

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:** 3rd Monday of the month 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 10am - 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:** 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 - Wednesday – Thursday

8:00am - 5:00pm

CLOSED Monday and Friday

Library Hours

Monday and Wednesday

5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Librarian Phone – 327-2111

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TOWN OF BRADFORD

May 2022 Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE:

TOWN MEETING –The warrant calling for the election by secret ballot will be held on **May 13th at the Community center. Voting hours will be from 1 pm to 6:30 pm.** Absentee ballots will be available if you prefer to vote by absentee. The easiest way to request an absentee ballot is by calling the Town Office, each individual needs to make the phone request for themselves; a spouse cannot request for their spouse or a child cannot request for their parent or vice averse. Another option is you can come to the Town Office fill out an application for an absentee ballot for yourself or a family member to bring the ballot home to be completed. Ballot must be returned by 6:30 pm May 13th. You can either bring the ballot in or drop it off in the outside locked drop off box.

BUSINESS PART OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held the next day at **10 A.M. Saturday, May 14th.** Hope to see you all come out and be part of the decision making for the Town. This is your time to have your voice heard on the articles put forth to you the voting residents.

The Town is selling the Fire Department 1986 International Van

The Town is selling the fire department 1986 International Van. The van has 3 seats in it, two in the front and one in the back. It is in good condition, has had yearly maintenance done to it and it has new gear door along with 2 new batteries. If you are interested in this vehicle it is parked up at the Town Hall on the other side of the garage. Come on by and check it out. The Board is asking for **\$3,500**. If you are interested, please call the Town Office.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all offers on the vehicle.

Registering your ATV:

The Town Office has received word from Inland Fisher Wildlife that the ATV registration stickers probably won't arrive much before May 15th and they come with a new registration fee cost of **\$70 for Maine residents**. Non resident stickers have also gone up. You can go on line if you are **re-registering** your ATV and they will send you your sticker. They also have asked us to remind you that the trails are not open yet and that would include any access roads. Please be considerate to the land owners that have given permission for you to ride on their property.

TOWN VOTE MAY 13th

MEET CANDIDATE: CARLENE OAKES

To the Residents of Bradford,

Hi, my name is Carlene Oakes, and I am seeking re-election for the position of Town Selectperson here in Bradford on May 13th.

First off, I would like to thank all those who voted for me last time when I ran in 2019. I am very honored that you had faith in me to be a steward for our Town. I hope you will be able to get out again and vote on May 13th. And if you cast your vote for me once again, thank you, I will do my best for you all.

We have had many new families move into Bradford these past few years and I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. I have lived in Bradford all my life and I am so happy you have come to join our community. Besides living in Bradford all these years, I have worked for the Town since 1974, a total of 48 years come August of this year. It has been my privilege to work for the Town, I can't imagine working anywhere else or for anyone else except for the residents of Bradford.

I have served the Town in many different capacities. I joined the Volunteer Fire Department, working my way up to being Fire Chief for several years. I couldn't be prouder of the Firemen that I served with; they were all very hard-working volunteers. I also was part of the Recreation Committee, Bradford Days, and the Golden Age Rebecca's which started the Bradford's Little Angles at Christmas time and even after the club disbanded, myself and one other person have kept that tradition going today.

Throughout all these years whether I was working for the Town or being your Selectperson I have always tried to look out for all the citizens of our community. My main goal has been to maintain our roads to the best of my ability. I am ever so grateful for all the local road classes that the Town sent me to. The knowledge that I gained while becoming a Local Road Scholar, I try to use in building our roads now with the other Selectboard members. Taxes are another big concern. I do believe in keeping our tax mil rate down but also know we have a responsibility to make sure we keep up the services we provide to you the residents.

Please come out and vote for me on Friday, May 13 and thank you for support.

Carlene Oakes

News from your Library

It's beginning to look like Spring and that means our Summer ABC Read-to-Me Program will be starting up soon. Starting Wednesday, May 18 from 9:00-11:00 AM, we will be "Exploring Our Natural World". The program is geared towards pre-school and early elementary youth, but younger and older siblings are welcome to participate. The program will run 14 weeks thru August 17. There is no cost to this program.

We recently held our Annual Easter Egg Hunt which had been canceled the last two years. It was good to see so many kids come and participate. Not only did we hide eggs, but we had some games and special prizes. So good to get together again.

Over the last several months we have had some major upgrades to our internet service. We now have much stronger and quicker access. We know those of you who access the internet from our parking lot are happy about the upgrade. Glad we could be of service.

Just a reminder that we still have our ongoing Book Sale. Anytime the library is open, so is the Book Sale. Keep checking us out as "new" arrivals are coming in regularly.

New Arrivals

Sunlight on the Snow Leopard, Mary Pope Osborne
The Lady's Mine, Francine Rivers
Princess in Black Mermaid Princess, Shannon Hale
Northwind, Gary Paulsen
Garfield Living the Sweet Life, Jim Davis
Werewolf, David Hedges
Theodore Boone the Accomplice, John Grisham
What Happened to the Bennets, Lisa Scottoline
Dream Town, David Baldacci
Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life

One Step too Far, Lisa Gardener
Quicksilver, Dean Koontz
Life Flight, Lynette Eason
End of Days, Brad Taylor
From Within, Tim Caverly
Ripley's Believe it or Not 6th Edition
The Match, Harlan Coben
The Lightning Rod, Brad Meltzer
Emerald Tide, Davis Bunn

DVDs: God's Not Dead We the People
Jumanji Next Level
Sing 2
Jungle Cruise

Library Hours: Mon & Wed: 5-7 PM, Saturday 10-3, ABC, (5/18-8/17) 9-11 AM
Hope to see you soon.

Bradford Heritage: Museum and Historical Society

Bradford's town meeting is on May 14th. The more citizens understand what is going on in the town, the more the town benefits as a whole. A large turnout means more citizens taking part in the town's decision-making process. Come take part in the time-honored process of deciding how Bradford will move forward. **Bradford Heritage will be serving hotdogs and goodies, for donations, at the Town Meeting on May 14th.**

Our Spring Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on May 21st at 5 PM (\$10 per person, \$5 for children 12 and under). Along with the dinner we are planning to have a talent show. If you have a talent you would like to share, please call Peggy Nevells (207-327-1532). Participants in the talent show will eat for free. Come have a good old-fashioned evening with good food, good friends and a good time to be had by all. These dinners help us support Bradford Heritage: Museum and Historical Society and we are so very grateful to all those who help us put them on and to all those who come out in support of Bradford Heritage.

Penobscot Ridge Riders ATV Club Club meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month!

The next meeting is May 3rd at the office of R. J. Heating Inc. We welcome everyone!

We have had two meetings and looking forward to new members to join the fun. Remember that your membership helps to maintain the trails. **NO TRAILS ARE OPEN UNTIL THE CLOSED SIGNS COME DOWN!** This also means any access roads are also closed until the signs come down. We are waiting for the trails to dry.

We have already had complaints that folks are traveling the roads. Please stay off the roads and trails. The Selectman gave the ATV club permission to ride the Reeves Road, Middle Road, Williams Road and the Tasker Road to the old Town Hall and Marshall Road only. Lagrange railroad bed is also closed until the signs are removed.

We are very grateful to the landowners for working with us and permitting the club access to their properties. Without them we would have no trail system. For information call Pres. Ron Jack at 991-1121

TOWN VOTE MAY 13th

MEET CANDIDATE: JULIE McCARTHY

My name is Julie McCarthy and after much consideration, I decided to run as selectman. The last couple of years have been distressing on our country, state, and community; this has made me realize that we need to be more involved locally. Over the last year, I have been attending selectmen meetings, became a recreation committee member, and have been appointed to the budget committee. I don't have all the answers, but am eager and willing to learn.

My husband Matthew and I have lived in Bradford for just about 18 years and have 3 children: Justin who is married to Kate and lives in the Bangor area and has 3 children of his own with another on the way, Madison who is just about to graduate from high school, and Noah who is a freshman in high school. We have homeschooled our children and have enjoyed being members of this wonderful community over the years and have met many wonderful people.

Some of the goals that I intend to work on if elected to be a selectman with the help of my fellow board members' support are listed below.

I believe it is essential to know the public's opinions on a regular basis so we can make decisions that align with the town's wishes as much as possible. In addition, I would like to make sure that doing so can be done in a confidential manner if desired.

Improve communication from town to community. Quarterly newsletters are great, but we need to come up with some better solutions. People are busy, and easy access to information is paramount.

I desire low taxes like many people and will do everything I can to make sure that our town is being as fiscally diligent as possible.

If you have any questions and would like to chat with me, please feel free to give me a call at 327-1687. Remember to vote on May 13th and thank you for your time and consideration.

TOWN VOTE MAY 13th

MEET CANDIDATE: **Bruce Bailey**

My name is Bruce Bailey, a lifetime citizen of Bradford. I am the sixth generation of Bailey's to live in this town. My heritage goes back to ancestors that were farmer, civil war soldiers, storekeepers and post masters of the town. I choose to be an educator. I attended Plymouth College of New Hampshire for my Bachelors Degree and the University of Maine, Orono for my Masters. I have taught in several communities in and around this area for 44 years. Most notable was Principal of Dexter Regional High School and Orono High School. I retired in 2009. I was elected as a selectman in 2006 and have served on that committee since except for one year hiatus. I have been elected chairman of the board for the last three years.

Having lived here all my life, I love this town and try to do my best I can for it. I am a fiscal conservative that keeps a hawk eye on expenditures and the budget. You can count on me to do the best I can for you, the citizens and the town as a whole.

I ask you to support me for selectman on Friday, May 13, 2022. You can count on me supporting the citizens of this town in all my decisions.

Thank you for your vote,

Bruce Bailey

Robert Young: Write in for RSU 64 School Board Director:

Some of you may already know me, but for those who don't I have lived on the Lagrange RD. my whole life. I have sat on the budget committee and the Board of directors for Mayo Reginal Hospital for a few years before I decided the school board was for me. I have been on the school board now for years and would like the opportunity to keep representing the town of Bradford on the RSU 64 School board.

I have three children in the school system which gives me the drive to help the school in every way I can. Even though it has been challenging the past few years navigating through the pandemic, but its now time to get back into the regular swing of things! I look forward to help making our district one that people are proud of and want their children to attend.

Please write me in for the open School Board Director position.

Sincerely, Robert Young

BRADFORD RECREATION

Members: Courtney Arrants (Chairperson), Jess Webb, Julie McCarthy, Marissa Lawson

Monthly Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

A Message From Your Friendly Neighborhood Rec Committee:

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP FOR SENIORS 55+

Come on out and meet some new friends at The Senior Gathering taking place at the Bradford town hall on May 12th from 9-11. We will have coffee, donuts, and conversation. In addition, the AARP will be joining us to discuss all the programs and activities they sponsor in our community. Our last meeting before summer break will be on June 9th from 10-12 where we will play some bingo and have a potluck lunch. Please bring something to share and if you want to donate a prize for bingo, that would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Julie at 327-1687.

JUNE 3 – 5, 2022: COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Last year was such a big success for our community yard sale that we're going to be doing it again. We heard from lots of people that it was their best sale yet. As always, we will put out a map with all the addresses listed on it as well as advertise on Facebook, Bangor Daily News, Piscataquis Observer, and of course road signs. This is a FREE to you event. The Rec Committee is taking care of all advertising costs. To sign up for the yard sale please call Courtney at 207-745-4028 with your name, address, and days/times that you want to have your yard sale.

JUNE 4, 2022: SUMMER FEST CRAFT FAIR

Coinciding with our yard sale weekend is going to be an indoor/outdoor craft fair. We will have 25 indoor booths and 90 outdoor booths full of crafters, vendors, and businesses showcasing any number of goods and services. At this time, there are only outdoor booths left available. Spaces are 10'x10' for a cost of \$25 and you must bring your own tables/chairs/canopy. If you are interested in having a table for this event, please contact Courtney at 207-745-4028 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/SummerFest2022> to print off the application.

JOB BID FOR WORK DONE TO EQUIPMENT SHED / SNACK SHACK

The Rec Department is accepting bids for work needed done to the equipment shed / snack shack building.

1. Replacing the roof of the building that houses the snack shack / equipment shed. Bids submitted should include both the cost of replacement using shingles as well as the cost of replacement using metal roofing should the costs be different.
2. Repainting the exterior of the building using paint already purchased. Painting the interior of the kitchen half of the building after remodel using paint that will need to be purchased.
3. Installing shelving and/or hooks in the equipment shed half of the building.
4. Repairing the serving window area and repairing if possible or building a new exterior door for the serving window if repair is not possible.
5. Removing and replacing the kitchen interior walls with drywall that can withstand high humidity and moisture (greenboard).
6. Installing new cabinetry, cupboards, and countertop if they can be obtained. Bids submitted should include an optional cost for purchasing a cabinet, cupboard, and countertop package to fit the space.

For a complete bid package, you can pick one up at the Town Office during regular business hours. Tuesday through Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM