
8. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

There are a number of public facilities and services available to the residents of Bradley. Some of these are provided by the Town, but others are made available by volunteers, private groups and organizations, nearby communities, and Penobscot County.

Town Government

The Town of Bradley is governed by the Town Manager/Council form of government. The Council also serves as the Board of Assessors. The Town Council is assisted on a day-to-day basis by the Town Manager and other office staff. The Town Manager is Bradley's only full-time employee. He also serves as Tax Collector, Welfare Director, Road Commissioner, and Registrar of Voters. There are three part-time office people, a part-time code enforcement officer, and a part-time assessor.

Elected officials and their terms of office include the following:

Town Council (5)	3 years (staggered terms)
School Board (5)	3 Years (staggered terms)

Appointed Positions Include

- Town Manager
- Planning Board (5)
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Plumbing Inspector
- Director, Public Health
- Animal Control Officer
- Board of Appeals
- Comprehensive Planning Committee
- Director, Emergency Management
- Budget/Finance Committee

Bradley's form of government appears to work well for the community. There does not appear to be a need to change the form of government over the next ten years.

Municipal Buildings

Municipal buildings (exclusive of the school) include:

1. **The Town Office** is located on Route 178/Main Street just south of the Main Street/Boynton Road intersection and just north of the Main Street/Carter Woods intersection. The Town Office is located in a new building that was constructed in 2000 and occupied in January of 2001. Adjacent to the Town Office is the Post Office which was built at the same time on the same parcel as the Town Office. The Town of Bradley leases the building and one acre of land to the Post Office for about \$41,500 per year.

2. **The Fire Station**, located on Route 178/Main Street opposite Bullen Road, is an old frame building that was constructed prior to 1920 when the Town's Fire Department was organized. Over the years, the structure has been expanded, and it now houses the Town's three fire-fighting vehicles. It is located in the floodplain. Town officials have discussed the need to replace the fire station with a new building located on a larger site out of the floodplain, possibly on the same site as the new Town Office.
3. **The Salt/Sand Shed**, is also located on Route 178/Main Street south of the Town Office.

Town Road Maintenance

The Town of Bradley does not have its own public works department. The Town contracts out specific road maintenance activities, as well as snow removal on Town-owned roads.

Fire Protection

The Town of Bradley is served by a volunteer Fire Department with 19 volunteer fire-fighters. None of the volunteers are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The Town of Bradley leases 43 fire hydrants from the Old Town Water District; these are located throughout the village area and along Route 178. One of the challenges facing the Fire Department is that many of the members are older and there are not enough younger volunteers (currently only 7) to take their place. Unless additional people join the Department, it will eventually become a much smaller fire-fighting force. On average, there are about 35 calls per year of all types including local house fires, brush fires and mutual aid calls. Bradley has mutual aid agreements with Milford and Eddington.

In 2002, the Town invested in a new fire truck. Currently, the Fire Department's three vehicles include a 2002 GMC tanker/pumper, a 1989 GMC tanker, and a late 1960's Jeep 4x4 brush truck. All of the vehicles and fire-fighting equipment are in very good condition. In the long run, the Town may have to replace the brush truck.

Rescue Services

The Town of Bradley relies on Old Town for rescue services.

Police Protection

The Town of Bradley does not have its own police force, but relies on the State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office for police protection.

Dispatching

As of early 2003, dispatching services are provided through 911 calls by the Penobscot Regional Communication Center in Bangor. Individual fire personnel are notified of an emergency by pagers. By joining the County system, Bradley may be asked on occasion to provide mutual aid to other towns served by the County system.

Water Supply

While some residents of Bradley depend on well water, the people living and working in Bradley Village and along Route 178/Main Street are served by a central water system. The Old Town Water District provides drinking water to 282 customers, or about 690 people (56% of the Town's 2000 population). Water is delivered to Bradley by a 10-inch water transmission line that crosses the Penobscot River at the bridge in Milford; this becomes a 12-inch line in Milford, then an 8-inch line in Bradley as far south as Elm Street, then a 6-inch line from Elm Street south along Route 178 to a point about a mile south of the Town Office. Six-inch water mains serve Brown Street, Pine Street, Highland Avenue/Bullen Road, Cram Street, Elm Street, Carter Woods and Boynton Street. The water main on Cram Street is about 3,300 feet long, and the one on Boynton Street is about 1,800 feet long.

The water lines serving Bradley village are cast iron lines that were installed in the 1930's. Despite their age, the lines appear to be in good condition, although the lines are not large enough to provide ideal fire flows. The Water District has installed bleeder valves at the dead-end portions of the system to avoid water quality problems caused by stagnant water.

The Old Town Water District gets its water from three gravel packed wells. Water is treated for iron and manganese, as well as PH (acidity level). The water is chlorinated and fluoride is added. The Water District is considering adding another well to the system to ensure sufficient capacity for the future. Currently, the system averages 1.1 to 1.2 million gallons per day of excess capacity. The system has sufficient capacity to accommodate Bradley's residential development over the next 10 years, but water mains may have to be upgraded if a large water-using industry or large residential development were to locate in Bradley.

Sewage Treatment

The Town of Bradley does not have a public sewerage system. The community is served by individual, subsurface sewage disposal systems.

Solid Waste

The Town of Bradley does not have its own solid waste disposal facility or transfer station. The Town currently contracts with Griffin's Disposal Service in Levant for curbside pickup of solid waste and recyclable material. Wastes are hauled to the Pine Tree Waste facility in Hampden, and recyclables are taken to the Bangor recycling facility.

Twice each year, the Town sets up a temporary transfer station at the salt shed for bulky wastes and brush. The bulky wastes are then hauled by the Town's private contractor to the Pine Tree facility in Hampden, and the brush is taken to a mill in the local area to be chipped.

Education

Overview. Bradley is one of four towns in Maine School Union #90. The other communities include Alton, Greenbush and Milford. Each year, the costs of operating School Union 90 are distributed to the four member towns, using a formula based on numbers of staff and students. Bradley's increased enrollment in recent years has led to an increase in Bradley's share of School Union 90 costs. In

