



Town Administrator's Monthly Report

Update on COVID-19 Activity

COVID-19 continues to headline the daily news across the country, in New Hampshire we have done a good job maintaining low numbers of infection and we urge everyone to continue to please wear a mask whenever you are in public. Belmont schools will be opening on September 9th, let's all do our part to keep our children safe and healthy.



We opened Sargent Park, the Tioga Pavilion and the Bandstand to the public last month but we do want to remind everyone that the restrooms at the park are not open and that these outdoor venues are not regularly cleaned and sanitized. Please use caution and follow all of the guidelines posted for your safety. The Leslie E. Roberts Beach will not have onsite monitoring on the weekends beginning after Labor Day. Please if you are visiting the beach and you have concerns regarding the parking or other activities, please contact the Belmont Police Department.

We continue to express our gratitude to our frontline responders, Police and Fire Departments during these difficult times. We also want to thank all our Town employees who have had to face many changes in how they assist the public. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Police Station Project

The Police Station project continues to move along smoothly with final plan design underway. Please stay tuned to announcements regarding the commencement of work on the site.

We are very excited to begin using the meeting room space in the Belmont Mill, we anticipate our first meeting in the building will be September 28th. The final touches are being completed and we expect to move from the Corner Meeting House in mid-September. Please stay tuned to our website for information on the General Assistance office and when it will officially open in the Mill on the 1st floor.

Budget preparation has begun and we would anticipate that the Budget Committee will begin meeting in November. Their meetings will be held at the Belmont Mill, we will continue to offer a Zoom connection for those not wishing to attend a meeting in person, and the meetings will be livestreamed.



Town Administrator's News (Cont.)

We realize there are a lot more people walking about these days so as a reminder if you are walking your dog, please scoop the poop!!



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.



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 list.

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>.



The Board of Selectmen will meet next on Monday, September 14th at 10 am at the Corner Meeting House. This will be our last meeting at the Corner Meeting House; our meetings beginning Monday, September 28th, will be held in the new meeting space on the 4th floor at the Belmont Mill. We will continue to follow social distancing policy when we move to the Mill so the meeting will be available on Zoom. Please check the "Agenda" page on the Town's website for details of the Zoom meeting.

We encourage everyone to please be safe in these difficult times.

Town Clerk's Corner

The month of September brings us the New Hampshire State Primary. In this election voters choose which candidate they want to represent their party in the General Election in November. Voting will take place at Belmont High School on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The polls will be open from 7 AM – 7 PM. If you are in need of an absentee ballot you can submit your request to the Town Clerk's office in person, by email, fax or in the drop box located in the front door of our building. You can print an absentee ballot request off our town's website, www.belmontnh.org or the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.nh.gov. If you have any questions please give us a call.

Due to the volume of absentee ballots for the next couple of elections, the Secretary of State's office has allowed Clerk's offices to pre-process absentee ballots. They have made the allowance for us to:

- Open the outer envelope of the ballot
- Examine the inner affidavit envelope
- Publicly announce the voter's name
- Make a notation on the voter checklist that the voter has been checked in.

We will not open or cast any of the ballots until the official marking is made on the voter checklist at the polls the day of the election. We will begin pre-processing absentee ballots Thursday September 2, 2020 at 9AM at the Corner Meeting House. This session is open to the public. If you have any questions, please give our office a call.

Our office has been working very hard in preparation for the upcoming elections to make them as safe and run as smoothly as possible. Please be prepared to wear a mask at the polls as well as abide by social distancing guidelines.

Keep an eye on those mailboxes as the third issue water/sewer bills will be sent out this month. The third issue covers the months of June, July and August. As always, you can mail a check in with your payment stub, stop by the office with your payment, or pay on our town website, www.belmontnh.org. If you pay on the website, please remember there is an extra fee.

With the weather turning crisper we look forward to coziness, cardigans and pumpkin spice Happy Fall!

Town Clerk's Office

Police Department News

Captain Richard Mann



Sign Theft

There have been a few instances of theft of political signs around town. If you have political signs it would be helpful to aid in its return if you wrote your last name and address on the sign someplace. Your name and address do not have to be in large letters but we do recommend using a permanent marker.

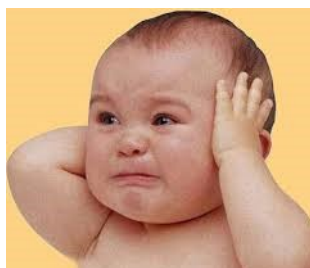
If you see anyone walking around yours, or a neighbor's property feel free to take a picture of them or their vehicle and give us a call.

If we contact a suspected sign thief and they have signs with owner's information written on them, the person who possess the sign can be prosecuted.

Noise Complaints

One of the perks of living in New Hampshire many of us find so appealing is the peace and quiet enjoyment of our homes. To help maintain that quality the Town of Belmont has a noise ordinance that can be found at the Town of Belmont website. The ordinance helps keep things like construction and loud music contained to certain hours.

If you purchase fireworks you will need to obtain a fireworks permit. The permit needs to be dropped off at the Belmont Fire Department, they are located at 14 Gilmanton Road. Please have photo identification handy when you submit your permit. There is NO FEE for the fireworks permit. The Town does restrict the time of the display of fireworks. If you have any questions about these topics please call us at 267-8350.



Phone Scams Thriving in Our Area

The fake IRS agents are hitting the phones hard. A recurring scam phone line number starts with an 817 area code. In this instance the scammer identifies they are with the "I.R.S" then they ask for gift cards.

**DON'T
BE A
VICTIM
OF
PHONE
SCAMS!**



Make sure your friends, family and neighbors are aware that no legitimate government entity will ask for a Target or iTunes gift cards to settle your outstanding tax obligations or to *"unsuspend your social security number."*

Different variations of this scam involve a caller asking if you have Dish TV or DirecTV and then they say, *"they need to send out a technician because your boxes are no longer compatible with the new high-speed digital signal and you will lose your TV access."* This discussion ultimately leads to solicitation of your private information.

The grandparent *"Help, I need bail money"* scam has also resurfaced. A caller who is hard to hear asks for help getting out of jail once you take the call. Then they say, *"they have been arrested, they need bail money and ask you not to tell their parents."* It is all the same attempt to separate you from your hard-earned money. As with any phone solicitor do not allow the call to go on, hang up then block the number.

If you receive a scam call please let us know the number it came from so we can call them back ourselves. If you or someone you know has been scammed you will need to act quickly and get us involved as soon as possible to help you limit the damages.





BFD Times

Our New Ambulance Has Arrived!!!



We are very excited to show off our new addition to our fleet of vehicles. It seemed like an eternity waiting for 3 Ambulance 2 to be built, but it was definitely worth the wait! Our crews have been busy over the last few months, and they have been putting our new ambulance to good use since it was put in service on June 25, 2020. This ambulance is fully stocked and ready to go in the event you experience an emergency. We would like to remind our residents that in the event of an emergency, please make your first call 9-1-1, not the fire station. Although one would think it would be faster to call the station, our crew may be on another call, or out of the station training. When seconds count, don't waste that valuable time calling the station. Call 9-1-1 and they will dispatch accordingly. As always, thank you all for continually supporting our department and our members!

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 PERMITS REQUIRED

Spring is the time that we remember any problems we have with our drive-way; mud, bumps, drainage.

Just a reminder that any work done on that portion of the driveway that meets the Town or State road right-of-way requires a Driveway Permit before the work commences. This includes just paving or re-paving.



Driveway Permit Applications can be obtained in the Land Use Office or online. Processing applications may take 7-10 business days as the Public Works Department will view the site to make sure that no concerns related to adequate road drainage exist.

What's Happening Now

- **Paving on Jamestown Road, Dutile Road, Mile Hill Road, and Coventry Lane will begin September 1st. We thank you for your patience.**
- **The Water & Sewer Department welcomes new hire Scott Calley to the Department.**
- **The Building & Grounds Department welcomes Kyle Dodge to the department.**



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



Conservation Commission

The Perfect Time for Saving Water

Looking for ways to save water, energy, and money? Two easy ways include repairing household leaks and replacing old fixtures with WaterSense certified models.

The average U.S. family loses 10,000 gallons of water each year due to household leaks. That's equivalent to 270 loads of laundry! A leaking toilet alone can waste hundreds of gallons each day. Finding leaks is fast and easy. Check out the links on the left for some quick tips.

Thinking of upgrading your fixtures, replacing your toilet, or installing a new showerhead? Replacing your showerhead with a WaterSense certified model can make a big impact. The average yearly savings add up: 2,700 gallons of water, 11 days' worth of energy to power your home, and \$70 on your water bill. Check out the links on the left for more information about WaterSense certified products and replacing fixtures.



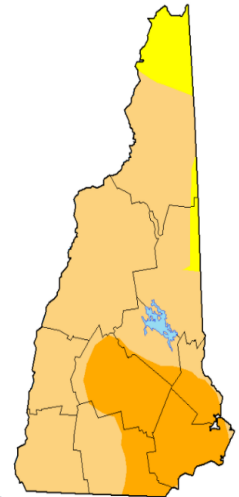
Protecting and preserving New Hampshire's water supply is critical to our economy, the environment, and human health. Water isn't an infinite resource, and in New Hampshire we are faced with a growing population, ongoing development, changing climate trends, and very old water infrastructure—all of which put pressure on our water resources. Residential water users are the largest water users in the state and have significant potential for using water more efficiently. To ensure enough clean water for you, your family, and future generations, join the We're for Water campaign! Choose [WaterSense labeled products](#) for your home and yard and [take simple steps to save water](#) each day. You will save water, save energy, and save money!



As is seen on the map, parts of Belmont are under severe drought.

Intensity:

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

- [Finding and Fixing Leaks](#)
- [How Much Water Do My Fixtures Use?](#)
- [Ways to Shower Better](#)
- [Kitchen and Laundry Tips](#)
[Bathroom Tips](#)

FUN FOR ALL

- [Wasting Water Is Weird](#)
- [WaterSense For Kids](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Planning and Zoning Committee News



Planning and Zoning News

[Grandparents Day](#)

September 13, 2020

Application Review Committee (8/20/2020)

- **NGP Management, LLC:** Review for change of tenant at former location of Pasta Patio at 223 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 101-028-000-000
- **Mountain Lake Village, LLC:** Review of extension of conditionally approved 18-lot subdivision off of Mile Hill Road Tax Lots 202-012-000-000 & 202-015-000-000

NEXT MEETING: 9/24/2020

Planning Board (8/24/2020)

- **Public Hearing – Pike Industries:** Continuation of a request for Earth Excavation approval to increase quarry depth. Property is located at 308 Depot Street, Tax Lots 235-058-000-000, 232-031-000-000 & 236-014-000-000 in the “I” & “R” Zones. PB# 1019P. Approved
- **Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Tap Public House Inc.:** Continuation of a request for site plan approval to allow outdoor seating, expand the existing use to include the downstairs and add parking spaces. Property is located at 930 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 122-057-000-000 in the “C” Zone. PB # 0320P. Continued following acceptance of application and deliberation, to allow for completion of preexisting requirements.
- **Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Fantasy Factory LLC:** Continuation of a request for site plan approval for a single-family subordinate dwelling unit. Property is located at 48 Dearborn Street, Tax Lot 123-028-000-000 in the “I” Zone. PB # 0820P. Continued to 9/28/2020 without deliberation.

NEXT MEETING: 9/28/2020

Zoning Board of Adjustment (8/26/2020)

Abutters' Hearing – Carmona Family Revocable Trust: Request to construct a single-family residence:

A variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance closer (25.1') to the front property line than allowed (50'). ZBA #0620Z

A variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance closer (10.7') to the side property line than allowed (12.5'). ZBA # 0720Z

A variance of Article 4 of the Wetland Ordinance closer (44.2') to the highwater mark than allowed (50'). ZBA # 0820Z

Property is located at 92 Sunset Drive in an “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 107-146-000-000. Approved

NEXT MEETING: 9/23/2020

For additional Land Use Information:

Visit www.belmontnh.org

Contact landuse@belmontnh.org

Call 267-8300 x 119

Belmont Public
Library



VIDEO STORYTIME

Ladybug Picture Book Award 2020

Sign up for the weekly link. Starting September 9.

NEW HOURS

MONDAY 10-5

TUESDAY 10-6

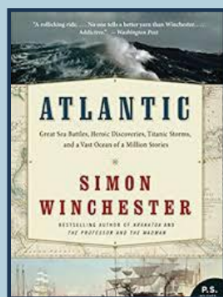
WEDNESDAY 10-6

THURSDAY 10-6

FRIDAY 10-5

SATURDAY 9-1

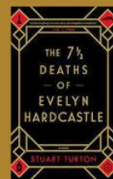
STARTING 8/17



Ebook and audiobook copies through Overdrive

Email the library for the meeting link.
circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org

ONLINE NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP SEPTEMBER 10 1PM



ONLINE FICTION BOOK GROUP

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courtesy of
NH Humanities and the
National Endowment for the
Humanities

SEPTEMBER 18 10:30AM

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Tweens, Teens, and Adults



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READ – WATCH – LISTEN

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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.

**Shaker Regional School District
Seeking Advisory Budget
Committee Members**

The Shaker Regional School District is seeking community members to serve on the Advisory Budget Committee. The board will select 3 members from Belmont and 3 members from Canterbury to serve on this committee at its September 22, 2020 board meeting. All members must be registered voters for the town in which they are serving. Please visit www.sau80.org to review the charge of this committee. Please submit a letter of interest to Debbie Thompson, Business Administrator at dthompson@sau80.org or Shaker Regional School District, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220 no later than September 15, 2020. Please contact Ms. Thompson at 267-9223 ext. 5303 with any questions.



Our Furry Friends



Meet Louie Chewie (because he “talks” like Chewbacca from Star Wars). Louie lives with the Bustolin family. He’s 7 years old with the energy of 3-year-old, and loves to swim in the Winnisquam through the summer, and also loves a snow snack in the long winter.



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