

COMMITTEE DATES and TIMES

****Selectmen's Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, at 6:00 PM at the Bradford Community Center. Holidays dates subject to change check the website, Bradfordmaine.org

****The Planning Board–** TBA at 6:00PM at the Bradford Community Center.

**** Recreation Committee** meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

****Bradford Days Committee** will be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Bradford Community Center.

****Bradford Heritage: Museum & Historical Society-** Hours, Thurs 3 - 5pm, Sat 10 -Noon.

By appointment: Peggy Nevells 327-1532

****Bradford Snow Blazers Snowmobile Club** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Bradford Community Center, September through April.

****MSAD 64 School Board meetings** are usually the 4th Monday of each month at 7PM at the CHS cafeteria. Subject to change

****Penobscot Ridge Riders ATV Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at the office of RJ Heating at 7:00PM.

Town Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 8 am – 5 pm

Wednesday 8 am – 6 pm

CLOSED Monday and Friday

Library Hours

Wednesday

5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Library Phone – 217-9826

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TOWN OF BRADFORD

DECEMBER 2022

Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE:

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!! DOG REGISTRATION IS NOW

DUE: Last reminder for Dog owners, remember you only have until January 31st to register your dog before the penalty late fee of \$25 is applied and possible a summons by the Animal Control Officer. It is \$6 for spayed / neutered dog and \$11 for all others. Please bring with you the dogs' up to date Rabie shot record to be recorded. If you come in February on 1st the late charge will be applied, this date is set by state law.

LAST CALL for the FORE CLOSING of 2020 TAX LIENS: January 5, 2023 will be the last day to pay your 2020 late taxes before the 30-day fore closure notice will be sent by registered mail. Please come in and pay your taxes so you do not incur more cost to the lien.

NOMINATION PAPERS: If you are interested in becoming a Selectman or a RSU 64 Schoolboard Member, nomination papers will be available starting January 17, 2023. Come by the Town Office during regular business hours and pick a set up. There are 2 open positions for selectman and one for school board member. You will need to get a minimum of 25 registered voter signature's and return the papers by the end of business hours on February 28th. Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 28th and the 29th.

Selectmen's Meetings: are the first and third Mondays of the month unless that Monday is a holiday then the Board meets that Thursday at 6 pm. January's meetings will be held on January 5th and the 19th , February's meetings are scheduled for the 6th and 23rd .

Residents and Sand: Now that winter has arrived with its snow and ice, please be mindful when you come and get sand for your steps and driveway. It is 2 five-gallon buckets of sand per storm.

Winter Plowing and Cemetery / Lawn Mowing Bids: Bid packets for these two jobs are now available if interested to be picked up at the town office during regular business hours.

News From Your Library

I am sitting here at my computer watching the first real snow fall. I guess we got our “White Christmas” after all. Just want to update you on a few things.

First off, we will be closed on Saturday, December 24, but we will be open December 31. Be sure to come in and get some great Christmas reads and movies. We have a really good selection of both.

Second, we had scheduled an “Author Talk” for today, but decided that with the snow storm, we needed to reschedule. So, we have our very own Jenny Worster speaking on January 7, 2023. She will be introducing her newest novel “Where the Blacktop Leads Home”. This is the 2nd in the Summer Harbor series and I know you have been anxiously awaiting its arrival. Come on the 7th and get a signed copy

We are also still doing CLYNK returnable as a fund raiser. Pick up a bag from us and drop off at any Hannaford store in Bangor and we get the credit. And don't forget our ongoing Book Sale. We are always getting additional donations and I have recently been culling many books from our Young Adult Fiction and Non-fiction. Check us out!

**Merry Christmas to all and have a great time snow sledding, skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, snowman making, etc.
Enjoy and Happy New Year!**

Winter Hours: Wednesday 5:00-7:00, Saturday: 10:00-3:00, Phone: 217-9826



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11:00AM Morning Worship
5:30 PM Jr High Club
5:30 PM Teen Club
6:00 PM Kid's Club
6:00 PM Evening Service
6:30 PM Wed. Prayer Meeting

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Loam.....Gravel.....Sand

permit. In addition, you may ask the town clerk for an application at the town hall, or you can request one by email.

As far as the Agenda & Minutes Policy, this is a policy adopted recently to establish agreed upon requirements for creating & distributing timely agendas & minutes. We wanted to let you know that agendas are available on the town website which is www.bradfordmaine.org, the Friday prior to a Monday meeting. Should a Select Board meeting fall on a Thursday, as happens if our normally scheduled Monday meeting falls on a holiday, the agenda would be available the Tuesday prior. In addition, approved minutes will now be up on the website within three days for your viewing. We know life is busy, and it may be hard to make it to Select Board meetings regularly. We believe most residents desire to know what is happening in their town, so having the minutes available as soon as possible, is one way we realize we can serve you-which is what we aspire to do. In addition, we wanted to take the opportunity to give praise to the town manager for providing these detailed minutes. It is not an easy task we realize.

If you would like to view any of our town ordinances or policies, you are more than welcome-just ask the town clerk as they are available to read at the town hall. Also, if you would like one emailed, you can send a message to Julie McCarthy at macclan3026@yahoo.com or to our town manager at manager@bradfordmaine.org. Also, when our website is updated (hopefully in February), they will be linked there as well. The Select Board wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year. May the year of 2023 be your best one yet.

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JOB CORPS CENTER

**Information Session and Tours of the
Penobscot Job Corps Center at**

**1375 Union St, in Bangor
Open to the public on the**

**2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
at 10:30 am**

Free Career Training in Growing Industries – Automotive & Machine Repair, Construction, Hospitality, Healthcare, Advance Heavy Truck (CDL), Culinary Arts, Information Technology, Transportation, Manufacturing, Electrical

Program Benefits- Housing, Meals, Basic Medical Care, Biweekly Allowance, High School Diploma Offerings, Job Placement Assistance

This program is federally funded and completely free to the **students ages 16 through 24**. They just have to meet some eligibility requirements and our income eligibility requirements to participate. All housing, food and training is free, this includes a driver's education program we offer on center.

Questions? Contact Debra Boyle at boyle.debra@jobcorps.org

NEWS FROM THE SELECT BOARD

In this article, the Select Board would like to take the opportunity to clarify some issues related to the recent fire station vote, and various information that was distributed to the Town of Bradford, followed by some information regarding ordinances & policies.

First, we would like to state that we support the *town's* decision regarding the recent fire station vote that gave the Select Board the financial ability to meet the congressionally directed earmark by proposing to take out a \$500,000 loan. The Warrant was approved by a vote of 324 to 309, and we believe in the town's ability to comprehend how this choice could impact any future mil rates as a recent newsletter article written by the Select Board prior to the vote, outlined the level of debt the town currently has, as well as yearly payment amounts.

Second, we want you to know that aside from the one the newsletter article referenced above, nothing else was sent out collectively as a board. There was one Select Board member that chose to personally send something out at his own expense, but he was not speaking on behalf of the board, nor meant to imply in any way that he was. In addition, we have learned that we should not sign anything individually with our given Select Board title. In this person's defense, he was given permission by the Select Board to sign as the co-chair (not by motion, but by expressed opinion) and for that, we were in error. However, as a private citizen, he is entitled to send whatever he chooses just like any other resident, so long as he is clear he is not speaking on behalf of the board.

In addition, there was an article sent out from The Fire Department Association that looked like it came from the Town of Bradford, but that was not the case. The author of that flyer was at a recent Select Board meeting and stated that the appearance that it was from the town of Bradford, was not intentional. It was also stated that in the future, they will be sure to identify themselves in any flyer that is sent out to avoid confusion.

Lastly, the Treasurer's Statement that was attached to the sample ballots posted around town, as well as given out at the fire station public hearing, had the statement, "*The Selectmen Propose,*" to spend \$200,000 out of undesignated funds to put towards the fire station loan, was not accurate. The Select Board didn't propose the measure. That may ultimately be something we decide to do, but as of now, we have no idea. In fact, through this whole situation, we have learned that the Select Board has never had to write-up Treasurer Statements for bank loans, they are only required for bonds.

Now, we shall turn our attention to outlining the ordinances the Town of Bradford has enacted, as well as the current policies, and highlight one in each category. In case you are wondering how ordinances & policies differ (no worry, you are not alone), we would like to take a moment to clarify. An ordinance is different than a policy in that it is a

that is enacted by the legislative body of a town, aka the Townspeople. A policy is more procedural in design and can be revised or rescinded by the Select Board alone.

Our town currently has fifteen ordinances and seven policies which are outlined below:

Bradford Ordinances

1. Land Use
2. By-Laws Planning Board
3. Subdivisions
4. Highway/Driveway Entrance
5. Board of Appeals
6. Shoreland Zoning
7. Floodplain Management
8. Model Excavation
9. Dog
10. Open Dumping
11. Junkyards/Auto Graveyards
12. Man. Housing/Safety
13. Temporary Camping Vehicle
14. Permanent Addressing
15. Utility Credit

Bradford Policies

- 1) Municipal Vehicle Use
- 2) Social Media
- 3) Selectmen Budget Procedure
- 4) Personnel
- 5) Road Maintenance
- 6) Culvert Placement
- 7) Agenda & Minutes

We would now like to specifically highlight The Utility Credit Ordinance, as well as the most recent policy, The Agenda & Minutes. The Utility Credit Ordinance was established to encourage business growth here in Bradford by providing businesses with a financial incentive to make Bradford a home base for their business. We recognize that there will be a financial cost to the town in promoting this ordinance, but any upfront cost would be followed by an increased tax base provided by new or expanding businesses. It is beneficial for our town to encourage this type of transaction to keep the taxes lower for its residents.

The savings to a new or expanding business in this ordinance is that it provides a credit on their utilities which decrease each year for the first four years. In the first year, the utility credit will be 1.00% of the increased assessed value (up to \$2,000 maximum value), followed by 0.75% in the second year (\$1,500 maximum value). In the third year, the utility credit will be .50% of the increased assessed value (\$1,000 maximum value) while the fourth year it will be 0.25% of the increased assessed value (\$500 maximum value). Any new or expanding business may qualify by filling out the Utility Credit Ordinance application that will now be given to residents when requesting a building.