

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Town Administrator's Monthly Report



COVID-19 Update

Masks are required in Town Hall and should you be experiencing any symptoms; we ask that you not enter so that we can keep our staff safe and available to meet the community's needs.

2021 Road Construction

Construction continues on Plummer Hill, please be aware of equipment and crews in the road and use caution. Lane closures may be necessary so we do recommend that you avoid Plummer Hill for routine travel.

Welcome New Employees

The Town has seen several new faces in Town Hall over the past few months and we would like to officially welcome; Katherine Davis, Finance Director, Jeanne Hibbard-Bickford, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Mark Ekberg, Code Enforcement, Ann Chabot, Custodial, and most recently Jennifer Mooney, TC/TC Clerk. We look forward to working with you. The Fire Department and Police Department have also had new employees join their staff over the past several months and we welcome them as well and thank them for choosing to work for Belmont.

2022 Budget

The Budget Committee will begin deliberating the 2022 proposed budget on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tioga Meeting Room at the Belmont Mill. The Zoom link, ID and password are listed here and can be used for each of the committee's meetings throughout the months of November, December and early January. The Town's Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Belmont High School.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87839800953?pwd=MnFkUjZuMGJ3UkRjTlZySjlRUXFVdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 3980 0953

Passcode: 066217

2021 Tax Rate

We anticipate our 2021 Tax Rate to be set in early November with bills due 30-days from the date of mailing. Based on current revenue estimates we anticipate the Town's portion of the tax rate to increase by about .20 cents, which is slightly below our anticipated target of .30 which we had estimated and provided to you in 2020 relative to the cost of the bond for the new Police Station

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day. We will also be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Town Administrator's News (Cont.)



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.



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.

Casella Facility – Route 140

We have received numerous calls regarding the facility located on Route 140 turning away residents who wish to dispose of construction and demolition debris; we have reached out to the facility and have been advised that this type of debris **if originating in the Town of Belmont**, may still be brought to the facility and dropped off for a fee. Capacity for the final disposal of this type of waste and trash is becoming a serious concern across the country; permitting of new landfills has become harder and there are a limited number of facilities that still continue to incinerate trash. We will continue open discussion with Casella regarding these issues and keep you informed should there be any additional changes. Please keep in mind if you are a Belmont contractor and you are working in another community, you cannot presently dispose of the debris at the Belmont facility

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>.



Town Clerk's Corner

The tax rate for the Town has not been set yet. We hope to have the second issue tax bill sent out in November and will still be due in December. The second tax bill covers the period from October 1st to March 1st. As always, you can pay your bill in person, by mail, or on our town's website www.belmontnh.org.

We accept cash, check and card. Please keep in mind that if you choose to pay with a card, there is a 2.79% convenience fee that is added to the total whether you pay over the counter or on the website.

Last month we said goodbye to Michelle Staynon who accepted the City Clerk's position in Franklin. We wish Michelle best of luck! We also welcomed Jennifer Mooney to the office as the Town Clerk / Tax Collector Assistant. Please make sure to welcome Jennifer to the office!

November is a very busy month in our office. Those with November birthdays, please don't forget that our office will be closed on November 11th (observation of Veteran's Day), November 25th and 26th (observation of Thanksgiving). Please make sure to plan accordingly.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we hope that you find reason to give thanks and celebrate this year! Be thankful for what we have, for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that will come.

Happy Thanksgiving!



BFD Times

Welcome FF Downs!!!



The Belmont Fire Department is happy to welcome Firefighter Downs to our department. You heard us right... we have hired another Firefighter Downs! This is her first fulltime position as a Firefighter/EMT and she is already hitting the ground running. Congratulations Firefighter Downs! Welcome to the department!

Fire Department News (Cont.)



Congratulations to Wyatt Bashaw, Russ Freelove and Sherry Picarillo, and the Belmont Elementary Support Team (B.E.S.T. PTO) for winning the 2021 BFD Scarecrow Challenge! Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry as well as to everyone who placed their votes online. We would also like to thank Shooters Tavern and Funspot for their contributions to our prizes this year! Wyatt has won a \$50.00 Coin Gift Card to Funspot, Russ Freelove and Sherry Picarillo have won a mini movie projector with a 100" screen, and the B.E.S.T. PTO has won 10 pizza's courtesy of Shooters Tavern! Great job by all of our contestants!

Police Department News

Belmont Police Department

Lieutenant Steve Akerstrom



Santa's Little Helpers

The Belmont Police Department is delighted to offer our assistance to Belmont residents this Christmas for families that demonstrate a financial need for Christmas gifts. Santa's Little Helpers eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Must be a current Belmont resident and have documentation proving your residency status (utility bill, lease / rental agreement, motor vehicle registration ETC.).
2. Must have photo identification.
3. Must *not* have obtained assistance from the Santa's Little Helpers program for more than three (3) years.
4. Children must be under 16 years of age.
5. Families *cannot* be receiving assistance from any other charitable organization providing Christmas gifts.

If your family meets the above listed criteria, we encourage you to fill out an application today. The Belmont Police Department and Santa's Little Helpers believe every child deserves to have a Merry Christmas and we are happy to help. Please see the important dates that are shown below:

1. Applications *deadline* is 12-10-2021
2. Gift *pick up* will be held on 12-17-2021 between 10:00am - 12:00pm and 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Belmont Police Department. Detailed pick-up information will be provided at a later time.
3. For questions contact Dispatcher Nikki Wheeler at (603) 267-8351

As always if you have any questions for us, we can be reached at 603-267-8350



Highway Department News

Fall Clean up

As the last of the leaves hit the ground fall cleanups are underway throughout town. The Public Works Department is headed out to remove leaves and other debris from troubled areas regularly with the intent to keep drainage flowing properly. Your help is still needed. Please continue to remove all yard debris as clean ups are completed. Leaving them roadside or near drainage systems can cause flooding and negatively impact the Town roadway system.



Winter Prep.

The arrival of November usually brings cold, blustery conditions and serves as a reminder of what's about to come. The Public Works Department spent the last week of October mounting plow frames, exercising spreaders, and inspecting plow gear. The mower gets removed from the Trackless and sidewalk plows and snowblowers are set and ready to clear and treat town sidewalks. The installation of On Spots (automatic tire chains) and swap to studded snow tires complete the equipment makeover. All of this is to insure that they are ready for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at them for winter weather during the next few months.

Along with vehicle prep, crews will be out marking obstacles and potential hazards. Reflective delineation and whips are strategically placed so once covered with a blanket of snow, items found in the right of way such as stone work, trees, or fences can be noticed hopefully avoiding damage to both property and equipment. Drainage is marked in a similar manner and if necessary, yellow arrows are painted in the roadway to mark catch basins and water bars that could be hard to find in the same conditions.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe

Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement News

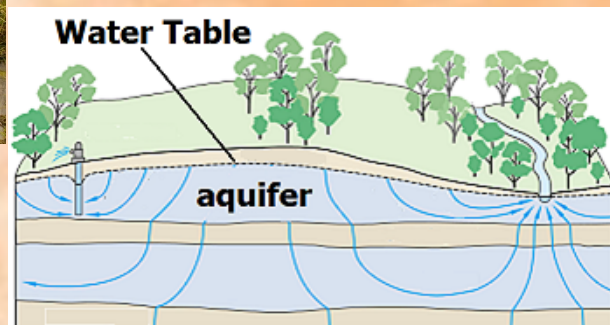


As a PSA reminder, please make sure you remember the following guidelines:

- Storage Containers are popping up like weeds and seem to be everywhere. Storage containers are not allowed in Residential/Rural Zones without being tied to a current building permit. Please see Table 5-2 in Zoning Ordinances if you would like to see additional information on storage containers/trailers and where they can be used. If you made the simple mistake of not permitting your storage container, please reach out to Elaine Murphy in Land Use, and she will gladly help you with creating the needed permit, otherwise your friendly Code Enforcement Agent will probably pay you a visit.
- Do you have an older car/truck/boat that is no longer running but has taken up residency in your yard? If it is 2000 model year or newer and you have a title, any of our local scrapping yards will be willing to remove them from your property. If it is older than 2000 model year no title is needed, and it is a simple call to arrange removal. If you need assistance in finding a local salvage yard, applying for a replacement title, or arranging removal of cars/boats/RV's, please contact me and I will assist you with this.
- Belmont Business Owners. If I have reached out to you regarding our Aquafer Inspections, please get back in touch with me as soon as possible so we can schedule an inspection. If you are a business and are unsure if you should be part of the State's Aquafer Protection Program, give me a call. Based on what type of business you conduct I can guide you through it easily.

Mark Ekberg

Code Enforcement



143 Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220
codeenforcement@belmontnh.org
(603)267-8300x116 (603)267-8307(F)

Building Inspector

Building Department News **from the** **Building Inspector**



The Building Department would like to take this time to remind you of some important items to address and consider around your home this time of year.

- Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check/reset your time on any electronic heat systems to accommodate for the end of Daylight Savings Time (Sunday, 11/07/2021)
- Have your furnace cleaned/serviced by a professional and change out filters
- Keep exterior vent systems clear of snow
- Attic access should be well insulated
- Check plugs and wires for damage on holiday lights before stringing inside or out
- Take care using any portable heaters and follow all precautions and instructions
- If you need to use a generator, be sure to keep it well away from windows and doors



THANK YOU to all of our veterans and military personnel
for their service.

Russ Wheeler, Building Inspector



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Library News

Library CLOSED November 11

Library closing EARLY 24

Library CLOSED November 25+26

Library OPEN November 27

Gather for Thanksgiving Storytime

November 17 at 10:30am

With new librarian Miss Emily

November Book Groups

A Libertarian walks into a Bear

By Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling

November 12 1pm

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John

Mandel

November 19 10:30am

Join the Friends

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday November 10

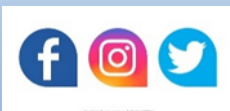


New #littlefreelibraries at the Rail Trail and the Town Forest

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK



BECOME A FRIEND
Take home a sun catcher



Belmont Heritage Commission



Belmont Senior Citizen Community Project

Inspired by the United Way Day of Volunteering, Mrs. Belanger, the Belmont Elementary School Counselor and Second Graders teamed up with the Belmont Heritage Commission to provide healthy goodie bags for Senior Citizens of the Belmont Community. During Guidance classes, students are writing warm winter wishes to be included in the bags. During Social Studies classes second graders learn about "Community First". This project is a great way to share kindness with our community. Involving the youth and senior members of our town is also a great way to share our heritage together.

The Heritage Commission members will also be contributing items to the bags and distributing these bags at the Belmont Mill and to Senior Housing in Belmont. Susan Roache, organizer of The Senior Friends of Belmont will help with the distribution as well.

On Thursday, November 18th Belmont Senior citizens are invited to come to the 2nd floor of the Belmont Mill between the hours of 10A.M. - 2P.M. to pick up a specially prepared bag packaged by Belmont Elementary Second Graders and the Belmont Heritage Commission. Please provide proof of residency and please note that masks must be worn when entering the Belmont Mill.

Belmont Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan (Chair) **Claire Bickford** (Vice -Chair) **Priscilla Annis** (Secretary) **Sonny Patten** (Selectman)
Ben Rolfe **Jill Rolfe** **Jack Donovan** **Victoria Riberio** (B.H.S. Student Rep.)



Newsletter

Do you know someone new to Town or know someone in Town who would love to see our Newsletter. Please have them email Alicia Jipson at administration@belmontnh.org to get on our distribution list. We also will occasionally send out other important information via email when necessary.



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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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!