



Town of Bradford, Vermont **ANNUAL REPORT** Year Ending December 31, 2019

**TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, March 3, 2020
at 9:00 a.m. in the Bradford Academy Auditorium**

KidWatch available during Town Meeting in Room 22 (2nd Floor) by Bradford Recreation Department



The 2019 Bradford Town Report is dedicated to Mark Johnson



We wish to dedicate this Town Report to Mark Johnson, recognizing his dedication to the Bradford community. Everyone knows Mark Johnson as the owner of Bliss Village Store but it is the work he has done in the community that exemplifies his civic-minded example of a knowledgeable, quiet force behind the scenes.

Originally from Connecticut, Mark came to the Green Mountain State to attend the University of Vermont as a graduate student after graduating from Villanova. Prior to moving to Bradford, Mark was in the education field in Vermont, working as a teacher and school administrator for almost 25 years (in Holland, VT and Sheffield, VT).

His experience and knowledge in the field benefited him and also Bradford when he joined the Bradford Elementary School Board in 2001. He was awarded the 2008 Vermont School Board Association's Leadership Award for his outstanding leadership as chairman of the Bradford Elementary School Board during a trying, difficult time in the school's recent history.

Former Orange East Supervisory Union Superintendent Wendy Baker noted in 2008 that Mark is a "source of considered vision for the future of the children of Bradford" which can be applied to his vision for the Town.

Mark purchased the Bradford Village Store in 1998 and renamed it Bliss Village Store, taking the name from its 19th century usage, the Bliss Hotel.

He took a short hiatus from storekeeping when he sold the store in April 2011 but the new owners struggled and the store went downhill due to an economic downturn. He took back ownership in 2012 and built the business up again. Serving as a social hub on Main Street, his business is a classic general store featuring a popular deli with a cafe in the back. In 2019, Mark conducted major renovations to improve the Bliss Village Store and hired local contractors for the extensive interior facelift to the store.

Mark's dedication to community and civic duties is evident in the organizations he is involved with. Not just a meeting attendee, Mark volunteers his time and energy to aid in the growth of Bradford and surrounding communities.

He is on Cottage Hospital's Board of Trustees (having served as chairman in the past and also serving on their Executive Leadership team); member of Bradford Historical Society and Bradford Business Association. From 2011 to 2013, Mark was the teacher/community coordinator in Bradford for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. CVABE Executive Director Carol Shults-Perkins said that "Mark was a wonderful asset to CVABE and has continued to support our work in the area."

He also served on the Bradford Workforce Investment Board; served as educational coordinator for adolescents at Valley Vista. As a business owner, Mark works with Upper Valley Services' Supported Employment programs.

For 2012 and 2013, Mark served as Moderator at Bradford's Town Meeting.

He was an integral player for 12 years from the incorporation of Enhanced Living, Inc., the nonprofit that finally realized a community goal to create the Margaret Pratt Community. Mark has served on the board of directors and ELI's dream came to fruition in December 2018 when Margaret Pratt Community opened its doors.

Thank you, Mark, for your continued efforts in making Bradford a better place to live and work.

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ON THE COVER: Featured on the cover are five photos from the Bradford Conservation Commission’s 2020 Calendar, “The Beauty That Is Bradford’s.”

Top photo: Spring flooding at Bradford Golf Course photographed by Erin Odell; Middle left to right: Goshen Church photographed by Michael Tessier; Heading North at Sunrise by Michael Tessier; Framed Falls view by Emilie Hall; Aerial shot of Bradford Mill Building and the Falls by Luke Knapp.

2020 Calendars are still available at the following locations: Bradford Town Clerk’s Office, Aubuchon Hardware, Colatina Exit, Bliss Village Store, Star Cat Books and Wells River Savings Bank. All proceeds benefit the Bradford Conservation Commission.

**Thank you to the Bradford Conservation Commission
for allowing us to use these great images.**

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

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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 3, 2020 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.

Town Clerk for a three year term (currently held by Sonya McLam).

Town Treasurer for a three year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers).

Selectboard member for a three-year term (currently held by Ryan Lockwood).

Selectboard member for a two-year term (currently held by Dan Perry).

Lister for a three-year term (currently held by Nila Newstrom-Anaya).

Auditor for a three-year term (currently held by Henrietta Powers).

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 Tony Brainerd).

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

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

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

Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford establish an on-going capital fund for the general maintenance of the trash/recycle center for items such as chipping the brush pile, paving, mowing etc. and appropriate \$2,000 to be placed in the fund towards such expenses?

Article 8: Shall the Town of Bradford lease-purchase a municipal sidewalk snow removal tractor for a price not to exceed \$175,000, to be financed over five years, with annual payments not to exceed \$35,000?

Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support the Orange East Senior Center?

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

Article 11: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$13,500 for the support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to provide services to residents of the Town of Bradford.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support The Space On Main?

Article 13: Shall the Voters of the Town of Bradford, exempt the Masonic Hall Lodge in Bradford, Vermont from taxes for a period of five (5) years, starting in the year 2020?

Article 14: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the support of Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc?

Article 15: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4413.00 for the support of the Clara Martin Center?

Article 16: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support Old Church Theater?

Article 17: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to support the Bradford Conservation Fund?

Article 18: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the Northeast Slopes, Inc.

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before Town Meeting.

Article 20: To hear and act upon the reports of the water and sewer department for the past year. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article).

Article 21: To elect all Water and Sewer Commissioners as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to this meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

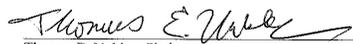
Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term (currently held by Larry Russ).

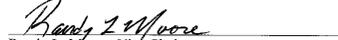
Article 22: To adopt a budget for the Bradford water system for the year 2020. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

Article 23: To adopt a budget for the Bradford wastewater system for the year 2020. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

Article 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Water and Sewer meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

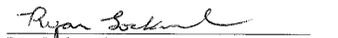
Article 25: To adjourn.
Dated at Bradford, Vermont,
this 16th day of January 2020.


Thomas E. Unkles, Chair


Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair


Carole P. Taylor


Daniel A. Perry III


Ryan Lockwood

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 17th day of January 2020.

**KidWatch will be available during Town Meeting in Room 22,
2nd Floor of Bradford Academy by Bradford Recreation Department**

**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.**

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. 200
or, call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON TOWN MEETING DAY MARCH 3, 2020

VOTING HOURS ARE 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

**DON'T FORGET YOU CAN REGISTER AT
THE POLLS ON TOWN MEETING DAY!**

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS:

Voting for the Presidential Primary will be held at the Bradford Academy Building on Town Meeting Day, March 3, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**The last day to register to vote is on Election Day from
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Check to see if your name is on the checklist. 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 your Vermont driver's license. If you registered to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles, bring the copy of the registration application.

For the Presidential Primary, you must request either a Democratic or Republican ballot. By doing so, you are not declaring a party. In Vermont, you are not required to declare a party.

Vermont Title 17 V.S.A. § 2704. Ballots:

"A person voting at the primary shall be required to ask for the ballot of the party in which the voter wishes to vote and an election official shall record the voter's choice of ballot. The names of all candidates on the ballot shall be listed in alphabetical order. Each voter may vote for one candidate for the presidential nomination of one party, either by placing a mark opposite the printed name of a candidate as in other primaries, or by writing in the name of the candidate of the voter's choice."

If you need an absentee ballot, you must request one each year. For each election, you must request a ballot before 5 p.m. the day before the election. You may not vote absentee on the day of the election.

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

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.

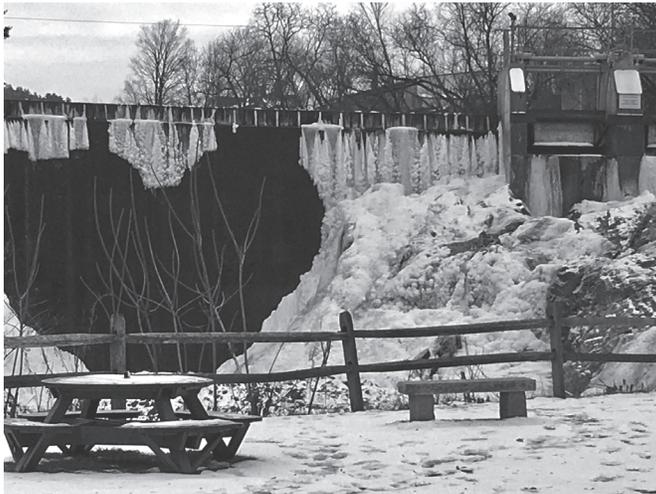
A ballot vote for some town officers is required by state law. If there is only one nominee, a motion may be made to have the clerk cast one ballot on behalf of all. That motion must pass unanimously. Seven voters may call for a ballot vote on any other office or motion before the town meeting. If a

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.

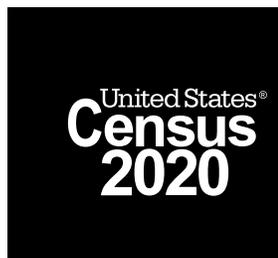
The last article before adjournment of the town meeting and before the water and sewer district articles are taken up is “to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.” While no binding action may be taken at this time, other issues may be raised and sometimes “straw” votes 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



I “LOVE” THE BRADFORD FALLS—Snow and ice give way to reveal a heart-shaped image on the facade of the dam on the Waits River in Bradford.



Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next 10 years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs.

These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more.

This year, you will have the option of responding online, by phone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door.

It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that *your* community counts!

Vermont relies on federal money for almost a third of its total budget. We urge all residents to participate in the U.S. Census. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for this town.

Responding is safe; your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding is easy; answer a handful of questions online, by phone or by mail.

Every person counts.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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

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

VERMONT 2-1-1

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

Dialing 2-1-1...

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



**“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”
- Coretta Scott King**

An Invitation to Participate

At first glance, you may see this report as full of numbers, requests for your tax dollars, and reports presenting what happened in 2019. We invite you to take a closer look.

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

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

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

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

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

CONSIDER YOURSELF INVITED TO ENGAGE!

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

**ELECTED OFFICERS
Town of Bradford as of 1/14/20**

Moderator: Peter Mallary Term Expires March 2020
Town Clerk: Sonya McLam, 802-222-4727 Ext: 200 Term Expires March 2020
Town Treasurer: Jennifer Rivers, 802-222-4727 Ext: 203 Term Expires March 2020

Selectboard: 802-222-4727 Ext. 204
Ryan Lockwood Term Expires March 2020
Daniel A. Perry III Term Expires March 2020
Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair Term Expires March 2021
Carole P. Taylor Term Expires March 2021
Thomas E. "Ted" Unkles, Chair Term Expires March 2022

Water & Sewer Commissioners: 802-222-4727 Ext. 211
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
Lunnie Lang Term Expires March 2024

Listers: 802-222-4727 Ext. 306
Nila Newstrom-Anaya Term Expires March 2020
Robert Wing Term Expires March 2021
Vince Pacillio Term Expires March 2022

Auditors:
Henrietta Powers Term Expires March 2020
Erin Odell Term Expires March 2021
Monique Priestley Term Expires March 2022

Collector of Current Taxes: Jennifer Rivers Term Expires March 2022

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Jennifer Rivers
802-222-4727 Ext. 203 Term Expires March 2022

Town Grand Juror: Gary Moore Term Expires March 2020

Town Agent: Gary Moore Term Expires March 2020

Trustees of Public Funds:
Anthony Brainerd Term Expires March 2020
Graham Gove Term Expires March 2021
Martina Stever Term Expires March 2022

Justices of the Peace Term Expires 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. 201
EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1
BRADFORD DISPATCH 802-222-4680

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

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

Selectboard Administrative Assistant: Danielle Kingsbury 802-222-4727 Ext. 204

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

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

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

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

Zoning Administrator: Paul Berlejung Term Expires March 31, 2021

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Charles "Bud" Haas	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Doug Miller	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Carole Taylor	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Shirley Beresford	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Janice Larabee	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Christine Pratt, Alternate	Term Expires March 31, 2023

Planning Commission:

Thomas "Ted" Unkles	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Marcey Carver, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Sarah Pushee	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Ron Huntington	Term Expires March 31, 2022

Recreation Director: Mollie Hatch 802-222-4727 Ext. 210

Parks & Recreation Commission:

Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Heidi Allen	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Charles "Skip" Barrett	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Jean Carlan	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2023

Conservation Commission:

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
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Shilo Gregory	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Jared Pendak	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Thomas Gray	Term Expires March 31, 2022

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

Public Safety Commission:

Ryan Chase Term Expires March 31, 2020
Gary Moore, Chair Term Expires March 31, 2021
Monique Priestley Term Expires March 31, 2021
John Hersh Term Expires March 31, 2022
Edward Garone Term Expires March 31, 2022

Town Service Officer: Carole Taylor Term Expires March 31, 2020

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

Tree Warden: Ben Rubinfeld Term Expires March 31, 2020

Fence Viewers:

Shirley R. Beresford Term Expires March 31, 2020
Vacant Term Expires March 31, 2020
Peter Hatch Term Expires March 31, 2020

Forest Fire Warden: Robert W. Nutting Term Expires June 30, 2020

Walter Lee Committee:

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
Charles D. Barton Term Expires March 31, 2022
Vacant Term Expires March 31, 2023

Revolving Loan Fund Committee:

Erin Odell Term Expires March 31, 2020
Anthony Brainerd Term Expires March 31, 2020
Peter Terry Term Expires March 31, 2021
Brian Schlager Term Expires March 31, 2021
Daniel Perry III Term Expires March 31, 2022

Fire Key-men:

Stephen Sampson Term Expires March 31, 2020
Steve Longmoore Term Expires March 31, 2020

Emergency Management:

Gary Moore, Director
Daniel Perry III, Coordinator

9-1-1 Coordinators: Phil Page & Danielle Kingsbury, 802-222-4727 Ext. 204

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

Daniel Perry IV, President
Ryan Terrill Nick Balch
Ryan Dutton Amelia McIntire
Stephen Sanborn 1 Student Member
Chris Yeager
Brian Bevacqua
Colleen Ford

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

Nick Balch	Stephen Sampson
Zach Bagley, Captain	Steve Sanborn, Deputy Chief
Hunter Benoit	Tysen Spooner
Hunter Bingham	Tony Stockman
Nate Brooks	Chris Taylor, Assistant Chief
Holly Creamer	Ryan Terrill, Fire Chief
Josh Danforth	Allen Thurston
Ryan Dutton	Nick Vance
Zach Lang	Bill Walters
Joe Longmoore	Alex Boozan, Student Member
Steve Longmoore	Cole Nanopoulos, Student Member
Zack Peebles	
Daniel Perry IV, Captain	
Brandon Perkins	

UVA Local Representative:

Bonnie G. Thurston Term Expires March 31, 2020

Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission:

Nancy Jones Term Expires March 31, 2020
Marcey Carver, Alt. Term Expires March 31, 2020

CVSWMD Representative:

Vacant Term Expires March 31, 2020

Stagecoach Representative:

Cody Plante Term Expires March 31, 2020

Green Up Coordinator:

Barbara Kulzyck Term Expires October 31, 2020

Connecticut River Joint Commission:

Nancy Jones Term Expires March 31, 2020

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, Charles Haas
Trustees: Anthony Brainerd (President)
Diane Chamberlain (Vice President)
Laura Wolf Lornitzo (Treasurer)
Angela Conrad-Schlager (Secretary)
Larry Coffin
Brad Johnston
Dorothy Unkles
Pamela Johnson
Arvid Johnson
Kerry Pendak
Anna Slack

Highway Department/Town Garage: 802-222-5718

Phil Page, Road Foreman
Peter Hatch
Grant Poliquin
Tyler Gillis

Co-Road Commissioners:

Daniel A. Perry III
Carole P. Taylor

Term Expires March 31, 2020
Term Expires March 31, 2020

Deputy Registrars: (Appointed by Town Clerk)

Hale Funeral Home
Ricker Funeral Home

Term Expire March 15, 2020
Term Expire March 15, 2020

Beautification Committee:

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



First graders at Bradford Elementary School shared holiday kindness by donating a generous amount of items to the Bradford Food Shelf. After hanging posters in early December inviting other students and staff to contribute to the food drive, they walked all of the non-perishable food to the Bradford Academy on Dec. 17 and stocked the shelves.

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUE- GENERAL FUND					
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES					
BAGSD Tax Collection Revenue	8,000	8,143	8,000	2,000	2,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	6,000	8,231	6,000	16,293	8,000
Del Tax Penalty Revenue	5,000	9,256	6,000	10,421	7,000
Total GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	19,000	25,630	20,000	28,714	17,000
PERMITS & LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	900	1,155	900	1,270	1,000
Dog Licenses	3,000	3,140	3,000	3,040	3,000
Building Permits	1,000	1,525	1,000	1,475	1,000
Marriage License	150	160	100	160	100
Hunting/Fishing License	0	46	0	106	100
Park Use Permits	150	315	150	140	100
Total PERMITS & LICENSES	5,200	6,341	5,150	6,191	5,300
STATE GRANTS					
VT Reimburse for Current Use Tax	46,000	50,666	46,000	51,897	51,897
State of Vermont PILOT	13,000	15,177	13,000	16,750	14,000
Grant: Colonial Village Renovations	0	3,630	0	0	0
Total STATE GRANTS	59,000	69,473	59,000	68,647	65,897
FEES FOR SERVICES, SALES					
Clerks Fees	22,000	17,805	14,000	19,225	15,000
Photo Copies	2,500	2,355	2,000	2,851	2,000
Total FEES FOR SERVICES, SALES	24,500	20,160	16,000	22,076	17,000
MISCELLANEOUS					
Miscellaneous - Gen. Fund	200	47	0	218	100
Town Police Misc Income and Grants	100	822	100	1,018	500
Municipal Fines - Police	1,500	1,605	1,500	1,964	1,500
Police Contracted Service	4,500	1,365	500	0	0
Interest Income	900	1,464	900	2,031	1,000
Sewer Connection Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Total MISCELLANEOUS	7,200	5,303	3,000	5,232	3,100
RENTS AND BA USAGE					
Rents	32,793	35,828	29,405	32,825	36,013
Bradford Academy Usage	600	738	500	1,434	800
Total RENTS & BA Usage	33,393	36,566	29,905	34,259	36,813
PARKS & RECREATION					
Summer Camp	26,250	21,446	28,300	34,323	29,846
BPRC Donations/Fundraising	500	0	0	8	0
BPRC Scholarships	0	1,201	1,000	0	0
Bugbee Landing Maintenance	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total PARKS & RECREATION	26,750	23,647	30,300	35,331	30,846
Total General Fund Revenues	175,043	187,120	163,355	200,451	175,956

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE, HIGHWAY (CONTINUED)	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Highway Funds					
FEES					
Driveway Permits	0	120	0	0	0
Overweight Permits	400	430	400	410	400
State Highway Payments	110,500	110,841	110,500	111,832	110,500
Highway Misc. Income	0	40	0	909	0
Grant: Better Back Roads	0	11,396	0	0	0
Grant Reimbursement	0	0	0	3,740	0
FEMA: Storm Damage	0	29,893	0	0	0
Total FEES	110,900	152,720	110,900	116,891	110,900
Total Highway Fund Revenues	110,900	152,720	110,900	116,891	110,900

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL FUND					
SELECTBOARD					
Salaries Selectboard	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600
Salary - Adm. Assistant	34,195	34,176	35,227	35,882	36,275
Salary- Add'l Staffing	500	1,336	1,300	1,300	1,300
Grant Management*	8,000	7,872	8,183	7,971	6,137
Social Security-Board	581	581	581	581	581
Social Security- Admin.	2,616	2,615	2,695	2,745	2,775
Social Security- Grant Mgt	0	512	626	610	469
Benefits-Employer Paid Health	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement - Admin	1,026	1,025	1,057	1,076	1,088
Travel	0	218	100	0	100
Staff Training	350	195	200	190	200
Legal Fees	2,000	390	1,500	1,038	3,000
Advertising	600	640	600	425	600
Grant Expenses	0	750	500	0	500
	57,468	57,911	60,169	59,418	60,626
LISTERS					
Salaries - Listers	27,315	24,969	34,707	28,585	35,755
Social Security - Listers	2,090	1,890	6,400	2,187	2,735
Travel	300	0	300	248	300
Telephone - Listers	650	794	800	792	650
Dues/Training/Meetings	1,300	1,010	1,300	874	1,300
Parcel Mapping	2,000	1,950	2,000	2,025	2,500
Contracted Services	3,000	2,739	3000	2,142	3,600
Equipment & Supplies	0	0	360	198	1,200
Advertising	200	0	200	0	200
	36,855	33,353	49,067	37,051	48,240
CLERK					
Salaries-Clerk	42,349	42,278	43,618	44,427	44,928
Assistant Clerk Salary*	7,713	7,418	8,183	7,971	6,137
Social Security Clerk	3,240	3,234	3,337	3,394	3,437
Assistant Clerk Social Security	590	612	626	615	469
Benefits-Emplr Pd Health	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement Clerk	1,270	1,270	1,309	1,333	1,348
Training	250	160	300	203	300
Elections	500	1,642	100	0	500
Dues/Meetings	350	0	100	0	100
Advertising	250	173	250	82	250
Cotts System	3,060	2,863	3,190	3,060	3,200
	59,572	59,650	61,012	61,084	60,669

*The cost of this employee's time is divided between the Treasurer, Clerk and Selectboard.

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
TREASURER					
Salaries - Treasurer	42,848	42,824	44,138	44,957	45,470
Salaries- Assistant Treasurer*	7,712	7,699	8,183	7,971	6,137
Social Security Treasurer	3,278	3,276	3,377	3,440	3,478
Social Security Asst. Treasurer	590	634	626	610	469
Benefits-Emplr Paid Health Insurance	9,023	9,023	9,442	9,442	10,810
Del Tax Coll Fee	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Social Security Del Tax Collector	306	306	306	306	306
Retirement Treasurer	1,285	1,285	1,324	1,349	1,364
Training	250	255	300	203	250
Dues/Meetings	150	0	100	0	100
Advertising	1,500	148	1,200	82	1,200
	70,942	69,450	72,996	72,358	73,585
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Auditing	18,000	15,535	18,000	14,950	18,000
Salaries-Add'l Staffing	1,000	0	500	0	500
Social Security- Addtl Staffing	77	0	38	0	38
Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100	100
Supplies	5,000	3,672	5,000	5,142	5,000
Postage	4,000	3,661	3,500	3,677	3,600
Printing Town Reports	3,800	3,886	3,800	3,691	3,800
Town Report Postage	600	605	600	739	700
Office Equipment	7,500	5,786	8,000	6,088	8,000
Computer Maint/Training	6,500	8,116	7,500	3,129	5,500
Server	0	0	0	0	600
Website Maintenance & Upgrades	500	895	900	495	700
Copier Maintenance	1,850	1,758	1,850	1,614	1,800
NEMRC Expenses	4,200	4,438	4,500	5,495	9,000
Technology Equip Capital Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Computer Monthly Service Charges	12,800	8,068	10,500	11,307	11,000
CAI GIS Mapping	5,700	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Travel	200	111	200	0	100
Transfer Station Utilities	0	894	1,000	760	1,000
Telephone-ISP	3,000	1,343	2,000	3,912	4,000
VLCT	4,169	3,783	4,169	3,887	4,376
Insurance	75,259	74,580	63,467	64,745	65,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,700	1,029	499	444	1,000
Emergency Management	500	0	500	169	500
Advertising	200	0	200	0	200
Trash/Recycle Center	0	0	0	4,695	0

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (continued)					
Trash/Recycle Ct.Capital Fund	0	0	0	0	2,000
CV Solid Waste	3,000	2,765	3,000	2,765	3,000
Sewer Principal Bond Payment	0	25,011	0	25,548	0
Sewer Bond Interest Payment	0	25,727	0	25,190	0
Tax Abatements	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,635	2,500
2015 Library Repairs	0	5,117	0	29,779	0
2015 Library Loan Principal	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	0
2015 Library Loan Interest	1,554	1,524	777	698	0
Miscellaneous	2,000	115	1,000	0	1,000
	210,708	246,919	191,001	268,054	158,414
PLANNING/ZONING					
Salary - Zoning Adm	9,932	7,326	9,641	7,216	8,000
Planning Commission Chair Stipend	0	0	0	0	750
Social Security - Zoning	760	581	760	552	574
Retirement- Zoning Adm	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	300	38	400	0	200
Postage	200	0	100	0	100
Education/Training	250	90	250	0	250
Advertising	400	398	500	355	300
Town Bylaws/Plan/Subdivision	500	0	0	0	0
Public Forum Inducements	400	10	0	0	0
Grant Town Match	7,500	6,137	4,400	0	0
	20,242	14,579	16,051	8,123	10,174
ACADEMY BUILDING					
Salary- Academy Building	39,546	38,419	38,653	41,943	41,960
Social Security- Academy	3,025	2,939	2,957	3,208	3,210
Benefits- Employer Paid Insurance	15,220	15,220	15,615	15,615	18,085
Retirement	1,186	1,215	1,254	1,278	1,291
Safety Compliance	1,000	0	500	0	500
Utilities	31,000	49,304	42,400	36,705	42,000
BA Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Maintenance	13,800	10,151	14,351	11,594	10,280
Tools & Equipment	600	409	600	0	600
Supplies	2,000	1,968	2,000	1,701	2,000
	112,377	124,624	123,330	117,044	129,926
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Fire Fighter Expense Reimbursement	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Chief Officers Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)					
Custodial Salary	1,014	915	1,045	691	1,076
Custodial Social Security	78	68	78	53	82
Chief Officer Social Security	115	115	115	115	115
FD Background Checks	250	375	375	375	375
Office Supplies	600	103	500	369	500
Fire Service Training	800	710	800	688	800
Utilities	8,000	8,610	7,500	7,976	8,000
FD- Telephone & Internet	2,200	2,188	2,200	2,564	2,200
Equipment Repair	7,000	2,926	5,400	4,996	5,400
New Equipment	7,000	10,113	8,600	8,689	8,600
Dues	500	450	680	709	900
Fire Dispatching	11,600	11,858	19,000	9,589	19,655
Package Insurance	17,500	16,829	17,500	16,120	17,500
Gasoline/Diesel	2,000	1,906	2,000	1,554	2,000
Safety Gear	2,400	3,199	4,000	6,320	7,000
Truck Maintenance	10,000	9,235	10,000	5,877	10,000
Capital Fund-Fire Equip.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	40,000
Building Maintenance	6,500	3,389	6,000	3,601	6,000
Grounds Maintenance	1,800	2,220	1,800	1,775	1,800
FD Travel	300	477	300	439	450
	118,656	114,687	126,893	111,499	151,453
RESCUE-FAST SQUAD					
Squad Member Reimbursement	3,000	2,984	3,000	2,989	3,000
Vaccines & Testing	100	0	100	0	100
Office Supplies	250	176	250	0	200
Training	1,200	451	1,200	478	1,000
Safety Gear	900	763	900	0	700
Medical Equipment	2,000	1,445	2,000	0	2,000
Equipment/Medicine Replacement	2,500	1,358	2,500	1,286	2,500
Oxygen Tank Refills	150	101	150	37	100
Pagers/Radio Maintenance	1,000	925	1,000	558	1,000
Background Checks	300	0	300	0	300
	11,400	8,204	11,400	5,347	10,900
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries- PD Officers	141,000	143,378	145,055	129,666	145,055
Salary PD- Admin Assistant	0	0	18,188	18,667	18,728
Salaries -- Contracted Services	1,500	1,215	1,000	0	1,000
Social Security-PD Officers	10,787	10,234	11,097	9,920	11,097
Social Security- Admin Assistant	0	0	1,391	1,428	1,433
Social Security- Contracted Services	115	85	110	0	110

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
POLICE DEPARTMENT(continued)					
PD - Health Insurance	15,656	15,656	0	214	0
Retirement - PD	0	0	0	0	0
Uniforms - PD	1,800	1,466	1,500	547	1,500
Supplies - PD	350	184	300	210	300
Police Radio Maintenance & Upgrades	250	240	500	0	500
Computer Software	1,000	466	950	869	1,000
Cont. Education	1,500	549	1,200	100	1,200
Telephone/Cell/Pager	1,200	1,135	1,200	1,086	1,200
New Equipment - PD	1,800	1,075	1,500	64	1,500
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000	3,228	3,000	3,278	4,000
Fuel	4,500	4,612	5,000	4,211	5,000
Vehicle Capital Fund	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Advertising/Dues/Subscrip	300	275	450	250	450
	193,257	192,298	200,941	179,010	202,572
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE					
Social Security- PH & Welfare	200	140	150	148	150
Animal Control	3,571	1,710	2,200	2,484	3,000
Health Officer	1,000	917	1,000	1,000	1,500
Orange County Tax	50,823	49,944	49,944	56,729	58,640
Tree Warden	0	0	500	0	500
Historical Society- Flags	500	500	500	500	650
Beautification Committee	400	400	400	400	400
Bradford Annual Parade	750	750	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cemeteries	32,000	32,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Central VT Adult Basic Education	0	3,000	1,500	3,000	0
Central VT Capstone Community	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Central VT Council on Aging	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
Clara Martin Center	0	4,413	0	4,413	0
Conservation Fund	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
Downstreet Housing	0	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Green Mountain Economic Devel.	1,383	1,383	1,361	1,361	1,355
Green Up Day Local Program	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Library	57,000	57,000	57,000	57,000	59,000
Little Rivers Health Care	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Cohase Camber of Commerce	0	0	683	683	700
Northeast Slopes	0	2,500	0	0	0
Orange County Restorative Justice Ct	400	400	480	480	700
Orange County Child Advocacy Cente.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Orange East Senior Center	0	8,500	0	8,500	0
Oxbow Senior Independence Prg.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Public Health Council	0	0	0	0	500

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE(continued)					
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	5,120	0	7,000	0
The Mentoring Project	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	4,056	4,056	4,168	4,168	4,279
Upper Valley Ambulance	120,271	120,271	123,068	123,068	123,068
Vermont Family Network	0	0	500	500	0
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	0	12,450	0	12,450	0
	286,854	327,453	293,954	339,383	306,442
CONSERVATION COMM					
Supplies	450	447	450	428	450
Postage	250	115	250	249	250
Stationary	250	160	250	200	0
Publications	350	442	350	311	350
Seminars	175	80	175	84	175
Association Dues	150	150	150	155	150
Public Info & Education	475	362	475	499	475
Energy Subcommittee	400	107	400	135	525
Cons. & Beautification Projects	350	350	350	349	475
	2,850	2,214	2,850	2,409	2,850
PARKS & RECREATION					
Salaries - Park Maintenance	3,200	1,568	2,089	2,878	2,089
Salary BTA Coord	7,590	3,593	0	0	0
Salaries- Camp	21,280	17,833	23,100	29,430	23,100
Salary Recreation Director	19,760	19,759	23,406	23,729	23,406
Social Security - Park Maintenance	245	120	160	220	160
Social Security - BTA Coordinator	581	275	0	0	0
Social Security- Camp Salaries	1,628	1,364	1,767	2,251	1,767
Social Security- Rec Director	1,512	1,512	1,791	1,815	1,791
Materials & Supplies- Parks	200	64	400	237	400
Materials & Supplies for BTA	500	15	0	202	0
Materials/Supplies for BPRC	200	272	500	115	300
Food/Snacks- BPRC	350	185	350	74	350
Equipment- Parks	300	524	300	110	300
Rec Director Workshops/Trainings	650	797	800	721	800
Meetings & Travel- Parks	350	40	200	0	200
Travel- Rec Dept.	200	75	200	85	200
Utilities- Parks	1,800	1,905	3,800	2,259	3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	11,000	8,229	9,000	8,094	9,000
Park Building Maintenance	750	895	1,000	465	1,000
Denny Park Landscaping	750	112	250	0	200

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PARKS & RECREATION (continued)					
Association Dues: Parks	200	75	200	0	200
Contracted Services: Parks	300	0	300	247	300
Advertising- Parks	250	131	250	125	250
Advertising-Recreation	350	197	250	250	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	38	50	0	50
BPRC Summer Camp Exp	4,890	3,450	3,400	2,657	4,800
Background Checks	1,000	75	150	98	150
Rec Director Activities/Events	2,600	67	2,000	0	2,000
BPRC Offsite activities	500	502	500	0	500
BPRC Events	500	0	500	0	500
	87,485	64,669	80,713	77,062	81,063
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXP.	1,268,667	1,316,010	1,290,376	1,337,842	1,296,914
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	175,043	187,120	163,355	200,451	175,956
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	1,093,624	1,128,891	1,127,021	1,137,392	1,120,958

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES					
HIGHWAY FUND					
SUMMER MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	62,400	59,492	75,000	74,571	88,450
Social Security	4,774	4,430	5,738	5,596	6,766
Health Insurance Summer	18,787	19,553	20,000	20,365	18,800
Retirement Summer	1,872	945	1,800	1,095	2,654
Purchased Services	10,000	4,831	6,000	5,433	6,000
Downtown Mowing	3,500	2,847	4,500	4,503	4,500
Roadside Mowing	8,000	5,220	7,000	4,000	7,000
Equipment Rental	2,500	0	500	0	500
Materials	55,000	55,527	55,000	54,853	60,000
	166,832	152,844	175,538	170,416	194,670

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
WINTER MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	93,600	95,808	113,000	117,362	132,675
Social Security-Winter	7,160	7,167	8,645	8,814	10,150
Health Ins - Winter	28,180	27,414	29,300	28,389	28,200
Retirement Highway	2,808	1,624	2,800	1,854	3,980
Purchased Services	5,000	2,600	5,000	3,753	5,000
Contracted Snowplowing	19,000	25,399	20,000	28,154	25,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	10,000	12,998	12,000	16,874	15,000
Sand	25,000	24,233	20,000	19,431	25,000
Salt	75,000	96,127	88,750	101,721	88,000
	265,748	293,369	299,495	326,352	333,005
ADMINISTRATION					
Uniforms	2,000	1,659	2,300	1,610	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	2,338	2,000	2,363	2,000
Supplies - Garage	3,000	3,167	3,500	3,504	3,500
Technology Equip Replacement	1,000	366	1,500	1,443	1,500
Travel	500	32	500	935	500
Utilities	5,000	5,047	5,000	5,953	5,500
Park/Streetlights	17,000	13,969	14,000	14,612	14,000
Tele/Pagers/ISP	3,500	3,280	3,500	3,753	3,500
Street Bond Principal	0	4,613	0	4,613	0
Street Bond Interest	0	1,293	0	1,057	0
2016 Dump Truck Loan Repay	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398
2016 Dump Truck Interest	768	756	512	503	503
2014 Grader Payment	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	0
2014 Grader Interest	880	880	440	440	0
Maintenance - Garage	3,000	3,923	3,000	3,484	3,000
Highway - Bid Advertising	100	59	100	115	100
Downtown Trash Pick Up	10,000	11,929	13,000	11,946	13,000
Training	100	0	100	0	100
	85,823	89,785	85,927	92,806	63,978
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE					
Fuel, Oil & Lubes	32,000	35,068	38,000	38,430	38,000
Parts & Maintenance	30,000	31,922	30,000	49,132	34,500
Tools & Equipment	7,500	6,834	7,500	6,773	7,500
	69,500	73,824	75,500	94,334	80,000

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
SPECIAL ROADS					
Better Back Roads Grant	0	180	0	0	0
Paving Projects	250,000	228,358	250,000	239,040	250,000
Special Roads	10,000	8,399	10,000	0	10,000
Signs	2,500	1,512	2,500	846	1,500
Guardrails	8,000	0	8,000	0	5,000
Culverts	6,500	4,390	6,500	9,414	7,000
Line Painting	4,500	2,375	4,500	2,614	3,000
Sidewalk Repair	500	0	50	55	500
Projects Capital Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Equipment Capital Fund	72,000	72,000	75,000	75,000	78,000
HW Facility Cap. Fund	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	12,000
Stormwater Discharges	5,000	1,990	2,500	0	2,000
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	40,000	40,000
	416,000	376,203	416,050	408,969	434,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXP.	1,003,904	986,026	1,052,509	1,092,878	1,105,652
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	110,900	152,720	110,900	116,891	110,900
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	893,004	833,306	941,609	975,987	994,752

Total Town & Highway	2,272,571	2,302,036	2,342,885	2,430,720	2,402,566
Less Anticipated Revenue	285,943	339,839	274,255	317,342	286,856
Offset from Prev. Year's Surplus	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Total to be Raised by Taxes	1,886,628	1,862,197	1,968,630	2,013,378	2,115,710

2020 BUDGET SUMMARY	
General Fund	
2020 Proposed Budget	1,296,914
Less Anticipated Revenue	175,956
Less Accumulated Surplus	0
NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	1,120,958
Highway Fund	
2020 Proposed Budget	1,105,652
Less Anticipated Revenue	110,900
Less Accumulated Surplus	0
NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	994,752
COMBINED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,115,710

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

General Fund

Assets

General Checking at Community Bank N.A.	1,947,210	
Due to/from Other Funds	-1,773,533	
Current Taxes Received - School	133,278	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Principal	90,311	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Interest	39,272	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Penalty	7,233	
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Total Assets		443,771

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	8,885	
Next Year Invoices	-107,425	
Deferred Revenue:Principal	80,027	
Deferred Revenue:Interest	39,280	
Deferred Revenue:Penalty	6,390	
Tax Overpayment Payable	52	
Deferred Revenue School Tax:Principal	-58,582	
Due to School Taxes	-212,297	
Aflac Ins. Payable	337	
Colonial Life	-2	
Marriage Fees State Treasurer	100	
Hunt/Fish Fees to State	47	
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Total Liabilities 298,569

Prior Year Fund Balance	173,747	
Current Year Fund Balance	- 28,545	
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Net Accumulated Surplus		145,202

TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, FUND BALANCE **443,771**

Highway Fund

Assets

Due to/from General Fund	44,900	
Total Assets		44,900

Liabilities None

Prior Year Fund Balance	73,372	
Current Year Fund Balance	- 28,472	
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Net Accumulated Surplus		44,900

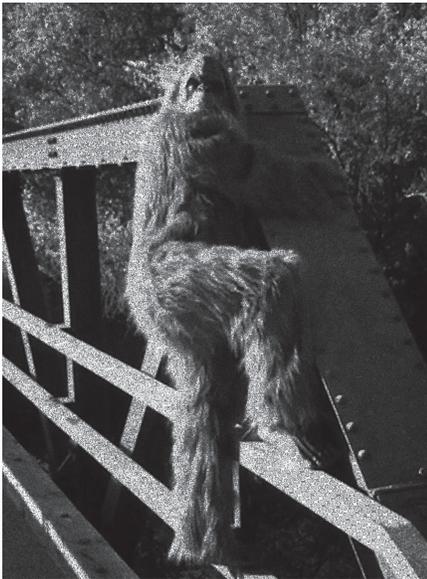
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Capital, Reserves and Special Funds (also see Trustees of Public Funds)	Fund Balance 12/31/18	2019 Income	2019 Expense	Fund Balance 12/31/19
D Darling Quad Reserve	45	0	0	45
Bicentennial Cane Reserve	261	0	7	254
Lavelle Memorial Fund	5,008	0	0	5,008
Fire Department Capital Fund	224,791	20,000	0	244,791
Fire Department Reserve Fund	1,400	1,381	1,381	1,400
Fire Department Damages	0	11,519	0	11,519
Bradford Academy Capital Fund	43,556	5,000	18,683	29,873
Bradford Academy Roof Project	1,531	0	0	1,531
Reappraisal	52,159	12,626	0	64,785
Technology Equipment Capital Fund	6,587	2,000	8,499	88
Highway Projects	36,901	25,000	11,913	49,988
Highway Equipment	72,000	75,000	131,500	15,500
Highway Facility Capital Fund	56,641	17,000	0	73,641
HWY: Ustore Tank Replacement	10,000	0	0	10,000
Police Reserve Fund	1,353	200	1,035	518
Police Vehicle Capital Fund	22,248	8,500	0	30,748
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	214,245	40,000	49,456	204,789
Pager/Radio Capital Fund	3,874	0	2,394	1,480
BPRC Capital Fund	8,461	5,137	0	13,598
Record Restoration & Misc. Revenue	24,378	4,399	308	28,469
Green Up Day	790	1,954	1,491	1,253
BPRC Reserve Fund (Teen Assoc)	681	0	681	0
BPRC Reserve Fund (Recreation)	3,331	0	0	3,331
Prepay Sewer Hookups (for offsetting future bond payments)	74,204	14,351	25,000	63,555
Beautification Committee Funds	562	500	316	746
Revolving Loan Fund	100,799	935	0	101,734
Library: VCDP Planning Grant	215	0	0	215
Municipal Planning Grants	7,037	1,977	3,014	6,000
Highway Structures Grant: Mink Hill	0	0	64,126	-64,126
Highway Municipal Road Grant: Flanders Brk	0	9,782	9,782	0
Total Capital Reserves and Special Funds	967,744	257,261	329,579	895,426
 Conservation Commission Asset Accounts				
Bradford Conservation Commission: Misc. Grants WRSB				8,290
Bradford Conservation Commission WRSB				21,302
Bradford Conservation Commission: Friends Wrights Mtn WRSB				1,427
Bradford Conservation Commission: Friends Wrights Mtn WGSB CD				5,116
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD				18,076
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD				11,219
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD				13,229
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD				15,153
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD				5,041
Conservation Commission Asset Accounts				98,854

**TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2019 (unaudited)**

General Fund - Bonds & Loans

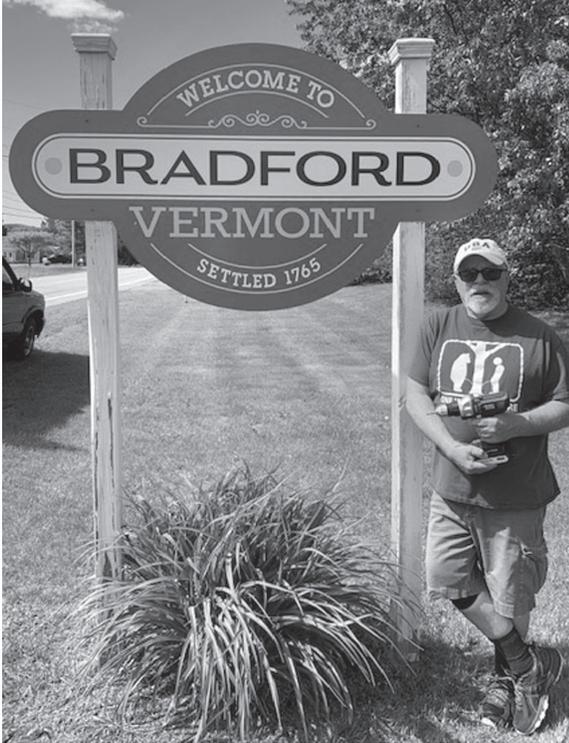
<u>Department</u>	<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/18</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sewer	L.Plain Sewer Extension	May 2011	1,540,000	Aug 2042	1,324,003	1,284,405	39,598
Highway	Street Bond	July 1996	106,853	Dec 2026	26,123	21,510	4,613
Highway	2014 John Deere Grader	March 2014	110,000	June 2019	22,000	0	22,000
Library	Library Repairs	April 2015	210,000	Nov 2019	42,000	0	42,000
Highway	2016 Highway Truck	April 2016	66,990	April 2020	26,796	13,398	13,398
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019					1,440,923	1,319,313	121,609



**BRADFORD'S
BIGFOOT
MANIA!**



Bigfoot Mania hit Bradford in September when an anonymous flyer was posted in town that Bigfoot was not the reason the old Creamery Road bridge was closed. Just the mention of “Bigfoot” or “Sasquatch” began the buzz. The flyer ended up on social media which went viral. Soon, TV stations and reporters surfaced in Bradford including the Boston Globe to cover the story. Video of a Sasquatch running away from the Creamery bridge was posted. River Bend Career and Technical Center staff jumped on board, or so it seemed, promoting a search for Bigfoot. In the end, the truth was revealed that River Bend was the root of the prank! RBCTC had T-shirts made and “Bigfoot” marched in the Groton Fall Foliage parade the first Saturday in October wearing a new RBCTC T-shirt! Now Bigfoot has been claimed as RBCTC’s new mascot. And, no, the Old Creamery Road bridge never had any connection to Bradford’s Bigfoot!



On behalf of Bradford Historical Society, David Benjamin, husband of BHS President Meroa Benjamin, posed for a photo after recently replacing the “Welcome to Bradford” sign on Route 5 near the Clara Martin Center. In 2015, the town’s 250th anniversary celebration committee purchased four new signs to welcome visitors to Bradford. But earlier this year, the sign south of the Four Corners suffered wind damage. Vermont Correctional Industries of Newport, Vermont fabricated the new sign.



Sylvie and Peter Terry of Bradford counted their gold and silver medals on July 13 at the track and field events of the Vermont Senior Games at Burlington High School. They were the only entrants from Bradford. Other Vermont Senior Games events are held throughout the year.



Bradford Elementary School received a \$1,000 donation from Hannaford’s Supermarkets in Bradford in May. Pictured here (left to right) are Hannaford manager Ryan Lockwood, Bradford Elementary School principal Kate Paxton, Hannaford manager Sandy Giroux.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

The Bradford Town Auditors met in mid-December 2019 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 the report, and we employed RePro Vermont, a printing company in Winooski, Vermont, to print and mail the reports.

The Town hires professional auditors annually to perform a full examination of the Town's financial records and accounts, and these professionals issue a report when they have completed their audit. We 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 2018.

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

*Erin Odell
Monique Priestley*

THANK YOU!

We the Town wish to acknowledge our gratitude to Peter Terry for his astute, dedicated contributions as a Town Auditor. Peter served in this capacity from 2013 to 2019. Thank you, Peter!



A group of area residents held at climate crisis rallies at Denny Park in Bradford. The group met Friday mornings this fall. Others pictured (from right to left) are Emily Marsh, Stephen Gelhert, Dina Debois, Elizabeth Towle, Catherine Kidder, Nancy Jones, and Susanna Lewis.

REPORT OF SELECTBOARD

At last year's Town Meeting, people let us know that they were not happy with the condition of Bradford's sidewalks. In fact, in what might have been a first, the voters approved a budget larger than our recommended budget. Voters added \$25,000 and urged the Selectboard to use that extra money to upgrade some of the worst sections of sidewalk.

We are pleased to say that during the 2019 construction season, we repaired and upgraded some 300 feet of badly deteriorated sidewalk along North Main Street. We intend to continue upgrading sections over the next several years. Please note also, that there is a question on the warning for this year's meeting about whether the town should purchase a sidewalk clearing machine.

Another major sidewalk issue that we addressed was the "vault" under the sidewalk in front of several storefronts from Chan's House north. Several years ago we installed emergency supports in the vault made from pressure-treated lumber. While that work was badly needed, it was only a temporary solution, and we knew that a permanent solution had to be developed. This past year we met with an engineering firm to devise a plan to fix the problem permanently. Filling in the vault without disturbing the storefronts will not be inexpensive. We know that the State Highway Department played a role in creating the vault and although we still have not received any promises, we hope the state will provide some assistance in helping pay for a solution.

Another long-festering issue that was finally resolved in 2019 was public Wi-Fi for the BA building, which came online in the spring. The password changes each weekday, and our town staff post the password every weekday morning on the public bulletin board.

The Creamery Road bridge made local, statewide, and even national news, when flyers were posted around town assuring people that the delay in reopening the bridge was not the result of protecting the habitat for Sasquatch. We were very pleased when the state finally installed a new deck on the bridge, and it was reopened to through traffic.

The recent school merger has changed the way we collect taxes for the school system, and we are now required to pay the school all taxes that were due, regardless of whether or not they were all collected. That could cause problems in the town's cash flow. It is too early to predict how much this will affect the town's day-to-day finances, but it could force us into a short-term borrowing situation, with the interest on the borrowed money coming from the town budget, not the school system.

After many years of reliable and often thankless work, Wayne Godfrey stepped down as Bradford's Animal Control Officer. We thank Wayne for his efforts over the years, and we welcome Glen Godfrey as the new Animal Control Officer. We also want to thank Camilla Thibodeau, who was recently appointed as Bradford's new Health Officer. Both of those positions come with many challenges, and we very much appreciate the work they do for our community.

Bradford depends on volunteers. Many boards and commissions need volunteers. We encourage everyone in our community to become involved.

*Thomas E. "Ted" Unkles, Chair
Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair
Carole P. Taylor
Daniel A. Perry III
Ryan Lockwood*

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The Board of Listers would like to thank all the taxpayers for their assistance in providing information during the 2019 tax year. The listers worked on property transfers, new property improvements, changes due to building permits, tax mapping changes, veterans' exemptions, current use, and other tasks required to maintain an accurate grand list.

The 2019 Equalization Sales Study Results were released on December 20, 2019. The Common Level of Appraisal is set at 97.9% and the Coefficient of Dispersion is 6.62%. Both numbers are relatively low due to the recent 2018 reassessment.

Here are some important dates to remember:

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

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

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

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

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

We are in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m-1 p.m. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions. We can be reached by phone at 802-222-4727 Ext. 202 and 206 or by email listers@bradford-vt.us.

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



Boy Scout Troop 778, Bradford, along held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony for William Calvin Bonser on Jan. 12 at New Hope United Methodist Church in Waits River. Eagle is the highest rank in scouting and Eagle Scout Bonser completed this accomplishment at the age of 16. He was sworn in by Bradford Scout leader Morgan Johnson.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is at full strength with the welcomed addition of Sarah Pushee. We also appreciated the support provided by Paul Berlejung, Zoning Administrator.

We had a very busy year. At the December 12th Selectboard meeting, the revised Zoning Bylaws were approved. The Planning Commission had been working on this revision for well over two years with the technical assistance from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission (TRORC). The Planning Commission also held three historic district reviews and one site plan review and are waiting for additional documentation on another application requiring site plan review.

The Planning Commission has also been closely involved in TRORC's Regional Plan revision with regards to their limitation on Primary Retail development in parts of our Lower Plain District including development south of Route 25. We will be continuing discussions with TRORC during 2020.

The Planning Commission has also been involved in the opposition to the proposed 500kW Solar Array proposed for a currently undeveloped parcel of land next to the gas pumps on Route 25. With the support of the Selectboard and TRORC, we will be participating in the case before the Public Utility Commission. While we support solar energy and renewable energy in general, we feel strongly that this location is not suitable for such a development and would limit future commercial/retail development opportunities for our town and the surrounding communities.

This coming year, we hope to update our Town Plan, revisit the town adopting Subdivision regulations, conduct site plan and historic district reviews as the need arises and continue to play an active role in opposition to the proposed Solar Array development.

Our regular meetings are held at the Bradford Academy at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

*Marcey Carver
Ted Unkles
Ron Huntington
Monique Priestley
Sarah Pushee*

REPORT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

There were 36 zoning/building permits issued in 2019, down from 43 in 2018. In accordance with the Zoning Bylaws, six applications were forwarded to the Planning Commission and/or Board of Zoning Adjustment for review and approval before the permit was issued.

In addition, I have investigated multiple complaints about zoning violations, some of which I found to be valid and some were not. Working with the Town's elected officials, employees and volunteers, it has been a pleasure to be your zoning administrator.

*H. Paul Berlejung
Zoning Administrator*

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Highway Department completed the 2019 structures grant on Mink Hill which included replacing the large culvert at the beginning of the road.

Paving in 2019 included completing the paving project on Fairground Road to the Newbury town line and using the \$25,000 that was added to the 2019 budget at Town Meeting Day on the sidewalk starting in front of the Congregational Church heading South on Main Street toward Wells River Savings Bank buildings.

The Highway Department is anticipating paving Chelsea Road in 2020.

Bradford Highway Department also worked on a water quality grant on Flanders Brook Road with anticipation of another grant in 2020 to complete another third of the road. This project included changing culverts, stone lined ditching and clearing of trees and brush.

Culverts were replaced on Kidder Road and Wright's Mountain Road.

The Creamery Road Bridge reopened in late November 2019 after the State of Vermont did extensive repairs to the decking of the bridge.

The Town is moving forward with filling in the vault underneath the sidewalk on Main Street. In 2019, engineering was completed and one third of the project is set to begin in the spring of 2020. We continue to look for grant money to do repairs on North Pleasant Street sidewalk/embankment.

The Town is scheduled to replace the Ford-550 in 2020 with the trade-in value of the old truck and highway capital reserve funds.

Thank you to the Bradford highway crew for the many hours of time put in on projects throughout the year and their professionalism.

*Phil Page
Road Foreman*



The Bradford Highway Department completed the sidewalk project which extended from the Bradford Congregational Church south to the Wells River Savings Bank buildings on Main Street. In late November, the Creamery Road bridge was opened to traffic.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Police Chief Russ Robinson has done a good job in his first year as chief as we knew he would. He is very experienced in all aspects of policing and served many years in the area.

Police Officer Rick Ostrout retired from the Vermont State Police last year and moved seamlessly to the Bradford Police Department. He served eight years as a trooper assigned to the Bradford barracks, so he knows the Town very well.

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 well not be what we would like but the alternative, a paid staff, would require a significant increase of the current budget.

The Public Safety Commission, the police 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



Students from Bradford Blue Wave Taekwondo Club competed in “poomsae” (forms) divisions at the USA Taekwondo National Championships in Minneapolis, MN. The two “gup” rank (color belt) competitors, Megan Rebele (bottom right) and Austin Malavet (bottom left), placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in their divisions. Martin Emerson (top left) and Lisa Fearon (top right) earned a bronze medal for black belt over 30 pairs. In individual black belt competition, Emerson made it to the first round of finals, and Fearon earned a bronze in her division.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Fire Department consists of 23 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. Currently we are seeking additional volunteers.

The department responded to 178 calls in 2019.

Alarm Activation	41	Ambulance Assist	21	Agency Assist	2
Chimney Fire	2	CO Alarm	2	MV Accidents	33
Mutual Aid	21	MV Fire	4	Structure Fire	5
Outside Fire	6	Service Call	31		
Smoke Investigation	4	Trees and Wires	6		

I would like to thank R. Todd Terrill and Ralph Messenger who have dedicated countless hours to the fire service and to the community of Bradford. Todd started his career in 1983 working through the ranks to the office of Fire Chief where he stayed for 12 years. Ralph started his career in 1993 where he worked through the ranks holding the highest position of Assistant Chief. Congratulations to the both of you on your retirement from the Fire Department. Thank you for your service.

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 FAST SQUAD

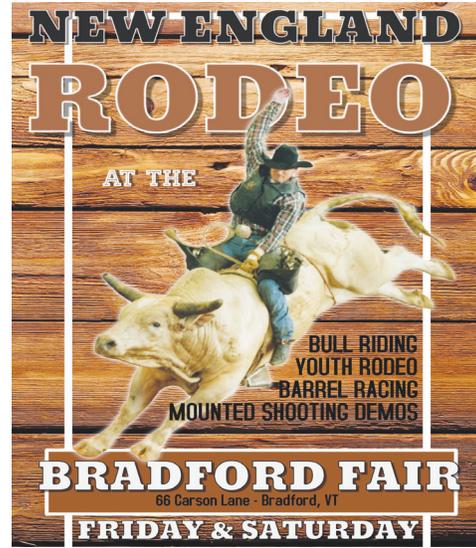
This past year, we maintained our Paramedic licensure with the State of Vermont. We currently have 10 members. Two paramedics, one Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, four Emergency Medical Technicians and three members who have completed their Emergency Medical Responder Course and should be certified in early 2020.

Our call volumes continue to increase with 454 calls as of Nov. 30, 2019, up from 408 calls in 2018. We currently struggle to cover calls due to our low membership level. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to reach out. No prior training is required. We can get you connected with the proper training.

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

*Daniel Perry IV
EMT President*

CONNECTICUT VALLEY FAIR BROUGHT THE RODEO TO BRADFORD IN 2019!



REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

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 are improperly installed and may prove dangerous. Be sure to follow the directions of the manufacturer regarding distances from combustibles and never use the same flue as the furnace. Burn only dry wood and keep your chimney clean.

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

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

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

It would be naive to think no one was making meth or butane honey oil (BHO) in this area when it is occurring all over the state. As meth and BHO are illegal drugs and the making of either is a criminal offense, the disposal of the waste and paraphernalia used in the process is often done with no concern for those who may encounter it.

Likewise, drug users often toss used needles out. They can infect anyone who handles them.

Should you find liter soda bottles with plastic tubes in their caps or white residue inside or you find needles, do not touch them. Be safe. Call the police.

*Gary W. Moore
Emergency Management Director*

REPORT OF BRADFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the Bradford Police Department!

On Jan. 3, 2019, I was appointed your new police chief. Sergeant Richard Ostrout also joined the department after serving the citizens of the State of Vermont. Andre Thibault and Stephen Sampson remain as part-time officers for the department. All officers bring different attributes to the department with their certifications in mandatory trainings that are set by the State which allows us to train locally at no charge to the town. Overall the citizens of Bradford have the benefit of over 50 years of law enforcement experience.

Since taking over as police chief, the department and State Police troopers have been assigned to 1,212 calls of service to date in 2019 and have had multiple criminal arrests. During this past year, officers have dealt with a large group of homeless individuals who have been observed by several citizens. We do want the public to know that the homeless people have been treated in a kind, generous manner. Each of these individuals have their own personal stories of how and why they have gotten into this situation. The police department has dealt with these situations with compassion and have gone out of their way to provide any assistance they could. Due to limited resources available, these individuals were observed sleeping in various locations throughout the town. Now that the cold weather has reached our community, most of these individuals have been able to establish at least temporary shelter. The police department will continue to strive to assist these individuals by any means possible, keeping in mind, the concerns of some of our citizens regarding the perceived loitering.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize Jeffrey Stiegler for his 6^{1/2} years of service he provided to the citizens of Bradford. Jeff spent countless hours updating department policies and purchasing new modern equipment for officers that align the department with several of the larger departments around the state.

In closing, I would like to thank all my officers and town officials for their support during my first full year as your police chief. I look forward to continuing working with all town officials and citizens in the Town of Bradford.

Reminder: Please contact (802) 222-4680 or 9-1-1 for any and all emergencies. The Bradford Police Department is not a 24-hour full-time service and calls are, at times, not being returned until several hours after the initial call. **The administrative line is monitored Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00-11:00 a.m. All other calls are handled through the Vermont State Police Dispatch. The administrative line is (802) 222-4727 Ext. 201.**

Russell F. Robinson, Chief of Police



REPORT OF BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING

Maintaining this building has been a challenging experience. It takes many different hats to keep the Bradford Academy (BA) looking good and maintained smoothly. I feel this year with the heat up and running, we should see better efficiency throughout the building.

There were painting projects that were completed, including the former “It’s Classified” office and the former Bradford Teen Association room. A fresh coat of paint was applied to floors on the second floor and the basement level including bleachers in the gym.

The podium in the auditorium got a facelift with the help of River Bend Career & Technical Center students. Students worked on new trim and supports and a fresh coat of stain and finish were applied. Meroa Benjamin of Bradford Historical Society coordinated the work with River Bend’s instructor Lance Mills. The podium looks great. Thank you, RBCTC students!

Other yearly projects included waxing the gym and auditorium floors as well as the basement level and bathrooms.

The BA gym has been busy as ever with basketball practices going on this winter season, five days a week. A new addition to gym use that began December 2019 is a group holding remote-control car racing Sunday mornings.

Other events happening at the BA throughout the year are ballet recitals twice a year, FilmSlam, Zumba class, drawing group, About the Bears event, and meetings.

I would like to thank the Bradford residents for their support of this beautiful, historical building. Please enjoy and respect the Bradford Academy Building for what it has to offer.

Special thank yous go out to the Selectboard, Town employees, volunteers and committees for all you do for the Town of Bradford.

A special shout-out of gratitude to the following: Rob Elder and Jenny Copeland of the Bradford Food Shelf; Charles Jobin for paint; ARC Mechanical Contractors with the boilers; Bill Walters, electrical; and Tasco for the new fire panel.

*Claude Ciurleo
Facilities Manager*



BA CLASS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS—Pictured here are members of the Bradford Academy’s Class of 1969, which celebrated its 50th reunion in June.

REPORT OF DOG ACCOUNT

		Fees	2,350
170	Spayed	Late Fees	676
210	Neutered	Kennel	0
50	Female	State of Vermont	2,360
42	Male	Total Collected	5,386
		Paid to State of Vermont	-2,360
472	Total Licenses Sold	Total Revenue	3,026

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 25, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

CEMETERY FUNDS

Funds Invested with Stifel Nicolaus	12/31/19	\$46,028
Income Fund		\$2,013
Restricted Fund		\$44,015

Investment made up from the following funds:		
Trustees of Public Funds	\$19,663	42.72%
Permanent Fund	6,881	14.95%
Johnston Fund	6,559	14.25%
Emerson Fund	5,735	12.46%
Rowell Fund	3,770	8.19%
Geneva Ostrout	2,140	4.65%
George Colby	1,114	2.42%
<u>Kendall Sanborn</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>.36%</u>
Total	\$46,028	100%

Grand Total Cemetery Funds	12/31/19	\$46,028
Balance as of	12/31/18	\$42,105

WALTER LEE FUND

Invested with Stifel Nicolaus	
Principal Fund as of 12/31/19	\$370,444
Interest available for future awards	\$86,838

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

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

Awards made this year were to: Bradford Elementary School, \$10,000 toward the construction of a composting toilet facility at the Low St. John Forest. These grant funds did not end up being used.

ELIZABETH'S PARK

Invested with Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank CD	
Balance as of 12/31/18	\$17,181
Interest	+ 3
<u>Balance as of 12/31/19</u>	<u>\$17,184</u>

*Anthony Brainerd
Martina Stever
Graham Gove
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 facade improvement for businesses located in the central business district. This is a loan fund; all loans must be repaid in full. This is not a grant program.

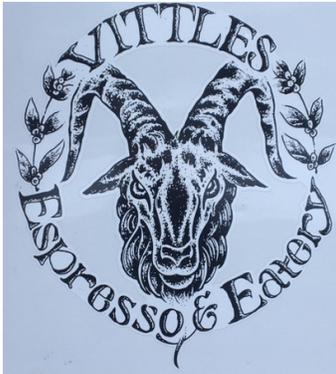
The Revolving Loan Fund received no new applications in 2019. The current balance of the Revolving Loan Fund, that is funds available to lend, is \$107,165 unaudited (as of December 31, 2019) and all outstanding loans are current.

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

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

WELCOME TO BRADFORD!

2019 NEW BUSINESSES



In May, Travis and Kendall Gendron of Corinth opened their Vittles Espresso & Eatery food truck on Route 25, at the entrance of Kinney Drugs. Vittles is a premier organic fair trade coffee roaster and drive-thru cafe.

The LITTLE Grille

AT THE MILL

November 1, Scott and Camila Rutherford opened their 3rd restaurant in Bradford, joining their two other locations in Littleton and Woodsville.



In July, Derek Hollis, owner of Dough Boy's Pizza on Main Street, Bradford, opened The River Bar in the basement of the Mill Building.



On Midnight Madness weekend in November, Janice Battison opened Antique Junction in the former North of the Falls building on Main Street.

REPORT OF BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

We were saddened by the loss of Gloria Fox on December 19, 2019. Gloria served as a Bradford village trustee when the board oversaw the running of the Wastewater system prior to the merger with the town.

Chief Operator Jon Thornton was appointed by the Vermont Rural Water Association Board of Directors to serve a member of the National Rural Water Association Board of Directors representing the State of Vermont.

Mike Tessier has taken classes necessary to obtain both his Class II Water System Operator's license and his Grade 3 Wastewater Operator's license. He passed the licensing test and has received his Water Operator's license and should have his Wastewater Operator's license by Town Meeting.

The transition to moving toward more cooperation with the Town Treasurer went smoothly. There is outstanding cooperation and communication between the Town departments now. We want to point out that payments are accepted in the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

There was one major water leak this year, in the middle of Goshen Road hill between the intersections of South Pleasant Street and North Pleasant Street. There was a crack in the 10-inch cast-iron main.

We were required to sample for PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) this year. The Vermont State Legislature passed a law requiring all public water systems in the state to sample for these contaminants. We were not prepared for this sampling budget-wise. We are happy to report that the results came back with no detection of any of the contaminants that were tested for.

We have also been required to sample for PFAS on the field that we use for sludge management. At the time of this report, this sampling has not been completed. We contracted a firm to complete this in early January 2020. Chief Operator Thornton was not made aware of this requirement until the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation notified him in November 2019. Again, we were not prepared for this requirement budget-wise.

In closing, the Commission would like to thank the Town of Bradford personnel who assisted us throughout 2019.

Other Important Information

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

Our phone number is 802-222-4315. The emergency pager number is 802-741-1248. This number will put you in contact with emergency on-call personnel.

We can also be reached by email at water-sewer-admin@bradford-vt.us (administrative) or water-sewer@bradford-vt.us (Chief Operator).

All pertinent information is posted and updated on the Town of Bradford website, www.bradford-vt.us.

Water & Sewer Commissioners:

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

Chief Water & Sewer Operator: Jon Thornton

Assistant Water & Sewer Operator: Mike Tessier

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant: Jesse Meyer

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2019)

DESCRIPTION	2018		2019		2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME					
Water Income	290,000	287,686	290,000	286,325	290,000
Water Interest & Penalty	3,000	3,190	3,000	4,130	3,500
Total Water Income	293,000	290,876	293,000	290,455	293,500
ADMINISTRATION					
Water Commissioner Salary	1,925	1,738	1,925	1,925	1,925
Water Salary Chief Operator	53,509	56,626	57,824	59,230	61,007
Water Salary Administration	8,628	8,466	6,137	4,650	8,428
Payroll Wtr SS	4,520	4,105	4,893	4,247	5,312
Water Health Insurance - Thornton	15,656	15,656	16,438	16,244	18,084
Water Health Insurance - Admin	7,828	3,137	0	0	0
Water Retirement - Thornton	1,605	1,699	1,735	1,777	1,830
Water Training	400	102	400	212	400
Total Administration	94,070	91,529	89,352	88,285	96,986
OPERATIONS					
Uniforms	300	268	300	54	300
Water Office Supplies	2,500	1,145	1,800	1,168	1,800
Postage & Delivery	750	1,395	1,500	1,442	1,500
Advertising	200	14	200	0	200
Water Hardware/Software	2,100	902	2,500	1,640	3,000
Water - NEMRC	500	602	500	0	500
Water Mileage	500	167	400	405	500
Electricity - Appleton Dr	14,104	13,127	14,000	17,075	19,000
Electricity - Fairground	2,302	1,967	2,150	1,950	2,150
Electricity - Goshen Rd	2,899	2,071	2,200	2,881	3,200
Electricity - SCADA Mink	265	237	275	262	300
Water Propane	750	519	750	499	750
Water - Telephone	1,750	1,519	1,750	1,578	1,750
Water - Pager	150	61	150	102	150
Water Meters	150	1,216	2,000	1,270	2,000
Water New Equipment	5,000	9,001	7,000	417	5,000
Hydrants	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000
Grounds Maintenance	100	0	100	7	100
Water - Safety	200	0	200	0	200
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	716	1,000
Licenses and Permits	1,250	305	1,200	617	1,200
Water State Permits	1,000	3,929	3,000	3,032	3,200
Water - Legal Fees	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Water - Audit	6,000	4,183	5,000	4,025	5,000
Property, Flood & Casualty	9,000	8,575	7,500	7,474	7,500
Water - Unemployment Insurance	150	65	150	28	150

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2019)

DESCRIPTION	2018		2019		2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
OPERATIONS (continued)					
Water - VLCT Dues	250	238	250	245	250
Water Truck Maintenance	1,200	538	1,500	522	1,500
Truck Gasoline	900	1,109	1,200	869	1,200
Water Chlorine	500	899	1,000	1,125	1,000
Water Fluoride	1,000	0	1,000	600	1,000
Contracted Services	1,500	1,949	1,800	785	1,500
Water Repairs	8,000	20,967	12,000	17,888	18,500
Water Customer Re-bill	0	1,591		0	0
Water New Work	6,000	4,181	6,000	1,108	5,000
Water Maintenance	2,000	144	1,500	710	1,000
Fairground Road Booster Pump	0	0	0	0	0
Water Outside Testing	1,200	980	1,200	2,335	2,000
Water Security	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Farr Lane Repair & Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	673	1,000
Water Bond - #361501 H&NP	4,500	4,617	4,500	4,432	4,500
Water Direct Line Bond RF	7,650	7,603	7,650	7,603	7,650
Well Head -Land Pmt WSP-0	4,050	4,033	4,050	4,033	4,050
Water Bond RF3-085	3,125	3,113	3,125	3,113	3,125
Water Bond Improvement Project	74,200	74,186	74,200	74,186	74,200
Water Miscellaneous	750	91	500	328	500
Water Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Expenses	200	0	100	0	100
Total Operations	193,945	182,507	201,200	172,194	211,525

Total Water Expenses	288,015	274,036	290,552	260,479	308,511
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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 12/31/18</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Water	Well Head Protection (WSP-002)	April 2001	60,000	April 2020	7,717	3,916	3,801
Water	Direct Line (RF3-022)	November 2003	378,558	November 2032	106,441	98,838	7,603
Water	Water Improve Project (RF3-231)	November 2014	4,079,750	October 2044	1,928,829	1,854,644	74,185
Water	Goshen Road (RF3-085)	July 2007	155,000	July 2036	56,034	52,921	3,113
Water	Village Bond (361501)	July 1996	347,400	December 2026	26,972	23,366	3,606
Sewer	Village Bond (361501)	July 1996	173,700	December 2026	16,903	15,122	1,781
Sewer	Treatment Plant Upgrade (92-01)	June 2006	422,000	June 2036	312,986	299,889	13,097
Total Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2019					2,455,882	2,348,696	107,186

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER FUND: BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2019)

Assets		
Cash		
Due to/from General Fund	-127,572	
Total Cash		-127,572
Receivables		
Water Rent Receivable	45,599	
Water Unbilled Accounts Receivable	23,982	
Total Receivables		69,582
Fixed Assets		
Water Fixed Assets	12,500	
Water Fixed Asset Land	1,100	
Chlorine/Fluoride Equipment	1,000	
Computer Billing System	5,000	
Equipment	135,537	
Meters	15,000	
Water Mains & Hydrants	1,614,490	
Pump House - Appleton Drive	7,200	
Water - System Upgrade	4,445,183	
Storage Shed	3,000	
Wells	200,000	
Reservoir	400,000	
Water - New Truck Purchase	23,778	
Pump Station & Water Right	153,510	
Accumulated Depreciation	-2,278,586	
Total Fixed Assets		4,738,713
Total Asset		4,680,723
Liability		
Loan #RF3-231 - Water Improvements	2,912,221	
Logging Deposit	1,000	
Water - EPA Loan	72,663	
Note Payable - VT Bond Bank	3,915	
State EPS Revolving Loan	127,167	
VT Municipal - Bond	23,372	
Total Liability		3,140,338
Fund Balance		
Retained Earnings	1,392,618	
Water Capital Fund	20,000	
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		1,412,618
Fund Balance Current Year	127,767	
Total Fund Balance		1,540,385
TOTAL LIABILITY, RESERVES & FUND BALANCE		4,680,723

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

2019 DELINQUENT CUSTOMER LISTING

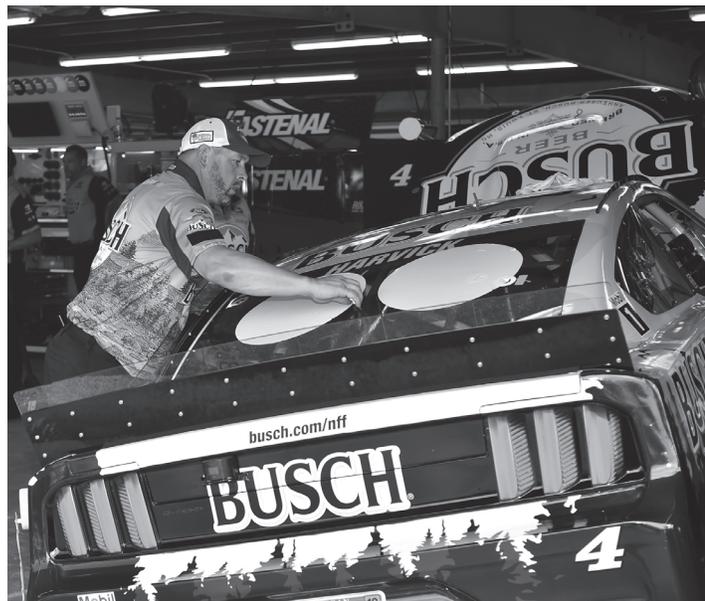
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
21-85-00230001	J. Leonard Spodek	11 KD Welch Service Rd	621.82
21-93-0055	Edonila Newstrom-Anaya	105 North Pleasant St.	1,148.96 Disconnected
21-97-0153	Stephen Vaughan	63 North Main St	933.13 Disconnected
21-97-0160	Ray Edwards	78 North Main St	609.17 Disconnected
21-97-0354	Janet Johnson	19 Depot Street	3,835.02 Disconnected
22-90-0042	Homebridge Financial Services	78 South Pleasant St	776.27 Disconnected
22-90-0051	Jocelyn Pickett	97 South Pleasant St	3,749.18
22-91-0008	Dorothy Page	16 High St	1,561.72 Disconnected
22-91-0074	Kendell & Margaret Brown	146 High St	1,764.63
23-69-0052	Tim & Nicole Jerry	428 Plateau Acres	171.47

Total Amount of Delinquent Accounts \$15,171.37

COMPARISON

Delinquent Water Accounts as of 12/31/19
\$15,171.37

Delinquent Water Accounts that have been
disconnected as of 12/31/19 totaled
\$8,864.27



Richie Bean, son of Diane Harrington of Bradford, works on Kevin Harvick's NASCAR #4 racecar for inspection at the New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon this summer.

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2019)

DESCRIPTION	2018		2019		2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME					
Sewer Income	255,000	259,225	261,000	253,250	260,000
Sewer Interest & Penalty	3,000	2,322	3,000	3,510	3,500
Total Sewer Expenses	258,000	261,547	264,000	256,760	263,500
ADMINISTRATION					
Sewer Commissioner Salary	1,925	1,738	1,925	1,925	1,925
Sewer Salary - Asst Operator	44,301	42,586	38,563	39,966	41,600
Sewer Salary Administration	8,628	8,430	6,137	4,650	8,428
Payroll Exp-SocSec Sewer	4,797	3,954	3,420	3,560	3,827
Assistant Operator Insurance	0	6,767	9,442	9,442	10,802
Administration Health Insurance	7,828	3,137	0	0	0
Sewer - Training	400	166	400	543	400
Sewer Retirement - Moore	1,300	339	0	0	0
Total Administration Expenses	69,179	67,117	59,887	60,086	66,982
OPERATION					
Sewer Office Supplies	2,500	1,145	1,800	1,237	1,800
Sewer Uniforms	300	289	300	54	250
Sewer Advertising	200	14	200	0	150
Sewer Hardware/Software	2,000	2,278	1,000	1,640	3,000
Sewer - NEMRC	500	602	500	0	500
Sewer Mileage	600	117	500	262	500
Sewer Propane	3,500	3,611	3,700	2,979	3,700
Electricity - ARC	376	322	395	339	400
Electricity - Golf Station	1,995	1,918	2,200	1,825	2,200
Electricity - Municipal Plant	252	400	475	159	400
Electricity - Sewage Plant	15,211	15,112	15,950	12,638	15,950
Electricity - Maple St	2,327	2,599	2,750	2,674	2,750
Electricity - Industrial	2,430	2,336	2,500	2,475	2,500
Sewer - Telephone	3,000	2,029	3,000	2,091	2,500
Sewer - Pager	200	51	200	102	200
Generator Maintenance	6,000	3,509	6,000	3,208	6,000
Sewer Sludge Removal	15,000	3,283	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sewer Certification	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Sewer Discharge Permits	600	411	600	411	500
Sewer - Licenses & Permit	750	285	750	425	750
Sewer - Audit	6,000	4,183	5,000	4,025	5,000
Sewer - Unemployment Insurance	150	65	150	28	150
Sewer - VLCT Dues	250	238	250	245	250
Sewer New Equipment	6,000	2,940	8,000	150	6,000
Equipment Repair/Replacement	6,000	0	6,000	0	6,000
Sewer Chemicals	6,000	5,279	6,000	4,870	6,000
Contracted Services	3,000	2,589	2,800	1,699	2,000
Sewer Field	200	-43	200	0	200
Sewer Outside Testing	1,400	3,178	2,000	2,060	3,000

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2019)

DESCRIPTION	2018		2019		2020
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
OPERATIONS (continued)					
Sewer Lab Supplies	1,500	2,211	1,800	555	1,500
Sewer Plant Maintenance	5,000	1,524	5,000	3,471	7,000
Pump Station - Repair & Maintenance	4,000	2,631	4,000	0	3,000
Sewer Water	800	854	800	1,037	1,000
Sewer Safety	700	0	500	377	500
Grounds Maintenance	600	231	600	149	300
Sewer Line Maintenance & Repair	8,000	4,512	8,000	7,270	8,000
Sewer Line - Main St Replacement	0	0	0	0	0
Sewer Taxes (Sweet)	2,500	2,156	2,500	2,239	2,500
Sewer Security	7,000	0	5,000	0	3,000
Sewer Bond - #361501 H&NP	2,400	2,280	2,400	2,189	2,400
Sewer USDA Loan 92-01	25,000	24,519	25,000	24,521	25,000
Sewer Miscellaneous	400	57	300	0	300
Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Operations Expenses	150,641	104,715	150,120	107,403	148,150
OTHER EXPENSES					
Insurance	11,000	10,576	9,300	9,217	9,300
Miscellaneous	0	18	0	0	0
Total Other Expense	11,000	10,594	9,300	9,217	9,300
Total Sewer Expenses	219,820	171,850	210,007	167,489	215,132

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER FUND: BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2019)

Assets

Cash

Due to/from General Fund	115,655	
Total Cash		115,655

Receivables

Sewer Rent Receivables	41,301	
Sewer Unbilled Accounts Receivable	<u>21,861</u>	
Total Receivables		63,162

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	<u>-731,174</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		1,304,817

Total Asset		1,483,634
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Liability

Sewer Bond Payable	15,103	
Rural Development	<u>299,889</u>	
Total Liability		314,992

Fund Balance

Opening Balance Equity	1,043,318	
Sewer Capital Fund	15,000	
Sludge Management Reserve Fund	<u>12,360</u>	
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		1,070,678

Fund Balance Current Year	97,964	
Total Fund Balance		1,168,642

TOTAL LIABILITY, RESERVES & FUND BALANCE		1,483,634
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REPORT OF BRADFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission started 2019 and actually ended 2019 working on the same project – installing and maintaining the community ice rink at Elizabeth’s Park. While the Commission worked hard to provide a smooth, hard surface for skating, Mother Nature delivered warm winds, and icy winds around snow, rain, sleet, and the occasional freezing rain to thwart most of the good-hearted efforts. Taking a page from the USPS manual, the Commission did everything they could to keep the option open. The rink is in great shape for the start of the year, but we can only react to whatever fills the sky. To help us address the situation this year our Rec Director, Mollie Hatch, has had a good response from Bradford businesses and families for folks to sign up for a week of ice care. As of this writing we’ll just have to wait and see if it works. The future might force us to look into constructing a simple pavilion-type structure to cover the ice.

Certainly, between the ice rink battles, the Commission has addressed a variety of other ways to engage the residents in our beautiful community. Memorial Field has been under our guidance this year and while the high water affected some of the early season Little League schedule, the rest of the year saw a variety of action on the fields, tennis courts, and boat launch area. River Bend Career and Technical Center has committed to supporting the efforts to install the Bugbee Landing Boat Dock in the water by May 15, and out on high ground by October 15. The conditions of the water in the river have the final say on exactly when it is safe to work on the site but it is great to have community organizations support our natural resource access. Phil Page and his crew are always available as a Plan B if needed.

Boch Park and Denny Park had high use all year long. At one point this fall, when Commission members were working by the falls, we were amazed at the visitors from around the country who stopped in. Folks from Texas and Kansas came the farthest, but every New England state was represented along with several other East Coast states. There were also couples from Germany and Israel who took pictures next to the falls. The picnic tables at both Denny Park and Boch Park get high use from locals as well.

The Commission again spent the most time and energy planning and overseeing the Summer Program. This project serves an increasing number of Bradford families each year with safe, engaging activities for eight weeks in the summer. Mollie devotes most of her time to making this happen and please check out her report for more of the details.

The Commission has a lengthy list of projects to address this year and many will extend for a couple of years as we try to provide opportunities for every segment of our community to be active and engaged within our town. We currently have openings for two Commission members and need more involvement from you the Bradford Community. Let us know how we can get you going!

Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission

REPORT OF BRADFORD RECREATION DIRECTOR

This year we have made great strides in updating the Elizabeth Park building and adding new LED lighting throughout to help brighten it up. We will be looking at alternative funds and grants to help with proposed updates the commission has planned for this coming year. The other parks have received some new fencing and updates including clearing out excess silt at Bugbee Landing and plans to replace lattice work at Denny Park this coming year. So far this winter, the rink has been a great success and we would like to thank the commission members as well as the community sponsors who have helped set up, flood, clear the rink, and work around the clock to ensure the ice is available for skating as often as we can.

Summer Camp 2019 was a great year of growth for the program. The program continues to be 100 percent self-supporting, and we are happy to see the enrollment numbers continue to grow, which ensures that we are meeting the needs of the Bradford and surrounding communities. With any program, we certainly did endure our share of growing pains this year and will look to revamp the program to a 6-week program and look for new leadership roles.

We are sad to see Mike Aldrich leave the program as director. Mike has been outstanding with the kids and Camp certainly will not be the same without him. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture, and know it won't be an easy task to find a replacement.

As always, we want to thank those who support Parks and Recreation throughout the year, everything we do is not possible without the volunteers and participants. Here are events we are looking forward to this coming year:

Winter:

- Holiday Caroling/Tree lighting
- Snowball Skate and Slide (Rink Grand Opening)
- Sweetheart Skate
- NE Slopes Bus
- Snowshoe Event
- Town Meeting Day – Kid Watch

Spring:

- Recreation Vacation
- Community Day
- Paddle the Border

Summer:

- Cornhole Tournament
- Volleyball/Badminton Nights
- BPRC Summer Camp 2020

Fall:

- Tennis
- Pumpkin Carving/Coloring Contest
- Turkey Dodgeball Tournament

The programs and events we offer are pivotally based on 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 programming.

*Mollie Hatch, Recreation Director
recreation@bradford-vt.us*

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 building, including the area around the Veterans Memorial. We also maintain the plantings in the Memorial Park near the library, 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 Carolyann Floryan, Vida Perry-Munson and Jeannette Nordham.

The Beautification Committee is REALLY in need of volunteers. If you have a couple of hours to spare from time to time, the committee can use your help during the growing season for watering and other gardening tasks such as weeding, deadheading, etc.

If you can give us some much needed help, contact me at 802-222-4423 or at cmcoffin@charter.net.

Carolyn Coffin

REPORT OF 2019 GREEN UP DAY & TIRE EVENT ACTIVITY

Townwide participation yielded 1.37 tons of mixed green bags, trash bags, and recyclables and non-recyclables which included 29 tires, two rims, blueboard, plastic bins and buckets, glass, televisions, bedding and clothing.

In addition, our Bradford Highway Department picked up, on Monday, May 6, two large dumptruck loads of trash picked up on Goshen Road, Flanders Brook, Kenyon, Branch roads and the Chelsea road turnout. Thirteen assorted tires including two large tractor tires were also picked up on Goshen Road. All of these were loaded into the rolloff parked in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot.

The Spring Tire Recycling event held on April 27 in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot yielded only 12 passenger car tires, and one tire with a rim.

I thank everyone who participated in the Spring Tire Recycling and Green Up Day cleanup.

Hopefully Green Up Day 2020 will find all of us bringing all of our roadside trash to the rolloff which will be located in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot on May 2, 2020.

*Barbara Kulzyck
Bradford Conservation Commission
Green Up Day Coordinator*

REPORT OF CEMETERIES (UPPER PLAIN & SAWYER)

We had 17 burials this year. Things went pretty well with three people working. We had a washout in the back that the Town employees fixed. We cut a few more trees this year. Three tons of lime was spread at the end of the season. I hope that I have guided Kevin enough so that he can take over in 2020.

Hours spent working at the cemeteries in 2019:

Upper Plain, 1,002 hours; Sawyer, 656

Breakdown of hours per person: Gary 516, Kevin 829, Randy 313.

Total hours: 1,658

Gary Tillotson

REPORT OF BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2019 marked the 25th anniversary of the original Wright's Mountain parcel being conserved.

At the outset of 2019, the BCC prioritized achieving some of the recommendations of the 2018 Town Forest Recreation Plan to enhance the experiences of visitors to our Town Forest. A grant application was submitted to the Vermont Recreational Trails Program, but competition for funds was overwhelming and the application was not funded. The decision was made to use money from our fund-raising efforts to finance the following projects:

- Wright's Mountain and Tillotson's Trek Trailhead parking areas were enlarged and improved;
- Trailhead signs were constructed by Shilo Gregory and installed at the above mentioned trailheads and the Devil's Den Trailhead;
- Materials were purchased and Randy Moore volunteered to construct 4 benches;
- Materials were purchased and Shilo Gregory & Tom Gray replaced 3 foot bridges;
- Lumber was donated by Long View Forests and 17 volunteers removed the damaged flooring in Ernie's Cabin and laid a beautiful new floor;
- A survey was done of missing or damaged trail markers and they are being replaced;
- With the exception of one trail, all others were groomed by Oxbow High School students and other volunteers by the beginning of summer;
- Repairs were made to the privy at the summit;
- The view from the Chipman bench to the East was opened up by removing some trees.

NO TAX DOLLARS WERE USED TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS. Funds were raised via individual donations, Annual Yard Sale, 10th Annual Race to the Top, "Raising Some Dough" benefit at Colatina Exit, calendar sales, Buck-A-Pie Week at Colatina Exit and food vendor sales at The Giving Fair, from the Conservation Fund and the Friends of Wright's Mountain Fund.

Education:

- 1st Monday of the Month Movie Series continued and all DVDs were donated to the Bradford Public Library following the screenings at Colatina Exit Upstairs
- In collaboration with Bradford Parks & Rec and Bradford Public Library, and with a small grant from the Association of VT Conservation Commissions, The Caterpillar Lab of Marlborough, NH provided a daylong event at Bradford Elementary School. It included a workshop for teachers in the morning, walk-in sessions for camp kids in the afternoon and was open to the public in the evening.
- A Composting workshop was provided by CVSWMD staff in July.
- The Jackson Wild Film Festival was held at Oxbow HS in September, featuring 13 award-winning films selected from the lineup at the Jackson Hole Film Festival in recent years.

Beautification:

- The dead weeping crab tree in Denny Park was replaced with a healthy one by Sandy Price.
- The BCC funded the fall plantings in the downtown planter boxes.

Management:

- A selective harvest of ash trees was scheduled for the 2019- 2020 winter, coordinated by our County Forester, David Paganelli

Changes:

Sadly, Monique Priestley has left the BCC after 10 years of dedicated service. We are so grateful for her time, her wisdom and her techy skills.

Nancy Jones, Chair

CELEBRATING OUR TOWN FOREST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Twenty-five years ago, Bradford voters made a huge investment in our future. In December 1994, the Town of Bradford purchased the 218-acre Wrights Mtn. parcel from Sylvia Appleton and conserved it forever with the Upper Valley Land Trust. That investment was a promise to future generations that this forested land would always be available for wildlife and for people seeking tranquil recreation and a connection to nature.

Ten years later, the 60-acre Devil's Den parcel was purchased and conserved and added to what is now called the Wright's Mountain Devil's Den Town Forest. Over time, through the continued diligence of the Bradford Conservation Commission, another 239 conserved acres was added to our Town Forest, now totaling over 500 acres. Two abutting landowners also conserved their lands, making a contiguous forested area of more than 800 acres of a protected forested landscape that extended the forever promise of wildlife habitat and tranquil recreation for generations to come.

In the past 25 years, volunteers of all ages, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, and Chair Nancy Jones, have constructed and maintained 10+ miles of pedestrian trails in our Town Forest, for residents and visitors to enjoy. "Ernie's Cabin" at the summit of Wright's Mountain has been restored and maintenance continues; again- thanks to volunteers.

In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Wright's Mountain/Devil's Den Town Forest received a National Recreation Trail Designation from the U.S. Department of the Interior – only the sixth trail system in Vermont to get on the National Register. This meant that the Wright's Mountain Trail System was put into a national database and has since appeared on several hiking websites. This naturally led to an increase in trail users, both locally and from across the country, and even from other countries.

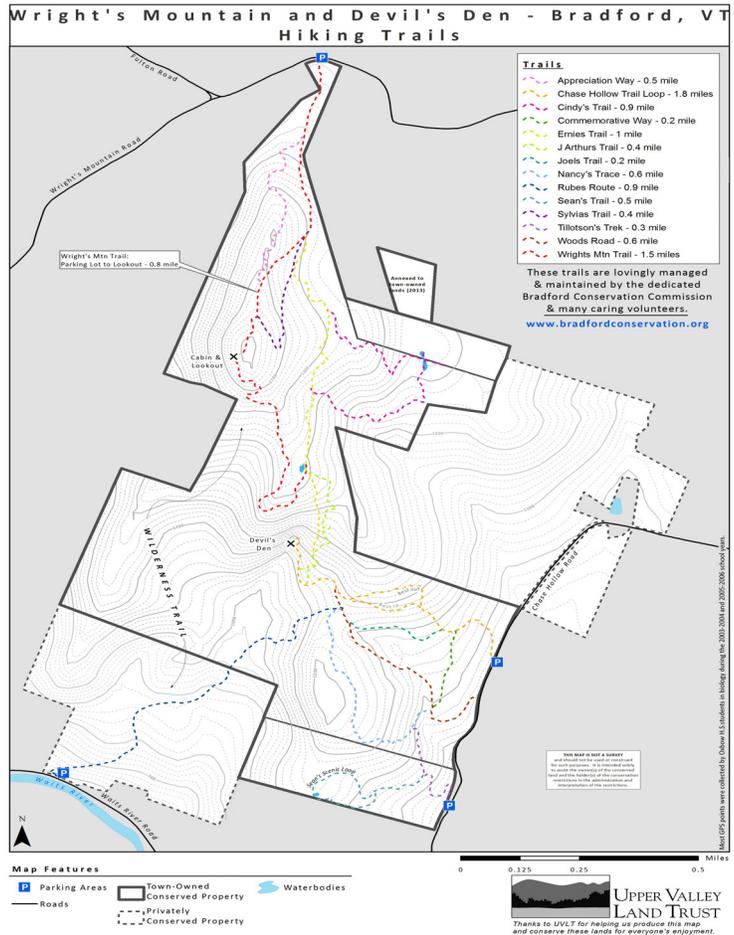
Coincidentally, in 2018 Bradford was one of 10 Vermont communities selected by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to participate in a robust planning process to develop an action-oriented Town Forest Stewardship and Recreation Plan. The two recently enlarged and improved trailhead parking areas came about as a result of that plan and were funded by the Bradford Conservation Fund and the Friends of Wrights MT Fund. Without using tax dollars, these lots were developed to accommodate school buses and increased visitors to the Forest.

In the summer of 2019, staff from the Upper Valley Trails Alliance installed a digital trail user counter near the Wrights Mountain trailhead and left it there for nearly three months. According to the device, the average daily foot traffic on the Wright's Mountain Trail was 56 people, with an average of 392 people per week. Granted some of those clicks on the counter may have been caused by a wild animal tall enough to trigger it, but the numbers are still impressive!

Twenty-five years ago Bradford's collective vision was an investment in preserving wildlife habitat and providing for physical and emotional well-being of its residents in perpetuity. Folks were only beginning then to talk about climate change.

Little did we know then that by protecting this large forest we were creating the best defense against climate change, as trees are a most effective means of capturing carbon from the atmosphere.

Little did we know that we were also investing in clean water and erosion control, as forests are a most effective



means of holding back and slowly releasing water during a torrential rain event, such as we experienced during Tropical Storm Irene.

Little did we know that the returns on our investment would be so massive! And in recent months we have seen another economic benefit of our investment. Visitors to our forest are “investing” in our local communities when they buy lunch or gas or shop for goods.

A quarter of a century ago Bradford voters made a monumental decision and in turn made a monumental investment in our future well-being. The wildlife is still there and appears to be thriving; the trees and other flora are still there doing their invaluable jobs; the diverse trail system is there for people of varied ages and abilities to enjoy; and more and more people are discovering the physical and emotional benefits of exploring these trails.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Scenes from the 25th anniversary celebration on Wright’s Mountain held Dec. 1, 2019. Pictured above is Nancy Jones, left, chair of the Bradford Conservation Commission who also celebrated her 25th year in that position with the BCC. Pictured with Jones is Jeanie McIntyre who was involved with the establishment of the Town Forest through Upper Valley Land Trust. On a snowy December day, people gathered to celebrate this silver milestone with music, a campfire, refreshments and fellowship that warmed the day.



REPORT OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Over 200 guests visited the museum this summer. The museum opened on the first Fridays of April and May and then every Friday from June through October from 10 a.m. to noon.

For the second year, the photo display of Philip Ross Hastings, a Bradford native and Bradford Academy graduate was a favorite display. Dr. Hastings was an accomplished photographer documenting train history from steam engines to diesel all over the United States with Bradford and other Vermont rail lines featured. Curator Larry Coffin and Board Member Diane Smarro spent many hours combing through pictures, articles, magazines and family documents picking out the best photos to display. This display was selected by Vermont Historical Society League of Local Historical Societies & Museums to receive the *Award of Merit for Exhibitions & Public Programs, Philip Ross Hastings— Through His Lens* with special recognition for Diane Smarro. Meroa Benjamin, Larry and Carolyn Coffin and Martina Stever traveled to Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier to attend the Vermont Historical Society Annual Meeting on September 29 to receive the award.

The LLHSM Award of Merit recognizes achievement within the context of available resources and professional abilities. Because of Diane's expert skills, the display was very eye-catching, informational and professionally created. Our exhibit was featured in the Arts and Entertainment section of the Upper Valley newspaper *Valley News* on August 27, 2018. The display was also highlighted during three open houses and the host site for New England Railroad Society meeting.



BHS Curator Larry Coffin, President Meroa Benjamin and Eileen Corcoran from Vermont Historical Society as BHS was presented the Award of Merit Exhibitions and Public Programs for the Philip Ross Hastings "Through His Lens" photo essay with Special Recognition to Diane Smarro on Sept. 29, 2019.

Diane Smarro has contributed her skills and abilities in the Bradford Historical Society for many years. She maintains our membership lists, duties of Treasurer and is always there to "Preserve the Past and Embrace the Future."

A new display, "Meeting Cancelled— Permanently" featured items on display from various groups and organizations which are no longer active in Bradford. Artifacts such as the Queens' Hat from the Bradford Globe Girls,

Jaycees, Button Club, American Legion, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Odd Fellows and many more items were featured.

The graves of Bradford war veterans were decorated again this year by volunteers Harry McLam, Bob Nordham, Diane Smarro, David and Meroa Benjamin with flags purchased by the Town of Bradford. In recognition of Veterans Day, Martina Stever and Meroa Benjamin attended the 2nd Annual Veterans Day Program at Oxbow High School honoring our local living veterans. BHS set up a display of military pictures and historical items including the uniform of World War II WAC Louise Hutchinson, a Bradford native. BHS President Meroa Benjamin asked the veterans present to document their service information for the local historical societies. Future generations should know of their sacrifices and extent of their service.



Veterans attended the 2nd Annual Veterans Day program at at Oxbow High School on Nov. 11, 2019.

Ian Clark of West Newbury Photography, located in West Newbury, presented a very entertaining slide show of his photograph collection of trains across the country to a large crowd. Many of the photos were taken in very scenic locations and his commentary on how each shot was set up and taken was enjoyed by all.



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“Under Steam” A Photographer’s Quest for Steam Locomotives” program was presented by Ian Clark of West Newbury.

The museum was open on BA Alumni Day and more than 40 guests took advantage of Larry Coffin’s guided tour of the Academy building. A small but appreciative group enjoyed the Annual Strawberry Festival concert featuring The Newmont Military Band and the strawberry shortcake provided by Mason Charity Lodge.

In July, players enjoyed several rounds of Vermont Trivia created by Vermont Historical Society. Questions were separated into five areas: geography, famous Vermonters, Vermont firsts, state symbols and local history. Some of the participants learned new information and others were surprised at how much they really knew. Piermont, NH resident Rob Elder walked away with the Grand Prize, a \$10,000 chocolate candy bar!

In October, we hosted a Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau event, “Linda Radtke, The Vermont Civil War Songbook.” Dressed in period costume, and joined by pianist Arthur Zorn, she shared songs popular in Vermont during the Civil War as well as letters from Vermonters. Sentimental songs about the girl back home to satirical ballads. Radtke traced the evolution of tone in popular song, from patriotic to elegiac as the war continued.

Game Supper Day, Martina Stever, Larry Coffin and Gloria Randall opened the museum and 40 plus guests enjoyed touring it. This is always a good time for these folks visiting our town for the first time.

Throughout the year, photographs, news articles, and other interesting tidbits have been posted on our Facebook page (Facebook/BradfordHistoricalSociety) and viewed by many. Pictures included local buildings, events, advertisements, people, school, bands and class pictures. Again this year, I was asked by Bradford Academy Alumni to photograph their annual reunion. Those pictures were posted on our Facebook page. This medium is a good way to generate interest and encourage visitors to our museum.

As Bradford Academy Alumni prepares for their 2020 Reunion, BHS is has been working with the Class of 1970 to provide a historical journey through the past 200 years. November 5, 1820, the Vermont Legislature issued the Charter creating Bradford Academy. Our records have provided the class with information, ideas and material to make this year’s event really special. Bradford Academy will be featured throughout the year with special events and programs marking this 200th Anniversary by BHS.



Linda Radtke, mezzo-soprano and Arthur Zorn on piano entertained the audience at our annual meeting on October 22 with songs from The Vermont Civil War Songbook.

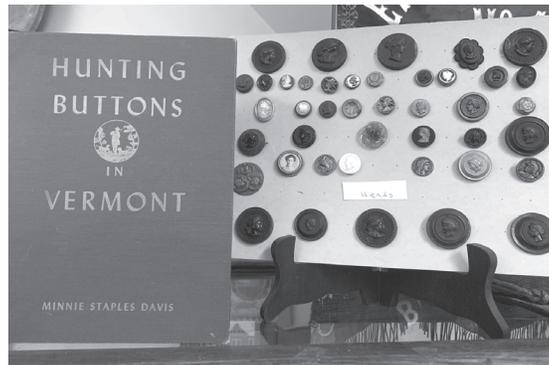
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank invited BHS to submit vintage photographs to be included in their 2020 Heritage calendar. Bradford Brass Band in front of Bradford Bank is featured on the front cover and South End view of the village is on the month of April.

During the winter, BHS board members and friends will be working to update our exhibits to better showcase our vast collections and holdings. Next year, we anticipate an increased number of visitors to help celebrate the 200th BA Charter.

Current Bradford Historical Society Officers and board members include Meroa Benjamin, President; Martina Stever, Correspondence Secretary and Vice President; Janice Larabee, Secretary; Diane Smarro, Treasurer; Larry Coffin, Curator; Joe Sampson, Penny Perryman, Gloria Randall, Harry McLam, Donnalyn Burgess Lyon and Karen Manning Paquette, and Director Emerita Jeanette Nordham.

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



Buttons displayed in the “Meetings Canceled, Permanently” display on loan from Lou Shearer Chase

“Preserve the Past and Embrace the Future.”



Angela and Emma Colbeth representing BHS marched in the Bradford Parade and West Newbury Summer Festival parade with the banner anticipating Bradford Academy’s 200th anniversary in 2020.

**PHOTOS COURTESY
OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Bradford Selected for 2020
Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit Process**

The Town of Bradford has been selected for a 2020 Community Visit by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). VCRD's Community Visit program actively connects grassroots community building efforts in towns across Vermont with statewide resources, expertise and opportunities. Each Visit brings together a broad mix of community members with a visiting resource team, made up of Council members and statewide providers (state, federal, non-profit, and philanthropic), to create intensive partnerships and tailored work plans for long-term local success. The Visit process is designed for community members to prioritize and choose strategic goals and vision for their community and for the statewide visiting resource team to provide advice and expertise to help them get there.

The process takes place over four months with a series of public meetings, facilitated discussions and community events. To be successful, a broad spectrum of community members must be involved; invitations sent through schools, businesses, nonprofits, and through town offices to residents are very important.

Community Visits are produced by VCRD in partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation which is devoted to the progress of Vermont communities; VCF supports, helps guide visits, and provides significant resources to community projects throughout Vermont. In addition to VCF support, VCRD raises funds from business, private, philanthropic, and state sources to be able to sustain this program. Communities are asked to contribute their time, energy, and skills to make sure the process is well attended and capacity is built locally to follow through on the identified priorities.

The Visit begins with a series of focus groups and a community-wide discussion where residents champion their ideas for the future of their town. A local chairperson will help to keep the community informed and involved as the program progresses. It is important that the community decides together what their priorities are through discussion and dialogue, which VCRD will help facilitate. Then the visiting resource team brings their best knowledge and most appropriate resources to advise and help construct work plans for local volunteers.

Once priority areas are established, volunteers form task forces to advance the identified strategies – such as youth activities, economic development, infrastructure development or communications and events. Each task force has a chairperson who will manage meetings and keep work moving forward. Local leaders have direct access through the process to statewide resources, grant opportunities, nonprofit, state and philanthropic partners through the Resource Team.

Bradford originally experienced the VCRD Community Visit process in 1999. You can read the original report as well as reports of towns that have received the visit in the last 20 years by visiting <https://www.vtrural.org/programs/community-visits>.

The Community Visit process will begin in April and May 2020. For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please feel free to reach out to Monique Priestley at mepriestley@gmail.com or (802) 222-1909 (text/leave voicemail).

REPORT OF BRADFORD YOUTH SPORTS, INC.

2019 was another great year for Bradford Youth Sports, Inc. We had approximately 275 participants in our Baseball/Softball, Soccer, and Basketball programs. These programs continue to be 100 percent run by volunteers from the Bradford community. Over 20 coaches and parents stepped up in 2019 to make sure our youth can enjoy a quality sports experience.

BYS maintained a healthy financial situation resulting from various fundraising efforts and generous support of the Walter Lee Committee. Thank you to all those who donated and volunteered time to BYS throughout 2019.

After carefully considering our financial position and past expenses, we decided not to ask for any town appropriation for the coming year again. We want to express our deepest gratitude to the voters for Bradford for their past and future support of our program.

As we look forward to 2020, there is much excitement in the BYS community as we continue to build our programs for the benefit of our young athletes.

REPORT OF BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 1796 Bradford gained the honor and distinction of being the first town in Vermont in which a library was chartered.

As a community center, the Bradford Public Library thrives in providing a welcoming, friendly gathering place where all ages come together, where lives are enhanced, and where learning, involvement and creativity are sparked.

Some special events for 2019 included local and visiting authors, 2nd Annual Poem Town and Vermont Poet Laureate reading, the Hampstead Theatre Co., the Caterpillar Lab, a visit with Miles Conklin and his working team of oxen, and baby steers in training!

Library services and programs for children and adults support a culture of thinking and learning, enjoyment and engagement.

To that end and as part of our mission to include all members of the public, an ADA compliant ramp and door were installed at the north end of the building in the spring of this year. This first step in modifying the historic library building will help to ensure that everyone may reap the benefit of the many resources available through our public library.

Plans to install a lift and access to the main floor have been approved and will begin construction in coming months. Many thanks to the volunteer library board of trustees for hours spent in research, construction planning, and the task of grant writing to defray the surmountable cost of this project.

Open access to WiFi and public computers are essential library services. This year, the library purchased three refurbished Windows-based desktop computers. Microsoft Office Suite is now available on four of our 10 public computers. Such updates are critical to ensure accessibility and in 2020 will support Census data collection for every member in the community.

Registered borrowers = 1,774 Bradford residents

Total collection = 14,375

Visits to the library = 13,200

Estimated computer login = 2,080

Reference questions & support = 780

Number of Programs = 187, Attendance = 2,556

*Gail Trede
Library Director*

Bradford Public Library

802-222-4536

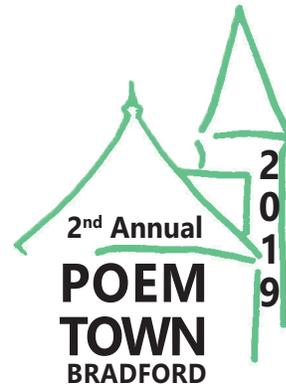
Hours: Tue & Sat 9 am-2 pm • Wed & Thu Noon-8 pm • Fri 10 am-5 pm

<https://bradfordvtlibrary.org>

bradfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com



At the Poem Town event on May 1, Vermont's current Poet Laureate Chard deNiord, left, was part of the final event with Newbury's Sydney Lea, former Vermont Poet Laureate.



Library patrons saved an estimated \$191,860 in borrowing materials from the library!

**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.

2019 was another success 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 since transitioned parade organization back to the Connecticut Valley Fair. We held Midnight Madness in November which again had a solid turnout.

We continue to maintain the window boxes and flowerbeds on Main Street which feature seasonal arrangements to enhance the beauty of our small charming town. Plans are in the work for a quarterly “First Friday” to engage community members and visitors to Bradford to shop local businesses and plan to feature local entertainment. We also hope to reinvigorate Midnight Madness for 2020 and will revive the scarecrow competition. A big thank you to all local merchants who contributed and participated in the 2019 events.

We encourage all local businesses that would like to join the BBA to join us. Meetings take place the first Tuesday of every month from 8 to 9 a.m. at The Space on Main. We are excited to see what 2020 holds for us!

*Bradford Main Street Alliance report
submitted by Sherry Brown
Bradford Business Association report
submitted by Sarah Pushee*



Scenes from 2019 Bradford Business Association’s Midnight Madness event: left, Ariel Kline of Local Buzz welcomed people for warm food and beverages and right, fundraising bake sale was held in front of Space on Main Friday, Nov. 1.

REPORT OF MENTORING PROJECT OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Our Mission is to “encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children and adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers.” Our 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 for new Mentors on the policies and procedures of The Mentoring Project (TMP), followed by a training for all Mentors provided by We R Hope, with a focus on how to help kids with anxiety issues. This second training also included steps for promoting a growth mindset in youth.

Wholesome group activities:

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

- The group volunteered at the Upper Valley Haven, on M.L. King National Day of Service, preparing lunch for residents in the house for adults. Following lunch, all went swimming at Upper Valley Aquatics Center.

- A graduation party was held at Veterans Memorial Park at Hall’s Lake for TMP’s high school graduates, and graduates from 8th grade and 6th grade to mark their achievements and to celebrate moving on to another level. The afternoon included kayaking and swimming and a cookout.

- A Summer group excursion included visiting Bradford’s Wastewater Treatment Facility. Lunch at Colatina Exit was followed by a visit to the Caterpillar Lab at Bradford Elementary School. Stephens Precision provided a tour of their factory with its very impressive machinery and the day was topped off with treats at Red Kite Candy.

- In the Fall, we picked apples at Wild Hill Organics and then pressed 30 quarts of cider, with all mentees taking home fresh cider to share with their families.

A pizza party for parents and families brought the year to a close with certificates awarded to all mentor/mentee teams and recognition of parents for their roles in ensuring a successful mentor/mentee relationship.

Public Recognition

TMP’s Annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner was held at the Space on Main and catered by Colatina Exit. It featured a panel of former mentors and mentees who shared their experiences with The Mentoring Project. One former mentee, who will soon graduate from college, shared about her former mentor: “When you know someone loves you, you want to be the best you can be.” Another former mentee, when asked what is the key to getting the most out of being with a mentor said: “Be willing to try new things, and my advice for the mentor is don’t give up on encouraging your mentee to try new things.” One mentor responded to the question about ensuring a successful mentor/mentee relationship said: “Just show up; be consistent.”

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



The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley mentor Laurie Williams and her 12-year-old mentee Morgen Collins are shown in Bradford. The pair is featured in a recruitment video to increase mentors in the Upper Valley and beyond.

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

Bradford Business Changes in 2019

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP



Emilie Osgood became the new owner of the former Safeship store, purchased from Laurie Kirkpatrick. New Name, New Owner!



Lois Jackson took over the ownership from Sherry Brown and renamed it Village Eclectics 2. More vendors and expanded shopping space.

NEW LOCATION



Moved from Main Street Location to 549 Lower Plain

MERGED WITH NEW COMPANY



JOINED THE



Becoming the Bradford Office of Colby.

NEW LOOK! RENOVATIONS

Bliss Village Store



Store received major renovations with new location for the cashier counter, coffee/hot food island, new flooring, ceiling, new layout for store and deli!

**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 Russell Robinson to provide the best possible service for the residents of Bradford.

Throughout the year, troopers responded to a broad range of calls, and the total number of cases generated by the Vermont State Police was 685.

Here is a list of the offenses that Vermont State Police responded to in your town from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019.

AGENCY: ST. JOHNSBURY VSP

NATURE OF INCIDENT

TOTALS

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

9-1-1 Hangup Calls	22
Agency Assistance	87
Alarm	53
Burglary	10
Citizen Assist	46
Citizen Dispute	34
Traffic Accident w/Damage	55
Driving, License Suspended	19
Family Fight/Domestic	22
Motor Vehicle Complaint	63
Service Abuse Prevention Order	17
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	56
Theft	26
Threatening	13
Unlawful Mischief	11
Welfare/Suicide Check	23
All Other Incidents*	128

*There were 38 categories with less than 10 incidents per category.

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THIS AGENCY 685

**Events sponsored by Margaret Pratt
Community in 2019**

- Strawberry Festival
 - Fourth of July Parade Marshals
 - World Autism Month day of celebration
 - St. Patrick's Day Brunch
 - Plateau Acres Block Party
 - Community Flu Shot Clinic
 - Senior Health Day
 - Author Visit
 - Fall Festival
 - Windy Ridge Activity Day
 - 1st Annual Pie Bakeoff
 - Harvest Dinner
 - Bradford Cane Ceremony
 - Christmas Brunch
 - Midnight Madness Events held at Space on Main
 - 1st Anniversary Celebration
- And MPC hosted many musical groups!



REPORT OF OLD CHURCH THEATER

Old Church Theater moved its operations temporarily in 2018 to Waits River Road (just past FarmWay) while the “old church” was undergoing repairs and restoration, with a hopeful reopening in 2021 as a community performance arts center. This was necessary because the “old church” (located across the street from the Bradford Academy and next to the Congregational Church) is 226 years old and severely in need of repairs.

Our 2020 season of five to six plays will once again be at our temporary space, and include children’s, drama and comedy productions performed by community talent. Last season’s plays opened in early May with **two one act plays**, followed by “**Pine**” in June, “**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**” in August, “**Nightfall with Edgar Allen Poe**” in September, and “**The Dog in the Dressing Room**” in October. Each production ran for two weekends: Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. More than 1,300 patrons enjoyed five productions from May through October with the price of admission remaining unchanged (for years!) with season tickets available for even more savings. Regarding donations, ticket sales, volunteering, auditioning and restoration updates, information may be found on our website www.oldchurchtheater.org, and www.OCTrestoration.org, or by writing directly to Old Church Theater at PO Box 304, Bradford, VT 05033.

Many people have asked why the theater doesn’t simply remain at its temporary home. The simple reason is that while patrons are enjoying the heat and air conditioning in the temporary space, the theater’s real home is in a building perfectly suited for all kinds of performance arts. And while Old Church Theater dates back to 1985, some will remember the 1970s with the Bradford Repertory Theater there, and going back further others may recall it being a movie theater, fraternal home to the IOOF, basketball court, church and town meeting hall in the late 1700s.

In 2019, Old Church Theater engaged in many fund-raising events, and assisted by the Bradford Community Development Corporation, has raised funds and won grants to begin actual repairs and develop working plans to restore the building into a multi-use community performance center, while remaining the home stage of Old Church Theater. As of this writing, several more funding and grant applications are in process.

The restoration goals for the “old church” include a new foundation/basement with proper ground drainage, solving accessibility problems (entrance, restrooms), enlarging the lobby, installing new seating and improving heating, ventilation and insulation for year-round use. Architects have determined the old building is sound and able to be restored, and our vision is for it to remain a vital part of Bradford for years to come with live performance arts bringing people together in the best traditions of community life.

Old Church Theater is a non-profit volunteer organization under state and federal law and is governed by an 11-member board. Elected for 2019 are JUSTINA KENYON, SHEILA KAPLOW, Jim Heidenreich, Gloria Heidenreich, KEN HULLICAN, Robin Keith, Elizabeth Keith, Eli Hunt, Douglas Coughlin, Jodi Beebe, and PAUL HUNT (Bradford residents in capital letters).

Old Church Theater 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 the business community who donate to and support its efforts. Of special note is Bradford’s newspaper, the *Journal Opinion*, and Woodsville’s *Trendy Times*, who both unfailingly review our productions.

And a very special THANK YOU to all who have put their loose change and bills into the “little old churches” found in many local stores, raising well over \$1,000 per year in support of repairs and restoration; also to all who have written in support of returning Bradford’s “old church” to full and vibrant use as a part of the town’s heritage and future.



Erin Odell (left) of Odell Insurance Agency (prior to the merger) and Gloria Heidenreich (right) of Old Church Theater pose for a photo outside the theater’s temporary home at the Bradford Regional Community Center on the Lower Plain. Odell Insurance Agency and Co-operative Insurance Companies donated \$2,000 to OCT’s ongoing renovations of its permanent home on North Main Street. The award was part of Co-op’s Community Grants program.

REPORT OF THE SPACE ON MAIN COWORKING & COMMUNITY EVENTS SPACE



The response to The Space On Main (The Space) has been overwhelmingly positive. By mid-December 2019, The Space has been visited by an average of 510 people per month and over 7,440 people total. Participants have driven from Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Quebec, Canada to attend events. Day Pass users have visited from as far away as California (the result of a Google search to make sure there was a coworking space in the region that an individual wanted to buy a house).

At least a dozen other Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts community projects have reached out for support, advice, or assistance to create similar spaces for their communities. We get several requests per week to help individuals connect with area resources, to help them network, or to become more civically engaged members of their communities.

The Space launched at 174 Main Street (in the former Hill's 5 & 10) on Oct. 12, 2018 as a non-profit, community-based coworking, maker, conference, event, and gallery space fostering entrepreneurship, collaboration, creativity and innovation. The Space is supported by countless individuals and organizations from various reaches of the country and we cannot thank everyone enough.

The Space has been used by public schools, private schools, non-profits, state offices, Senate committees, state and federal programs, community organizations, area businesses, individuals, telecommuters, entrepreneurs and more.

Examples of events that have been hosted at The Space include: community films, interactive storytelling classes for students and adults, yoga and dance classes, small business classes, live music, art gallery openings and shows, board game days, community organizing gatherings, meetings and conferences, professional strategic planning, employee trainings, teacher trainings, small business and artisan pop-ups, networking events, annual fundraising events, staff and board retreats, Vermont Senate committee hearings, small business launch events, farming/agriculture workshops, historic arts and crafts workshops, poetry readings and displays, one-on-one consultations, peer-to-peer classes for individuals with disabilities, weekly puzzle group, Bradford First Friday events, podcast & interview recording, Community Friendsgiving, Citizens' Academy, ASL classes, business planning/accelerator programs, Code for UV (Code for America), Renaissance workshops, and more.

You can check out our promotional video and VCET Start Here podcast on our homepage. Additionally, The Space has been featured in *Seven Days*, *VT Digger*, *Valley News*, *WCAX*, *Daily UV*, *Trendy Times*, *Journal Opinion*, *Bridge Weekly*, *WDEV* and more. You can find all of that and more in our press and media kit available online at thespaceonmain.org/kit.

Curious to find out more? Please do not hesitate to get in touch!

OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020
NOON TO 3 PM

Monique Priestley
Founder & Executive Director
The Space On Main, Inc.

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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 2019 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. (See below)

- 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 event in 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. Over 110 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. Four teams participated this year from throughout our region with many local attendees attending the public screening.

- Business After Hours events which brought together businesspeople from throughout our region for networking and conversation.

- Educational workshops targeted toward our regional business community including a QuickBooks seminar and co-sponsorship of classes with file The Space On Main.

- Promotion of a "Buy Local" mentality in our region through press releases, articles, social media and presentations.

- Active participation in and facilitation of community meetings and discussions centered on Economic Development and Workforce Development

- Our annual Regional Economic Summit is brought together local leaders, legislators and businesspeople to discuss possible solutions to the 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BRADFORD'S
COPELAND FURNITURE**

honored as 2018 Business of the Year

Copeland Furniture is one of the area's largest employers bringing millions of dollars into the regional economies, but also is a reliable community supporter of The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley, Bradford Public Library, Bradford Business Association as well as a wide variety of organizations and fundraising efforts.

and to

MONIQUE PRIESTLEY

honored as 2018 Citizen of the Year

Monique Priestley, founder of The Space On Main, Inc., has received local, regional and national recognition for her work spearheading this innovative, community-minded, non-profit. She has been an important community leader in our Town.

REPORT OF COHASE ROTARY CLUB
Serving the Cohase Region of Vermont & New Hampshire

This year, we awarded four scholarships to local high school graduates, trained youth leaders, supported literacy by donating books to Newbury Elementary School, received a district grant to install two benches on Wrights Mountain, and had a Bradford Elementary School teacher receive the districtwide Alonzo Malouin Teacher Scholarship. We invited area high schools to participate in District #7850's 4-Way Test speech contest and held an all-you-can-eat Pi(e) Day Fundraiser at Court Street Arts.

Rotary International views literacy as a basic human right. Our club works with the Dictionary Project to donate dictionaries to all third-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. 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 Lyndon State College. The RYLA program is run by previous recipients of the award.

Our biggest project each year is to raise money to award at least four scholarships, given to one student in each school: Blue Mountain Union School, Oxbow High School, River Bend Career & Technical Center and Woodsville High School. Since 1999, our club has awarded \$135,500 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 were unable to hold the tournament in 2020 due to a shortage of members and volunteers to help coordinate the event.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The needs spanning Rotary's six areas of focus are: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development. Rotary clubs serve communities around the world, each with unique concerns and needs. Rotarians have continually adapted and improved the way they respond to those needs, taking on a broad range of service projects. If you believe that civic participation is an essential element in the lives of well-rounded business leaders and engaged community members, please consider becoming a candidate for membership in Cohase Rotary club and connect with like-minded leaders.

Rotary International provides networking and leadership opportunities regionally, nationally, and internationally. In order to reduce barriers to access, our club is experimenting with moving towards a Passport model. The club is moving toward regular online video meetings with project-based, in-person get-togethers. If you would like to get involved, please email us at cohaserotary@gmail.com.

Monique Priestley
Cohase Rotary Club President, 2017-2020

REPORT OF ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER

Our primary focus is helping seniors.

How did we do in 2019? 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 6,528 meals in Bradford.
- We offered foot and flu clinics; chair massage; classes in exercise, balance, line dancing; computer instruction with internet; offered services of income tax preparation; assistance filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.

- OESC has available a Wii game system.
- OESC distributed donated medical equipment.
- Provided meeting space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.
- Hosted a Tai-Chi class.

Our volunteers gave 3,451 hours to our Center and drove 20,425 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from the Town 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.

For the first time in more than 10 years, the Orange East Senior Center is requesting an increase in support from our member towns. We are making this request based on several factors. We are seeing increased numbers of seniors in all of our towns. and increased use of the Center and need for Meals on Wheels.

Last year, there were over 15,000 visits to the Center and we served over 17,000 meals. Our costs are going up while our reimbursement for meals has remained relatively flat. We estimate that the cost per meal is \$8.02; our reimbursement is \$3.65 per meal. While we receive some donations for meals, they do not make up the difference. In order to make our programs and meals available to all regardless of ability to pay, we are asking for an increase to \$3 per resident of each town.

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

Victoria R. Chaffee

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

Farewell...

IT'S CLASSIFIED

A BUYERS' & SELLERS' WEEKLY

*APARTMENTS • APPLIANCES • AUTOMOBILES • ANTIQUES
CHILD CARE • CLOTHING • COLLECTIBLES • COMPUTERS • HOBBIES
HORSES • HOUSEHOLD ITEMS • KIDS' STUFF • LAND • MOBILE HOMES
PETS • REAL ESTATE • RENTALS • ROOMMATES • SERVICES • SNOWMOBILES*



FOR THE UPPER VALLEY

*BIKES • BOATS • BUILDING MATERIALS • CAMERAS
FARM & GARDEN • FURNITURE • HELP WANTED
MOTORCYCLES • MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
SPORTING GOODS • STOVES • & LOTS MORE*

“It’s Classified” has been a part of the Upper Valley for three decades but printed its last issue Jan. 11, 2019. The free shopper had a circulation of 14,000 and was delivered to 42 towns. Founded by Peter and the late Frances Mallery, “It’s Classified” was their second publishing venture, the first was “Behind the Times” which ran from 1989 to 2005. After Frances’ passing in 2017, daughter Rebecca Mallery took the helm and ran the publication for a year before the final decision was made. Bradford Academy lost its longtime tenants when “It’s Classified” moved out as well. It’s not all gone...”It’s Classified” has kept an online presence and Rebecca Mallery keeps it rolling.

REPORT OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR BRADFORD

Twelve local health offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number below. We provide a wide range of resources and services to 22 Vermont towns of the Upper Valley to promote health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health for everyone in the community: We worked on a variety of projects and programs in partnership with schools, worksites, town offices and local providers. We also served individuals and families right in our office. Our focus is on health equity because all people should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served more than 50 Bradford residents with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. WIC staff hold clinics twice a month at the Bradford Evangelical Free Church.

Ensured emergency preparedness: We worked 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. We have also begun to work with Bradford area schools on driver safety education with our Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: We investigated more than 90 infectious disease cases in our district. We also responded to New Hampshire's Hepatitis A outbreak by immunizing more than 125 vulnerable individuals in our region of Vermont against the disease.

Student health and youth empowerment: We were especially happy to see how Little Rivers Health Care supported students in the "Getting to Y" Program and the Teen Speak Out Group.

Substance misuse and abuse: Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement. One example is the availability of no-cost mail back envelopes to help residents dispose of unwanted medication.

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802-295-8820, FAX 802-295-8832, toll-free 888-253-8799
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>
Join us on www.facebook.com/vdhwrj/*

REPORT OF LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE

Little Rivers continues to grow in order to keep up with the needs in our communities. Most notably, services that were added or expanded this past year include:

- Behavioral health services staff increased, with more coverage at our clinics and local schools.
- The Medication Assisted Treatment program for helping those recovering from addiction has doubled in the past two years.
- The Chronic Care Management program which provides extra care for those with chronic conditions now has over 100 enrollees at this writing (October 2019).
- We have hired a dental hygienist who currently provides oral health services in several Upper Valley schools and will soon offer oral hygiene services out of our Bradford clinic.

In 2018, medical services were provided to a total of 5,407 patients for a total of 17,877 visits, and behavioral health services were provided to 471 patients for a total of 3,331 visits. Just as important, we have also participated in various clinical projects to enhance the *quality* of care as well. These projects include using different approaches to managing diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, substance use prevention, and wise use of antibiotics.

Recognizing that not having basic needs met makes it very difficult to manage one's health, Little Rivers has care coordinators at every clinic to connect patients to resources such as transportation, housing, fuel assistance, prescription medications, and fuel assistance. Due to concerns in our community regarding food insecurity, Little Rivers has also recently embarked on a major project with other community partners to begin addressing this troubling issue in our area.

Primary care providers are on the front lines of health care, making sure that you get the right care in the right setting. Studies have demonstrated repeatedly that for every dollar invested in primary care, there is a savings of anywhere from \$2.50 to \$4.50 due to preventing more serious health problems in the future. In addition, people who receive regular primary care live longer and enjoy a higher quality life. But primary care providers are getting harder to find and reimbursement for services does not keep pace with increasing costs. Only 25 percent of medical school graduates are now going into primary care, so Little Rivers is very fortunate to have the many skilled clinicians that we do have.

In 2018, Little Rivers contributed over \$6 million to the local economy and brought in over \$1.6 million in federal dollars to our communities. In return for our grant funding, we are expected to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all.

*William Campbell, Board Chair
Gail Auclair, CEO*

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65 Main St.
Wells River, VT
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Bradford, VT
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REPORT OF BRADFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2019 was an interesting year for Bradford Community Development Corporation (BCDC) with volunteers working on a variety of fronts and able to start and/or complete projects.

Before providing information on particular projects, let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the years of work the late Gerhard Postpischil dedicated to the BCDC. If there was a project, Gerhard was there. He helped with the Teen Center and Bingo. He took care of secretary's reports. Gerhard was at every fundraiser until his health wouldn't allow him participate. He did it because he believed in volunteerism. A very big thank you and we will miss you, Gerhard.

The Health Food Store demolition finally received all of its permits. When we add the Planning Commission/Town requirements and the Vermont Department of Transportation requirements, the ultimate demolition cost would be \$82,000. Without the demolition of the Health Food Store, the old Firehouse will continue to deteriorate.

In cooperation with the Old Church Theater, the steps of renovating the oldest public building in Bradford are moving forward. First, a grant was awarded for the required stabilization and then a Planning Grant was received to determine all that had to be done. The end result of the Planning Grant will be construction documents. We are all appreciative of Read Carlin and Mrs. Pat Walsh for their cooperation in allowing construction equipment to move over their property, which is right next to the Old Church Theater.

Cody Plante, BCDC Assistant Treasurer is a member of the Stagecoach Transportation Operational Board. He has been actively involved in keeping public transportation alive and well in Bradford.

A new project is being contemplated for the 5 to 25 property – a Recreational Field for our youth. Although in its beginning stages, in addition to improving the lives of many it will also bring people to the area and thus increase shoppers for the local businesses.

The Industrial project is complete for BCDC. Bob Miller, REM Development donated three buildings and a lot with concrete floor, water, sewer and electricity completed. Those four properties were sold and each of the buildings is bringing new jobs to Bradford.

*Joe Sampson
Board Chair*

REPORT OF NORTHEAST SLOPES

Northeast Slopes had a successful 2018/2019 season! With decent snow cover for most of the season, NES was open for 33 days, playing an important role in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont.

In February, we held our sixth 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 ways skiing and non-skiing community members alike get together during the long winter months.

Our fifth annual NES-FEST was held in October. In spite of some rather persistent drizzle, the day was a success and, once again, local residents were out and about catching up with neighbors and old friends, enjoying the good music, food, and craft beer. Profits from NES Fest support the youth ski program. The program works to provide equipment, lessons, and slope time for kids in the area. Now in its seventh 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.

The NES Board would like to thank the Town of Bradford for its generous support 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. THINK SNOW and we hope to see you on the Slopes!

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 2019:

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

Water Quality: TRORC staff was involved in the development of the White River Tactical Basin Plan as well as assisting with public hearings to gain input from community members. TRORC also completed several water quality grant projects with our town plan and non-profit partners that focused on stormwater master planning, scoping green stormwater infrastructure projects, and promoting watershed resiliency.

Creative Economy and Public Health: This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding 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 continued to serve as the Zone A Agent for the Vermont Art Council's Creative Network, and is on the Council's statewide steering committee. TRORC also worked on public health projects, including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management & Preparedness: TRORC conducted a statewide Hazardous Materials Flow Study to inform and update local emergency response plans, hazard analysis. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

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

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

Specifically in Bradford this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan and zoning bylaws. As part of the Grants in the Aid program, ditching and culvert improvements on Flanders Brook Road were completed. TRORC assisted with a solar project review, and hosted a Cornerstone Creative Community (3CVT) event.

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 GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is actively supporting new, growing and relocating businesses wrestling with retention, expansion, day care and other critical issues in its 30 towns. We team with the Departments of Economic Development, Labor and Education, the Vermont Workforce Development Council, three regional technical centers 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 eight years, GMEDC purchased two commercial facilities for tenants needing assistance and this spring we completed construction of a beautiful 28,000 square foot facility in Randolph for LEDdynamics, a rapidly growing lighting manufacturer. This was made possible by a \$1M Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and mortgage financing from VEDA. Combined these three companies have direct employment of over 275 people and are most important to their respective towns.

Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont, as well as small and large 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 the pursuit of federal grants.

GMEDC helps business, organizations and community groups 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 and other business interruptions.

We facilitate forums for career and technical education, manufacturing, day care, 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 at no charge.

GMEDC works collaboratively with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns that stimulate healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by our 30 member towns. Assignments have included providing guidance and support to redevelop vacant public buildings, start a community store, and purchase real property.

Brownfield Redevelopment of contaminated sites is an important part of our services. We assist prospective purchasers with the professional guidance and support necessary 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 improves local tax bases.

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

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Bradford residents for 54 years.

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

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

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

Last year, 29 students were served at the Bradford Learning Center. Nine of those who received services were Bradford residents. Additionally, 3 Bradford residents volunteered with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one’s children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70 percent of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Bradford residents for generations to come.

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,320 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE’s professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

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

*For more information regarding CVABE’s adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact Bradford Learning Center
24 Barton Street, Suite 1, Bradford, Vermont 05033
(802) 222-3282 • www.cvabe.org*

Closed Their Doors...

• Connecticut River Academy

CRA closed its Bradford location April 26 after almost 20 years and moved into a larger consolidated facility at Mount Prospect Academy in Pike. Established in 2001, CRA served 27 students at a campus facility on the Lower Plain in Town. It was originally part of Orange East Supervisory Union before merging with Becket Family Services.

• Dough Boy’s Pizza

On November 2, owner Derek Hollis closed Dough Boy’s after just over a year on Main Street to focus on his new venture, The River Bar in the Mill Building.

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, 2018 and June 30, 2019, VNH made 4,039 homecare visits to 149 Bradford residents. This included approximately \$95,956 in unreimbursed care to Bradford residents.

Home Health Care: 1,660 home visits to 120 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Care: 485 home visits to 13 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 1,855 home visits to 10 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Skilled Pediatric Care: 39 home visits to 6 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

*Hilary Davis, Director of
Community Relations and Development
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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.

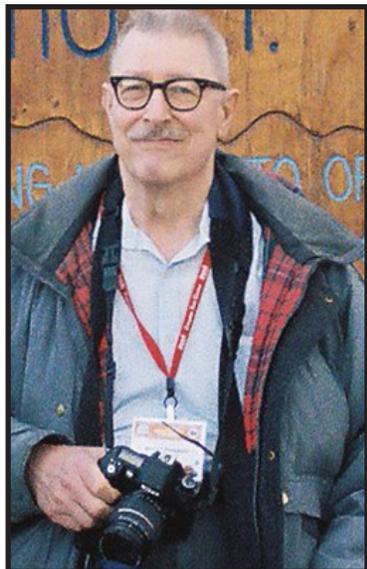
Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short-term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral 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 plus years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. 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.

In Memoriam...



Gerhard Postpischil
1943 – 2019

Gerhard Postpischil, 76, of Bradford, passed away Nov. 7, 2019, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

He was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1943 to Josefina Postpischil and Emmerich Postpischil. The family immigrated to New York City in 1957 when Gerhard was 14 years old. Gerhard attended Theodore Roosevelt High School in Bronx, New York. He went to the City College of New York where he studied physics, electrical engineering, and mathematics. He became a U.S. citizen in 1963.

He was a self-taught computer programmer, and he spent his career working as a systems analyst for mainframe computers in the Washington, D.C., area. He was the author of the Exhibit program for MVS. He also worked for Applied Data Research in Arlington, Virginia, and American Management Systems in Rosslyn, Virginia. He operated Expert Systems Programming, Inc. in Vienna, Virginia. He worked as a senior programmer for EMC2 (EMC Corporation) until his retirement in 2001.

Gerhard moved to Bradford in 2000 where he was active at the community senior and teen centers, the regional transportation board, Bradford representative to Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, and other community organizations and committees.

Ted Unkles, chair of the Bradford Selectboard wrote that Gerhard “was very active in Bradford, and we very much appreciated everything he did for our community. It will be hard to fill the huge void he leaves, but I know that he served as an inspiration and a role model for many in our community.”



Gloria Fox
1935 – 2019

Gloria Fox, 84, a longtime resident of Bradford, who recently had moved to Newbury, died Dec. 18, 2019 at Cottage Hospital, Woodsville.

She was born in Groton, MA in 1935 to Kenneth and Gladys Goodwin. On Dec. 13, 1969, she married Richard Fox, and in 1973, they moved from Hanson, MA to Bradford.

Together, they owned and operated the Bradford Mini-Mart from 1973-1983. Gloria worked as a bookkeeper/accountant for Fox Associates, also in Bradford.

In 1986, Fox, Karen Culbertson, and Bill Ashe founded Upper Valley Services, the Bradford-based nonprofit organization that continues to provide support to Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Before UVS, services were delivered by Orange County Mental Health, which is now Clara Martin Center.

An active member of the community, Gloria was a member and treasurer of the Bradford United Church of Christ. Gloria was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Connecticut Valley Fair Association, and the Upper Valley BoomBas. She was on the Bradford Community Development Corporation board. Gloria served as a Bradford Village Trustee before the town and village merger.

Dedicated to the Town of Bradford

REPORT OF STAGECOACH SERVICES

Thank you for the Town of Bradford's generous support last year. Your support helped us provide 11,524 trips for Bradford residents last year by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair-accessible vehicles, and our River Route Service to the Upper Valley. STSI's Dial-a-Ride and Fixed Route Bus systems provided a total of 112,571 rides for the year. All STSI's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical health-care and quality-of-life 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, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation and dialysis and substance abuse treatment.

Bus System: Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Bradford residents have access to our **Commuter Route** system that can take them to employment opportunities, shopping and medical facilities in the White River Junction, Lebanon, Hanover area. Residents can access the **Circulator Route** free of charge that can provide access around town and to destinations in Newbury, Woodsville and Wells River.

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 or if you have any other questions, please call us at 802-728-3773.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20 percent "local match" dollars. STSI's requests from towns account for approximately 5 percent of the 20 percent requirement.

REPORT OF SAFELINE, INC.

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,732 services for 355 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. 272 services were provided for 38 victims who identified themselves as residents of Bradford. This is more than double the number of victims from last year and a large increase in number of services provided. 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 abuse and stalking.

This year, Safeline's staff participated in Bradford's Giving Fair and the Shine Your Light event in Bradford.

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

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safelineinfo@safelinevt.org • 802-685-7900 office, 800-639-7933 24/7 HOTLINE*

REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 134 Bradford residents. Case Manager Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with seniors in Bradford. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted 1,440 hours of service to Bradford residents.

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



Bradford Historical Society presented the Bradford Cane to two residents in 2019. Pictured at left, Eris Eastman, center, was presented the Cane for oldest female resident by Director Emeritus Jeanette Nordham, right, and Eris' sister, Vida Perry-Munson, left.



Pictured on the right, Robert Pierson, center, was presented the Bradford Cane as the oldest man in town. He is pictured with his sons, David Pierson, left and Greg Pierson, right.

REPORT OF OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

For over 30 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's (OSIP) 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. There are only 14 such adult day services in the state. 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 9,500 hours of direct-care service and 1,613 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 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 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. We are very grateful for the financial assistance we receive from the towns we serve. **Thank you for your support!**

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www.osipads.com, 802-866-5465, FAX 802-866-3571, osipads@gmail.com*



In May, Bear Ridge Speedway hosted their annual car show at the Bradford Fairgrounds that kicked off their season. At right, NASCAR legend Kenny Schrader was in Bradford this race season for a visit to Bear Ridge Speedway where he signed autograph books and took photos with young fans.



REPORT OF DOWNSTREET HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Downstreet Housing & Community Development is a private, non-profit affordable housing services provider that seeks to bolster an environment of social justice for all and as a result, strengthen the health and future of our rural Vermont communities.

Downstreet achieves this through the power of housing and its ability to connect people to the resources they need to thrive.

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

In Bradford specifically, here is a summary of our past year's impact and outcomes that your contributions supported. Downstreet...

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

- provides 126 Bradford residents with safe, decent, and affordable apartments, less than 85 percent of which are of low-income households.

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

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

- fully renovated and affordably sold three previously-blighted homes to families of modest income as part of our Neighborhood Housing Program. This is a pilot effort to strengthen neighborhoods and empower families through the power of homeownership.

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

- initiated and is leading a statewide initiative called Residences 4 Recovery to accelerate the development of Recovery Housing to provide safe, supportive sober living environments to support individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorder.

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

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802-476-4493 • www.downstreet.org*

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 13,360 people in 7,256 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelf and nutrition resources, housing counseling, homelessness intervention, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 116 Bradford households representing 251 individuals this past year included:

- 8 individuals in 5 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 30 households with 83 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 53 individuals in 20 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 5 homeless individuals with 12 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 12 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 33 additional family members.
- 2 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 3 residents, including 2 seniors.
- 16 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 1 entrepreneur received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 1 resident had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 1 person saved towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security.
- 2 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 21 children in their care.

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



Members of the Oxbow boys indoor track team celebrate after clinching one of the most improbable state titles in the school's history. Pictured (from left to right) are Max Klarich, Jarrett Rock, Tim Hodges, Tobin Durham, and Brennan Kimball. Calvin Cook is missing from the photo.

REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Gerhard Postpischil served on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors for 15 years as the representative of Bradford until his death in November 2019. Gerhard made many important contributions to CVSWMD and was dedicated to providing the best possible programs to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials.

The representative seat for Bradford is vacant on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. Contact your Selectboard to become a board member and represent your town. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY19, CVSWMD provided \$11,809.33 in School Zero Waste and Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program Grants, and \$6,921.94 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Bradford received two Green Up Day grants in the amount of \$400. Bradford Elementary School received \$194.85 to install signage to reduce food waste through the EPA Healthy Communities Grant.

Also in FY19, CVSWMD provided \$12,661 in Municipal Services Program grants. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual Municipal Services Program Grant.

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

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

Events Assistance: CVSWMD offers a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with 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 FY19, we conducted two trash audits and three tray waste audits to measure food waste at Bradford Elementary. BES was included in an EPA Healthy Communities grant program aimed at reducing food waste. 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 FY19, eight collection events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries, e-waste and fluorescent bulbs.

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

Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC): The ARCC, at 540 North Main Street in Barre, is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. **Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2020.** The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for hard-to-recycle materials. *Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.* More info at cvswmd.org/arcc.

In FY19, 24 visitors from Bradford recycled at the ARCC.

Website: CVSWMD posts useful information on what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call 802-229-9383.

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REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT/CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

This report highlights the activities and expenses of the Orange County Special Investigation Unit/Child Advocacy Center (SIU/CAC) during the 2019 fiscal year, which began July 1, 2018 and ended on June 30, 2019. A brief synopsis about us is that we provide wrap around services for child victims of sexual and severe physical assault and their families. We also conduct Forensic Interviews of victims, and child witnesses.

State and Federal Support for the Orange County SIU/CAC

The Orange County Special Investigations Unit/Child Advocacy Center, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)(3) service organization, formed in the State of Vermont. The Orange County SIU/CAC is governed by a board of directors, operating in Chelsea, Vermont. The day-to-day operations of the Orange County SIU/CAC are managed by the CAC Executive Director and staff. Board members consist of law enforcement, Department for Children and Families, mental health professionals, medical and school professionals. The board is also looking for members and new insight provided by other professionals. *Information about the board and the SIU/CAC can be obtained from the executive director at 802-685-4712 or the website orangecountycac.org.*

The Orange County SIU/CAC budget supports the basic operations of the center, including the salaries of staff. The budget provides money to the Orange County Sheriff's Department to fund two full-time Special Investigations Unit detectives. During the 2019 fiscal year, there were staff changes. The funding was utilized to train new employees on critical skills to perform their jobs. Additionally, the budget allowed for 129 cases to be investigated through the Orange County SIU/CAC. Working hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., but staff typically is in the office much later due to scheduling around school hours. The Orange County SIU/CAC has provided outreach to schools in reference to sexting, sexual harassment, healthy relationships and boundaries.

Town of Bradford

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, the Orange County SIU/CAC investigated 16 incidents, which accounted for 17 interviews, that were reported to have occurred in the Town of Bradford. Twelve of the victims are residents of the town; another four residents from Bradford were interviewed due to incidents that occurred outside of Bradford.

The CAC coordinator presented to Oxbow middle and high school students about the dangers of "sexting" and cyberbullying. A request made due to increased issues with students. The Orange County SIU/CAC is available to complete trainings on various topics, including but not limited to vicarious trauma, healthy boundaries, sexting, sexual harassment, bullying and more.



In the fall, Interstate 91 had a temporary closure of I-91 south between exits 15 and 16 which began Oct. 21 and reopened Nov. 11. A contractor was clearing trees and vegetation from the top of the ledges and the slope face and then hand-scaling (rock removal) was done. The closure created a detour east along Route 25 and then south on Route 5 from Bradford to Fairlee.

**REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER
(formerly known as Orange County Court Diversion)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019, 258 clients were referred for services, a 21 percent increase from the previous year. Of those, 103 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 62 were referred for YSASP, 11 for DLS, 67 for Pre-Trial Services, and 15 were referred for re-entry services. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY19, OCRJ worked with 10 cases in which the offender either resided in and/or the offense occurred in Bradford.

OCRJ's FY19 operating budget was \$180,409.15. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Bradford appropriated \$480 for FY19 to support Orange County Court Diversion. Orange County Court Diversion requests \$700 for 2020 to support its expanded mission, as it now does business as the Orange County Restorative Justice Center.

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



Newmont Farm and the Gladstone Family were highlighted in a Cabot Creamery ad campaign celebrating 100 years.



After spending the summer undergoing a restoration, the Bradford Congregational Church's Steinway piano returned to church. The piano was given to the church by the late Katrina Munn, a long-time local instructor.



Bradford Community Development Corporation is considering demolishing the former South End Market building located between an historic firehouse (foreground) and an apartment building (background) on South Main Street.



Skier Keelan Durham, Oxbow High School Junior, recently qualified for the 2019 US Ski and Snowboard Junior National Cross Country Championship in Anchorage Alaska, March 11-16. He was a member of the New England Team which is known as a powerhouse for Nordic Skiing.



Oxbow High School and River Bend's new electronic marquee is up and running at the entrance to the school along Route 5 in Bradford. Long under development and a matter of controversy for awhile, the sign was paid for with funds raised by the school's parent-teacher organization and installed in 2019.

RECORD
Annual Town Meeting
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting
Tuesday March 5, 2019

Peter Mallary called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Bradford Academy Building. Boy Scout Troup 778 Scout Master Daniel A. Perry III, Shane and Hunter led the flag salute. Peter asked for a moment of silence to honor long time Water & Sewer Commissioner Larry Drew as well as other Town residents who have passed.

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.

Larry Coffin raised a question to the selectboard about sidewalk repair. Ted replied with the pages in the budget describing sidewalk repair. Ted explained that there is a reserve fund.

Donna Wing expressed interest in having a 5-year Highway plan implemented as we have done in the past.

Byron Kidder asked about the money in the reserve fund for sidewalk repair to N. Pleasant and Ted explained the bulk of that money will need to be used for the sidewalks in front of Aubuchon Hardware. Byron also asked about the Street bond which took place when the town and village merged. The residents of the former village are still paying on that bond and will be until 2026.

Byron Kidder voiced his opinion about the Planning Commission implementing subdivision regulations. Byron believes that State has regulations in place so that subdivision regulation is not needed.

Donna Wing commented on visibility needed for advertising Parks and Recreation events. Currently events can be found via WYKR, Valley News, Journal Opinion and Facebook.

Leanne Hatch raised the question of why no town report was received from Upper Valley Ambulance. Ted explained that no report was received, and John Thurston stated that the report was mailed directly to Ted.

Kathy Davidow – Announced that they will again be doing the Home Town poetry event in April. Kathy is happy to answer any question or poems may be dropped off at the Library.

Ben Rubenfeld – wanted to give an update as the town tree warden. They will be doing an Ash Tree inventory for emerald ash bore. They have received a grant to help with conducting the survey and would love volunteers. He also said to please reach out if you have questions.

Article 2 closed.

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

The Article was moved and seconded.

Selectboard member for a three-year term (currently held by Thomas E. Unkles). Gary Moore nominated Thomas E. Unkles. Bud Haas moved that nominations cease, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Thomas E. Unkles.

Thomas E. Unkles was elected Selectboard member for a three-year term.

Selectboard member for a two-year term (currently held by Carole P. Taylor). Martina Stever nominated Carole P. Taylor. Larry Coffin moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Carole P. Taylor.

Carole P. Taylor was elected Selectboard member for a two-year term.

Selectboard member for the remained of the three-year term (currently held by Lisa Sharp-Grady). Nancy Jones nominated Ryan Lockwood. Bud Haas moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Ryan Lockwood.

Ryan Lockwood was elected Selectboard member for the remainder of the three-year term expiring in 2020.

Lister for a three-year term (currently held by Vincent Pacillo). Bob Wing nominated Aaron Johnson

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Gary Moore Nominated Vincent Pacillo. Both candidates were given the opportunity to speak before ballots were cast.

Aaron Johnson Stated that he is looking for something to do and would like to contribute to the town.

Vince said he would like to continue serving as a lister for the town of Bradford. He stated that he had been a lister in his previous town for 6 years, years ago and he has enjoyed the work and would like to continue.

The ballot box was closed at 9:42am. 82 votes were cast.

Vincent Pacillio – 51

Aaron Johnson - 30

Spoiled - 1

Vincent Pacillo was elected Lister for a three-year term.

While counting of the ballots took place State Representative Sarah Copeland Hanzas took the opportunity to speak about where things stand in Montpelier. Sarah mentioned that she has been appointed Chair of the Governments operations committee. Which includes many different tasks such as how the state interactions with municipalities, Election law and oversight public safety.

Bud Haas expressed his concern about act 46 and the elimination of the school boards for both Bradford Elementary and Newbury Elementary. Newbury joined a suite that act 46 is considered unconstitutional ruling yesterday that didn't provide an injunction. Bud wanted to urge Sarah to support a 1yr moratorium on completion of act 46 while lawsuit is being played out. Sarah stated that was an amendment that came on an education bill that included a proposal that included a 1yr blanket delay which Sarah didn't support. She did support a more customized adaptability of the law brought forth by the education committee. She also said that's it's her understanding that the Senate is not going to entertain a likelihood of passing the delay for act 46.

Jeff Gardner mentioned that Sarah was the Vice Chair of the joint legislative climate solutions caucus and asked Sarah to say a few words about the caucus. Sarah said that according to media reports stating we have 10-12 years to change amount of fossil fuels we are burning to slow or halt the progression of climate change, she is working on climate solutions that will save Vermonters money one of which is weatherizing homes and working towards electrification of our transportation systems.

Gloria Randall raised the question of the abortion law act 57. Which Sarah stated that she supported the bill that puts into law the bill that has been legal in Vermont since 1972.

Auditor for a three-year term (currently held by Peter Terry). Peter Terry nominated Monique Priestly. Peter Terry moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Monique Priestly. 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). Monique Priestly nominated Jennifer Rivers. Peter Terry 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.

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

Town Grand Juror for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore). Monique Priestly nominated Gary Moore. Robert Wing 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. Shirley Beresford 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 Martina Stever). Jennifer River nominated Martina Stever. Arvid Johnson moved that nominations cease, and Clerk cast one ballot for Martina Stever. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Martina Stever elected Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term.

Byron Kidder asked Gary Moore to explain the two posts that he holds.

Town Grand Juror – acts as a prosecutor for the town which now the States attorney handles

Town Agent – Acts as the non-legal/legal authority to the town at the direction of the Selectboard. To handle things such as transfer of land or revolving loan funds.

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.

Ted Unkles moved that the Town be authorized to raise through real property taxes the sum of \$1,290,376 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 \$1,290,376 and such additional sums, be due and payable at the Tax Collector's office not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019, the due date, or mailed to the tax collector's office with a postmark date not later than the due date, without discount, and that any amount not so paid or mailed shall become delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of 1/2 of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter at a rate of 1percent per month or fraction thereof. The motion was seconded.

Greg Garone asked about the money overspent in Fire Dept budget which was due to flooding that occurred in the building over a weekends time. Insurance will cover those damages but are not listed in the report because the town hadn't received those funds by the time the report was printed. Bud Haas pointed out that in Teds motion that he didn't deduct \$100,000 for the "Less Accumulated Surplus" funds. Ted amended his motion to change the total amount for Net Operating Expense to be raised in taxes to **\$1,027,021**.

Arvid Johnson thanked the board for the reduction of the \$100,000 for the accumulated surplus however making a point that once surplus is gone there will be a time when the board will be asking the tax payers to pay for the full amount budgeted. Ted mention that there will be funds kept incase something comes up however he feels its not right to continue holding on to tax payer's money.

Greg Garone expressed his thoughts of using the reserve funds to pay off existing loan balance for equipment instead of paying on a loan. Ted explained that the way we have always managed the funds in the past is to put the money in the reserve funds and save for when we are ready to purchase a new piece of equipment. For example, the new loader we are going to be purchasing for highway this year. Because we have had money saved in the reserve fund and based on the trade in value of the loader, we are able to purchase out right.

Gloria Randall – wondering why no funds listed for Visiting Nurse and Hospice. Ted explained that any non-profit organization requesting \$1500.00 or less and has been supported in the past by voters is put into the budget. If it's a new organization or asking for funds over \$1500.00 get voted on by the tax payers.

Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. Ted reread his motion with the amount of **\$1,027,021** 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 2019.

Ted moved that we raise the sum of **\$941,609** for highway purposes.

Greg Garone questioned why the increase in salaries for highway dept. Ted explained that one of the highway employees is looking to go to part-time and we would in turn looking to higher another full-time employee. Giving highway three (3) FT employees and one (1) PT employee.

Larry Coffin expressed his concerns about our sidewalks which need repair and not having money budgeted for repairs. Ted replied by letting Larry know that his concerns have been heard.

Heidi Allen raised the question of when and if we could see the Creamery Rd bridge repaired and re-opened? Ted said that the state has a plan for new decking material and work on bridge should be started in July and hopefully open by late summer. Ted mentioned the only compromise is that a new weight limit will be implemented.

Martina asked about emergency vehicles going over the bridge and Ted said they would not be an exception if over the weight limit.

Peter Terry spoke again on our sidewalks with \$214,000 in sidewalk reserve fund thinks town could spend 5k-10k to repair sidewalks, he urged selectboard to use some funds for that purpose.

Jean Carlan- commented on winter maintenance of the sidewalks, she said she spoke to Richard Simmons about the maintenance in which he stated to her that he was at a loss as to what to do. He said to her that the lousy sidewalks add to maintenance of his snowblower and that Phil Page has limited the amount of

salt that he can use. She asked if an increase of the budget would help with maintenance. Ted did reply that this winter has been exceptionally bad and letting her know that the price of road salt has skyrocketed this year so Phil is doing the best he can do with his budget.

Bud Haas made a motion to amend the highway budget to include an additional \$25,000 and urged the selectboard to use the funds for sidewalk maintenance and repair. The motion was moved and seconded.

Paul Hunt mentioned that he would like to see the snow along the sidewalks removed.

Greg Garone – mentioned using the capital fund instead of raising the highway budget. Ted explained that the purpose of the capital fund is to improve or renovate infrastructure we cannot use the capital fund for routine maintenance. We also need to keep general funds separate from highway funds.

Leanne Hatch asked if the motion was to add 25,000 to the amount already listed in the budget for maintenance and or repair, the motion is to include both.

Bob Wing – commented that in years past the Selectboard would put in the article not to accede a certain monetary amount. Bob mentioned that in the in all fairness to those who were not able to attend Town Meeting we should include a “not to exceed“ monetary value in all warnings.

It was moved and seconded that the highway fund be increased by 25,000 with the emphases that the funds be used for repair and maintenance to the town sidewalks. Because it was too close to call Peter requested a division and Larry Coffin and Arvid Johnson were the counters. It was voted 69 to 23 to carry the motion.

Ted read the amended motion to include the additional \$25,000 making the total sum of money raised \$966,609.

Peter asked if there were any further question regarding the article.

Leanne Hatch – Inquired about the \$13,000 in the budget for pick-up of the downtown trash receptacles. She posed the question of how many times a week and how many receptacles? Ted indicated the number of receptacles and said it’s picked up 3 times a week. Ted also mentioned that when our current contractor retires that amount are going to significantly increase, we will need to decide to either keep the trash receptacles or we will have to remove them and hope that we don’t have issues with litter in downtown area.

Bob Wing brought to the boards attention that twice he has seen people put their personal trash in the trash receptacles and provided photos, yet nothing was done. Julie Bingle mentioned possibly having fines for anyone caught throwing household trash into our receptacles.

Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the amended 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 Collector of Delinquent Taxes and Collector of Current Taxes term from a 1-year term to a 3-year term?

The motion was moved and seconded. The article is now open for discussion.

Robert Wing was wondering when this would take effect. Ted said that because the collector was just elected it would take affect next year.

Bud Haas would like to make a motion to amend the article to add to take affect this year, it was seconded by Arvid Johnson. Ted is unsure if we can make a change to a term that was already voted on in the article. Ted also mentioned that the treasurers term expires next year and would then be concurrent. Peter ruled the amendment as non-admissible.

It was asked what the benefit is for the Tax Collector to have a 3-year term? Ted indicated that it is on warning because it was requested by voters last year. He said he would also assume

Lucas Barrett commented that having a 3-year term makes for a more professional governance. Having a position with a 3-year term might attract someone who is interested in a more professional role. He states that other towns around the state are taking measures to promote a more professional governance.

Larry called the question and was seconded. To close debate we need 2/3rds.

Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 6 passed by voice vote. Article 6 closed.

Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to support Bradford Conservation Fund? The Article was moved and seconded. Donna Wing asked why we are giving \$5000 every year when they have a significant amount saved. Donna requested a paper ballot. We need 7 people in favor to have a paper ballot there were not enough people. Nancy stated that the funds are collected for the benefit of the town and future generations the fund is similar to the way the capital fund works in helping to preserve our resources.

Emily Marsh stated that the commission has done many things with the money but especially the works that been done on Wrights Mtn. She is strongly in favor of conserving the environment and believes they should receive the money.

Paul Hunt – asked if the Commission is a town body? Ted said it's a town fund and the commission makes recommendations to the board on how to appropriate the funds. Nancy mentioned that this is not part of the Commissions budget.

Peter Hatch- mentioned that we just spend \$25,000 on sidewalks which he doesn't typically walk but does use Wrights Mountain. He also plows the road and sees all the traffic, he is in favor of the \$5,000.00

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

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 8 passed by voice vote. Article 8 closed.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$4413.00 for 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 9 passed by voice vote. Article 9 closed.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the support of Orange East Senior 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 10 passed by voice vote. Article 10 closed.

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.? 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, 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. The question was raised that if they are affiliated with Dartmouth Hitchcock? Bryan Woods the representative for Visiting Nurse and Hospice stated that they are affiliated however do not receive any funds from Dartmouth Hitchcock. Peter re-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 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?

The Article was moved and seconded. Jefferey Gardner wanted to urge everyone as Sarah Copeland Hanzas did earlier, to think seriously about what we can do to help meet this challenge. He indicated that we need to urge the state legislature to take seriously the notion of making a transition to the way we are getting our energy now to using more and more renewable?

Emily Marsh – agreed with everything Jefferey said and adds that we need to do much more, she referred to an article that spoke about scientist and fear. Where scientists went wrong was that they were to cautious where they failed was, they couldn't put fear into the public enough so that significant changes are being made. She mentioned that scientists are calling this a dyer threat and we have 12 years to make some drastic changes.

Artie – believes fossil fuel workers know what they are doing and there is no need to stop them. Leonard Dobbins would like to move the question and it was seconded. Need 2/3 majority to call the question and stop debate. 2/3'rds was received.

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

Ted would like to take a moment to thank all elected officials, volunteers, town employees. He is so appreciative that we all work together so well. He would also like to thank Lisa Sharp Grady for her

contributions and welcome Ryan Lockwood.

Bob Wing – 4.5 acres on corner of Tarbox and Goshen owned since 1994 wondering if we are going to sell? Ted remembers this coming up and it had slipped his mind and he believes that this should be put on the market.

Shirley Beresford is dazzled by the work Claude as done with the BA Building and would like to thank Claude for his efforts.

Nancy info on emerald ash bore available in the entry way.

Bud Haas Zoning Board average age in the high 70's he would like the town to know that either folks need to be recruited or something else needs to be done.

Bud also mentioned that he would like to invite folks to a discussion at the library on Wednesday 13th at 6pm regarding act 46. The information is hard to find and there seems to be a lack of it.

Donna wing refers to page 90 that any delinquent tax money that come in be designated to for road construction. Also, the article that stated the date and time of town meeting be changed. Ted said that we had talked about putting question on the ballot and while counting the ballots it was discovered that we forgot. Ben Rubenfeld stated also he would like the selectboard to entertain the change of date and time of meeting.

Martina Stever – asked about funds for Northeast Slopes. Arvid Johnson stated that both last year and this year they were unable to follow through with getting the required petition signed. It was suggested by a straw vote the Selectboard strongly consider giving North East Slopes funds for this year.

Paul Hunt commented about the town's web page specially the calendar needing improvements.

Lucas Barrett – spoke earlier and would like to mention again a large trend of more professional governance structure with city managers or town managers. Potential solutions of getting more little things done. Would like the board to thing about this for the future?

Elizabeth Towle – encourage the Selectboard to improve web site for the town.

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

The Article was moved and seconded.

Larry Coffin posed the question about standing water South Pleasant. It's caused by a home owner that is pumping water into the road. Larry mentioned that it's now causing the road to sink. Larry unsure of who's responsibility and Jon mentioned that it's not caused by a leak.

Ted Unkles asked if there was a storm drainage near by and Jon indicated that there isn't one that he is aware of.

Martina Stever asked if the fire hydrants get flushed, Jon indicated that they would be this spring and will send notices out to customer a few weeks before.

Budget amounts are not what was voted last year, the amounts were reduced by \$10,000 from what was warned. Last year's number were plugged into this year's spreadsheet unfortunately forgetting to change the \$10,000 amount.

The question came up about cloudy water, Jon mentioned that it could possibly be air in the water. He suggested that letting the water run for a little bit should clear that up. If not, Jon is happy to look to see if something else is going on.

Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 15 passed by voice vote. Article 15 closed.

Article 16: 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).

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

Article 17: To adopt a budget for the Bradford waste system for the year 2019. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

A motion to adopt the budget as printed in the report was made and seconded.

Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of as printed in the report. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 17 passed by voice vote. Article 17 closed.

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.)

A motion to adopt the budget as printed in the report was made and seconded.

Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of as printed in the report. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 18 passed by voice vote. Article 18 closed.

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before 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.

Paul Rivers asked with all the discussion around the state about sewer plants needing upgrades how is our system? Jon indicated that just last year we received an excellent rating. Within the next five years we will need to have an evaluation.

Ted was wondering since additions on Lower Plain hook up what capacity we are at? Jon said we are well under capacity still.

Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion the ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 19 passed by voice vote. Article 19 closed.

Article 20: To adjourn.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Article 20 closed.

A true record:

Attest:

/s/Sonya McLam, Town Clerk

Attest:

/s/ Peter Mallary, Moderator

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