Manager's Message

Welcome 2019

This newsletter is our chance to provide you with information pertaining to your town. It's also a chance to connect you to the sponsors of the newsletter and to encourage you to utilize their services and purchase their products. We hope that you find the information useful. I would encourage you to contact us at any time to answer any questions that you may have and invite you to stop in to meet our staff and let us know what ideas you may have for your community. I would also encourage you to attend our council meetings and have your voice heard, and to also run for open seats on the Town Council.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2019.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Doane



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Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm (Closed Mondays)

Code Enforcement: Wednesdays 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

Tax Assessor: Last Friday of the month Plumbing Inspector: By appointment

Holiday Schedule (Office closed)

January 1 New Year's Day
July 4 Independence Day
November 28 and 29 Thanksgiving Break

December 24 Christmas Eve, closing at noon

December 25 Christmas



MUNICIPAL STAFF

Melissa L. Doane: Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator

Terry Knapp: Town Excise Collector, Motor Vehicle Agent, Inland

Fisheries Agent, Deputy Town Clerk

Cindy Day: Deputy Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant

Ann Delaware: Office Assistant

Eric Gifford: Volunteer Fire Chief

Dean Bennett: Code Enforcement Officer

Charles Norburg: Plumbing Inspector



BRADLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Mark Ketch, Chair Sally Strout Karen Richard Duane Lugdon Laurence Wade



ANIMAL CONTROL

Bradley's animal control officer is contracted through Penobscot County. Please contact the Town Office at 827-7725 during normal business hours or the Penobscot Sheriff's Department at 947-4585 during other hours to report a domestic animal control issue.



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

OVERVIEW

It is the Bradley Code
Enforcement Officer's
responsibility to enforce all
enabling State laws and
Town of Bradley Ordinances
in the area of Land Use,
Shoreland Zoning and
Environmental Regulations.

It is my preference to work with the citizens of Bradley to inform, educate and assist with compliance, rather than issuing citations for noncompliance. Violations can be avoided by allowing me the opportunity to work with you during the planning phase of the project, rather than after the project has begun, or worst case, completed. I encourage all Bradley citizens to give the code enforcement office a call when you are considering a project that may require a permit. I can then work with you to ensure your application will be approved and permit issued upon submission. Any activity that is begun that requires a permit, without first obtaining a permit, poses a considerable risk to the applicant. Money spent on a non-compliant project is potentially money wasted.

ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY BEGINNING SPRING 2019

I will be conducting a street by street inventory and identification of those properties that are noncompliant with the following Land Use Ordinance provisions. Willful compliance with clean-up will be initially sought.

Junk Yard

- Discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, electronic or industrial equipment, household appliances and furniture;
- Discarded scrap and junked lumber; and
- Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste and all scrap iron, steel and other scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.



Property Maintenance

- Materials of value shall be stored in a safe and sanitary manner, shall not be scattered about and shall not have openings or stacked in a manner which may provide harborage for vermin.
- No tree, shrub or other vegetation shall block safe visions of sidewalk, drive or street.
- Dead trees or parts thereof that threaten adjacent structures of people or property in the public right-of-way shall not be permitted to remain on the property.

Regards, Dean Bennett

Dean Bennett

Code Enforcement Officer

207-827-7725

dbennett@townofbradley.net

Wednesdays: 7:30-1:30

SPRING AND FALL CLEAN UP INFORMATION

Each May and October the Town of Bradley offers an opportunity for residents to dispose of items that are not taken during the weekly pickups. Residents may purchase identification stickers at the Municipal Building. The sticker provides for two loads for each clean up. Electronics disposal services are also available. Due to the increasing costs of offering these clean up days, the fee may increase from last year. More information will be available as we get closer to the May clean up.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL

The Town of Bradley contracts with Sullivan's Waste Disposal and Recycling Services for trash pick-up. The schedule is every Thursday beginning at 7:00 am. Sullivan's observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If the holiday falls on a Thursday, your trash will be picked up on Friday. Please remember to put your trash in easily liftable containers and limit each container to no more than 40 pounds. One change that is now in effect is that no tires are being accepted. The weekly pick up is intended for normal household trash. If doing a large clean up or

construction project, it will be necessary to contract with a private hauler for a dumpster.

RECYCLING

Beginning July 1, 2019, Bradley's solid waste will be delivered to Fiberight in Hampden. At that time, there will no longer be curbside recycling in the town. The Fiberight model for disposing of waste includes dividing trash into reusable and non-reusable materials. The organic waste is then used to make biofuel, which is similar to natural gas, while glass, metals, plastics and paper are sold on the commodities market. Leftover fibrous material can be turned into fuel pellets for heating. What this means to residents is that recyclables that are in the solid waste stream will be sorted out, so there is no need to separate it at the town level, therefore no need to separate it at the household level.

Acceptable waste includes all ordinary household, municipal, institutional, commercial and industrial wastes, refuse, and discarded materials.

Unacceptable waste includes demolition or construction debris, liquid wastes or sludges, abandoned or junk vehicles and car parts, hazardous waste and flammable waste, dead animals or other infectious or biological wastes, tree stumps, waste oil, lubricants or fuels, including gasoline and propane. Unacceptable waste also includes discarded "white goods" such as household appliances, as well as bulky items including furniture, mattresses and carpets.

FEE SCHEDULE

Notary Public service

Resident: no charge
Non-Resident: \$5.00
Photocopies: per page
General 8X11 \$.50
General 8x14 \$.75
Tax cards \$1.00
Tax maps \$1.00

4 SEASONS SENIORS

We hold exercise class each Wednesday at 10:00 in our Council Chambers. We would love to see any new participants in this New Year!

SAND AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS

Each year the Council allows twelve yards of sand to be held available to residents. Since this is a limited amount, we ask that residents take no more than 2 buckets per **season.** Once it is gone, it is not replenished.



<u>AGE- FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES</u> is a nationwide program that encourages towns and cities to develop activities and events for people of all ages. Since May, the Bradley Town Council, town officials, and a group of residents have been working to create a list of age-friendly programs, facilities, and activities.

As part of the plan, we are seeking ideas and suggestions from all residents. Please complete the survey and return it to the Town Office, Post Office, Viola Rand School, or Spencer's Ice Cream.

We are not seeking funds from the Town of Bradley at this time, but are pursuing grant opportunities.

Please take a moment to complete our survey indicating what facilities, activities and events you would like to have available in town. You can access the survey online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCMZNXQ. You can also pick up the survey at the Bradley Municipal Building, Bradley Post Office, Spencer's Ice Cream or Viola Rand School or visit the Bradley website at www.townofbradley.net



BRADLEY IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF PENOBSCOT COUNTY. THE PENOBSCOT RIVER FORMS THE TOWN'S WESTERN BOUNDARY, THE TOWN OF MILFORD FORMS THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY, THE TOWNS OF EDDINGTON AND CLIFTON FORM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES AND IT IS BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST AND TOWNSHIP 32 OF HANCOCK COUNTY. THE TOWN ENCOMPASSES 51 SQUARE MILES WHICH INCLUDES OVER 33,000 ACRES OF LAND AND WATER. CHEMO POND IS SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE TOWN. BLACKMAN STREAM AND GREAT WORKS STREAM BOTH RISE NEAR THE SOUTHERN CORNER OF THE TOWN AND CROSS IT DIAGONALLY, NEARLY PARALLEL WITH EACH OTHER. OTTER STREAM WINDS A SHORT DISTANCE THROUGH THE TOWN MOVING IN FROM THE NORTH AND EMPTYING INTO THE PENOBSCOT RIVER.

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