

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Town Administrator's Monthly Report

DELIBERATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020, 10:00 A.M. BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 1st day of February 2020, being a Saturday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First (Deliberative) Session, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 10th day of March 2020, being a Tuesday, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following:

Article #1. To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Budget Committee, two-year term (1), Budget Committee, one-year term (1), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Supervisor of the Checklist six-year term (1), Planning Board three-year term (2), Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term (2), and Town Moderator, two-year term (1).

Article #2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) for the purpose of construction of a new Police Station on Town owned land at the corner of Fuller and Sargent Street including architectural and engineering costs, and all other costs reasonably associated with this project and to authorize the issuance of not more than (\$3,500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. **(3/5 Ballot Vote Required)**

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$3,500,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

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Article #3. To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen. If the majority votes in the affirmative, the discontinuance shall take effect 90 days after the vote.

Article #4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$129,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2020 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$129,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2020 budgetary year. **(A 2/3 Ballot Vote Required).**

Training Expenses	\$3,000
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$30,000
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$25,000
Overtime	\$40,000
Telephone	\$2,000
Conferences & Dues	\$1,500
Office Expense	\$12,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$8,000
Fuel	\$8,000

Article #5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the cost of Security Improvements for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c. (Majority ballot vote required) and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$30,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$62,117) for the fifth year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). **The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments.**

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$62,117** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the cost of Advanced EMS Equipment for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c. (Majority ballot vote required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$7,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #8. To see if the Town will vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

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Belknap County 4-H Fair Association	\$3,000
Belmont Baseball Organization	\$2,000
Belmont Conservation Commission	\$250
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117	\$400
Belmont Girl Scouts Community Account	\$300
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 21532/20532	\$300
Belmont Heritage Commission	\$250
Lake Region Girls Softball	\$1,000
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65	\$800
Belmont Historical Society	\$300
Belmont Middle School Fifth Grade Cody	\$3,500
Belmont Middle School PTO	\$500
Belmont Parks & Recreation Scholarship	\$2,000
Belmont Public Library	\$1,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central NH dba	\$2,000
Lakes Region Child Care Services	
First Baptist Church of Belmont Mission	\$3,500
Save Our Gale School	\$2,427.14
Total Funds to be distributed	\$23,527.14

Article #9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely, Revolution Road and the easterly portion of Old Ladd Hill Road, so-called, with ownership to revert to the abutters, and thereby cease any and all public rights to Revolution Road and Old Ladd Hill Road from its end at Mile Hill Road to the westerly end of property owned by the Sara Kaye Mirski Revocable Living Trust (Map 205 Lot 040) and the S Mirski and P Spencer Revocable Trust (Map 205 Lot 037).

Article #10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Seven Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars (\$7,974,209)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Seven Hundred Seventy-

Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$7,778,705) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$7,974,209** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #11. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union - Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023, which calls for the following in increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2020	\$38,756	\$7,821
Year	Estimated Increase (Wages)	(Benefits)
2021	\$27,324	\$8,141
2022	\$24,640	\$7,861

And further to raise and appropriate Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$46,577) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required.) (The Board of Selectmen recommends \$46,577 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #12. Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #11 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call

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one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #11 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

Article #13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union - Fire Unit B) for the term April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023, which calls for the following in increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2020	\$30,712	\$5,458
Year	Estimated Increase (Wages)	(Benefits)
2021	\$21,725	\$6,852
2022	\$21,018	\$6,629

And further to raise and appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$36,170) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$36,170 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #14. Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #13 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #13 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

Article #15. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023, which calls for the following in increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2020	\$24,799	\$4,667
Year	Estimated Increase (Wages)	(Benefits)
2021	\$21,772	\$4,097
2022	\$18,446	\$3,472

And further to raise and appropriate Twenty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$29,466) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$29,466 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #16. Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #15 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #15 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

Article #17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$60,000** and the Budget Committee support this recommendation.)

Article #18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2019.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$30,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

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Article #19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amounts to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$5,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$2,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$750,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund previously established (2003).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee support this recommendation.)

Article #23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$246,975) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users' fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$241,414) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$246,975** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$515,614) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user's fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$509,898) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$515,614** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$35,000** and the Budget Committee support this recommendation.)

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Article #26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two-Hundred and One Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars (\$201,074) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire?

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$201,074** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$4,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #28. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing equipment used in Town, State and Federal elections, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$5,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by user's fees.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$100,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #31. To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the Town of Belmont.



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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.



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

The Casella site on Route 140 is open on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 12 noon to take your bulky and other non-trash items. Please check with the attendant regarding any fees due at the time of disposal.

What'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.



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>.

PLEASE NOTE: Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 in celebration of the President's Day holiday.



Town Clerk's News



Tis the season of the wily groundhog. Will he see his shadow?? Do we have six more weeks of winter in store for us??

The day before the groundhog predicts the season for us we are holding the deliberative session for the 2020 Town Election. The deliberative session will commence at 10 AM Saturday, February 1, 2020 in the Belmont High School Cafeteria. The High School is located at 255 Seavey

Rd. The deliberative session is the time for all of the warrant articles that are proposed for the official ballot for the Town election to be read and discussed. While no voting on Warrant articles will take place on this day, wording and dollar amounts of warrant articles can be discussed and possibly amended. It is a very big step in our Town's election process. Voting on the articles will take place at the Town election Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Also in the month of February this year is the Presidential Primary election which will be held at Belmont High School on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

This election is to decide who will run for the office of President of the United States for each party. If you will be away on the day of election, have a disability that prevents you from attending the polls, an employment obligation

or due to observance of a religious commitment you may request an absentee ballot. We have the ballots in our office so you can come in and cast your vote or if you need us to mail you a ballot, you must submit a request. We have posted a link to the request form on our Town website, you can mail in a request or email a request to the Town Clerk's office. Please be sure to include your name and the address you need the ballot mailed to. All requests **must** include a signature. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our office.



Our office sent out delinquent notices at the end of January. These notices are meant to make residents aware of any unpaid balances that are left over from the previous year and to give you an opportunity to get accounts cleaned up before the tax lien is executed. If you receive a notice and have any questions, please contact our office.

We have entered the time of year for renewing dog licenses. You can stop in our office and renew your furry friend's license, mail in a check along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, or renew the license online on our Town website, www.belmontnh.org. We love visits from our well-behaved furry residents and have been known to give out a treat for a paw shake or a paw five!!



May Spring come swiftly and everyone be healthy and happy! See you at the polls!



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BFD Times

BFD Welcomes Assistant Chief



On January 6, 2020, Assistant Chief Deborah Black started with the Belmont Fire Department. Assistant Chief Black was previously the Inspector for the Franklin Fire Department, and before that, a member of the Laconia Fire Department for 13 years. She also worked part time at many other fire departments in her time off. Assistant Chief Black brings a lot to the table for us at Belmont Fire Department and we are very lucky to have her on our team. She is going to be a great fit! Welcome to the department Assistant Chief Black!

BFD Welcomes Firefighter Downs!



On January 2, 2020, Firefighter Katelyn Downs started with the Belmont Fire Department. Katelyn was previously volunteering at the Canterbury Fire Department. Belmont Fire Department is her first fulltime firefighter position, and we are so excited to have her! Her motivation and work ethic has her off to a great start. We are excited that she is starting her fulltime career with our department and are eager to see her grow in the fire service. Welcome to the department Firefighter Downs!

New Year, New Burning Rules for BFD



Effective for the 2020 burn season, new forms will need to be completed by property owners for any person who is not the property owner to pick up a burn permit. These forms will need to be filled out and returned to us on an annual basis for seasonal permits, and on a case by case basis for brush permits or single night fire permits. These forms can currently be picked up at the fire station. Our website is currently going through a face lift. Once it is completely updated, that form will be made available online for any residents. If you are unable to stop by the station, please contact the office and a form can be emailed out to you for your convenience.

2020 has certainly been busy for our department right through the gate. In one week, we had three building fires, one being in the middle of a snow storm, a chimney fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents, one being critical, as well as many alarm calls, service calls, and medical calls, two being emergency transports to Concord Hospital where the patients were taken to the STEMI Lab. Half of our department was out with illnesses, and our crews were beat!

During our crazy week, we, as a department, got to witness some amazing things transpire. We witnessed Town employees working themselves to the bone in very cold weather, pushing through the cold and the exhaustion... 5 fulltime members of our department were out due to illnesses, and the members that weren't sick kicked it into overdrive. Not only did the Fire Department kick into overdrive, but so did the Police Department and Highway Department. We had those two departments working with us all week, and putting in the long hours right beside us with road closures, plowing and sanding. We also had the Belmont Maintenance Department shovel out hydrants for us in this bitter cold weather to help our department members recover from that crazy week.

We witnessed mutual aid companies coming together with our department to help us on these difficult calls. They kept our department going strong and we could not have done it without the extra help. Departments that helped were: Laconia Fire Department, Gilford Fire Department, Alton Fire Department, Pittsfield Fire Department, Barnstead Fire Department, Loudon Fire Department, Tilton/Northfield Fire Department, Franklin Fire Department, Sanbornton Fire Department, Bristol Fire Department, New Hampton Fire Department, Meredith Fire Department, Stewarts Ambulance Service, New Hampton Fire Department, and Lake Region Mutual Fire Aid.

We witnessed our community coming together and showing overwhelming support for our department. We had McDonalds in Tilton prepare food and coffee for all of the crews at two fires without skipping a beat. We had Brookside Pizza in Belmont send over pizzas for our crew after the first fire. We had Dunkin Donuts in Belmont offer to make coffee for crews on scene. We had the Penguin Mart donate many cases of water to our department. We had members of our community reaching out, offering to make food and coffee for the crews working the fires. We had station visitors show up with food. The support was incredible.

This crazy week for us was absolutely eye opening for our department members. We are fortunate to have amazing department members and Town employees. We are fortunate to have amazing mutual aid partners. We are fortunate to have amazing businesses and residents who support our department. We have an amazing community! Our department thanks everyone for their help, their thoughts and their support!

Highway Department News

WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

Mailboxes and Other Structures within the highway Right-of-way

Occasionally mailboxes or other devices are damaged by snow plowing operations due to poor visibility, the mailbox being buried in a snow bank or the weight/volume of the snow being plowed. This damage is not deliberate and, in most cases, unavoidable. The Town of Belmont is not responsible for damage and does not repair, replace or re-erect boxes that are located within the right-of-way. These devices are located within the highway limits and are the responsibility of the property owner. The Town of Belmont will work with the box owners to locate the box in the safest possible location and offer advice on its design to minimize potential damage.

Please note the following:

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and properly locate their mailbox. The front of the mailbox should be located no closer than 2' from the edge of the pavement and should be a minimum 46" high to the bottom of the supporting post. We recommend a height of 46" as this will accommodate the plow wings to go under and not come in contact with the mailbox or the supporting post. We also recommend a metal mailbox; plastic will not hold up in the extreme cold weather. See attached photo for a recommended installation:

A model has been installed at the Belmont Post Office for the public to view.



- Front edge of mailbox 2' from the edge of road
- 46" in height to the bottom of the supporting post (This allows for Plow Wing to go under without hitting)
- Main post minimum 4"X4" in dimension should be located a minimum of 4' back from edge of road and post should be at least 2' in the ground

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WIDENING OR PUSHING BACK SNOW BANKS

Following storms with heavy snowfall, or when several storms result in substantial snow banking's, the Town of Belmont will undertake a roadway widening procedure which will push back the snowbanks.

This is necessary operation because it accomplishes the following:

- A. Provides room for future snow
- B. Prevents melting snow from running onto pavement creating ice
- C. Increase safe distances at intersections and driveways
- D. Maintains a uniform line by eliminating protrusions at driveways

Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent depositing snow in previously cleaned driveways or walkways. With thousands of driveways it is impossible to clear these individual drives as the cost would be prohibitive and would result in complaints of highway funds expended for the benefit of certain individuals.

Ordinance Regulating Snow Obstruction and Removal

PROHIBITED ACTS

- A. No person shall put, place, or store or cause to be put, placed, or stored snow or ice which has been removed from private property onto any public road, sidewalk or parking area within the Town of Belmont
- B. No person shall purposely or knowingly put or place, or cause to be put or placed, any snow, ice or other debris so as to cover a fire hydrant so as to make it inaccessible use in the event of a fire. For the purpose of this section "person" excludes agents of the state or any political subdivision engaged in the operation of snow removal from the traveled portion of any highway or the adjacent sidewalk or parking area.
- C. No person shall put, place or store or cause to be put, placed or stored snow or ice within the traveled way of any Class V or Class VI public road, emergency lane, public sidewalk or public parking area within the Town of Belmont.

Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a penalty in the amount of \$100.00

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PARKING BAN

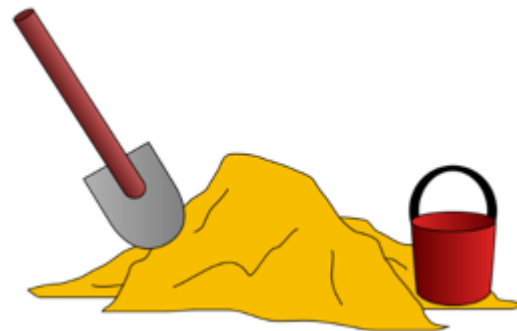
Parking ban will be in affect starting November 15th until April 15th overnight on street parking will not be allowed during this time.

The Park and Ride has a 72-hour parking limit. If you must park there during a storm, we ask that you park in the rear of the lot. This makes it much easier for us to maintain it for other users. Thank You!

PUBLIC WINTER SAND



A new winter sand stockpile for the residents of Belmont has been completed outside of the Hurricane rd. facility. This will allow for residents to obtain sand while we maintain a secure and safe facility. A friendly reminder, if you need winter sand for your driveway, we have a three 5-gallon pail limit .



ROADSIDE TRASH PICKUP



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

Highway Department employees, with help from the Belknap County Department of Correction, have picked up over 400 bags of roadside trash so far this year. Please be mindful of our efforts and try not to use our roadsides as a trash can!



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CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS ALWAYS UPON US

Your DPW crew takes pride in maintaining our roadways to be as safe as possible. Please remember in order for them to do their job, right of way should always be given as with any emergency vehicle. It's always wise to slow down, leave a little early and arrive to your destination safely. We thank you all for your cooperation!

Please drive cautiously (SLOW DOWN) 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. Remember to stay off your cell phone. The safety and lives of the many construction workers trying to improve your roads depends on it!!

DRIVEWAY CULVERT MAINTENANCE



Driveway culvert maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner. Not only should you keep your culvert free from debris, it is recommended that snow should not be piled up to obstruct the flow of water. This can contribute to flooding and water washing out your driveway along with entering the road which can cause a hazard to motorists.



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



Planning and Zoning Committee News



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National Boy Scouts Day

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Application Review Committee (1/23/20)

NO CASES IN JANUARY

Planning Board (1/27/20)

Public Hearing – Mountain Made Materials: Continuation of request for Earth Excavation approval to expand existing excavation area including blasting. Property is located at 224 Hurricane Road, Tax Lot 231-014-000-000 in the “R” Zone. PB # 2119P. Case was continued to the February 24, 2020 Planning Board meeting.

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Robert O Lord: Approved a request for subdivision approval to subdivide one lot into two. Property is located at 60 Concord Street, Tax Lot 126-026-000-000 in the “V” Zone. PB # 0120P.

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Andrew Grant: Approved a request for subdivision approval to subdivide one lot into two. Property is located at 389 Province Road, Tax Lot 215-007-000-000 in the “R” Zone. PB # 0220P.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (1/22/20)

Abutters Hearing – Donald & Lisa Simpson: Approved requests for:

A Special Exception of Article 11.A.3.c of the Zoning Ordinance to create useable space (floor area in excess of 48” in height) within the preexisting nonconforming section of the structure. ZBA # 0120Z

A Variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a porch closer (34.7’) to the front property line than allowed (50’). ZBA # 0220Z

Property is located at 13 Linda Drive in an “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 107-059-000-000.

Planning and Zoning Committee News (Cont.)

Abutters Hearing – Joseph Lograsso: Approved a request for a Special Exception of Article 11.A.3.c of the Zoning Ordinance to create useable space (second story) within a preexisting nonconforming footprint. Property is located at 212 Gardners Grove Road in an “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 119-015-000-000, ZBA #0320Z.

For additional Land Use Information:

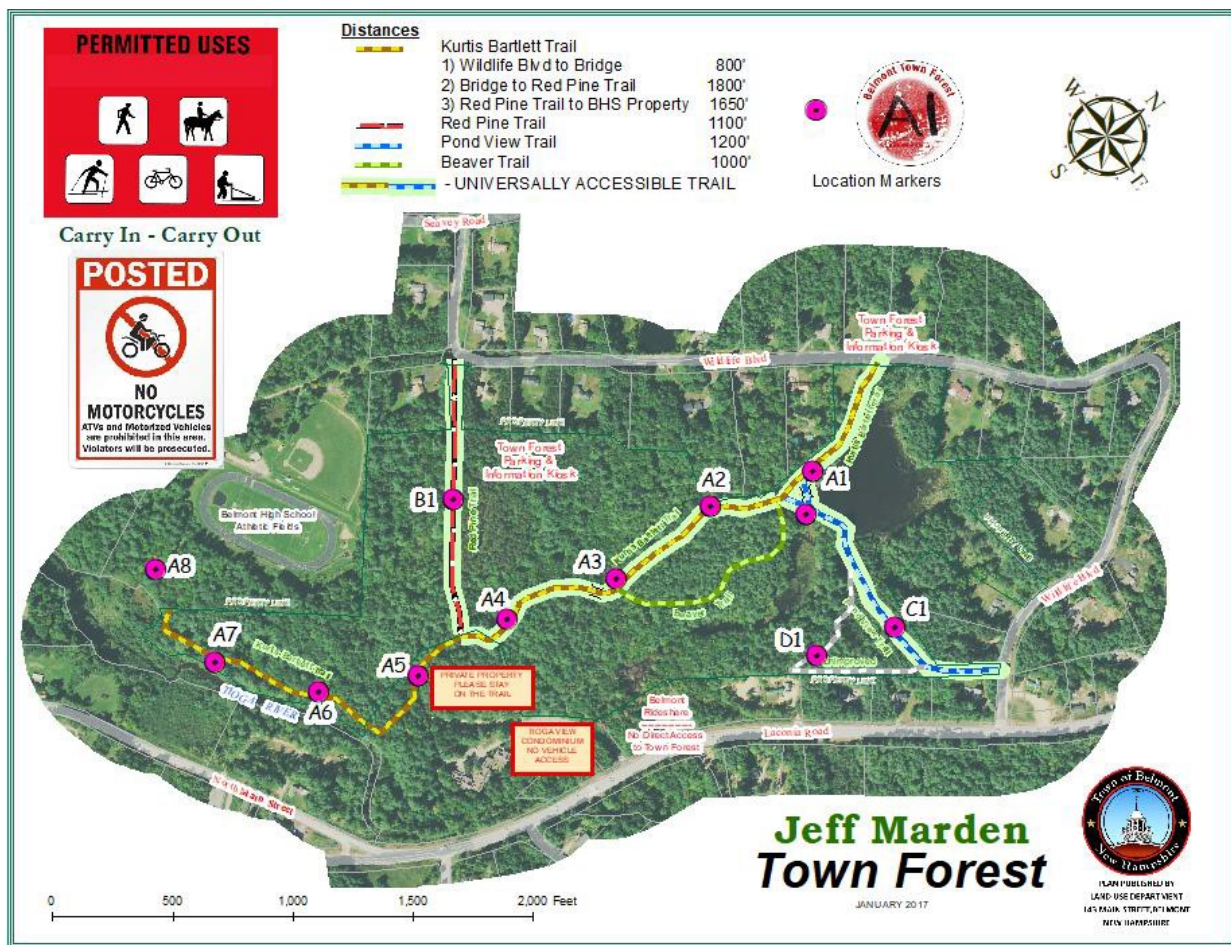
Visit www.belmontnh.org
Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org

Call 267-8300 x 119

Conservation Commission

Jeff Marden Town Forest

The BCC recently placed location disks along the trails in the Jeff Marden Town Forest to aid first responders in locating trail users. An example of a disk and their placement along the trails – placed 500' apart along the trails are depicted.



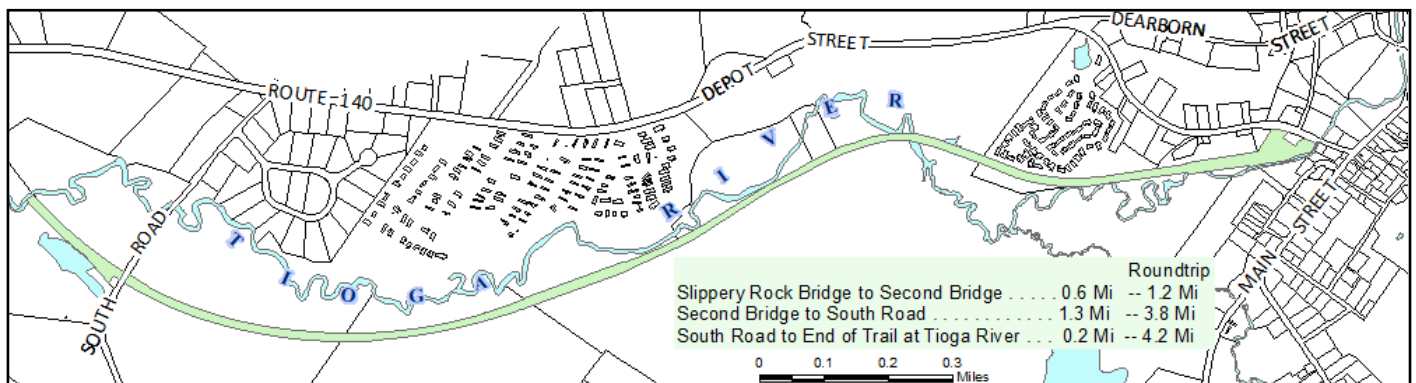
Conservation Commission (Cont.)



Help us Name the Second Bridge

Have you walked the Village Spur Rail Trail? It's an "out and back" trail along verdant wetlands, quiet waters of the Tioga River, and cow pastures & corn fields. The Slippery Rock Bridge is behind the Mill with parking on Depot Street. The second bridge is about a mile and a quarter out. Submit suggestions to Rick Ball in the Land Use Office.

His email is LUTech@BelmontNH.org



The Commission has two Alternate Member spots available. You can help the BCC address upland and aquatic invasive species, preserve a number of habitat significant conservation parcels, and also maintain the Jeff Marden Town Forest trails and Village Spur Rail Trail.

To apply, click [here](#) for an application.

Facility Strategy Committee

Community Update on Belmont Town Building Strategy -Sat. Feb 1 9:30am - Prior to Deliberative Session at Belmont High School

The Belmont Facility Strategy Committee will share their final Report Findings and Recommendations on February 1st at 9:30am prior to the Belmont Deliberative Meeting. This brief overview provides background for the Town's ballot measure for a new Police Station.



After two years of study and feedback from Belmont residents, staff and Selectmen, the Facility Strategy Committee completed their Findings and Recommendations for a 20-Year Strategy for Belmont's Town Buildings in November 2019. The goal of the study was to propose a more efficient use of existing town property to meet the service needs of town residents for the next 20 years without the town acquiring new property. The top priority identified was to construct a new Police Station. A detailed conceptual plan and perspective drawing for this proposed Police Station will be available for review at the meeting. [The complete Facility Strategy Report is available on the Town website.](#)

Key recommendations include:

- **Construct New Police Department – First Priority:** Use the Corner Meeting House site for a new Police Station. This approach allows the police to remain in place until completion of a new building on a site that allows space for future expansion. The current Police Station is overcrowded and presents safety issues. Projected cost for a new building is virtually the same as reconstruction and relocation cost for rehabilitating the existing Police Station. This proposal includes relocation of meeting rooms and Welfare Office to Belmont Mill and removal of the existing Police Station when project is completed. This location allows the Police Department to remain in place until construction is completed and room for future expansion beyond next 20 years. There would be no room for further expansion at the existing Police Station. The Town projects the cost as \$3.5 million in the proposed Town bond. Here's a conceptual drawing of the new Belmont Police Station.
- **Town Hall in Belmont Mill – Second priority:** Use the Belmont Mill to house all the administrative functions currently met by Town Hall, the Corner Meeting House and Recreation Department. Existing Town Hall is overcrowded and lacks space required for current or future needs. Retain historic character of Mill which is a state-listed historic structure. Work with a citizen committee to develop final layout for Town Hall functions in the Belmont Mill.
- **Library – Third priority:** Continue to upgrade existing Library working with the Library Board and determine best approach for expanding facility. Retain the historic character of this National Register Historic site. Continue to phase needed repairs to Library and seek grants and a ballot measure in future to construct addition.

Library News



FEBRUARY 2020

Monday and Wednesday 10am-7pm

Tuesday and Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 10am-4pm Saturday 9am-1pm

146 Main Street – Belmontpubliclibrary.org – (603) 267-8331

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Family Storytime 10:30am	6 Teen Games 3pm	7	8
9	10 Trustees Meeting 4pm	11	12 Family Storytime 10:30am	13 NonFiction BOOK GROUP 1pm Teen Games 3pm	14	15 Marbled Paper 10am
16	17 LIBRARY CLOSED	18 Senior Center BOOK GROUP 10:30 am	19 Family Storytime 10:30am	20 Teen Games 3pm	21 Fiction BOOK GROUP 10:30 am	22
23	24	25	26 Family Storytime 10:30am	27 Teen Games 3pm	28 Movie & PIZZA @NOON	

Library News (Cont.)

Belmont Library Events, Programs, & Activities

FAMILY

Storytime

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Pizza and a Movie

February 28 *Frozen 2* (PG)

BOOK GROUPS

Fiction Friday

February 21 *Crosstalk* by Connie Willis

NonFiction Group

February 13 *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History* by Keith O'Brien

Belmont Senior Center

February 18 *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

TEEN & TWEEN

Teen Games and Snacks

February 6, 13, 20, 27

CRAFTS

Marbled Paper

February 15 (snow date February 22)
(Ages 12+ with adult)



Senior Center News

NOTICE

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.





The American Legion Post 58, Belmont, NH

Date: January 18, 2018

Contact: Lee Cheshire, Post 58 PA, 253 709-1414

American Legion Post 58 Belmont Provides Cash Support to Liberty House & Local Food Pantries

Belmont, NH – The American Legion, Belmont NH Post 58 provides \$500 checks to support the Liberty House veterans home, and the food pantries of Saint Joseph's and First Baptist Churches of Belmont, NH.

"This is something we like to do every year around the holidays to support our veteran homeless shelters and local community food pantries. It's right out of the American Legion's constitution, which was established by an act of the US Congress on March 15, 1919," says Rich Stanley the Post 58 Commander. These are the two tenants he was referring to:

- To inculcate (instill by persistent reminders) a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation.
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

In the picture to the right, Russell Fabian, Post 58 Vice Commander, on the far right, presents a check to Bill Zarakotas, Liberty House Community Relations, in the middle, and Brig. Gen (US Army, Retired), Don Bolduc. Liberty House, 75 W Baker St, Manchester, helps homeless and struggling Veterans by connecting them to available resources and providing a safe, substance-free transitional house.



American Legion Post News (Cont.)

The Post 58 Commander, Rich Stanley, presents a check to Carol Heydt, the St Joseph's food pantry manager, in the photo's center. She is flanked to the right by volunteers, Martha Levesque and John Gaydos. To the left of Rich Stanley are Lee Cheshire, Post 58 Chaplain, and then by pantry volunteers Bill Heydt, and Bert Spooner.



Rich Stanley, Post 58 Commander, presenting a check to Pastor Andrew Barnes of the 1st Baptist Church, Belmont which also operates a food pantry.

For more information about Post 58's outreach programs or volunteer opportunities, call Richard Nowak, Post 58 Service Officer at 443 994-0947 and visit the following internet site:

<http://www.belmontnh.org/aboutveterans.asp>

Our Furry (and feathered) Friends



ABOVE — three young pullets after a bath, ready for their weekend show.

RIGHT— a proud cockerel posing for his picture.



- Submitted by Rhiannon Fee

Want to make your pet the Talk of the Town? Just send a photo with a brief introduction to them to townhall@belmonthnh.org.



*All meetings held in CMH (Corner Meeting House) unless otherwise noted . ↑ = upstairs ↓ = downstairs

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Deliberative Session Preview 10 AM BHS cafeteria
2	3 BOS 4:45PM↑ <i>(note early start time)</i>	4	5 CC 6PM ↑	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 ARC 8AM ↑	14	15
16	17 TOWN HALL CLOSED	18	19	20 WRPB 10-11:30 ↑	21	22
23	24 BOS 5PM ↑ PB 6PM ↑	25	26 ZBA 6PM ↓	27	28	29

BOS Board of Selectmen

Heritage Heritage Commission

CC Conservation Committee

ARC Application Review Committee

PB Planning Board

ZBA Zoning Board of Adjustment

SOGS Save Our Gale School

FSC Facilities Strategy Committee

WRPB Winnepesaukee River Basin Program