



## Belmont Heritage Commission October 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Members attending:** Vicki Donovan, Priscilla Annis, Ben Rolfe, Jillian Rolfe, Claire Bickford, Jack Donovan, and Sharon Ciampi. **Absent Members:** Adam Riberio. **Approval of Sept 14, 2023 minutes:** Motion to accept by Priscilla, seconded by Jill and unanimously approved. **Meeting:** called to order at 6:03 P.M. Adjourned 7:02 P.M.

### Old Business:

#### **A. Heritage Award Ceremony**

On October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Selectmen's Meeting both the Selectmen and the Heritage Commission presented the annual Heritage Community Awards. The Marden Family accepted the *Preservation of Town History and Heritage* awarded posthumously to Diane Marden. Diane was honored for her work and dedication to the history and heritage of Belmont.

The *Preservation of Traditions Award* was accepted by Sara Mirski for work preserving the Mirski Family late eighteenth to early nineteenth century homestead farm. Also noted is that the homestead was recently listed to the National Register of NH Historic Places.

#### **B. Budget**

At the Budget meeting held on October 10<sup>th</sup> Selectmen accepted our 2024 Heritage budget which was the same as 2023. Jack and Vicki Donovan presented notes and discussion.

#### **C. Banners**

Summary of discussion: List which ones need to be replaced. Coordinate with the American Legion on the locations and input with design. Redesign possible, maybe hold a contest within the schools. After determining new design, keeping old or mixing, concentrate on replacing one representing Town Hall. Move "Welcome to Belmont" banners further outside of Village area. More Banners showing the age and historical value of town buildings.

- 1. New Business: Senior Citizen February Food Drive** - Members unanimously want to continue Senior Citizens February Food Drive and coordinating with Belmont Elementary School's Student Council. Apply to Sargent Fund to help with food collection. Possible donation from businesses such as Hannaford's, Hockey Team that participated last year.
- 2. New Business: BMS and BHS** - Brought to our attention at September meeting from Ron Mitchell to incorporate/involve ways to inform students and schools with the town history and heritage. We also need more promotion of student rep position at BHS.

Respectfully submitted

Ben Rolfe (Heritage Commission Secretary)