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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF BRADFORD
INCORPORATED MARCH 13, 1831
FOR CALENDAR YEAR
JANUARY 1, 2020 ~ DECEMBER 31, 2020
&
THE WARRANT
FOR
CALENDAR YEAR
JANUARY 1, 2021 ~ DECEMBER 31, 2021

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2020 Bradford Town Report

Is Dedicated To

ALL OF BRADFORD'S ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Thank you to all ESSENTIAL WORKERS of Bradford. COVID-19 has caused unbearable stress and anxiety to all essential works. Still, you all have risen to the expectations to keep all essential services running from grocery store workers, truck drivers, all health care workers and first responders.

Grocery store employees faced daily with the hordes of shoppers stocking up on food and cleaning supplies and dealing with many customers not at their best behavior. You the truck drivers worked many long hours getting the groceries, other products and medicine to the stores or delivering the all-important PPE to hospitals, nursing homes and many other distribution centers.

As Health Care workers, you guys were and are the frontline defenders of this Coronavirus along with the First Responders. You all put your health and mental health at risk to assist those who needed your help and treatment due to the illness.

You all have gone above and beyond your duties of your job. We cannot express our gratitude enough for what you have gone through to help the rest of us to be able to live our lives as normal as possible.

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Emerson, Nathan L.	Emerson, Devan Nicole	01/07/2020
Sinclair, John R.	Young, Amie Lee	03/01/2020
Hines, Rondin K.	Humes, Kierah Grace	03/07/2020
Young, Robert S.	Irish, Amanda Jane	08/08/2020
Campbell, David W.	Griffin, Emily Olivia	08/22/2020
Arnold, Brandon J.	Margraf, Hope R.	08/22/2020
Carroll, Robert J.	Colcord, Kelly Marie	09/13/2020
Herschel, Lincoln R.	Gosselin, Anna Marie	09/17/2020
Cyr, Christopher L.	Dickey, Julie Lynn	10/10/2020

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Burgess, Mildred J.	90	01/07/2020
Bubier, Mary Ann	69	02/08/2020
Martinez, Phillip	64	03/01/2020
Allen, Joshua David	37	03/02/2020
Bryer, Clarence Milton	81	03/12/2020
Blanchard, Barbara June	84	04/17/2020
Rickards, Timothy Brian	56	05/12/2020
Martin, Rosemarie	56	06/01/2020
Kilby, Troy Marion	59	06/21/2020
Clark, Ryan Michael	36	06/25/2020
Miles, Jason Lee	46	09/29/2020
Smith, Darel Austin	85	10/12/2020
Weaver, George	73	10/25/2020
Wiede, Alan Craig	74	12/05/2020

Town Manager's Letter

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Bradford:

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Select Board, Office Staff, Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors Agent, Animal Control Officer, Fire Chief and the Fire Dept., Recreation Dept., Planning Board, the Future Fire Station Committee, Election Clerks and the many volunteers who help to make this Town be the place we all like to call Home. I truly appreciate all that you do for the Town and without the support of the community, I would not be able to do my job. Thank you once again for all your cooperation and support.

This past year has been quite a year, there really hasn't been one like this in 100 years and I can't thank you all enough for your help in keeping the Office in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders. Hopefully with the vaccines now available we will be able to start putting this year behind us and we can get back to our more normal comfort zone.

I would like to remind the public that you can renew your vehicle registration on line since last August, rapid-renewal maine. Once you are on the web site just follow the directions to renew your vehicle right from home. Don't forget you can also do your ATV, Snowmobiles, and your hunt and fishing license too on the IFW site, www.maine.gov/ifw.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who works so tirelessly to try to make this community a better one. When we work together, we can all accomplish the goals the Town has set for itself to become a better community. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share, please feel free to come into the Town Office our door is always opened to new ideas and constructive criticism.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

Vittoria J.B. Stevens
Town Manager/ Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors, & Overseers of the Poor

Bruce Bailey – 2022
Timothy Bubar – 2023 Errol Hanson – 2024
Carlene Oakes – 2022 Samantha Saunders (Chair) – 2023

Vittoria Stevens

Town Manager,
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Local Health Officer,
General Assistance Administrator, Public Access Officer, Director of Emergency
Management, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Deputy Warden, Public Access Officer

Bonnie Chase

Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer,
Deputy Warden, Registrar of Voters

Carlene Oakes

Vital Records, Notary, Warden

Tax Assessor's Agent

Josh Berry

MSAD #64 Directors

Robert Young - 2022 Nicole Kelley - 2023
Hailey Emery – 2024

Budget Committee

Erik Hanson	2021	Ronald Jack	2023
Jenny Worster	2024	Dustin Kelley	2024
Michael Michaud	2022	Errol Hanson	2024
Jason Sprearing	2023	Brian Parker	2025
Edward Nevells	2022	Raymond Whitt	2021

PLANNING BOARD

Joyce Dyer- Chair, Ronald Jack, Brian Parker,
Ken Muir, and William Buzzard- Alternate Amber Hines

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Courtney- Jo Arrants- chair, Jess Webb, Ed Nevells, Advisory Council-
Marissa Lawson, Missy Arnold, Jamie Smith, Allyson Sprague

BOARD OF APPEALS

Erik Hanson, Valerie Kane, Janette McLaughlin, Sally Smith,
Vittoria Stevens, Jason Spearing- alternate

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Gary Sudsburry cell-343-4389 home-564-2931

Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector

Luke Ahmed 327- 2121 Phil Stevens 327-2121

CENTRAL PENOBSCOT SOLID WASTE

Edward Nevells

BRADFORD VOLUNTEER EMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Brasslett, Logan Butera, Greg Dimmock, Peter Drummond, Cohen
Doak, Paul Doak, Kegan Hall, David Johndro Jr., Natasha Jones,
James Keenan, Hayden Lufkin, Todd Lufkin, Desi Murray, Tara Page,
Ethan Robinson, Steve Saunders, Jesse Young

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bradford Town Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday- 8am-5pm; **closed** on Mondays and Fridays. The Town of Bradford observes the following holidays and will be closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, December 24th, Christmas Day and closing December 30th at noon to close out the Office for the end of the year finances.

Selectmen's Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except when holidays fall on Monday. At present, the meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to be on the agenda should notify the Town Office, no later than Thursday before the next meeting.

Central Penobscot Solid Waste Transfer Station located in East Corinth is open Wed., Fri., and Sat. from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Stickers are available at the town office.

\$1.50 per bag up to 40 lbs.

The John B. Curtis Free Public Library hours are: Saturdays-10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesdays nights- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Summer hours include: Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for ABC Read-To-Me Program. There is a book drop at the town office for your convenience.

Code Enforcement Officer- Luke Ahmed – 327-2121 office hours are 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday evening or by appointment.

Tax Assessor's Agent- Josh Berry – office hours 8:30 am to 3:00 pm the 2nd Friday of each month. Appointments are encouraged call 852-7121 or email .

Code Enforcement Officer's Report
& Plumbing Inspector's Report

January- December 2019 Permits issued

Building Permits-	4 residential homes	Plumbing Permits
	4 additions	6 internal
	2 mobile home	3 external
	2 garages	-----
	3 sheds	9 plumbing permits

Total	15 permits	

The number of building and plumbing permits are down in 2020 from the previous year but with everything that has gone on this past year it was expected. We have had an upswing in request for permits this spring already even with the cost of construction supplies going up.

As your CEO I look forward to working with all of you and having a good year in making our Town the best it can be. I urge everyone who is planning on building a new structure, taking down an old structure or even adding to a structure or needing a septic or new plumbing to their property please first come and get a permit issued by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Local Plumbing Inspector. If you call the office and leave your number then we can make an appointment to get together so all the regulations in the land use ordinance are met. I look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/

/S/

Luke Ahmed CEO / Phil Stevens LPI
Town of Bradford

BRADFORD TAX ASSESSORS REPORT 2020

It's that time of year again to begin the process of correcting deeds and property cards as necessary.

Please keep in mind that there are several exemptions for which you may qualify for; Homestead, Veteran and Blind Exemptions are the most common. If you believe you qualify for any of these or have any questions about the different exemptions, please contact the office and Josh will be glad to discuss them with you. Any structure being built less than 100 square feet will still be assessed but a permit is not required. It is also important to contact us when you are removing a building so that we can remove it from your account.

The Assessor's Agent, Josh Berry, will be available to you the second Friday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email Josh.

Sincerely, Board of Selectmen/Assessors

Letter from Bradford Snow Blazers

Dear Residents of Bradford,

The Club has struggled for a number of years to maintain its ability to keep running. There are a few dedicated members that have worked hard to prevent the club from becoming a statistic of club closings. Once this fate has occurred it would take additional funds and time to ever have another snowmobile club in Bradford.

We are encouraging those snowmobile owners, businesses and others that have enjoyed the maintained and groomed trails to consider joining their home town club to keep current and hopefully any additional trails in the future available for snowmobiling and other winter activities.

The Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month from September to April at 7:00 pm at the Bradford Community Center. If you have any questions regarding the club, please contact the Club President Glen Henderson at 327-2182, Director, Scott Roberts at 327-2191 or the Town Office. Thank you for your consideration in supporting the Bradford Snow Blazers Club. Current yearly membership fees; Individual / Family \$25.00, Business \$35.00.

We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the landowners, without them graciously allowing us to cross through their property there would be no club at all.

The Bradford Snow Blazers

ACO 2020 REPORT

To The Taxpayers & Pet Owners of Bradford

I am Gary Sudsbury, Sr. from Dover- Foxcroft, because of my concern (but mostly my love for animals!) I once again will assume the responsibility as the Animal Officer for Bradford. Please free to contact me at 564-2931 or 343-4389.

If you have a complaint, I will do my best to answer them or try to find the answer for you. Please understand that sometimes the answer I have may not be the answer you would like to hear but it will be what the Maine Animal Welfare law states.

Please remember that as owners or the keepers of cats & dogs they must be vaccinated against rabies under 7-3916. You will need to show proof of up-to-date shots in order for your town to issue you a license for your dog(s). Dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed by January 1st every year under 7-3921. Please keep in mind of the late fee after January 31st is \$25.00

In addition, any dog that reaches the age of 6 months January 1st thru October 15, of any year must be vaccinated against rabies and be licensed within 10 business days, 7-3916.

If you no longer have your dog, please notify your Town Office so they can update their records.

I understand that when any one finds an injured animal our first thought is to get it to a veterinarian for help: but in doing so **you could be held responsible for all expenses for the treatment and boarding of the injured animal.** As Animal Control Officer, I have the responsibility under 7-3948 paragraph 2, to take an injured stray to its owner if known or seek medical attention for the injured animal under Maine law if owner cannot be found.

Please always be aware on the Danger of Rabies when approaching any Domesticated or Undomesticated animals that may be acting strangely.

False calls or calls for feral cats are a big drain on any budget please makes sure the calls are needed to help keep the budget under control.

Gary Sudsbury Sr. ACO

Bradford Volunteer Fire Department

Calls for 2020

EMS calls in Bradford	43
Fire calls in Bradford	122
Total hours on calls	165
Average call attendance	4

I would first like to thank Dusty Kelley for his many years of service as Fire Chief to the Bradford Fire Department. He gave many, many, many hours of volunteer time to the Department and there is no way we could ever thank him for all that he did. We wish him all the best and hope he is able to do all the things he had to miss out on while being Chief, enjoy your time with your family.

I would also like to thank Cody Knight for stepping in as Fire Chief these past many months. He did a great job in this new role for himself and was a super whiz in getting grants for the Department. He was in the position for less then a year but did a remarkable job in pulling the Department together.

We also need to thank two other long term fire fighters for all their dedication to the Department. First Matthew Stevens who had been on the Department since he was in high school and retired from the Bradford Fire Dept. as Deputy Chief. He brought to the department his knowledge from his military career and his job working for the State of Maine in the fire science field. He will be greatly missed and very difficult to replace. Another fire fighter that started out as a Jr. Fire Fighter and ended his time with the Bradford Fire Department as a Lieutenant is Zack Kelley. Thank you for all that you gave to the Department.

I would also like to congratulate Tara Page who joined the Department late last year and has completed the accelerated EMT program during covid -19. She has already made her mark on the Department. Congratulations once again Tara and the Town is so lucky to have you part of the Bradford Fire Department looking forward to be working with you for many years.

As of now we have 2 EMT's, 5 Jr's and 8 Fire Fighters. As you can see by these numbers the department could use more able volunteers to keep the department strong. Two of our Jr's are in firefighting school right now. If you would like to be a firefighter/ EMT for the Town of Bradford, please stop by on a Tuesday night or call the office at 327-2121 and leave your name.

Thank you, Towns People for all your support, it is greatly appreciated.
Fire Chief Jesse Young

Bradford Heritage: Museum and Historical Society

2020 Annual Report

We are very fortunate to have members who are so dedicated to Bradford Heritage. They donate a great deal to our efforts in collecting artifacts and research materials where those articles are cared for and made accessible to the public. We had \$2915.71 in donations and our members donated 529 hours and 30 minutes of their time to our efforts.

We have finished the shelving for our research materials. This year we hope to add on the porch of the building which will finish our construction, the baker is mostly finished and we still need a sign. We are very pleased with our building and the fact that the majority of it has been accomplished through volunteer work.

Donations paid for the meals, the building, and the supplies leaving electricity, insurance and postage. There is not a lot of fluff there. The insurance will be \$1114.00 this year. We can hope for donations but they cannot be counted on for income. The building needs to be finished, then we will have a better idea of where we stand.

We hope to restart our programs soon (educational dinners, living demos and a family history class). We also hope to involve some young people in Bradford Heritage: Museum and Historical Society through the school system.

Our hours are: Thursday 6-8 PM and Saturday 9-11 AM or by appointment. You can call Peggy Nevells with questions (207-327-1532).

Income

Town of Bradford	2,000.00
Memberships	135.00
Meals	1,534.86

Donations:

Scholarship	500.00
Cash	65.00
Office Supplies	388.52
Meals	502.31

Building	1,459.88
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Sales:

Cookbooks and Booklets	30.00
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Total	6,615.57
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Expenditures

Insurance	1,093.00
Postage	69.50
Supplies	388.52
Electricity	710.96
Meals	502.31
Building	1,459.88

Total	4,724.17
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John B. Curtis Free Public Library

161 books added (adult 84, juvenile 77) DVDs added: 44

Circulation: 1,958 (adult 607, juvenile 1,351, audio/visual 44)

Computer users: 353, Genealogy/Reference: 4, Attendance at Special Programs: 125

We were looking forward to a very busy year. It was Maine's 200th Birthday and we received a \$2200 Bicentennial Grant from the Maine Bicentennial Arts Commission. We planned to have a Literary Contest open to residents of the RSU 64 both young and old and those in between. There were to be four age groups and three genre groups. We had judges in place as well as workshop presenters to help contestants with writing, editing and illustrating their works of short story fiction, short story non-fiction and picture book. Then COVID 19 hit and the contest had to be put on hold as much of our information was to be done through the schools. We have been given and extended deadline of December 31 to fulfill our grant proposal and our team is currently working on how we will be presenting this now and what must we change. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more information and deadlines. We will also be putting up posters and placing fliers with pertinent info in businesses in all 5 towns. We're looking forward to seeing what our budding authors can come up with.

One of our biggest disappointments for the year was that we were not able to hold our Summer ABC Read-to-Me program. This was a really big disappointment to our many youths that have participate over the past years. The library was even closed for 3 months but was able to reopen in June with restrictions and now that regulations are changing, we are hoping to start up this Summer's program on Wednesday, June 9 at 9:00 AM. Even though last year was the State's Bicentennial, we will be celebrating it throughout the summer. Look for our sign out front for official opening info.

We were able to again offer a State Park Pass to our patrons and it was used regularly. We plan offer it again in 2021.

We are still offering CLYNK bags as a fund raiser. Come in and pick up a bag, fill it with returnables and take to a Hannaford store in Bangor. We get the money. If you don't go to Bangor much, bring it to us here at the library and we will take it in. We still have a few of those great 100th Birthday bags available for sale. Just \$15/bag which also entitles you to a free fill up at our Book Sale which is still ongoing whenever the Library is open.

Thanks again to Sherry Roberts for keeping our Facebook page up to date. And a very big THANK YOU to our trustees for all their hard work volunteering to staff the library, clean, tend gardens, decide policy, handle finances and support the work of this great town institution.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Mowdy, Librarian

John B. Curtis Free Public Library Financial Report 2020

Income:

Town of Bradford	\$8,500.00
Rudman Grant	270.50
Donations	50.00
Books/Bags	20.00
Fines/copies	44.90
Refunds/Dividends	<u>25.54</u>
Total	\$ 8910.94

Expenditures:

Insurance	2,137.00
Maintenance	525.00
Books & DVDs	1,447.37
Salary	2,881.32
Workers Compensation	271.00
Social Security	470.40
Electric	385.68
Heating Oil	876.27
Office Supplies/Phone	185.07
Special Programs	46.72
State Park Pass	105.00
State Corporation Fee	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,355.83

Our hours are:
Mondays & Wednesdays: 5:00-7:00 PM
Saturdays: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
May-August: ABC Read-to-me Summer Program
Wednesday- 9:00-10:30AM
Phone: 404-3951, (327-2111, Librarian)

BRADFORD RECREATION

Active Members: Courtney Arrants (Chairperson), Jess Webb, Ed Nevells

Advisory Council: Jamie Smith, Allyson Sprague, Marissa Lawson, Missy Arnold, Marie Wheeler

Monthly Meetings by ZOOM: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 PM

2020 was a sad year for the Recreation Department. We had to cancel all of our indoor events due to safety concerns about COVID-19 and missed out on a whole year of getting together and

socializing. Kids were stuck inside all year and there wasn't much we could offer with the restrictions in place to keep everybody safe. Now that a working vaccine is available, we are hopeful that things can begin to go back to normal in 2021. We plan to resume as much as we can in 2021 as well as come up with some NEW ideas to offer.

This year we are seeking new active volunteers to fill our ranks. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are available as well as 5 new member positions. If you are interested in what goes on, I hope you will join us at our next meeting (the 1st Monday of every month at 630 via ZOOM). If you are unable (or uninterested - and that's OK!) to volunteer for the committee or an event, I hope you would consider donating money or materials instead when we have things going on. Every \$1 adds up to help pay for the programs we provide every year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our Notice board at the local store for specific event needs.

Our goals for 2021 are the same as they were for 2020 since we were unable to accomplish them due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will be adding some new play equipment to the ballfield next to the Town Office this year, raffling off a very exciting LARGE item starting in April, and we will finally be putting up our permanent sign down in the center of town which will be visible when driving by. I can't wait to see what this year brings us and hope you will join us!

BRADFORD DAYS COMMITTEE

Courtney Arrants (Chairperson), Jess Webb, Adam Webb

Monthly Meetings by ZOOM: 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM from October - July

The Bradford Days Committee is excited to begin planning 2021's event so long as conditions regarding COVID-19 go the way we hope. If we are able to host this year the dates will be JULY 16 - 18, 2021.

We have multiple openings available on the committee including Secretary, Treasurer, and at least 5 member positions. The more volunteers we have for the committee the better the event will turn out to be. Planning this event takes a lot of time and energy; more so when there are only a couple of people tasked with doing it all. I would like to ask that a member of each committee in town (Fire Department, ATV Club, Horse Club, Snowmobile Club, etc.) join the Bradford Days Committee as we all want this event to run smoothly and the more ideas and communication, we all have the better.

We learned A LOT from the 2019 event about what works and what does not. We will be implementing those things that did work and tweaking those that did not work to find just the right combination of efforts to make this a smashing success. We would love to hear from you what you think worked and/or didn't work and how we can make this event better than before. Please shoot us a message at BradfordDaysEvent@gmail.com with any suggestions you might have. Also feel free to join us for our monthly planning meetings which happen the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges- the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues this March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher– made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

As we end this challenging year, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from this challenge of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

Best Regards

Angus S. King, Jr. United States Senator



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The *CARES Act* was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the *CARES Act* were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

I've been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful. Construction starts next year on a new, 24-bed facility at Togus that will ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021.

Respectfully, Jared Golden

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bradford
Bradford, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Bradford, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

OPINIONS

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bradford, Maine, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

OTHER MATTERS

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in net OPEB liability and related ratios, and budgetary comparison schedule, on pages 5-6, 27, and 28 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of

the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bradford, Maine's basic financial statements. The schedule of taxes receivable and schedule of departmental operations are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of taxes receivable and schedule of departmental operations are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of taxes receivable and schedule of departmental operations are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Levant, Maine
February 23, 2021

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Management's Discussion and Analysis
Fiscal Year ending December 31,2020

Management of the Town of Bradford offers this management's discussion and analysis report that will provide information that should be used in conjunction with the outside audit report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

Overview of the Financial Statements:

The discussion and analysis report is intended to serve as an introductory to the full audit report. The audit report consists of three components: government-wide financial statements; fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. This report is intended to explain some of these financial statements in a concise and non-financial terminology.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements present the Town's financial position as of a certain date using some common financial reporting tools and using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental activities that are reported include: general government, public safety, public works, health, social services, education and cemetery, parks and recreation activities.

Fund Financial Statements:

A fund is a group of related accounts that have been grouped together to maintain control over activities that are segregated for specific purposes and objectives. These funds include: trust fund accounts and capital project fund accounts.

Fiduciary Fund Accounts include funds set aside by a specific trust fund document or by state law.

Notes to the Financial Statements:

The notes provide the reader with additional information about the Town that will help understand the financial data provided by our outside audit firm and our financial statements.

Government Wide Financial Analysis:

The audit report shows that the Town increased our net position by \$314,586 for the year ending December 31, 2020. Ending Net Position is \$ 2,881,872 The Town outstanding long-term debt of \$ 715,569.

Fund Financial Statements Analysis:

The audit report shows that total fund balance decreased by \$256,240, leaving a fund balance of \$1,451,762 at December 31, 2020.

All Town departments finished the year under budget. The general fund actual revenues totaled \$ 1,871,582 with actual expenditures totaling \$ 1,616,011.

Contacting the Town's Management:

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Office at 345 East Road, Bradford, Maine 04410.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Governmental activities:	Balance			Balance
	1/1/20	Additions	Deletions	12/31/20
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 88,891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,891
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	1,217,093	24,325	-	1,241,418
Vehicles	635,017	5,500	-	640,517
Equipment	367,653	9,228	-	376,881
Infrastructure	1,026,687	16,480	-	1,043,167
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<i>Total capital assets being depreciated</i>	3,246,451	55,533	-	3,301,983
<i>Less accumulated depreciation</i>	(1,327,257)	(121,316)	-	(1,448,573)
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<i>Total capital assets being depreciated, net</i>	1,919,194	(65,783)	-	1,853,410
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Governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	\$ 2,008,084	\$ (65,783)	\$ -	\$ 1,942,301

4. PENDING LITIGATION

According to Town management, there are no matters that would result in adverse losses, claims, or assessments against the Town through the date of the audit report.

5. **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including the audit report date, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure have been considered in the preparation of the financial statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

6. **FUND BALANCES**

Capital Projects Fund:

Committed:

Fire department building reserve	\$ 47,587
Community advisor committee	1,113
Revaluation	43,745
TIF	56,897
Recreation	10,172
Middle Branch bridge	72,842
Paving	<u>20,146</u>

\$ 252,502

General Fund:

Assigned:

Preservation	\$ 3,421
Civil emergency	1,650
Roads	19,479
Fire department (transfer to savings)	15,441
Education	12,122
Tax map	1,250
Incidentals	1,666
Sand/salt shed	1,025
Fire department savings	17,462
Road construction – gravel	16,438
Road construction - pavement	17,046
Sand	10,260
Grader maintenance	17,329
Salt	9,748

Tractor maintenance	12,225
Emergency heat	1,062
Food cupboard	1,618
Ballfield maintenance	1,362
Community advisor	2,175
Cemetery supplies	<u>2,406</u>
	<u>\$ 165,185</u>

Restricted:

Animal control	<u>\$ 3,015</u>
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**TOWN OF BRADFORD, MAINE
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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

Description	Balance 1/1/20	Additions	(Reductions)	Balance 12/31/20
Governmental activities:				
Camden National Bank, 2.08% dated 7/2017, due 2020	\$ 28,926	\$ -	\$ (28,926)	\$ -
USDA, 4.375% dated 4/2006, due 2036	143,968	-	(7,287)	136,681

Camden National Bank, 2.85% dated 8/2017, due 2026	367,918	-	(69,581)	298,337
Camden National Bank, 2.08% dated 2016, due 2020	72,532	-	(9,602)	62,930
Camden National Bank, 3.14% dated 2019, due 2026	250,000	-	(32,380)	217,620
Total	\$ 863,344	\$ -	\$ (147,776)	\$ 715,568

The annual future principal payment requirement for bonds payable outstanding as of December 31, 2020, is as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Governmental Activities		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2021	\$ 122,296	\$ 22,690	\$ 144,986
2022	125,766	19,234	145,000
2023	129,338	15,677	145,015
2024	134,982	12,024	147,006
2025	57,971	8,249	66,220
2026-2030	101,007	21,508	122,515
2031-2034	<u>44,208</u>	<u>8,205</u>	<u>52,413</u>
Total	\$ 715,568	\$ 107,587	\$ 823,155

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8. OPEB OBLIGATIONS

Plan Description

The Town provides health insurance to its employees through Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT). The Town does not provide postemployment or postretirement health benefits, but it is subject to an implicit benefit for its members in MMEHT.

Accounting Policies

The impact of experience gains or losses and assumption changes on the Total OPEB Liability (TOL) are recognized in the OPEB expense over the average expected remaining life of all active and inactive members of the Plan. As of the beginning of the measurement period, this average was 8 years.

The table below shows changes in the change in Net OPEB Liability during the 2020 measurement year:

	Net OPEB Liability (a)	<i>Increase (Decrease)</i> Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (a)-(b)
Balances 1/1/2019	\$ 13,552	\$ -	\$ 13,552
Reporting 12/31/2019)			
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	769	-	769
Interest	585	-	585
Changes of benefits	(100)	-	(100)
Differences between expected and actual experience	(10,714)	-	(10,714)
Changes of assumptions	1,251	-	1,251
Contributions – employer	-	85	(85)
Benefit payments	(85)	(85)	-
Net changes	(8,294)	-	(8,294)
Balances 1/1/2020			
Reporting 12/31/2020)	\$ 5,258	\$ -	\$ 5,258

The table below summarizes the current balances of deferred outflows and deferred inflows resources along with the net recognition over the next 5 years, and thereafter:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 315	\$ 9,375
Changes in assumptions	1,098	674
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Outstanding Taxes

Acct	2019 Real Estate Tax	Taxes Due
324	ALLARD, SUSAN	1,354.20
*234	ASHE, TREVOR	414.42
*259	BAER, THOMAS	129.06
251	BRYANT, STEPHEN BRYANT, ELIZABETH B	1,152.21
411	BUBAR, EDDIE A JR.	1,689.66
792	COOKSON, ALBERT W JR	1,641.31
862	DEMORANVILLE, SCOTT D & NICOLE D	1,789.90
494	DETOUR, ANNETTE LEE	573.46
808	ELLIS, AAKON, MARY	426.76
*661	EVANS, EVA	5,317.01
870	FRENCH- YOUNG, AMANDA	304.25
*800	GALLAGHER, JANINE R	1,178.48
*119	GALLANT, GARY JR.	95.87
205	GATCOMB, DOUGLAS	256.12
885	GONSALVES, MICHAEL	251.09
389	GRASS, TEDDY A.	531.93
42	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,752.13
181	HANSON, ERIK J.	2,726.78
502	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,278.64
507	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,716.87
523	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,409.61
524	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,900.71
525	HANSON, ERIK J.	860.56
528	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,918.35
663	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,792.42
*887	HASY, WILLIAM JR BOUDREAU, MORGAN	160.41
273	HURD, DANIEL O JR & RICHARD E. SR	1,711.83
874	IRELAND, DAVID A & NICOLE M	975.91
233	JONES, NATHAN JONES, SANDRA JT	1,238.34
1055	JONES, NATHAN JONES, SANDRA	591.,09
*464	KOPPER, ADELA B.	522.37
284	LOREDA, LISA	2,026.64
357	MCCUE, KEVIN	1,570.79
387	McGOWN, STEVEN D. & MARY L.	1,601.01
* 93	MOON, SCOTT	2,568.12
1011	MURPHY, CAROL	465.15
929	NICKERSON, ROY A	611.35
*694	PLOSS, ROBERT D PLOSS, KAREN E	953.75
849	POTTER, DAVID	558.30
1009	RENDELL, LARRY E.	858.05
*672	ROSEI, THOMAS A.	32.03
568	ROSS, DARRYL & ROSS, KANDI (TIC)	302.37
133	SAUVE, WILLIAM A.	636.42
129	SCHMIDT, DOUGLAS	846.57

121	SMITH, GAYLE	1,550.64
750	SPRAGUE, ANDREW JAMES	1,105.24
1070	SUTHERLAND, ANGELA	449.33
696	TROTT, DANIEL J TROTT, RENEE	1,155.23
374	VAIL, LINDA F	663.99
957	VAIL, LINDA F(TRUSTEE) FOR YORK, KATHLENE H E	351.83
19	WICKETT, CYNTHIA	1,809.69
751	WICKETT, CYNTHIA	979.73

Amount reflects balance due at the time of Commitment \$ 63,376.19

* Denotes partial payment after December 2019

**Denotes full payment after December 2019

Acct	2020 Real Estate Tax	Taxes Due
324	ALLARD, SUSAN M	1,087.30
252	ALLEN, GEORGE R.	119.90
306	ALLEN, GEORGE R.	540.71
938	ARRANTS, MARY L.	905.10
234	ASHE, TREVOR	594.78
448	BADGER, CLIFFORD	597.13
472	BADGER, CLIFFORD	463.13
259	BAER, THOMAS	754.64
59	BERNARD, DAVID D. / CONNIE RICKWALL	637.10
251	BRYANT, STEPHEN	421.05
456	BUBAR, BRADY T.	376.15
411	BUBAR, EDDIE A JR.	1,398.56
16	BURNS, KATELYN M.	693.52
227	BUBAR, TIMOTHY R, BUBAR, LISA L	65.86
794	BUZZARD, WILLIAM BUZZARD, CRYSTAL JT	575.71
*820	CHAHINE, NICOLAS A.	626.92
759	CHASE, CRAIG ALLEN	1,245.99
100	COMBS, STEVEN L.	417.05
792	COOKSON, ALBERT W. JR.	1,469.32
313	CROSSON, RONDA L.	649.58
*305	CURTIS, PATRICK A.	545.10
431	DELANO, JOSHUA R.	2,200.46
862	DEMORANVILLE, SCOTT D & NICOLE D	1,501.38
494	DETOUR, ANNETTE LEE	665.31
58	DRURY, BRIAN R	1,313.28
*812	DUQUETTE, DALHSIE	86.49
808	ELLIS, AAKON, MARY	358.52
661	EVENS, EVA	5,488.22
187	FLANDERS, PAUL and TAMI	1,001.32
806	FLETCHER, ARTHUR	77.58
870	FRENCH- YOUNG, AMANDA	254.62
800	GALLAGHER, JANINE R.	3,219.58
119	GALLANT, GARY JR.	460.78

202	GANGITANO, DONNA	1,343.55
649	GANGITANO, DONNA	804.01
205	GATCOMB, DOUGLAS	62.30
885	GONSALVES, MICHAEL	57.60
389	GRASS, TEDDY	460.78
372	GRAY, TRACY	1,611.56
427	HALL, MICHAEL HALL, KELLY J JT	1,506.94
181	HANSON, ERIK J.	2,482.57
451	HANSON, ERIK J.	935.66
42	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,572.76
502	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,130.79
507	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,539.85
523	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,253.04
524	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,711.47
525	HANSON, ERIK J.	740.54
528	HANSON, ERIK J.	1,727.92
663	HANSON, ERIK	1,610.38
*754	HARRIS, SHANE A	14.11
887	HASY, WILLIAM JR BOUDREAU, MORGAN	246.85
*419	HIGHT, RANSFORD E	39.85
273	HURD, DANIEL O JR & RICHARD E. SR	1,556.31
874	IRELAND, DAVID A & NICOLE M	886.30
233	JONES, NATHAN JONES, SANDRA JT	1,093.18
1055	JONES, NATHAN JONES, SANDRA	374.98
1068	JOST, WILLIAM K	2,024.34
386	KILBY, TROY M.	776.98
738	KNIGHT, WALTER W.	1,471.21
464	KOPPER, ADELA B.	1,197.80
1053	LANE, MERRY	251.55
116	LEE, BRANDY	208.06
284	LOREDA, LISA GRIFFIN, ALFRED JR	1,715.00
1020	MATTHEWS, ALBERT	567.16
357	McCUE, KEVIN	1,812.56
387	McGOWN, STEVEN D. & MARY L.	1,317.69
366	MEDEIROS, MARIA M.	2,181.65
942	MILLER, DAKOTA C	390.25
375	MILLER, ROBERT E. JR.	712.54
93	MOON, SCOTT	2,334.46
1011	MURPHY, CAROL	371.44
929	NICKERSON, ROY A. & REITA D.	520.22
478	PETERS, HAROLD	385.55
1002	PETERS, HAROLD	178.67
694	PLOSS, ROBERT D & KAREN E.	713.51
849	POTTER, DAVID	458.43
27	PRAY, VALERIE L.	597.13
510	RANDALL, MARY	1,734.98
18	RANDALL, MARY L.	919.21
514	RANDALL, MARY L.	2,705.90

742	RANDALL, MARY L. & PATRICK A. JT	1,577.46
193	RANDALL, RICHARD A	217.06
1009	RENDELL, LARRY E.	742.89
336	RICHARDS, DANIEL W.	1,543.38
253	ROLFE, FRED E.	545.41
672	ROSEI, THOMAS A.	2,723.54
568	ROSS, DARRYL & ROSS, KANDI (TIC)	137.53
865	SANBORN, MELINA & KINGSBURY, GEORGE	297.40
133	SAUVE, WILLIAM A SAUVE, JENNIFER	531.31
129	SCHMIDT, DOUGLAS F.	872.19
468	SCHULTZ, LINDA C	844.21
667	SMITH, DOUGLAS A	5.00
121	SMITH, GAYLE	1,384.69
613	SOUTHARD, GAYLE S & DAVIS, AMBER S	2,427.33
750	SPRAGUE, ANDREW JAMES	1,053.21
536	BENSON, STEVEN JR.	1,496.36
1070	SUTHERLAND, ANGELA	357.34
697	TODY, KENNETH D. JR	2,617.75
192	TRASK, DAVID A	223.34
223	TRASK, DAVID A	152.81
254	TRASK, DAVID A	284.46
410	TRASK, DAVID A	171.62
1081	TRASK, GEORGE C.	514.85
76	TRASK, RUTH M	425.52
77	TRASK, RUTH M	460.78
946	TRASK, RUTH M	1,901.89
696	TROTT, DANIEL J. & RENEE	901.58
374	VAIL, LINDA F.	443.15
957	VAIL, LINDA F (TRUSTEE) FOR YORK & LANCE	151.64
36	WASON, KEVIN	2,355.62
725	WASON, KEVIN & SHELIA	737.02
99	WHEELER, VERARD L.	210.14
180	WHITE, TROY & BRENDA A.	597.13
189	WHITE, TROY & BRENDA A.	728.78
453	WHITE, TROY & BRENDA A.	780.50
19	WICKETT, CYNTHIA	1,626.83
751	WICKETT, CYNTHIA	1,168.64
747	WICKETT, PAUL	2,302.73
1004	WICKETT, PAUL	923.91
773	WILEY, MARY A ASHE, TONYA A.	982.17
501	WU, YOUNG C JT	4.70
4	YOUNG, DAVID	265.65
		\$ 119,562.17

Amount reflects balance due at the time of Commitment

Treasurer's Report

General Estimated Account Balance for Checking:

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2020:	\$347,720.32
Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2020:	\$617,672.25

		2020 Proposed	2020 Rounded	2021 Proposed
	EXECUTIVE			
10-10-01	Town Manager	\$37,800.00	\$38,160.00	\$39,900.00
10-10-02	Deputy Town Clerk	\$34,800.00	\$25,407.00	\$35,800.00
10-10-03	Code Enforce Officer	\$10,500	\$5,724.00	\$3,000.00
10-10-12	Office Support	\$1000.00	\$144.00	\$1,000.00
10-11-01	Assessor's Agent	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$13,000.00
10-11-02	Maine Municipal Dues	\$2,133.00	\$2,133.00	\$2,133.00
10-11-03	Municipal Audit	\$5,300.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,300.00
	Legal & Professional			
10-11-04	Fees	\$10,000.00	\$631.00	\$5,000.00
10-11-06	Registry of Deeds	\$4,500.00	\$3,498.00	\$4,500.00
10-11-07	Trio Licensing Fees	\$19,000.00	\$14,793.00	\$15,000.00
10-11-08	Tax Maps	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250
10-12-01	Selectmen Stipend	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00
10-12-03	Election Services	\$2,400.00	\$3,065.00	\$1,500.00
10-13-01	Advertising Expense	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
10-13-02	Annual Report			
10-13-03	Books & Forms	\$1,500.00	\$654.00	\$1,500.00
10-13-06	Dues & Memberships	\$300.00	\$217.00	\$300.00
10-13-07	Equipment Repair	\$400.00	\$910.00	\$400.00
10-13-08	Preservation	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
10-13-09	Bank Fees	\$100.00		\$100.00
10-13-10	Fica/Medi	\$13,000.00	\$10,612.00	\$12,500.00
	Maintenance			
10-13-12	Agreement	\$4,200.00	\$2,828.00	\$4,000.00
10-13-13	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-13-14	Newsletter	\$500.00	\$499.00	\$500.00
10-13-15	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,405.00	\$1,500.00
10-13-16	Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,499.00	\$2,500.00
10-13-19	Training/Seminars	\$1,500.00	\$605.00	\$1,000.00
10-13-20	Vehicle Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Awards/			
10-13-25	Commendations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

10-13-38	Civil Emergency	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
10-14-01	Health Insurance	\$11,822.00	\$12,799.00	\$12,799.00
10-14-02	Income Protection	\$650.00	\$537.00	\$650.00
10-14-04	W/C Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$4,219.00	\$4,433.00
10-14-05	MMA Prop/Casualty Unemployment	\$18,000.00	\$15,982.00	\$17,000.00
10-14-06	Insurance	\$800.00	\$204.00	\$800.00
10-15-01	Incidental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-24-01	Equipment Purchase	\$5,500.00	\$4,559.00	\$4,500.00
	Total	\$207,905.00	\$167,043.00	\$197,095.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT		2020 Proposed	2020 Rounded	2021 Proposed
11-10-07	Fire Chief Stipend	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
11-10-08	Assist FC Stipend	\$900.00	\$600.00	\$900.00
11-10-10	Captain Stipend	\$400.00	\$500.0	\$400.00
11-10-11	Lieutenant Stipend	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
11-13-07	Equipment Repair	\$1,500.00	\$5,129.00	\$1,500.00
11-13-15	Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$388.00	\$200.00
11-13-19	Fire Dept Training	\$3,000.00	\$1,413.00	\$3,000.00
11-13-24	Physicals	\$1200.00	\$1572.00	\$1,700.00
11-13-28	EMT License Fees	\$450.00	\$462.00	\$450.00
11-13-32	Veh Fuel-Fire Trucks	\$3,000.00	\$602.00	\$2,000.00
11-13-33	Muni Fire Dept Stipends	\$7,150.00	\$6,633.00	\$7,150.00
12-13-32	Vehicle Fuel-EMS	\$400.00	\$193.00	\$400.00
11-14-07	Vol. FF Insurance	\$800.00	\$544.00	\$800.00
11-18-01	Building Maintenance	\$500.00	\$458.00	\$500.00
11-18-03	Electricity	\$1,675.00	\$1,358.00	\$1,500.00
11-18-04	Heating Expense	\$6,000.00	\$4,229.00	\$5,500.00
11-18-05	Telephone	\$505.00	\$526.00	\$550.00
11-18-06	Online Expense	\$470.00	\$380.00	\$450.00
	Equipment			
11-18-14	Test/Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00
11-18-15	Propane	\$100.00	\$179.00	\$150.00
11-18-16	Trash Disposal	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$100.00
11-24-01	Equipment Purchase	\$13,900.00	\$13,210.00	\$13,900.00
11-24-04	Pager/Radio Repair	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
11-26-04	FD 17-7 - Van	\$5,000.00	\$1,040.00	\$4,000.00
11-26-05	FD 17-1 - Pumper	\$2,500.00	\$1,611.00	\$3,000.00
11-26-07	FD 17-2 - Pumper	\$7,200.00	\$864.00	\$6,000.00
11-26-08	FD 17-6 - Brush Truck	\$1,500.00	\$1,634.00	\$2,500.00
11-26-09	EMS Vehicle	\$1,000.00	\$1,372.00	\$2,000.00
	Total	\$63,750.00	\$48,309.00	\$62,950.00

TOWN MAINTENANCE		2020 Proposed	2020 Rounded	2021 Proposed
13-13-32	Mower Fuel	\$700.00	\$593.00	\$650.00
13-18-01	Building Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$19,218.00	\$15,000.00
13-18-03	Electricity	\$4,800.00	\$3,805.00	\$4,500.00
13-18-04	Heating Expense	\$8,500.00	\$5,083.00	\$7,000.00
13-18-05	Telephone	\$1,500.00	\$1,910.00	\$2,600.00
13-18-06	Online Expense	\$500.00	\$322.00	\$0.00
13-18-09	Cen Penob Solid Waste Facility	\$33,277.00	\$33,275.00	\$40,689.00
13-18-10	Blinking Light	\$650.00	\$507.00	\$1,450.00
13-18-11	Alarm System	\$750.00	\$486.00	\$750.00
13-18-15	Propane	\$700.00	\$354.00	\$600.00
13-18-16	Trash Disposal	\$700.00	\$444.00	\$500.00
	Total	\$72,077.00	\$67,999.00	\$73,739.00

CEMETERY

13-19-01	Flags/Flowers	\$500.00	\$51.00	\$500.00
13-19-02	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00	\$948.00	\$1,000.00
13-19-04	Cemetery Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$1,499.00	\$3,000.00
13-19-05	Supplies	\$500.00	\$95.00	\$500.00
	Total	\$5,000.00	\$2,594.00	\$5,000.00

ROAD BUDGET

14-13-32	Grader Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$1,605.00	\$1,700.00
14-18-01	Bldg Maint - S/S Shed	\$1,200.00	\$331.00	\$500.00
14-18-03	Utilities - SS Shed	\$400.00	\$244.00	\$350.00
14-30-01	Chloride	\$16,275.00	\$15,394.00	\$16,500.00
14-30-02	Culverts	\$2000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
14-30-04	Grading	\$5,000.00	\$4,976.00	\$0.00
14-30-05	Highway Maintenance	\$15,000.00	\$470.00	\$5,000.00
14-30-06	Construction gravel	\$35,000.00	\$18,562.00	\$35,000.00
14-30-10	Construction pave	\$15,000.00	\$- 2046.00.00	\$55,000.00
14-30-08	Road Signs	\$500.00	\$64.00	\$500.00
14-30-09	Roadside Mowing	\$2,925.00	\$1,312.00	\$2,925.00
	Subtotal	\$91,700.00	\$38,732.00	\$94,900.00

WINTER ROADS

14-32-01	Snow Removal Contract	\$167,807.00	\$167,807.00	\$171,147.00
14-32-02	Sand	\$48,000.00	\$37,740.00	\$36,000.00
14-32-03	Salt	\$26,000.00	\$16,252.00	\$18,000.00

	Subtotal	\$214,807.00	\$221,798.00	\$225,147.00
	Road Budget Total	\$336,707.00	\$262,710.00	\$344,622.00
	Animal Control			
15-10-09	ACO Stipend	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,800.00
15-13-13	Miscellaneous	\$150.00	\$55.00	\$150.00
15-13-20	Vehicle Reimbursement	\$2,000.00	\$1,699.00	\$2,000.00
15-13-35	Impound Fees	\$1,175.00	\$900.00	\$1,175.00
15-13-36	ACO Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	Total	\$5,525.00	\$4,654.00	\$8,325.00

RECREATION

16-14-07	Volunteer Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
16-18-07	Ballfield Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
16-18-08	Ballfield electric	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
16-24-01	Equipment Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,620.00

Activities

16-40-01	Little League	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
16-40-02	Farm Team	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
16-40-04	T-Ball	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-40-05	Soccer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
16-40-06	Cheering/ TKD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-40-08	Football	\$0.00		\$0.00
16-40-09	Porta Potty	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
16-40-10	Monthly Activates	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,950.00

Bradford Days

16-45-08	Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
	Recreation Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,170.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

17-60-08	Air bottles fire Dept.			
17-60-13	Grant Funding	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00

Capital Reserves

17-70-03	Fire Apparatus	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
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17-70-07	Paving	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00
17-70-08	Revaluation	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00
17-70-17	Future Town Truck	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
17-70-14	Middle Branch Bridge	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
17-70-50	Fire House	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$20,000.00
17-70-13	Storm water run- off	\$500.00		\$500.00
	Total	\$48,000.00	\$47,500.00	\$46,500.00

DEBT SERVICE

18-50-01	Interest Expense	\$26,063.00	\$26,045.00	\$22,700.00
18-50-04	Paving	\$80,520.00	\$79,500.00	\$104,853.00
18-50-07	Community Bldg.	\$7,605.00	\$7,605.00	\$7,287.00
18-50-10	Gravel Loan	\$9,556.00	\$9,574.00	\$9,838.00
18-50-11	Grader Loan	\$28,926.00	\$28,926.00	\$0.00
	Total	\$152,670.00	\$151,649.00	\$144,678.00

GENERAL SERVICES

19-71-01	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$1,528.00	\$4,000.00
19-71-02	Library	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
19-71-03	Museum	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
19-71-04	Charities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19-71-05	Emergency Heat		\$0.00	\$0.00
19-71-06	Food Cupboard	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total	\$15,000.00	\$12,028.00	\$14,500.00

PUBLIC WORKS

		2020 Proposed	2020 Rounded	2021 Proposed
20-10-06	Grounds	\$45,000.00	\$42,805.00	\$61,800.00
20-13-32	Vehicle Fuel	\$3,500.00	\$2,817.00	\$3,500.00
20-26-01	Town Truck Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$2,782.00	\$3,000.00
20-26-02	Grader Maintenance	\$9,700.00	\$- 7,629.00	\$6,000.00
20-26-03	Tractor Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$- 10,725.00	\$500.00
	Total	\$62,700.00	\$30,049.00	\$74,800.00

SPECIAL

22-70-06	TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00
22-80-01	County Tax	\$100,808.00	\$100,808.00	\$100,126.00
22-80-02	Education	\$703,347.00	\$691,225.00	\$697,900.00
	Total	\$804,155.00	\$792,033.00	\$853,026.00

Total Budget	Total Budget	\$1,772,889.00	\$1,553,802.00	\$1,784,505.0
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Revenue Budget		2020 Proposed	2020 Rounded	2021 Proposed
10-100	Excise-Boat	\$1,000.00	\$1,270.00	\$1,000.00
10-101	Excise-Auto	\$185,000.00	\$197,635.00	\$190,000.00
10-102	Homestead Exemption	\$75,000.00	\$104,468.00	\$90,000.00
10-103	Veteran's Exemption	\$800.00	\$1,026.00	\$900.00
10-104	Interest & Fees on Taxes	\$14,000.00	\$20,233.00	\$15,000.00
10-105	Lien Costs	\$6,200.00	\$7,938.00	\$6,500.00
10-106	BETE Reimbursement	\$16,000.00	\$28,090.00	Pd. In 2020
10-200	Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$100,000.00	\$149,820.00	\$140,000.00
10-201	MDOT Road Assistance	\$27,000.00	\$26,920.00	\$26,000.00
10-202	Snowmobile fee Reimburse			
10-203	G/A Reimbursements		\$1,350.00	
10-205	Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$11,000.00	\$13,517.00	\$12,000.00
10-206	Bank Account Interest Income	\$1,500.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,500.00
10-301	Building Fee	\$500.00	\$2,301.00	\$500.00
10-302	Junk Yard Permits			
10-304	Sale of Cemetery Lots			
10-305	Recreation Income			
10-306	Miscellaneous		\$792.00	
10-307	Copies & Faxes	\$500.00	\$509.00	\$350.00
10-308	Town Hall Rental & Deposit	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
10-309	Rental of Tables & Chairs		\$0.00	
10-311	Notary Fees		\$20.00	
10-312	Cell Tower Lease	\$18,000.00	\$20,363.00	\$20,887.00
10-313	Newsletter Ads	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$100.00
10-400	Hunt & Fish Agent Fees	\$140.00	\$152.00	\$140.00
10-401	Dog Agent Fees	\$200.00	\$356.00	\$25.00
10-402	Animal Control Fee	\$400.00	\$496.00	\$100.00
10-403	RV Agent Fee	\$200.00	\$336.00	\$250.00
10-404	Town Clerk Fee	\$600.00	\$753.00	\$500.00
10-405	MV Agent Fee	\$3,000.00	\$6,239.00	\$5,000.00
10-406	CPSWF Stickers			
10-501	Supplemental Taxes		\$11,953.00	
10-503	Sale of Town Owned Assets		\$200.00	
10-999	Tax Acquired Property		\$0.00	
19-100	Food Cupboard		\$	
19-101	Emergency heating		\$	
	Surplus		\$40,000.00	
		\$461,540.00	\$637,918.00	\$505,612.00

**TOWN WARRANT
FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR TOWN BUSINESS
MAY 22, 2021**

To: Luke Ahmed, a resident of the Town of Bradford, in the County of Penobscot and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bradford Community Center, in said town, on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 2 through 28 as set out below:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect two members to the Budget Committee to serve a 5-year term and to elect one member to the Budget Committee for 3-year term

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make final determination for the closing of roads in winter pursuant State statute 23- M.R.S.A. § 2953.

Article 4: To see if the Town of Bradford will authorize the Selectmen to within the confines allowed by state statute 30-A M.R.S. § 5651 to 5655, to accept or apply for and expend gifts, donations, bequest and grants on behalf of the Town of Bradford should such funds become available.

Article 5: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town, for non-Homestead residents under the age of a 64yrs to sell and/ or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same and starting the lowest bid acceptable and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. "Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special process required by 36 M.R.S § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s)."

- Article 6: To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A § Section 506, will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest there on.
- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of the snowmobile 2021 refund from the State to the Bradford Snow Blazers Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails. (amount in 2020 \$529.60)
- Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of 6 % interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes, due date being September 17, 2021.
- Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish that 2% interest will be paid on the amount of overpayment to the taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes in excess of amount finally assessed on April 1, 2021. (MRSA §36, Sec, 506-A)
- Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed **5/12** of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 11: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer fund between operating accounts, except the education account, approved in this warrant, based upon changes and the un-anticipated needs of the Town during the current fiscal year period provided. The total expenditure of all accounts shall not exceed the projected need to balance all accounts within the approved budget. All such transfers shall be so identified at the next annual town meeting.
- Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,525.00 from the Bradford Days Savings account to the Bradford Days Reserve account.
- Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Fire Department Savings account to the Fire Department Reserve account

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the windfall money of \$40,000.00 from the cutting of the wood from Town property to help fund the Road Budget.

Article 15: Fire Station discussion and presentation from the Future Fire Station Committee

Article 16: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$197,095.00 for the **Executive Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$62, 950.00 for the **Bradford Fire & Rescue Department**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$73,739.00 for the **Town Maintenance Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000.00 for the **Cemetery Department**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$344,622.00 for the **Road Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$8,325.00 for the **Animal Control Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,170.00 for the **Recreation Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$ 46,500.00 to the **Capital Improvement/Reserves Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$14,500.00 to the **General Services Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$74,800 to the **Public Works Budget**.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 26: To see what revenue accounts the Town will vote to fund approved articles 16 to 25.

Excise, MDOT Road Assistance, LaGrange TIF, Maine Revenue Sharing, Homestead, Reimbursement, Undesignated Revenue, Taxes and if needed up to \$40,000 from Undesignated Funds.

Article 27: To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to increase the LD 1 Growth Limitation Factor if needed for the 2021 calendar year.

This is a written vote

The Registrar of Voters will be available at the Bradford Town Office on May 20, 2021 to correct the voting list.

Signed this 26th day of April 2021.

Bradford Board of Selectmen:

True Copy Attest:
Vittoria J.B. Stevens
Bradford Town Clerk

Bruce Bailey _____/S/_____

Timothy Bubar _____ **absent** _____

Errol Hanson _____/S/_____

Carlene Oakes _____/S/_____

Samantha Saunders _____/S/_____

RESIDENT'S RETURN OF WARRANT

State of Maine
Penobscot, SS.

Bradford, Maine
February 24, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant to be directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Bradford, qualified as therein named and posting an attested copy of said warrant at the BRADFORD TOWN OFFICE, BRADFORD POST OFFICE, BRADFORD GENERAL STORE and Bradford Web site in said Town of Bradford, being conspicuous public places in Bradford, on the 24th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty, the same being at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Luke Ahmed _____/S/_____

Resident of Bradford

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