

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Town Administrator's Monthly Report



Town Hall to Reopen

Town Hall will reopen to the public on Monday, April 5th at 7:30 a.m. Masks will be required when entering the building and you will be asked to maintain social distancing. We do encourage you to use our online options available at www.belmontnh.org.

The Board of Selectmen will resume in-person meetings on Monday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Tioga Meeting Room in the Belmont Mill. Masks will be required and the room is set up for social distancing. A Zoom meeting link will be posted on the agenda for those not wishing to attend in person. We will be requesting that anyone using the Zoom link, provide their name upon sign in to the meeting. Meetings will also be carried live at:

www.livestream.com/belmontnh

Old Home Day Saturday, August 14, 2021

We are very pleased to announce that we have hired Ricci McCant to coordinate our Old Home Day. Please stay tuned to the Selectmen's Facebook page and the Belmont NH Community Page for further info as planning for the event moves forward.

Beach Parking and Grounds Attendant

We are still taking applications for the Beach Parking and Grounds Attendant position with the Town and due to the increased workload in the Building and Grounds Department, we anticipate that additional hours would be available assisting with ground maintenance in the Village. Please see the job posting at www.belmontnh.org.



2021 Road Construction Plans

It is anticipated that road construction will take place this summer on Plummer Hill. The project is presently in design but we anticipate it will be going out to bid soon. In addition, plans are underway for several roads to receive a shim and overlay. Please stay tuned as notice will be provided relative to any possible road closures or delays due to construction.

Police Station Project

The Police Station project continues to be on schedule and we look forward to it being completed sometime in July.

Spring is here and we would remind everyone!



IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II (c))

Our message to all Dog Owners is to remind you of the importance of picking up your dog's waste from property not your own. The town installed at three different locations, dog waste stations where you can obtain a plastic bag to pick up the waste and deposit it in the numerous garbage cans located in the Village.

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)



Following is a link to a video developed by our recycling vendor to help us recycle better. Better recycling leads to lower costs for trash disposal as whatever we can remove from the trash stream reduces the tonnage we pay for. Your help is needed! www.bit.ly/recyclebetter

Bulky Waste Disposal



Beginning Wednesday, September 2, 2020, and on the 1st Wednesday of each month following, Casella Waste will collect your bulky items curbside. Please note this is for Town of Belmont Residential Customers ONLY; service is not available to commercial property owners. Piles of debris, trash, yard waste or a single item too large for one person to collect WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A request for pickup must be made in advance by calling Town Hall at 267-8300, Extension 118 or 124 only. You will be asked to list the items you want picked up, you will be advised what the cost is, and you will need to drop off a check made payable to the Town of Belmont prior to the collection day. Please visit the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org for the full details on the new program and a price.



Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Atlantic Broadband Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss your idea. LRPA has made significant strides to improve programming this past year and its presence in the Lakes Region; we urge you to check out their website at <http://lrpa.org>.



That's Flushable or Not

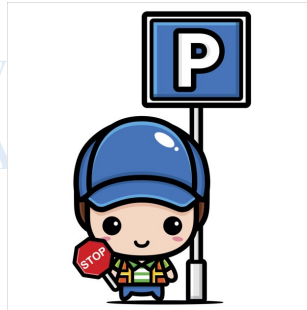
We continue to stress the importance of the "Not everything is flushable", **please check out the "Do Not Flush!" list to protect your sewer and septic system.** A "Flushable" label does not mean it is SAFE for your septic system or the Town's sewer. Please read the brochure we have included on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org. We need your help to ensure our sewers keep flowing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator's Office at 267-8300 ext. 124



Town Administrator's News (Cont.)

We are hiring!



Beach Parking and Grounds Attendant

The Town of Belmont is seeking applicants for the position of Beach Parking and Grounds Attendant; this is a part time position, 24-hours per week/\$15 per hour, beginning in early June and running through Labor Day Weekend. Duties will include enforcement of the Town's resident/taxpayer only regulations regarding use of the beach, general custodial services, and some ground maintenance.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, must be able to follow written and oral instructions, and must be dependable. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications are available online at www.belmontnh.org, and can be submitted to administration@belmontnh.org, or by mailing to Town of Belmont, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220.

Finance Director



The Town of Belmont is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Finance Director. This position performs complex, professional accounting work including grants, budgeting, financial reporting, payroll, benefits administration and general ledger maintenance. The Finance Director works under the direct supervision of the Town Administrator and does supervise employee (s) who are assigned to work with the department. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Finance or related field. Eight years of progressively responsible related experience in a municipal position with five years at a senior level. Experience in a town similar in size to the Town of Belmont is highly desirable. Or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. This is a challenging position with great benefits. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications.

Please submit your resume' and letter of interest to the Town Administrator's office at PO Box 310, 143 Main Street, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220 or townadministrator@belmontnh.org no later than Wednesday, April 14, 2021. The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Town Clerk's Corner

It's finally official! We are excited to see our residents again on Monday, April 5th as Town Hall reopens to the public! We appreciate your patience and understanding during these challenging times. As we continue to journey through life with Covid-19 as a large part of daily life, we want to remind you to socially distance from others, wear a mask, and use hand sanitizer when you come see us. Also, if you have any signs of Covid-19 or have been in direct contact with individual(s) that are currently positive, please wait to come in. You may give us a call at 267-8300 ext. 2 and we can advise you on how we can complete your transactions if you are not able to come in person.

Quarter one water and sewer bills are due on April 8th. The first quarter utility bills cover the months of December, January, and February. As a reminder unpaid balances regarding taxes, water, and/or sewer from 2020 will have a lien placed on the property later this spring if they are not paid in full. Payments can be made either by mail, drop box, in person (after we open), or on the town's website. The Belmont website is www.belmontnh.org, there is a tab for utility/tax payments. Also vehicle renewals may be completed this way as well.

Did your family recently expand with a new K-9 member? Every year between January 1st and April 30th we will need to license those pups! All we need is the rabies information as well as basic information for the owner. Homes that have an owner 65+ will get one dog at \$2. Dogs that have been altered are \$6.50, non-altered are \$9.00, and homes that have 5+ dogs qualify for the group rate of \$20. Dog licenses that were issued in 2020 are due to expire on April 30th. It is very important that those adorable furry family members get their annual bling for their collars. If your dog has recently been to the vet, please bring the updated rabies to get their file up to date.

We would like to once again thank the Belmont Post Office for all they have done during the time we have been closed.



BFD Times



Congratulations Firefighter Harris!

We would like to congratulate Firefighter Gina Harris on her retirement from Belmont Fire Department! She has been a valued member of our department since 2004 where she has served as a Firefighter / Paramedic. Belmont Fire will certainly not be the same without this ball of fire roaming the halls 42 hours a week, but we are so happy for her and wish her nothing but success in this new chapter of her life. We are also happy to announce that she will be our newest member on our call department, so you still may see this face around town from time to time. Congratulation Firefighter Harris, and thank you for your service!

Police Department News

*Belmont Police Department
Lieutenant Steve Akerstrom*



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Drug Take Back



Once again, we will be hosting a Drug Take Back day, Saturday April 24, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm. Drug Take back is a time when you can dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed. This program helps get prescription drugs out

of homes, which in turn reduces the chance of someone misusing them. There are no questions asked when you turn them and it is a simple and fast process. The location for the drug take back will be at the police station in the lobby.

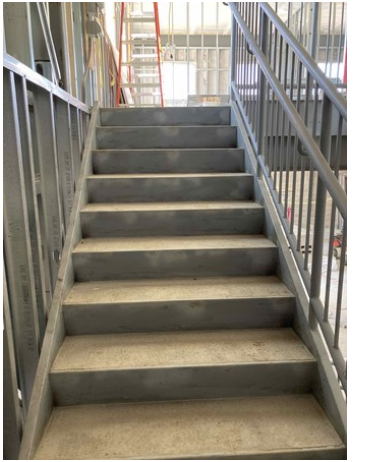
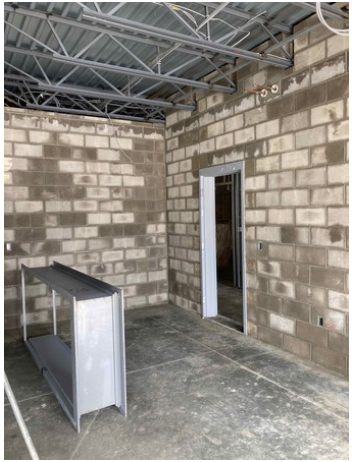
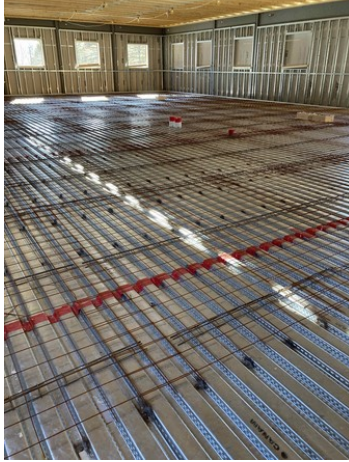
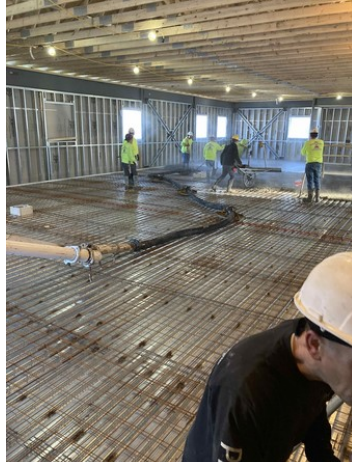
New Police Officer

We want to welcome Officer Cobis to the Belmont Police Department. Officer Cobis was sworn in as our newest member of the department and has already begun his Field Training Program. He will attend the New Hampshire Police Academy later this year. Officer Cobis is a great addition to our team and has worked for New Hampshire Marine Patrol.



Police Department News

Construction progress on the new Police Department Building



PROGRESS IS LOOKING GREAT!!

Highway Department News



Parking Ban

NO PARKING -The parking ban will be in affect starting November 15th until April 15th. Overnight on street parking will not be allowed during this time. Objects in the RIGHT OF WAY such as basketball hoops and such should also be removed.



NOTICE OF LOAD RESTRICTIONS

The Town of Belmont will be posting its roads to a maximum weight limit of 6 Tons, starting Monday, March 8th, 2021, during the spring thaw, per RSA 231:190-191 and continuing until roads once again become solid.

Each spring the Town of Belmont posts all Town roads to a maximum weight limit of 6 tons during the spring thaw per RSA 231:190-191. Local roads are especially vulnerable to damage in the spring due to the water freeze-thaw cycle. Imposing temporary weight limits can help to protect the roads during this time. Contractors, construction companies, parcel services, fuel services and solid waste haulers are asked to observe the posting by staying off soft road shoulders and reducing load weights.

Special permission may be given for "practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship" depending upon weather conditions and time of day. However, Prior approval is required and a bond for the cost of restoring the road may also be required for any exceptions.

The following vehicles are exempt: firefighting equipment, winter maintenance equipment that is owned, leased or rented by state or any political subdivision of the state, and farm equipment. Violators may be charged with a "violation" under RSA 231:191,VI resulting in a fine of up to \$1,000 along with restitution for damages and civil liability. Call the Public Works Department at 603-528-2677 with any questions.



Please take note of the frost heaves signs we have placed throughout the town. Frost heaves can pop up anytime this time of year. We try to warn motorists of the ones we feel are the worst but cannot mark them all.



Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe
Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



Highway Department News

PLEASE USE CAUTION



SPRING to some may also be referred to as MUD Season. Please be cautious when you encounter a muddy gravel road! We here at the Highway Department are doing our best to continually maintain these areas and appreciate your patience and understanding.

Roadside Trash Pickup:

Each Spring trash bags are available at the Highway garage or Town Hall for people interested in organizing local neighborhood trash pickup. If you or your organization would like to receive bags, they can be picked up during normal business hour.



Construction Season Ahead:

April brings the start of construction season. Please drive cautiously as our crews will be out working as well as many private contractors in the area. Take note of all signage and slow down when entering a work zone.



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Building Department News

Building Department News from the Code Enforcement Office



Spring has sprung, and it just might be time to replace those old inefficient windows that have fogged up inside the panes, or perhaps parts of the window frame are starting to show their age (rot), or they just don't open properly like they used to.

Here are some things you should look for before you purchase windows. Ask your contractor or installer what kind of energy efficient features the windows come with.

- Should you purchase vinyl or wood?
- Should they be double-pane, triple-pane or low-E glass?
- What does it mean to have gas-filled panes?
- What is the U-Factor of the windows? (U-Factor generally refers to the energy efficiency of the complete window assembly. The lower the U-Factor, the better the window. Codes in our area require a U-Factor of 0.30 or lower.)
- Be sure to shop around and compare prices.



As always, before starting any building project, please give us a call and we will be happy to help you determine if a permit is required.

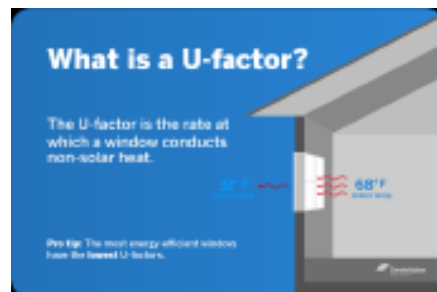
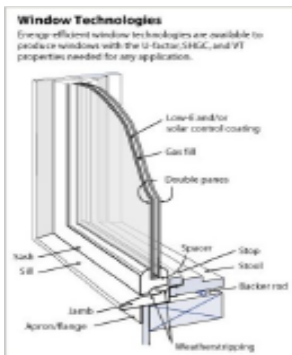
Please contact us at 603-267-8300 ext. 111 or email us at buildingofficial@belmontnh.org

Building applications may be emailed to permits@belmontnh.org

Thank you,

Russ Wheeler, Building Official

**Coming next month:
Roof Replacements**



	
ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
U-Factor (U.S./I-P)	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
0.30	0.30
ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS	
Visible Transmittance	Air Leakage (U.S./I-P)
0.51	0.2
<small>Manufacturer stipulates that these ratings conform to applicable NFRC procedures for determining whole product performance. NFRC ratings are determined in a heat set of environmental conditions only. Specific product use, NFRC does not represent or product warranties, nor warrant the validity of any product for any specific use. Consult manufacturer's literature for other product performance information.</small>	

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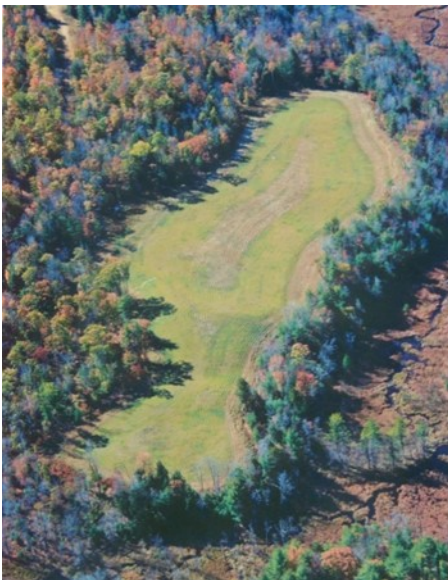
(603)267-8300x111(V) (603)267-8307(F)

www.belmontnh.org

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission (BCC) wants to thank the voters of Belmont for soundly rejecting Warrant Article #25 that meant to reduce the portion of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) that is levied as land comes out of Current Use (CU) assessment from 100% to 50% to be deposited in the Conservation Fund. The final vote to reject the article was 323-195 showing that Belmont voters have a clear understanding about the importance of land conservation. The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) congratulated the Town for rejecting the proposed article in its March newsletter.

The NHACC newsletter also spot-lights the Amherst Conservation Commission that is proposing a \$6 Million bond open space warrant article later this year to purchase conservation land to protect natural areas and water resources. The bond was proposed in response to increasing development pressure in town and an overwhelming desire by town residents to protect open space and water resources. Fortunately, Belmont is being pro-active and purchasing valuable conservation properties for future generations now and, hopefully, won't need to take such drastic actions to save wild spaces that Amherst is looking at.



The rationale behind using the LUCT for conservation purchases is that the BCC uses the 1/10 of the value of land as it comes out of CU – a temporary conservation practice – to invest in the permanent protection of conservation lands. The Fund has also been used to undertake larger repairs on the BCC managed properties.

The BCC has used this money in the Fund for the purchase of significantly valuable land, whether it be exemplary wildlife habitat, outstanding passive recreation or a unique property. The practice has been that special emphasis be placed protecting lands bordering the Tioga River. Another consideration used is to expand contiguous areas to make large forested blocks for protection of wildlife.

All properties managed by the BCC are open to the public for passive recreation – walking, hunting and fishing. The Andrew Sanborn Farm property, with its existing roads, is enjoyed by horseback riders and mountain bikers.



Property	How Acquired	Purchase Price
Jeff Marden Town Forest	Tax Deed	
Tioga River Wildlife and Conservation Area	Purchase	\$450,000
Riverside Conservation Area	Donated	\$155,000
Tioga Ridge Open Space	Donated	
Stonington Heights Open Space	Donated	
Village Spur Rail Trail	Donated	
Pop's Woods	Purchase	\$110,974
Bean Dam Parcel	Purchase	\$125,000
Amily – Lot 9	Purchase	\$ 50,000
Daniel Ladd Farm Parcel	Donated	
Currier Sanborn Conservation Lands	Purchase	\$125,000

In the last 26 years, the BCC has spent \$1,015,974 on 575 acres of protected property paid for by monies from the LUCT into the Conservation Fund. That adds up to \$1,768 per acre and \$39,075 per year.

It is vitally important to remember that the Town is forever – the BCC is preserving properties for 50 – 100 years and more into the future.

Library News



April 2021



Storytime-To-Go

April Showers/Rainbows

Pick up a kit and a few books. We'll post a short video Wednesdays at 10:30.

Join the Friends

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday April 14 4:30pm

<https://meet.google.com/zab-yewp-gud>

Ask at the circulation desk or visit the Friends webpage <https://bit.ly/38Rr8MN>



What do YOU want from YOUR future library?

Tell us April 1-15.

Links to the community survey on our website and social media. Print copies available at the library.

April Online Book Groups

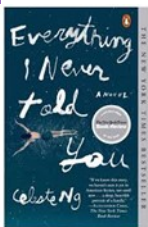
Taliban Shuffle/Whiskey Tango Foxtrot by Kim Barker

April 8 1pm

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

April 16 10:30am

Copies available at the library or through Libby/Overdrive. Email the library for the meeting link.



When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?



PHASE 1

PHASE 1A

- High-risk health workers
- First responders
- Older adults living in residential care settings

PHASE 1B

- People ≥ 75 years old
- Medically vulnerable at *significantly* higher risk with 2 or more conditions
 - Family caregivers of those medically vulnerable persons, ≤ 16 years old not eligible for vaccine
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

DECEMBER - MARCH*



PHASE 2

PHASE 2A

- People 65 - 74 years old
- K-12 school and childcare staff

PHASE 2B

- People 50 - 64 years old

MARCH - MAY*



PHASE 3

PHASE 3A

- Medically vulnerable <50 years old at *moderately* higher risk with 1 or more conditions

PHASE 3B

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

MAY and BEYOND*

Additional details are coming soon.

Contact your healthcare provider for more information and visit [NH.gov/COVID19](https://www.nh.gov/COVID19) for updates.

ReadyNH.gov
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to New Hampshire from the federal government and vaccine uptake.

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COVID-19 QUESTIONS?

CALL

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Or visit **[nh.gov/covid19](https://www.nh.gov/covid19)**

COVID-19 specific call-takers are available Monday through Friday 8am-7pm and Saturdays 8am-5pm. 2-1-1 NH is available 24/7.

Senior Center News

The Belmont Senior Center is no longer operating under the Community Action Program.

If you are interested in any of the other programs, all Belmont residents are welcome to go to:

Tilton Senior Center-11 Grange Rd., Tilton (5.2 miles) (603) 527-8291

- **Laconia Senior Center-17 Church St., Laconia (6.8 miles) (603) 524-7689**
- **TRIP-Franklin Senior Center-12 Rowell Dr., Franklin (9.5 miles) (603) 934-4151**

You may also call Concord with any questions at (603) 225-3295

Additionally, you may still call for bus transportation at (603) 225-1989 as usual.



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TOSS ALL CLEAN & EMPTY RECYCLABLES INTO THIS CONTAINER

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)

METAL



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tangles such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, wax/cups or plates, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, tarps, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, tires or rubber, Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics, or baking glass



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KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

Place these items in the trash!



Gloves



Face Masks

For contamination purposes, if these items end up in recycling, it will all end up in the trash!



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

NO Compostable Products



*Place these items in the **Food Waste bin!***

If these items end up in recycling, it will all end up in the trash!