. Ronald Moore retired as the Assistant Chief Water & Sewer Operator following over a decade of service to the community. We were fortunate to hire Michael Tessier as the new Assistant Chief Operator. Mike is quickly settling into the position and has received his provisional licenses for both water and sewer.

The former office manager resigned in the spring. We had already taken steps to streamline and re-organize some of the job duties for this position, especially on the financial side. The Commission was able to hire Jesse Meyer for approximately 10 hours a week to fill the void created by the resignation of the former office manager. Jesse is already employed by the Town as the Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility had an official inspection performed by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in the spring of 2018. This inspection is performed typically once every five years. Due to circumstances at the state level, however, this inspection had not been performed for approximately 12 years. We are happy to report the facility passed inspection with an excellent rating.

There were two substantial water main breaks during 2018, both occurring in January and February. The first leak was the largest, and occurred on Creamery Road. We were able to isolate the location, thanks to assistance from Ryan Terrill and Bradford Fire Department personnel, and Commission member Dan Perry III.

Chief Water & Sewer Operator Jon Thornton was elected to the Board of Directors for the Vermont Rural Water Association in May and is currently serving on that board. The VRWA provides us with critical technical and training assistance that would be very expensive to obtain if we were not a member of the association.

In closing, the Commission would like to thank the Town of Bradford personnel who assisted us throughout 2018.

Other Important Information:

The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. All meetings are held in the Water & Sewer Commission office on the 2nd floor Room 28A of the Bradford Academy, unless otherwise posted. Our phone number is (802) 222-4315. In the case of an emergency, technical personnel can be reached by our emergency pager number, (802) 741-1248. We can also be reached by email at water-sewer-admin@bradford-vt.us (administration) or water-sewer@bradford-vt.us (Chief Operator). We also have pertinent information listed on the Town of Bradford website, www.bradford-vt.us.

Bradford Water & Sewer Commission



Ron Moore (standing center) is all smiles during a luncheon to celebrate his retirement from the Bradford Water & Sewer Department in February. The assistant chief system operator is stepping down after 12 years to spend more time at home. He is joined in the photo by (clockwise from top left) chief system operator Jon Thornton, selectboard member and commissioner Dan Perry III, commissioner Robert Lefebvre, and commissioner Leonard Dobbins.

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2018)

DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018		2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME							
Water Income	290,000	315,273	305,000	287,746	290,000	287,686	290,000
Water Interest & Penalty	2,200	3,041	3,000	3,261	3,000	3,190	3,000
Total Water Income	292,200	318,313	308,000	291,007	293,000	290,876	293,000
ADMINISTRATION							
Water Commissioner Salary	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,925	1,738	1,925
Water Salary Chief Operator	52,200	50,679	53,766	51,950	53,509	56,626	57,824
Water Salary Admin	17,802	17,284	18,336	18,086	18,628	8,466	6,137
Payroll Wtr SS	4,405	4,277	4,537	4,389	4,520	4,105	4,893
Water Health Insurance - Thornton	14,268	14,268	14,910	14,910	15,656	15,656	16,438
Water Health Insurance - Admin	7,134	7,134	7,455	7,455	7,828	3,137	0
Water Retirement - Thornton	1,566	1,520	1,613	1,559	1,605	1,699	1,735
Water Training	200	59	200	88	400	102	400
Total Administration	99,450	97,097	102,692	100,311	104,071	91,529	89,352
OPERATIONS							
Uniforms	300	154	300	256	300	268	300
Water Office Supplies	2,500	2,244	2,500	1,397	2,500	1,145	1,800
Postage & Delivery	500	589	750	1,189	750	1,395	1,500
Advertising	200	-	100	35	200	14	200
Water Hardware/Software	500	204	2,000	2,241	2,100	902	2,500
Water - NEMRC	1,000	-	500	481	500	602	500
Water Mileage	300	314	350	107	500	167	400
Electricity - Appleton Dr	14,212	13,798	14,638	13,693	14,104	13,127	14,000
Electricity - Fairground	2,717	2,638	2,799	2,235	2,302	1,967	2,150
Electricity - Goshen Rd	3,376	3,278	3,477	2,814	2,899	2,071	2,200
Electricity - SCADA Mink Hill	263	255	271	258	265	237	275
Water Propane	325	190	350	542	750	519	750
Water - Telephone	2,500	1,649	1,750	1,197	1,750	1,519	1,750
Water - Pager	100	102	125	168	150	61	150
Water Meters	1,500	1,996	1,500	2,115	150	1,216	2,000
Water New Equipment	1,000	-	6,000	4,802	5,000	9,001	7,000
Hydrants	1,000	858	1,500	251	15,000	0	15,000
Grounds Maintenance	150	47	100	40	100	0	100
Water - Safety	300	-	200	-	200	0	200
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	300	239	200	6,137	1,000	0	1,000
Licenses and Permits	750	590	750	675	1,250	305	1,200
Water State Permits	5,000	4,654	5,000	3,938	1,000	3,929	3,000
Water - Legal Fees	1,500	27,966	1,000	506	1,000	0	1,000
Water - Audit	6,000	4,285	6,000	4,060	6,000	4,183	5,000
Brushwood Easement	-	12,500	-	-	-	0	0
Property, Flood & Casualty	6,650	7,356	7,500	8,616	9,000	8,575	7,500
Water - Unemployment Insurance	150	168	150	95	150	65	150
Water - VLCT Dues	-	-	250	233	250	238	250
Office Space - R&M	-	-	-	-	-	0	0

**BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2018)**

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DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018		2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Water Truck Maintenance	1,000	1,669	1,200	1,603	1,200	538	1,500
Truck Gasoline	800	409	600	875	900	1,109	1,200
Water Chlorine	500	470	500	-	500	899	1,000
Water Fluoride	1,000	498	800	498	1,000	0	1,000
Contracted Services	1,500	1,468	1,500	2,016	1,500	1,949	1,800
Water Materials	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Water Repairs	8,000	6,809	8,000	988	8,000	20,967	12,000
Water Customer Re-bill	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	1,591	
Water New Work	2,000	-	6,000	576	6,000	4,181	6,000
Water Maintenance	3,800	1,846	2,500	708	2,000	144	1,500
Fairground Road Booster Pump	-	-	-	10,956	-	0	0
Water Outside Testing	1,200	2,501	2,800	1,040	1,200	980	1,200
Water Security	3,000		2,000	-	2,000	0	2,000
Farr Lane Repair & Maint.	1,000	-	1,000	672	1,000	0	1,000
Water Bond - #361501 H&NP	16,000	12,747	14,000	4,801	4,500	4,617	4,500
Water Direct Line Bond RF	7,700	7,603	7,700	7,603	7,650	7,603	7,650
Well Head -Land Pmt WSP-002	4,100	4,033	4,100	4,033	4,050	4,033	4,050
Water Bond RF3-085	3,150	3,113	3,150	3,113	3,125	3,113	3,125
Water Bond Improvement Project	77,800	74,186	77,800	74,186	74,200	74,186	74,200
Water Miscellaneous	400	191	300	812	750	91	500
Water Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Expenses	400	-	200	-	200	0	100
Total Operations	192,443	208,616	200,210	177,561	193,945	182,507	201,200

Total Water Expenses	291,893	305,713	302,902	277,872	298,016	274,036	290,552
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BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION WATER & SEWER BONDS & LOANS							
<u>Dept</u>	<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/17</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/18</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Water	Well Head Protection (WSP-002)	April 2001	60,000	April 2020	11,408	7,717	3,691
Water	Direct Line (RF3-022)	November 2003	378,558	November 2032	146,776	134,770	12,006
Water	Water Improve Project (RF3-231)	November 2014	4,079,750	October 2044	3,155,250	2,986,407	168,843
Water	Goshen Road (RF3-085)	July 2007	155,000	July 2036	81,329	75,776	5,553
Water	Village Bond (361501)	July 1996	347,400	December 2026	30,578	26,972	3,606
Sewer	Village Bond (361501)	July 1996	173,700	December 2026	18,684	16,903	1,781
Sewer	Treatment Plant Upgrade (92-01)	June 2006	422,000	June 2036	325,621	312,987	12,634
			Total Long Term Debt		3,769,556	3,561,532	208,114

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER FUND: BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2018)

Assets		
Cash		
Due to/from General Fund	-161,453	
Total Cash		-161,453
Receivables		
Water Rent Receivable	45,026	
Water Unbilled Accounts Receivable	<u>23,982</u>	
Total Receivables		69,008
Fixed Assets		
Water Fixed Assets	12,500	
Water Fixed Asset Land	1,100	
Chlorine/Fluoride Equipment	1,000	
Computer Billing System	5,000	
Equipment	128,569	
Meters	15,000	
Water Mains & Hydrants	1,614,490	
Pump House - Appleton Drive	7,200	
Water - System Upgrade	4,445,183	
Storage Shed	3,000	
Wells	200,000	
Reservoir	400,000	
Water - New Truck Purchase	23,778	
Pump Station & Water Right	153,510	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-2,147,703</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		4,862,628
Total Asset		4,770,183
Liability		
Loan #RF3-231 - Water Improvements	2,986,407	
Logging Deposit	1,000	
Water - EPA Loan	75,776	
Note Payable - VT Bond Bank	7,717	
State EPS Revolving Loan	134,770	
VT Municipal - Bond	<u>26,972</u>	
Total Liability		3,232,642
Fund Balance		
Retained Earnings	1,304,387	
Water Capital Fund	<u>20,000</u>	
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		1,324,387
Fund Balance Current Year	213,154	
Total Fund Balance		1,537,541
TOTAL LIABILITY, RESERVES & FUND BALANCE		4,770,183

**BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
2018 DELINQUENT CUSTOMER LISTING**

Account	Customer Name	Location	12/31/2018
05-71-0079	Jeremy & Susan Huntoon	141 Ash St	104.74
09-75-0017	Gina Perry	36 Farr Lane	1,200.73 Disconnected
12-46-0012	Carol Perry-Meagher	9 Charlies Field Rd	104.55
21-93-0055	Edonila Newstrom-Anaya	105 North Pleasant St.	478.27 Disconnected
21-97-0354	Janet Johnson	19 Depot Street	3,209.47 Disconnected
22-87-0044	Jeffrey Weitz	13 Maple St	453.99
22-88-0033	Robert W. Nutting	63 Cobblestone Alley	253.98
22-90-0051	Jocelyn Pickett	97 South Pleasant St	2,371.56
22-91-0008	Dorothy Page	16 High St	1466.76 Disconnected
22-91-0074	Kendell & Margaret Brown	146 High St	585.63
23-98-0256	P&M Partnership	490 Lower Plain	1,262.26 Disconnected
Total Delinquent Accounts			11,491.94

COMPARISON
 Delinquent Water Accounts as of 12/31/18
 totaled
 \$11,491.94
 Delinquent Customers whose water was turned off
 as of 12/31/18 totaled
 \$7,617.49



**HALL OF FAMERS—Bear Ridge Speedway inducted five more members into the track's Hall of Fame during its annual awards banquet on Dec. 1. Pictured are the latest inductees, left to right, Brother Eastman, Norman Roulx, and Ralph Stygles.
 COURTESY PHOTO BY ALAN WARD**

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2018)

DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018		2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME							
Sewer Income	260,000	281,320	275,000	256,592	255,000	259,225	261,000
Sewer Interest & Penalty	2,300	3,189	3,000	3,150	3,000	2,322	3,000
Total Sewer Expenses	262,300	284,509	278,000	259,742	258,000	261,547	264,000
ADMINISTRATION							
Sewer Commissioner Salary	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,925	1,738	1,925
Sewer Salary - Asst Operator	43,019	41,766	44,310	43,011	44,301	42,586	38,563
Sewer Salary Admin	18,281	17,748	18,829	18,086	18,628	8,430	6,137
Payroll Exp-SocSec Sewer	4,674	4,538	4,815	4,657	4,797	3,954	3,420
Asst. Operator Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	6,767	9,442
Admin Health Insurance	7,134	7,134	7,455	7,455	7,828	3,137	0
Sewer - Training	100	163	200	40	400	166	400
Sewer Retirement - Moore	1,291	1,253	1,330	1,290	1,300	339	0
Total Administration Expenses	76,374	74,478	78,813	76,414	79,179	67,117	59,887
OPERATION							
Sewer Office Supplies	2,500	2,357	2,500	1,692	2,500	1,145	1,800
Sewer Uniforms	300	-	300	-	300	289	300
Sewer Advertising	100	-	50	35	200	14	200
Sewer Hardware/Software	100	204	2,000	227	2,000	2,278	1,000
Sewer - NEMRC	1,000	-	500	481	500	602	500
Sewer Mileage	400	481	500	502	600	117	500
Sewer Propane	6,000	1,712	3,500	3,510	3,500	3,611	3,700
Electricity - ARC	324	315	334	365	376	322	395
Electricity - Golf Station	1,947	1,890	2,005	1,937	1,995	1,918	2,200
Electricity - Municipal Plan	251	243	258	245	252	400	475
Electricity - Sewage Plan	15,147	14,706	15,601	14,768	15,211	15,112	15,950
Electricity - Maple St	2,301	2,234	2,370	2,260	2,327	2,599	2,750
Electricity - Industrial	2,491	2,418	2,565	2,359	2,430	2,336	2,500
Sewer - Telephone	3,000	2,403	3,000	1,721	3,000	2,029	3,000
Sewer - Pager	100	102	125	168	200	51	200
Sewer - Internet	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Generator Maintenance	5,000	1,835	5,000	2,525	6,000	3,509	6,000
Sewer Sludge Removal	12,000	13,902	15,000	13,290	15,000	3,283	15,000
Sewer Certification	200	-	600	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Sewer Discharge Permits	250	620	600	411	600	411	600
Sewer - Licenses & Permit	250	185	250	185	750	285	750
Sewer - Audit	6,000	4,285	6,000	4,060	1,000	4,183	5,000
Sewer - Unemployment Insurance	150	168	150	95	-	65	150
Sewer - VLCT Dues	-	-	250	233	9,000	238	250

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2018)

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DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018		2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Sewer New Equipment	6,000	654	6,000	3,987	6,000	2,940	8,000
Equipment Repair/Replacement	6,000	2,026	6,000	900	6,000	0	6,000
Sewer Chemicals	7,500	4,406	6,000	5,323	6,000	5,279	6,000
Contracted Services	3,000	1,961	3,000	2,655	3,000	2,589	2,800
Sewer Field	2,000	(2,347)	2,000	47	200	-43	200
Sewer Outside Testing	1,200	907	1,400	759	1,400	3,178	2,000
Sewer Lab Supplies	2,000	1,732	2,000	1,572	1,500	2,211	1,800
Sewer Plant Maintenance	10,000	3,939	7,500	2,899	5,000	1,524	5,000
Pump Station - Repair & Maint.	2,000	315	2,000	6,327	4,000	2,631	4,000
Sewer Water	800	811	850	763	800	854	800
Sewer Safety	700	310	700	461	700	0	500
Grounds Maintenance	1,000	185	750	444	600	231	600
Sewer Line Maint & Repair	10,000	10,641	12,000	5,840	8,000	4,512	8,000
Sewer Line - Main St Replacement	30,000	5,963	30,000	-	-	0	0
Sewer Taxes (Sweet)	2,500	2,019	2,500	2,016	2,500	2,156	2,500
Sewer Security	10,000	321	10,000	8,982	7,000	0	5,000
Sewer Bond Interest GMAC/		-	-	-		0	0
Sewer Bond - #361501 H&NP	8,000	6,296	7,000	2,371	2,400	2,280	2,400
Sewer USDA Loan 92-01	25,000	24,519	25,000	24,519	25,000	24,519	25,000
Sewer Miscellaneous	200	47	200	538	400	57	300
Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Operations Expenses	192,710	119,765	193,358	127,473	154,242	104,715	150,120
OTHER EXPENSES							
Insurance	8,200	9,073	10,000	10,627	11,000	10,576	9,300
Office Space - R&M	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Total Other Expense	8,200	9,073	10,000	10,627	11,000	10,594	9,300
Wastewater Golf Course							
WW - Golf Course							
WWGC - Engineering Costs	-		-		-		
WWGC - Admin & Legal	-		-		-		
WWGC - Construction	-		-		-		
WWGC - Miscellaneous	-		-		-		
Total Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total Sewer Expenses	277,284	203,316	282,172	214,514	244,421	182,426	219,307

**BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER FUND: BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2018)**

Assets		
Cash		
Due to/from General Fund	21,757	
Total Cash		21,757
Receivables		
Sewer Rent Receivables	40,156	
Sewer Unbilled Accounts Receivable	21,861	
Total Receivables		62,017
Fixed Assets		
Sewer Fixed Asset Land	6,000	
Sewer Equipment	45,753	
Sewer Plant	463,093	
Treatment Plant Upgrade	1,180,552	
Infrastructure Improvements	340,594	
Sewer Depreciation	-680,510	
Total Fixed Assets		1,355,481
Total Asset		1,439,255
Liability		
Sewer Bond Payable	16,903	
Rural Development	312,986	
Total Liability		329,889
Fund Balance		
Opening Balance Equity	1,002,611	
Sewer Capital Fund	15,000	
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		1,017,611
Fund Balance Current Year	91,755	
Total Fund Balance		1,109,365
TOTAL LIABILITY, RESERVES & FUND BALANCE		1,439,254

REPORT OF BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library continues to thrive as a community hub providing a welcoming space where people can access information, support, or try something new. Bradford Public Library offers books, DVDs, audiobooks, computer and Wifi access, and online resources. We have a number of small meeting spaces, video conferencing, 11 public computers, and library-wide internet access.

Our One-Card allows patrons to use their card at any of 10 participating libraries to check out books and other materials, and the Inter-library loan delivery service is putting more books in the hands of readers. We provide a number of free passes or discounted rates to some of Vermont's finest museums and attractions. In our children's room, we host to a weekly story hour, Makers Club, gaming group, seasonal crafting, after-school activities and special events during summer months and school breaks.

Last year, library transactions totaled 11,980 encompassing the use of print, audiobooks, and DVDs. Patrons borrowed 493 titles through inter-library loan services and 495 items were loaned to other libraries. A total of 2,691 downloadable audiobooks and ebooks were borrowed by our patrons through our subscription to Listen Up Vermont in 2018. More than 2,750 people came to over 200 library programs in 2018.

Special events this year included Vermont's Poet Laureate Sydney Lea, award-winning author Katherine Paterson, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), and the Children's Literacy Foundation. Special thanks to Bradford musicians David Rosane, Don Sinclair and Jen Grossi of the Zookeepers for their performance to raise awareness and advocate for literacy, community, and freedom of speech in Vermont libraries.

Library news and events may be followed via our website (www.bradfordvtlibrary.org), e-newsletter, Facebook and Instagram, as well as local newspapers and local online community list-serves.

Your Public Library continues to expand its services and grow as a valuable community asset, used and supported by many, all of which is made possible by our Library Director, Gail Trede, with assistance from Holly Young, Kathy Davidow, and a number of committed volunteers. Last June, we reluctantly accepted the retirement of our beloved Director Debra Tinkham.

In 2018, the Trustees embarked on a plan to make the building accessible to all. To date, we have constructed a new sidewalk entrance to the lower (North) entrance, complete with automatic door openers. If grant monies are approved, we plan several interior changes, including, but not limited to, upgraded bathroom facilities and a lift from the lower level up to the main floor, all of which must be done with minimal effect on the historical features of the library.

Our sincerest thanks to all individuals and businesses of the Bradford community (as well as some out-of-town patrons!) who have so generously supported our projects. About 65 percent of our annual operating budget comes from Bradford taxpayers, and we must raise the remainder through various means, such as fundraisers, gifts, grants, and the Annual Appeal.

Please do not hesitate to stop in for a visit, a tour, or to ask questions.



Bradford Public Library
802-222-4536
Hours: Tue & Sat 9 am-2 pm
Wed & Thu Noon-8 pm
Fri 10 am-5 pm
<https://bradfordvtlibrary.org>
bradfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com



REPORT OF THE COHASE ROTARY CLUB **Serving the Cohase Region of VT & NH**

We are always looking for members and projects to help with. I would love to discuss Rotary with anyone who is interested in learning more – at a club meeting or one-on-one for coffee. Get in touch!

This year, we awarded four scholarships to local high school graduates, trained youth leaders, supported literacy by donating books, and participated at both Spring and Fall Paddle the Border. We implemented a district grant to install kinesthetic classroom equipment at BMU, accepted applications for the districtwide Alonzo Malouin Teacher Scholarship, had various community members speak at our meetings, participated in So Long Summer – Hello Fall, and sponsored The Giving Fair at Oxbow High School. We invited area high schools to participate in District #7850's 4-Way Test speech contest and had the pleasure of selecting Bryannah Heywood from BMU, who progressed through to the district level. Bryannah was also our BMU scholarship recipient this year and continued on to Northern Vermont University – Lyndon. In order to help make up funds for both the BMU equipment grant as well as student scholarships, we held an all-you-can-eat Pi(e) Day Fundraiser at Court Street Arts (which will be held again in 2019 on March 14th).

Our biggest project each year is to raise money to award at least four \$1,000 scholarships, one to a student from each of Blue Mountain Union School, Oxbow High School, River Bend Career & Technical Center and Woodsville High School. Since 1999, our Club has awarded \$133,500 in scholarships. Most of the funds for our scholarships come from our annual Jr. High School Basketball Tournament. 2019 was our 52nd year for the tournament. We've received comments from many grandparents who recall playing in it themselves.

Additional Highlights:

We welcomed several new members into the club including Colleen Steele, Zachary Shepard, and Crystal Pearson. We were also delighted to welcome back Rotarian, Fred Swift who moved back from Texas.

Club President Monique Priestley, represented the club at: the 5-District Summit at Mount Washington Resort; the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada (which included 25,000+ Rotarians from 175 countries); and the Summit of Rotary International Zones 24 & 32 in Montreal, Canada (which includes Bermuda, Canada, France and the United States).

The Club provided funds to assist Wisdom Stoves to file for a trademark with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization.

We joined forces with Oxbow High School's Track & Field team to co-sponsor the annual Mud Run. We were joined by a collection of wonderful community organizations and vendors. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Every year we participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. We send three high school freshman/sophomore students to a long weekend of leadership development at Northern Vermont University – Lyndon. The RYLA program is run by previous recipients of the award.

Rotary International views literacy as a basic human right. Our club works with the Dictionary Project to donate dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Newbury Elementary School each year. This year, in addition to dictionaries, project leader Dennis Jowell worked with the school to also supply student atlases which were needed for their geography segment.

The Club contributed \$600 to a project that Club #6410 of Sherbrooke, Canada initiated with Club #6868 of Obregon Sur, Mexico. The money went to an international effort to plant community orchards in Mexico.

We provided a BMU class with newspaper subscriptions for Newspapers in Education.

We won Rotary District #7850's Club Sustainability Award: Strong, but Mighty.

Rotary International offers many opportunities that clubs can extend to students. We would love to work on Youth Exchanges and to set up EarlyAct, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs in schools.

We launched our Pay It Forward Volunteer Network, an initiative to match up volunteers and nonprofit causes in the Cohase region. Visit www.cohase.org/volunteer for more information.

The mission of the Cohase Rotary Club is to build meaningful friendships and build members up while we serve our local community as well as the world at large. We affect real change with real people interactions. We believe there is value by meeting in person, serving locally through hands-on projects as well as monetary donations and serving internationally with human development projects. If you believe that civic participation is an essential element in the lives of well-rounded business leaders and engaged community members, please consider becoming a candidate for membership in the Cohase Rotary club and connect with like-minded leaders. Get in touch with us at www.cohaserotary.org

Monique Priestley

Cohase Rotary Club President 2017-2019

Welcome to the Margaret Pratt Community: Truly a Community Dream That Became a Reality!

Fifteen years ago, a group of Bradford residents formed Enhanced Living, Inc. with the goal of building a senior-living facility in Bradford. With the land donation from the Pratt Family, ELI worked tirelessly to make the dream a reality. The groundbreaking was in December 2017. Grand Senior Living of Charlotte, Vt. came on board to manage the property. Construction began in 2018 with local contractor, H.P. Cummings. A target date of December 14, 2018 was set for the opening and throughout 2018 the facility became real. The goal was met and the grand opening was Dec. 14. The first residents moved in mid-December. Congratulations ELI and welcome Margaret Pratt Community staff and residents!



At the ribbon-cutting event held Dec. 13, 2018, the family of Margaret Pratt were in attendance for this special occasion (pictured above). Bottom left is the new management staff at Margaret Pratt Community Living facility. Bottom right is the ribbon-cutting ceremony with (left to right) Rebecca Stearns of Grand Senior Living; Judy Barton representing the late Dr. Jim Barton who was an integral part of ELI; Harriet Peterson, daughter of Margaret Pratt; Dan Hassan of Grand Senior Living; and Eileen Bolander of ELI.



REPORT OF THE SPACE ON MAIN

If you haven't noticed it yet, The Space On Main launched at 174 Main Street (the former Hill's 5 & 10) on October 12, 2018. The Space On Main is a 7,000 square foot, nonprofit, community-based coworking, maker, conference, event, and gallery space with a mission to foster entrepreneurship, innovation, the arts, education, health, and recreation in order to increase opportunity for personal and collective growth in the Cohase Region of Vermont and New Hampshire by providing a creative facility with access to affordable equipment, work spaces, and classes. It is our goal to ensure prosperity of our community by leveraging talent in the region by creating pathways to outside individuals, services, and technologies. This was truly a team effort supported by countless individuals and organizations from various reaches of the country and we cannot thank everyone enough.

The response to The Space has been overwhelmingly positive. Within the first six weeks, we exceeded our goal of interacting onsite with 1,000 plus individuals by Spring 2019. Community members attended Chamber of Commerce & Rotary International networking events, ArcGIS workshops, yoga classes, dance classes, peer-to-peer classes, family planning workshops, a Bradford Elementary School rock band concert, local community group meetings, local artist gallery receptions, puzzle groups, a creative economy gathering, and more. They telecommuted side-by-side with neighbors they had never met before. They attended interviews for a fellow startup nonprofit that was waiting for its facility to be built. They gained customers. And consulted. And coached. And donated time and resources. They each interacted with new people. They demonstrated the need for a shared Main Street community space. And this is just the beginning. More people are reaching out with new uses for The Space On Main every day!

Curious to find out more? I am always happy to grab coffee and/or schedule a tour with interested members, instructors, community organizations, sponsors, donors, etc. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you missed the ribbon-cutting ceremony and recent press in *Seven Days*, *Valley News*, *WCAX*, *Journal Opinion*, *Bridge Weekly*, etc. you can find all of that and more in our press and media kit: thespaceonmain.org/kit.

Special thanks go to our funders and sponsors: The Vermont Community Foundation, Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation, The Couch Family Foundation, The Arthur L. & Frances P. Hyde Fund, The Joe & Hellen Darion Foundation, The Harmon Family Foundation, Hypertherm HOPE Foundation, Odell Insurance, Co-operative Insurance Companies, Wells River Savings Bank, Copeland Furniture, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Colatina Exit, All-Access Infotech, Alarmco, Community Bank NA, Russ Priestley Designs, Four Seasons Sotheby's, Valley Floors, Donna Williams, H. Gilbert Welch, and hundreds of individual donors. And of course, this wouldn't have been possible without the patience, support, and capital investments of Vin and Angela Wendell and the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development. We cannot wait to see what 2019 brings!

*Monique Priestley
President & Founder*



The Space On Main, Inc.
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REPORT OF THE MENTORING PROJECT OF THE UPPER VALLEY

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

Trainings included one promoting mentee *resilience*, led by Chris Hultquist, Executive Director of Rutland County’s Mentor Connector. The second training in 2018 focused on celebrating *intellectual, physical and social differences*, led by Sam Drazin, Executive Director of Changing Perspectives. These trainings were funded by Mobius, VT’s Mentoring Partnership.

Wholesome group activities included a rousing sliding party and cookout on a hillside near a Mentor’s home; during a school break, tours of Copeland Furniture, Sargent Metal Works and Wooden House Company provided insight into employment opportunities in our area and job skills needed. A graduation celebration was held at Veterans Memorial Park, Hall’s Lake to celebrate the successes of our one high school grad, five 8th grade grads and one 6th grade grad. Mentees, Mentors and family members enjoyed kayaking, swimming, sailing and a cookout.

Cohesiveness and Community activities included the Annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner at Colatina Exit where guest speaker Syd Lea paid homage to our Mentors and shared stories of two adults who had a positive impact on his youth. On MLK National Day of Service, Mentors and Mentees volunteered to cook a meal for residents of The Haven in White River Junction. Mentors, Mentees and Board Members prepared 3,000 Annual Appeal letters that were sent to residents of Bradford, Newbury, Corinth and Fairlee. Our Annual Pizza Party for Parents & Families at Colatina Exit, featured Marko the Magician and celebrated the important role that parents play in supporting the mentoring relationship.

Evaluation in the form of our Annual Survey, revealed that:

- 100% of the Mentors surveyed responded that they strongly agree that they are happy with the amount of communication and support they have received.
- 100% of the Mentors surveyed responded that they strongly agree that they have noticed positive changes in their Mentees.
- 100% of the Mentors surveyed said that they strongly agree that they would recommend mentoring to their friends.
- 92% of the Mentees surveyed said that they agree that when with their mentor they feel important.
- 92% of the Mentees surveyed said they feel comfortable when they are with their mentor.
- 86% of the Mentees surveyed said that having a Mentor has made a difference in their lives.
- 86% of the Mentees surveyed said they would recommend having a Mentor to their friends.

Fiscal Sustainability is a challenge for a small, stand-alone private, non-profit organization. As such, support from funders and local individuals, organizations and towns has been the life-blood of The Mentoring Project. Grants in 2018 came from the Hypertherm Hope Foundation, the Byrne Foundation, Wells River Savings Bank, Community Bank Foundation of N.E, and Mobius, VT. Fifty-eight community members generously responded to our Annual Appeal. Our other fund-raising efforts included being invited to be the food vendor at Copeland’s Tent Sale, as well as our Annual Golf Tournament and Raffle. These events were highly successful thanks to the support of local people and businesses – too numerous to mention in the space allotted here. Be assured that the Mentors, Mentees and Board Members of The Mentoring Project cherish and honor this support.

*Susan Underwood, Board President
Nancy Jones, Program Coordinator*

REPORT OF BRADFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Bradford Community Development Corp. closed out 2018 with a variety of ongoing projects. BCDC renovated space so that the Old Church Theater group has a temporary home while funds are raised to renovate the Old Church Theater Building. BCDC has spent a few years searching for an acceptable way to take down the Health Food Store to allow for renovation of the Old Firehouse into a firehouse museum.

Plans are being discussed for the Hobb's House and its next life. Several suggestions have been made for the use of the 5 to 25 property but as of 2018 nothing has been determined.

The BCDC's part in repairs at the Sawyer Cemetery are in the final stage where BCDC helps fund repairs for families still active in the care of their family stones.

The Industrial Park properties have been sold and BCDC is very pleased with the various businesses that have moved into those properties. In addition, the last plot of land has been sold with the intent of adding another building and bringing more businesses to the area.

BCDC is enjoying working with the Operation Santa Claus group.

The current Stagecoach Bus Barn has reached its peak use and BCDC is happy to report that there are so many riders, Stagecoach has had to buy bigger buses which won't fit in the current building. Within a year or so, Stagecoach will be moving to its new Bradford location.

BCDC projects are funded by "sweat equity," grants and donations. BCDC does projects directly but also works as a support organization for other non-profits. Anyone interested in helping with a project, including tax deductible donations, can contact BCDC at PO Box 852 Bradford, VT and bcdc@charter.net.

BCDC Board Meetings are held quarterly. Date and times are announced in the *Journal Opinion*.

Joe Sampson, Chair



Mentees LaShanna, Morgen and Cameron with Mentor Emmy Hausman (second from left) cooked at the adult residence of the Upper Valley Haven on Jan. 15 for the 2018 Martin Luther King National Day of Service as a community service project with The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley.

REPORT OF OLD CHURCH THEATER

Last year was the 34th season for Old Church Theater, and in 2018, more than 1,600 patrons enjoyed five productions from June through October. Located across the street from the Bradford Academy and next to the Congregational Church, **our building is 225 years old and severely in need of repair.** Consequently, Old Church Theater has moved its operations temporarily to 176 Waits River Road this past season while the “old church” entered a three-year period of repair and restoration, with a hopeful reopening in 2021.

The restoration goals for the “old church” include: fixing the foundation and south wall, repairing the exits, solving the accessibility problems (entrance, stairs, bathrooms, stage access), enlarging the lobby and restrooms, installing new seating, and improving heating and ventilation. Although the “old church” is presently rented to the theater by the Congregational Church, Old Church Theater itself invested more than \$11,000 in 2014, improving the electrical capacity, exit lighting, lobby appearance, and ceiling fans for audience comfort. Moving forward in 2018, Old Church Theater began searching for funds through grants, gifts, and donations to preserve and repair the old building and make it usable year-round, not just for theater but for other community performing arts, remaining a vital part of Bradford for years to come.

The 2018 season of plays opened in early June with **“Pride @ Prejudice,”** followed by **“Stepmothers”** (a musical) in July, **“Squish”** and **“The Holding”** (one act plays) in August, **“As Long As We Both Shall Live”** in September, and **“With This Ring”** in October. Photos of each production over the past several years are available in the photos section of the Old Church Theater website. Each production ran for two weekends; Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 4 pm.

Old Church Theater is a non-profit organization under state and federal law and is governed by an 11-member board. Elected for 2019 are JUSTINA KENYON, SHEILA KAPLOW, Athene Chadwick, Gloria Heidenreich, KEN HULLICAN, Emma Steincross, Carrie Anne Quinn, Eli Hunt, Brendon Chadwick, Miles A. Conklin, and PAUL HUNT (Bradford residents in capital letters).

Tickets for the 2019 season will remain at \$12 for general admission, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$6 for students. A season ticket, good for five admissions and purchased by April 30th, costs only \$45. A five admission ticket after May 1st may be purchased anytime thereafter for \$50.

Old Church Theater is a volunteer organization and welcomes people of all ages and abilities to participate onstage, backstage, helping with costumes, makeup, publicity, scenery construction, ushering, and more. Old Church Theater treasures the support of its patrons and business community who donate and support its efforts. Of special note is Bradford’s newspaper, the *Journal-Opinion*, and Woodsville’s *Trendy Times*; both unfailingly review our productions. Thanks also goes to WYKR FM 101.3 for its support.



Old Church Theater cast and directors for August 2018’s one-act plays, “Squish” and “The Holding.”

Regarding donations, ticket sales, volunteering, and restoration updates, information may be found on our website www.oldchurchtheater.org, the special www.OCtrestoration.org website, emailing info@oldchurchtheater.org, or writing directly to Old Church Theater at PO Box 304, Bradford, VT 05033. From May through October, the box office phone (802-222-3322) is connected and requests may also be left on the answering machine there.

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

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) is a community-based, nonprofit organization, serving the adult education and literacy needs of Bradford residents for 53 years.

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

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

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

CVABE provides education services to an average of 28 Bradford residents annually and last year, 17 Bradford residents enrolled in our free programs. Additionally, 19 adults from surrounding towns accessed services at our learning center in downtown Bradford. Four volunteers from Bradford worked with CVABE’s professional staff to deliver and support literacy services. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one’s children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in its overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,055 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE’s professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

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

*Contact information: Bradford Learning Center, 24 Barton St., PO Box 917,
Bradford VT 05033, 802-222-3282; Administrative offices at the Barre Learning Center
at 802-476-4588, www.cvabe.org*



Members of the Bradford Academy Class of 1968 attended the school’s reunion at Oxbow High School on June 2.

REPORT OF ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER

Our primary focus is helping seniors.

How did we do in 2018? The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday weekly (except for certain holidays). That allowed us to:

- Serve a record number of meals this year.
- Serve and deliver 5,544 meals in Bradford.
- We offered foot and flu clinics; classes in exercise, balance, line dancing and computer instruction with internet; offered services of income tax preparation, and assistance filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- OESC has available a Wii game system.
- Distributed donated medical equipment
- Provided meeting space to AA, ALANON and the Cribbage Club.

How did we do all this? By having a dedicated staff and group of volunteers; by running Bingo every Monday night; by renting our space for events; and by holding fundraisers including raffles, a penny auction, and bake sales.

Our volunteers gave 3,723 hours to activities at the Center and drove 23,439 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from Bradford is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center. Everyone is welcome for meals and events.

Victoria R. Chaffee

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Area children had a chance to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny who joined families at the Bradford Congregational Church on Saturday morning. The event was a fundraiser for the Bradford Fair.

REPORT OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR BRADFORD

At the Vermont Department of Health, our 12 Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number below. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs.

In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana misuse with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).

- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.

- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.

- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.

- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.

- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.

- Share new data and reports including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.

- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.

- Work with local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.

- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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REPORT OF LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE

Little Rivers is now in its 13th year of operation and continues to grow in many ways. The most visible demonstration of growth this past year is the newly renovated Bradford clinic. This was possible thanks to a \$1-million federal grant and as a result, we now have more space for exam rooms, offices and reception, enabling us to add another medical provider and provide behavioral health services five days a week.

Less obvious but at least as important, we have also added to the services we provide to patients and the community. Among these are school-based behavioral health services, chronic care management, and coming soon, oral health services with a dental hygienist. The school-based behavioral health services began last spring at Blue Mountain Union School and will also include Oxbow High School during the 2018-2019 school year, with others not far behind.

In addition, our newly-launched Chronic Care Management (CCM) program which is now enrolling participants, provides additional support for individuals with chronic conditions. We recently hired a dental hygienist who will begin providing oral health screenings, cleanings, fluoride varnish treatments and sealant applications in the coming year. We now have an in-house resource for educating staff and community groups on better approaches for helping those who have been affected by trauma. Our medication assisted treatment (MAT) program is also growing, and we are now in the process of developing a pain management program.

Little Rivers also provided the following services to local residents in 2017 (the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission):

- 5,451 patients were served and accounted for a total of 21,264 in-person visits.
- 60 patients received substance use disorder treatment.
- 51 prenatal patients, 27 deliveries.
- 5,399 received care from a medical provider.
- 410 received mental/behavioral health services.
- 564 home visits were provided to homebound patients.

The Top 5 Most Common Chronic Conditions in patients managed were:

- 1,153 patients with hypertension.
- 1,008 patients with anxiety or mental disorder other than depression or substance abuse.
- 627 patients with clinical depression.
- 575 patients with diabetes.
- 372 patients with heart disease.

In 2017, Little Rivers contributed a total of \$5.5 million to the local economy, provided jobs for over 65 people and brought in over \$1.3 million in federal funding to our communities. In return for our grant funding, we are expected to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all.

*William Campbell, Board Chair
Gail Auclair, CEO*

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Little Rivers at Bradford, 437 South Main St., Bradford, VT, 802-222-9317

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REPORT OF SAFELINE, INC.

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,383 services for 334 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. 92 services were provided for 16 victims who identified themselves as residents of Bradford. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

This year, Safeline's staff participated in Bradford's Giving Fair and the Shine Your Light event in Bradford. We also presented a workshop about Elder Abuse for Bradford's Senior Meal Site.

We thank the voters of Bradford for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse.

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REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER

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

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 34 families from Bradford including 42 adults and 47 children.

*Mary Ellen Otis
Executive Director*

REPORT OF OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

For 31 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Newbury, Bradford, Fairlee, Corinth, Thetford, Groton, Ryegate, Topsham, and beyond.

Who are we? OSIP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with an important mission for its Adult Day Services. We promote the greatest possible level of health and independence for our participants, while providing relief for their families and caregivers. We're an all-volunteer board, so every penny donated goes to the program.

Where are we? In Montebello Hill Apartments, at the north end of Newbury Village.

Why are we here? We know that it's very difficult to keep loved ones living at home, especially if they have serious medical conditions. It's hard to go to work each day if you're not sure whether or not your loved one will be safe. And even if you are able to stay home most days, sometimes you need time to run errands, do work around the home, or just to reenergize. That's why we're here!

What do we do? (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plan activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime.

This past year, we provided 12,200 hours of direct-care service; 935 hours were specific to Bradford. More than 1,000 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

When do we do all this? Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Why do we count on Town support? Although we are state-certified and regulated, budget cuts have taken away nearly all of our state funding. We must raise our operating costs through individual donations and Town funds. Thank you for your support!

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In January 2018, Bradford Blue Wave students underwent testing to level up to new belt ranks. Several received yellow belts and two received high yellow belts. Blue and red belts were also achieved.

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

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

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

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, VNH made 3,033 homecare visits to 118 Bradford residents. This included approximately \$92,394 in unreimbursed care to Bradford residents.

Home Health Care: 1,730 home visits to 97 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Care: 295 home visits to 11 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 980 home visits to 8 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Skilled Pediatric Care: 28 home visits to 2 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

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

Hilary Davis
Director, Community Relations and Development
(1-888-300-8853)



Bradford Masonic Lodge held its annual cribbage tournament on March 23. More than 20 players competed as a fundraiser. The tourney attracted a number of card players from around the area. The money raised in the tournament goes to a scholarship fund for area high school students.

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

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is committed to fostering a vibrant economic climate by encouraging cooperation and communication among the region's communities, while ensuring a high quality of life.

Some of our major accomplishments for 2018 include but are certainly not limited to the following:

- Our **Annual Meeting** at Court Street Arts in January which included the presentation of our Citizen of the Year award and Business of the Year Award.
 - A successful **Regional Economy Business Breakfast** in May with a turnout of about 40 business leaders and representatives to discuss challenges and successes within our regional communities.
 - Co-sponsorship of the **Paddle the Border** events in May and October which brings people from all over to our region twice a year to celebrate our beautiful Connecticut River.
 - An extremely successful **Regional Garden Tour and Tea** in July featuring regional gardens and an afternoon tea. Almost 120 people attended from all over New England.
 - Our **Regional Farm Tour** in August which celebrated our area's agricultural heritage and featured open houses and tours at local farms. This year's event had good participation with some farms reporting over 100 attendees.
 - Our **48 Hour Film Slam** in September. A record eight teams participated this year from throughout our region with many local attendees attending the public screening.
 - **Business After Hours** events which brought together business people from throughout our region for networking and conversation.
 - **Educational workshops** targeted towards our regional business community including a SEO (Search Engine Optimization) workshop, a workshop addressing Tax Law Changes, and a QuickBooks workshop was organized that will be held in January 2019.
 - Promotion of a "**Buy Local**" mentality in our region through press releases, articles, social media and presentations as well as through our recurring **COHASE CASH contest**.
 - Development of a **Business Advisor Program** which should be fully released by 1st Quarter 2019, providing entrepreneurs and business owners looking to open or expand their businesses with a directory of local contacts along with their areas of expertise.
 - Active participation in and facilitation of community meetings and discussions centered on Economic Development and Workforce Development
 - Our annual **Regional Economic Summit** held in December 2018 bringing together local leaders, legislators and businesspeople to discuss economic challenges in our region.
- Your support is vital to us achieving our goals and helping to continue to make the communities within the Cohase region a vibrant and attractive place to live, work and do business.



Erik Volk
Executive Director

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Board members of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce, which serves area communities in both New Hampshire and Vermont, gathered for a photograph at the 2018 January annual meeting in Haverhill Corner held at Alumni Hall.

REPORT OF TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2018:

Technical Assistance: Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) applications.

Creative Economy and Public Health: This year, TRORC received a USDA Rural Development Grant to support the Region's creative economy. Staff hosted several Cornerstone Creative Community of Vermont (3CVT) steering committee meetings, as well as informational and networking events. TRORC also worked on several public health projects, including health planning and food access.

Emergency Management & Preparedness: TRORC conducted a Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis and response procedures. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. TRORC has been preparing the final municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans in the TRO Region. Staff participated in developing municipal Local Emergency Management Plans.

Municipal Energy Plans: During this second year of energy plan funding, TRORC assisted five more towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to further the state energy goals to meet 90 percent of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. Towns meeting Energy Planning Standards receive a Determination of Energy Compliance and receive Substantial Deference on their input under the Section 248 review process for electricity generation facilities.

Transportation: TRORC is managing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. We have 29/32 municipalities participating with \$460,000 grant funding in the Region to construct projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC continues to seek and obtain VTrans grants under many state grant programs.

Specifically in Bradford this past year, we assisted in updating your zoning, selected Flanders Brook Road for ditching for year two of the DEC's Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program, and prepared a VTrans Better Roads Grant application for a road erosion and culvert inventory.

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

*Peter G. Gregory, AICP
Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson
Barnard*

REPORT OF CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on hydro-electric dam relicensing, regulatory proposals, and initiatives on clean water and shoreland protection.

CRJC continues to bring policymakers and encourages the public to attend our meetings to keep them abreast of the issues facing the Connecticut River.

During FY 2018, CRJC convened meetings on New Hampshire and Vermont Regulations and Legislation; The Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative; and, a Cost Benefit Analysis of Joint State Clean Water Expenditures conducted by the Policy Research Shop at the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth. CRJC continues to partner with the Connecticut River Conservancy on analyses of studies, including critical erosion studies, which are central to FERC relicensing of three hydro-electric dams.

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. If you or someone in your community is interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues or to serve on a local river subcommittee, please email us at contact@crjc.org.

The current officers of the Joint Commissions are James McClammer, President (NH); Jennifer Griffin, Treasurer (NH); Steven Lembke, Vice President (VT); Christopher Campany, Secretary (VT). For a full list of Commissioners see the following website: <http://www.crjc.org/about-crjc/commissioners/>.

Contact information: Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766. www.crjc.org

REPORT OF UPPER VALLEY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) consists of appointed volunteers from the Vermont towns of Hartford, Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, and Bradford, and the New Hampshire towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Orford, and Piermont. We meet every two months to discuss and act on river-related issues.

The Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting a portion of the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. The Subcommittee is one of five that make up the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VTANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and maintaining a corridor management plan.

The Subcommittee stayed updated on a number of issues including dam management and the FERC relicensing process, NHDES Wetlands Rules, Jacob's Brook restoration project in the Town of Orford, and construction plans for River Road in the Town of Lyme. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits from across the region and on a range of issues such as culvert replacement, wetland impacts, mitigation approaches, alteration of terrain and stormwater drainage. The Subcommittee hosted presentations on the White River Tactical Basin Planning Process and Living Shorelines. In addition, the members have distributed the CRJC Homeowner's Guide for Water Quality Protection and the CRJC Shoreline Buffer Fact Sheet to central town locations (e.g. Public Library or Town Office). Finally, the Subcommittee has started a "Living Shorelines" initiative.

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee. There is one representative in Fairlee. There is no representation from Bradford. If you or someone in your community is interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues and serving as a liaison to the Upper Valley Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at ouyizeye@uvlsrpc.org to learn more.

REPORT OF GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is actively supporting new, growing and relocating businesses that are wrestling with retention, expansion and other critical issues. We team with the Departments of Economic Development (DED), Labor and Education, the Vermont Workforce Development Council, 3 Regional Technical Centers (RTCs) and other partners to help businesses advance their performance levels through training with state and federally funded programs.

This is a top priority and we devote a large portion of our time and attention to it. During the past seven years, GMEDC has purchased two commercial facilities for tenants. We currently have a 30,000 square foot, Build to Suit facility under construction in Randolph for a rapidly growing manufacturer made possible by a \$1M Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from DED and HUD. VEDA provided a mortgage loan for the balance. Combined our tenants employ over 250 people.

Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont and companies hoping to stay here. Businesses receive individualized attention on matters regarding site location, financing, training programs, the Vermont Economic Growth Initiative (VEGI) tax incentives and a variety of other important issues including permitting, availability of housing and federal grants.

GMEDC helps business and organizations secure financing from Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities including USDA–Rural Development. We also manage Revolving Loan Funds for business support and disaster recovery. These provide gap financing not available elsewhere, especially following emergencies.

We facilitate forums for career and technical education, manufacturing, forestry and other key sectors. We rely on resources provided by DED that are available through grants to non-profits, municipalities and community groups. Our Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) is staffed with a Business Advisor who is an expert in helping start-ups and established companies alike.

GMEDC works collaboratively with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC- same district) to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns to stimulate healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by our 30 member towns. Recent assignments have included providing guidance, support and grant assistance to redevelop vacant public buildings, start a community store and purchase real property.

Brownfield Redevelopment of contaminated sites has become an important part of our services. We assist prospective purchasers with professional guidance and support required to return contaminated sites to productive use. We are willing to consider taking title as an interim owner and leverage our expertise with state and federal funding. This increases employment and improved Grand Lists.

We continued our work with our CEDS District (Combined Economic Development District) with our partners, TRORC, Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) and Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission to pursue regional initiatives. Our current mission is in support of strengthening and promoting the Creative Economy in collaboration with our neighbors in NH and the VT Council of the Arts.

REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Gerhard Postpischil represents Bradford on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY18, CVSWMD provided \$9,816 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants, and \$6,207 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Bradford received a \$400 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. Bradford Elementary School received \$2,200 to develop an onsite composting system.

In FY18, CVSWMD implemented a grant from the High Meadows Fund, which helped the Bradford transfer station by paying for equipment, hauling services, and outreach for new food scrap collection service.

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

Residential Composting: CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting, recycling, safe non-toxic cleaning, and zero waste initiatives.

Events Assistance: In FY18, the district added three events programs: a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with clear signs, an “event kit” for events under 300 people, providing reusable dishware, flatware, linens and more to help community events reduce waste, and staff assistance to larger event organizers, including downloadable templates for zero waste events on our website, cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events.

School Programming: Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY18, we led students in three classroom programs, one waste audit, and four special programs at Bradford Elementary School and Oxbow High School. School program coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.

Special Collections: In 2017, 10 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs. Two collection events in Bradford, a Household Hazardous Waste collection and a paint, battery and bulb collection, served 81 households.

Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC): The ARCC, at 540 North Main Street in Barre, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon-6 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month, 9-1 p.m. **Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2019.** The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, cvswmd.org/arcc. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.

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www.cvswmd.org, 802-229-9383, comments@cvswmd.org*

REPORT OF NORTHEAST SLOPES

The 2017-2018 ski season at Northeast Slopes once again highlighted the important role that the rope tow plays in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont.

In February, we held our Fifth Annual Winterfest. We once again lucked out with snow, a beautiful day and a great crowd who came to enjoy the sleigh rides, ski races, wood fired pizza, outdoor BBQ and live, local music. This event has become a winter tradition in the area and is one of way skiing and non-skiing community members alike get together during the long winter months.

Our fourth annual NES-FEST was held this October. The day was a success and, once again, townspeople were out and about catching up with neighbors, enjoying good food, good music and craft beer. Profits from the day went to support the youth ski program which works with both the Waits River Valley School and Bradford Recreation Program. The program works to provide equipment, lessons and slope time for kids in the area. Now in its fifth season, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving the children of this area.

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

In closing, the Board would like to thank the Town of Bradford for its generous support of last year. Our request for the upcoming fiscal year remains the same as last year. We will continue to strive to rely on our own operations and independent fundraising efforts to keep the old rope spinning, rather than increase the taxpayer burden.

With that said, "THINK SNOW" and we hope to see you on the Slopes!

Northeast Slopes Board of Directors



Sylvie Terry won a silver and a bronze medal at the Vermont Senior Games track and field event in South Burlington on June 30. She finished second in the 200-meter dash and third in the 100-meter dash in her age division. She was one of two Bradford residents to participate.

REPORT OF CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 16,017 people in 10,494 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 176 Bradford households representing 313 individuals this past year included:

- 6 individuals in 4 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 22 households with 67 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs and with help meeting other utility costs.
- 30 individuals in 10 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 2 homeless individuals with 8 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 15 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 49 additional family members.
- 1 household received an emergency furnace repair at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient in cold weather.
- 23 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 23 residents, including 9 seniors and 2 residents with disabilities.
- 21 multi housing units were weatherized supporting 34 occupants.
- 1 person found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Capstone Transportation Project.
- 4 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 43 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 2 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 28 children in their care.

Capstone thanks the residents of Bradford for their generous support this year!



THE DOCK IS FLOATING AGAIN—After the major wind and rainstorm damage from the Fall of 2017, the ramps and main dock at the Bugbee Landing in Bradford were left severely damaged and unusable for boaters. Thanks to two Bradford residents, retired Agriculture and Natural Resources teacher, Joe Button, and Bradford recreation volunteer Skip Barrett, as well as the efforts of two classes at River Bend Career and Technical Center, the damage has been repaired and the heavily used ramps and dock have been put in place for the 2018 season. New steel connecting hardware was fabricated by the Heavy Equipment and Welding Class at RBCTC, while the students in the Construction Technology and Residential Energy class made the new ramps.

REPORT OF CLARA MARTIN CENTER

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

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

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 802-728-4466.

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin Center's TAY (Transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long-term success in their lives for themselves and others.

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

REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

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

- **Court Diversion** for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel. Approximately 90 percent of the clients successfully complete our Court Diversion program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

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

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

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

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018, 214 clients were referred for services, a 17 percent increase from the previous year. Of those, 92 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 70 were referred for YSASP, 5 for DLS and 47 were referred for Pre-Trial Services. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY18, OCCD worked with 23 cases in which the offender either resided in and/or the offense occurred in Bradford.

OCCD's FY18 operating budget was \$119,007. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Bradford appropriated \$400 for FY18 to support OCCD. OCCD requests an increase in the appropriation to \$480 for FY19.

Thank you for your continued support. For additional information, contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion at 802-685-3172 or jessie@occdp.org.

REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2018 fiscal year which began February 1, 2018 and ended January 31, 2019.

County Support for the Sheriff's Department

The Orange County budget supports basic operations at the Sheriff's Department except the salaries of the Sheriff and deputies. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 63 percent of the total county budget. During 2018, the county addressed deterioration of the external gasoline fuel tank setup. A new tank and concrete pad were installed with a spill barrier. Inside the building, the hot water heater needed replacement. The county also took the first step to look at what might be needed to optimize the use of the building and redesign a public entrance. Vermont Architects Collaborative prepared some preliminary designs and discussions will continue through 2019 about the feasibility of this project. The Sheriff's Department is staffed 24/7 so as to provide safety to court staff and those seeking help after hours, especially regarding domestic violence situations. Improvements to the building would provide much better service to the public. Costs for 24/7 staffing are shared between the county and the Sheriff's law enforcement budget. An attempt is made to level-fund the Sheriff's department budget as appropriate. Staffing costs are the main source of budget increases.

You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours, 802-685-4875.

County Courthouse

The primary driver of increases in the courthouse budget are the costs of maintenance and building improvements. During the summer of 2018, an emergency generator was installed behind the courthouse which means that court will no longer be canceled in the case of a power outage. The funds for the generator were taken from the county capital reserve fund. The north side of the courthouse was repainted and the shutters repaired and painted using funds budgeted for that purpose.

Annual contributions to the Capital Reserve Fund mean that a savings account exists for large expenditures. That fund was used to pay for the fuel tank project at the Sheriff's Department as well as for the architect's design. This fund needs replenishment as it seems that there are always unexpected needs when trying to keep old buildings in good repair. In the fall, it was determined that the oldest parts of the air conditioning system in the courthouse need to be replaced in spring 2019. This will involve using a crane to remove the old units from the attic and hoist up the replacements. The plan is to use capital reserve funds that for that project as well.

The Assistant Judges always encourage more interest and participation in the budgeting process. The preliminary budget hearing is always held in mid December and the annual meeting in the last week of January. As per statute, notices of these meetings and copies of the proposed budget are sent to town clerks and selectboards and notices published in the *Journal Opinion* and *The Herald of Randolph*.

You may contact the Assistant Judges with questions or comments at the courthouse 802-685-4610, Orange County Assistant Judges: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

REPORT OF STAGECOACH SERVICES

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 7,596 door-to-door rides for Bradford residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Additionally, 15,939 one-way trips were provided for passengers boarding and alighting at Bradford Bus Stops. Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of 112,899 rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

Dial-A-Ride System: Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Bradford, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, social services, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, and food shopping.

Bus System: Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Bradford residents can access bus services to employment and shopping centers in White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH. Bradford residents can utilize the Circulator, a new deviated fixed-route bus service, Monday-Friday between 8:30 and 3:15 to access to local destinations in Bradford, Newbury, Wells River and Woodsville.

Volunteer Driver Program: Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. *Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.*

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office. Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.



Buses are lined up at the Stagecoach Transportation bus depot in Bradford on Aug. 10. The one at left is a 28-seat bus borrowed from Addison County Transit Resources to accommodate increasing numbers of passengers on its River Route. Stagecoach ordered two 28-seat buses to replace 24-seat models for the commuter route.

**Record
Annual Town Meeting
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

Peter Mallary called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Bradford Academy Building. Staff Sargent Dan Clark led the flag salute. Peter asked for a moment of silence to honor the residents and for those that serve our country. Ted Unkles wanted to acknowledge Phyllis Lavelle who left a bequeath to the Town, the Fire Department as well as to the Police Department. He also acknowledged Bob Welch's passing and the fire department flying the flag at half staff in his memory.

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

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

Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers for the past year. Peter went page by page in the Town Report.

Martina Stever asked what Downstreet Community Housing. Ted said it was formerly was central Vermont Community Land Trust. They operate Whistle Stop Trailer Park, Colonial Village Apartments and other apartment buildings.

Byron Kidder asked about delinquent taxes. He wanted to know who Bradford Health Care is, who owes over \$28,000. Jenn said that it's Valley Vista and has since paid their taxes.

Donna Wing asked about the Homer Stimpson property that was sold but someone is living there, and their taxes weren't paid. Jennifer Rivers said that it was paid by the Mortgage Company but after December. The delinquent tax was as of December 31st. Donna also asked about A Notch Above's delinquent taxes. Jennifer explained that it's in the bank's hands as of now. Donna also asked about Robert Nutting's delinquent taxes, Jennifer explained that those delinquencies are on his other properties, not the property the town purchased.

Ted stated that the planning commission report says that they meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. For the next couple of months, and maybe permanently, it will the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Byron Kidder talked about the subdivision by-laws. Byron is concerned that subdivision by-laws will benefit only a few properties and negatively impact tax payers with more than an acre.

Donna Wing thanked the Sawyer Chapel Committee. She wanted to know to know if when they're done with the renovations upstairs, will Hale's still use it for storage? Martina Stever answered that the chapel is currently being used for storage. Once it is restored the items will be stored in the basement.

Bud Haas, who is a Bradford Library Trustee, reported that Shirley Conrad's name was left off the list as a Trustee in the report. Peter Richards should also be listed as a Trustee. Bud also stated that the Library gets 65% of it's funding from the town. The Library does additional fundraisers in the fall.

Larry Coffin moved to accept article two as printed in the town report. Shirley Conrad seconded. Article 2 closed.

Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, our State Representative spoke about what our legislature is working on: She sponsored a bill on sexual harassment, helps to remove some legal barriers that victims face. Also, the education finance reform which moves away from using property tax system more towards the income-based system.

Bud Haas asked about consolidated towns and their taxes going up verses towns that haven't consolidated and have lower taxes. Sarah hadn't heard any analysis.

Byron Kidder was concerned about the possible mandatory recycling of compost. There is no mandatory recycling for bottles, plastics, paper, etc. Seems to him that it would be more important to have that type of recycling instead of food.

Peter asked if there are any nonresident people here. One hand was raised.

Peter had everyone at the table to introduce themselves.

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

The Article was moved and seconded.

Selectboard member for a three-year term (currently held by Randy L. Moore). Gary Moore nominated Randy Moore. Arthur Fiola nominated Peter Terry. Peter declined. Peter Terry moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Randy Moore. Peter Hatch seconded and unanimously approved. Randy Moore was elected Selectboard member for a three-year term.

Selectboard member for a two-year term (currently held by Daniel A. Perry III). Gary Moore nominated Daniel Perry III. Shirley Beresford moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one vote for Daniel Perry III. Peter Hatch seconded and unanimously approved. Daniel A. Perry III was elected Selectboard member for a two-year term.

Lister for a three-year term (currently held by Robert Wing). Dennis McClure nominated Robert Wing. Gary Moore moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Robert Wing. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Robert Wing was elected Lister for a three-year term.

Ted brought up that Mary Wendell has stepped down from her Lister position with a remaining term of 1yr. There were no nominations for a Lister. Gloria Mann asked what the position of a lister entails. Discussion followed on what a lister does and how many hours it is. Motion was made to pass over this position and seconded.

Auditor for a three-year term (currently held by Erin Odell). Peter Terry nominated Erin Odell. Peter Terry moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Erin Odell. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Erin Odell was elected Auditor for a three-year term.

Collector of Current Taxes for a one-year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers). Paul Rivers nominated Jennifer Rivers. Shirley Beresford moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Jennifer Rivers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Jennifer Rivers was elected Collector of Current Taxes for a one-year term. Donna Wing commented that it's use to be a three year term and would like to change it back to a three-year term.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one-year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers). Paul Rivers nominated Jennifer Rivers. Shirley Beresford moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Jennifer Rivers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Jennifer Rivers was elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one-year term. Diane Smarro asked at what point can these be changed to a three-year term. Peter Mallary explained that it would need to go on the warning next year.

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

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

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

Bud Haas asked if we could revote on an article. He wanted to revote on a treasurer to amend from one-year term to a three-year term. There was a straw vote to see whether the voters would want to change it to a three-year term. Brian Schlaeger suggested that we could change the term with a motion. Ted responded that with the way that the Warning reads, we have to keep it for a one-year term for this year.

Article 4: To see what sum of money the town will vote for General Fund purposes for the year 2018, and to vote to determine the time and manner of collecting monies for General Fund and Town Highway Purposes.

Ted Unkles moved that the Town be authorized to raise through real property taxes the sum of \$993,524 together with such additional sums as may be voted later in this meeting or at any subsequent meeting, for general and administrative expenses and community support, and all taxes assessed to raise the sum of \$993,524 and such additional sums, be due and payable at the Tax Collector's office not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday October 31, 2018, the due date, or mailed to the tax collector's office with a postmark date not later than the due date, without discount, and that any amount not so paid or mailed shall become delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of 1/2 of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter at a rate of 1 percent per month or fraction thereof. Bob Wing seconded. Ted explained that the motion includes a reduced interest rate from previous years.

Arthur Fiola asked if there was a tax surplus this year. Ted said that we do have a small surplus and is proposing to move \$100,000 to the budget to help reduce taxes.

Martina Stever asked about the monthly computer service charges and Ted explained that the total was for the year not for a month. Which is used to upgrade and maintain computer systems. Bob Wing commented that the computer service charges include the fees to All Access.

Leanne Hatch asked about the temporary surcharge of \$4.00 per capita along with the increase in their operation expenses and surcharge for ambulance replacement. There is a Bradford resident on that Upper Valley Ambulance Board. Leanne was wondering why there was no report from that representative and asked that we get reports in the future.

Dan Perry II commented about lowering the interest rate on delinquent taxes and does not want the .5% interest charge but to keep it at 1%.

Bob Wing made the motion to go back to the original interest rates for penalties. The motion was seconded.

Paul Hunt said that the amount of the interest that we charge has little effect on how to collect the delinquent taxes.

Motion to amend the motion from .5% to 1%.

Emily Marsh mentioned that we need to help the families that are struggling and not raise interest rate.

Bob Wing moved to close and Peter Terry seconded. Motion to close the debate on the amendment. The ayes would be for the 1% interest charge and the nays would be for the .5% interest charge. The nays appear to have it, the nays do have it.

Byron Kidder mentioned that Northeast Slopes did not put in a request for \$2500 that they usually do. He would like to amend the motion to add \$2500. The motion was moved and seconded. Joshua Allen spoke on how the Northeast Slopes is a volunteer run ski slope and it's hard to get volunteers to go around to get names on the petition to ask the Town for money which is why the Northeast Slopes did not get the petition on time. Ted explained how the town handles the request for money.

Motion to close debate on the amendment. Amendment to raise the budget by \$2500 in support of northeast slopes was moved and seconded. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Amendment to add \$2500 to the budget raised by \$2500 passed.

Gary Moore urged the Selectboard to require the representatives on different boards to meet with them yearly.

Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. Ted reread his motion with the amount of **\$996,024**. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 4 passed by voice vote. Article 4 closed.

Article 5: To see what sum of money the town will vote for Town Highway purposes for the year 2018.

Ted moved that we raise the sum of **\$893,004** for highway purposes. \$893,004. His motion was seconded.

Donna Wing wanted to know why the health insurance in the summer is less than what it is in the winter. Ted explained that the road crew puts in more hours in the winter so that the portion that the

Town pays is higher.

Donna Wing was wondering if line painting would be done on Goshen Road and Fairground? They are the only roads in Bradford that are not lined. Ted was not sure of what's on the schedule for this year.

Byron Kidder asked if a bad spot on South Road was going to be addressed in the next year's budget.

North Pleasant street sidewalks are in bad shape and need repair. Ted is working with Two Rivers Ottaquechee. Along with working on getting grant money.

Larry Coffin would like creamery road to be well marked.

Donna Wing suggested that the money from delinquent taxes that comes in be set aside to go towards road construction.

Bud Haas stated that the road crew is one of the best that we've had and thanked them.

Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 5 passed by voice vote. Article 5 closed.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Bradford change the date and time of the annual Town Meeting, and if so what shall the date and time of the annual Town Meeting be changed to?

Ben Rubinfeld made a motion to move Town Meeting to the first Tuesday of March at 5:30 p.m. Seconded

Diane Chamberlain stated that it's hard for people who work to come to Town Meeting. She suggested instead of 5:30 p.m. to have it at 6:00 p.m.

Leanne Hatch suggested having an open ballot and vote on budget by Australian ballot during the day.

Byron Kidder made an amendment to hold the Town meeting on the 1st Saturday in March at 9:00 a.m.

Christine Brown was wondering why the town hasn't surveyed the voters on what they would prefer.

Amendment to the motion to hold Town Meeting on the 1st Saturday in March. Did not pass ayes 39 naves 42

Motion to move Town Meeting to the first Tuesday of March at 5:30 p.m. The nays have it. Motion defeated.

Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the Downstreet Housing & Community Development? The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 7 passed by voice vote. Article 7 closed.

Article 8: TO THE BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS OF BRADFORD, VERMONT We, the undersigned registered voters of the town of Bradford, Vermont, hereby request that the Orange East Senior Center of Bradford, Vermont, be included on the Warning for Bradford's Annual Town Meeting an amount of \$8,500.

Bob Wing moved to amend it to read the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$8500. There was some discussion about the wording of the request. The Selectboard had contacted legal advice and the way it's worded is fine. Bob withdrew his amendment. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 8 passed by voice vote. Article 8 closed.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support the Bradford Conservation Fund?

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 9 passed by voice vote. Article 9 closed.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, INC.?

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 10 passed by voice vote. Article 10 closed.

Article 11: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4413.00 for the support of the Clara Martin Center?

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 11 passed by voice vote. Article 11 closed.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,120 to support the Stagecoach Transportation Service Inc.?

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 12 passed by voice vote. Article 12 closed.

Article 13: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$12,450 for the support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to provide services to residents of the Town of Bradford.

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 13 passed by voice vote. Article 13 closed.

Article 14:

It was mentioned that if a group is requesting money then they need to submit a report.

Breanna Kline asked that the Selectboard do an inquiry about changing the town meeting day.

Bob Wing wanted to know what the Selectboard intends to do with the 4.5 acres that the Town owns. Ted thought that there may be some boundary issues but would look into it.

Nancy Jones asked that people complete a conservation survey.

Bud Haas has a sign-up sheet for the library newsletter. He also acknowledged Claude Cieurlo's work that he's done for the Academy Building and didn't think that Claude was being compensated enough.

Paul Hunt stated that the form for requesting money states on it that the group is required to submit a report.

Kathy Davidow said that the Library is having a Poem Town during the month of April. They will be putting poetry in the local businesses for people to read.

Larry Coffin said that the Historical Society will be open after meeting.

Sarah Copeland-Hanzas wants to do an advisory motion to the board to put the changing of Town Meeting on the ballot in November.

Peter called for a vote on the article. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 14 passed by voice vote. Article 14 closed.

Peter called for a quick break before the Water and Sewer Meeting.

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

Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five year term (currently held by Robert Lefebvre).

Leonard Dobbins nominated Robert Lefebvre. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Robert Lefebvre. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Robert Lefebvre was elected Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term.

Article 16: To adopt a budget for the Bradford water system for the year 2018. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

Daniel Perry III made the motion to adopt the amended budget of \$288,016 which is \$10,000 lower than in the report. Dan explained this is due to reduction in personnel hours and insurance.

Larry Coffin was concerned about water running from a private resident into the road. The explained given was that the water was not coming out of the system but run off from the bank.

A motion was made to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved to close debate. Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of \$288,016. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 16 passed by voice vote. Article 16 closed.

Article 17: To adopt a budget for the Bradford wastewater system for the year 2018. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

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Daniel Perry III made the motion to adopt the amended budget of **\$230821** which is \$10,000 lower than in the report.

Marcia Tomlinson asked how they define a resident rate payer. Dan explained that someone living in town and a resident, you have to be a resident and a rate player.

A motion was made to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved to close debate. Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of **\$230821**. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 17 passed by voice vote. Article 17 closed.

Article 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Water and Sewer meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

The article was moved and seconded.

Ted Unkles said that the Planning Commission has been working on a build-out study of the Lower Plain. He was wondering if anything being done to expand the wastewater systems. Jon Thornton mentioned that during the 2004-2005 upgrade a lot of the pumps were upsized.

Martina Stever stated that the Town Meeting begins with hearing and acting upon the reports of the officers and thought that the Water & Sewer might like to have that opportunity.

Martin Stever was also, she questioned about going to a monthly billing system. She's afraid that it's not necessary and will increase the expense. Why isn't the quarterly not working? Jon Thornton responded that they are not going to move ahead with the monthly billing, they are going to stay with the quarterly billing.

Martina Stever stated that for the 2nd year in a row the auditors have made recommendations that have been ignored. Dan replied that the recommendations are not being ignored and that he is working with the auditors to make the corrections that need to be done.

Mike Tessier has been hired to replace Ron Moore who has retired

Marcia Tomlinson was wondering what is in place to notify people if there is a boil notice water. There is a Reverse e911 system that can be used. Ted Unkles suggesting putting any boil water notices on the board outside the Academy building.

Peter called for a vote. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 18 passed by voice vote. Article 18 closed.

Article 19: To adjourn.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Article 19 closed.

A true record:

Attest:

/s/Sonya McLam, Town Clerk

Attest:

/s/Peter Mallary, Moderator

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