

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



Town Administrator's Monthly Report



Help Wanted

The Town of Belmont is seeking two qualified individuals for the positions of **Highway Department Truck Driver/Laborer** reporting to the Public Works Director. The successful candidates will perform a variety of routine skilled and unskilled manual laboring duties. The position requires a NH CDL "B" license with airbrake endorsement. The individuals chosen for these positions must possess a willingness to work with others including the general public. High School Diploma or equivalent is required, experience with the operation of heavy trucks necessary. In addition, a Motor Vehicle Background check, and drug and alcohol screening will be required.

The Town of Belmont is also seeking a qualified individual for the position of **Sewer and Water Department Laborer** reporting to the Public Works Director. The successful candidate will perform a variety of routine skilled and unskilled manual laboring duties relating to wastewater pumping stations and wastewater collection systems and will cross train for coverage in the Water Department. The individual chosen for this position must possess a willingness to work with others including the general public. The position shares on-call schedule with the Wa-

ter Department. Individual will also assist in winter snow removal operations in conjunction with the Highway Department. High School Diploma or equivalent is required; experience with wastewater operations and possession of a Grade 1 Water Distribution license is preferable but not required, must possess a valid NH License and pass a "CDL" physical, drug and alcohol screening and criminal background check as required by the Town.

Please submit a letter of interest and application to the Public Works Director, 143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, position will remain open until filled. The Town of Belmont is an EOE.

2022 Budget

The Budget Committee will hold its Public Hearing on the 2022 proposed budget on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Tioga Meeting Room at the Belmont Mill. The Zoom link, ID and password are listed here.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87839800953?pwd=MnFkUIZuMGJ3UkRjTlZySjlRUXFVdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 3980 0953

Passcode: 066217

The Town's **Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am** at the Belmont High School. **Please note change in date for the Deliberative Session. The meeting will be held in person.**

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)

Notice of Grant Awards & Availability

The Town has received notice that we will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from ARPA for the purposes of completing an Asset Management program for the Town's Sewer Department. Work is underway to implement the grant.

In addition, the Town received notice from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund that the community is eligible for \$638,400 in financial assistance from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for an Iron and Manganese Water Treatment Plant and we plan to include a warrant article for this project on the Town's 2022 meeting warrant. As many of you may recall we had submitted a warrant article for consideration in 2019 for the same project and the vote failed 342 No to 287 Yes. At that time the grant offset was to be \$1,500,000, yet the article still failed to gain support. We are now in a situation where the State of New Hampshire will be implementing new rules regarding enforcement of the drinking water standard for manganese of 0.3mg/L. These new rules could subject the Town to public notification guidelines for any exceedance of the new standard. We are urging support of this project with the added financial assistance from the ARPA program.

The Town has also applied to the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery for a grant from the Locality Equipment Purchase Program to assist with the purchase of a new rescue boat for the Belmont Fire Department.



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.



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.

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.

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)



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 Hall will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021 in observance of New Years.



Town Clerk's Corner

The New Year is here!!! Here are a few things that the Clerk's Office would like to share with you...



As of January owners may now register or renew their dog's license. Remember, April 30, 2022 is the deadline to have dogs registered. This process can be done in person, by mail or online at www.belmontnh.org. New dogs must be done in person for the first time with proof of current rabies vaccination. The cost for an altered dog is \$6.50, non-altered dog is \$9.00 and if you are a senior owner (65 and older) \$2.00.

The New Year also brings the opportunity to make changes, not only to ourselves but within our Town. Have you ever wanted to hold a town office? First, you must be a registered Belmont voter and complete the candidacy filing at the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Clerk's Office will be accepting candidacy filings beginning January 19, 2022 thru January 28, 2022 Monday through Friday 7:30AM – 4:00PM, We will remain open from 4PM – 5PM Friday, January 28th for filing purposes only. Any questions you may contact the Town Clerk's Office at 267-8300 x 2 or stop by the office Monday – Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm.

The following is the list of offices open for election:

<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>INCUBERT:</u>	<u>TERM:</u>
Selectman	Jon Pike	3 Year Term
Budget Committee	Albert Akerstrom	3 Year Term
	Tracey LeClair	3 Year Term
	Ronald Mitchell	3 Year Term
	Mark Ekberg	3 Year Term
Cemetery Trustee	Diane Marden	3 Year Term
Library Trustees	Diana Johnson	3 Year Term
Planning Board	Ward Peterson	3 Year Term
	Michael LeClair	3 Year Term
Town Clerk		
/Tax Collector	Cynthia Deroy	3 Year Term
Town Moderator	Alvin Nix	3 Year Term



Town Clerk's Corner

<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>INCUBERT:</u>	<u>TERM:</u>
Town Treasurer	Alicia Segalini	3 Year Term
Trust Fund Trustees	Gregg Macpherson	3 Year Term
Zoning Board	Mark Mastenbrook	3 Year Term

Just a few reminders...



The Town deliberative session will be held around January 29th, 2022 and elections for Town and School will be on March 8th, 2022. They are held at Belmont High School from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Absentee ballots will be available after the deliberative meeting for request.

Fourth issue water/sewer bills are due January 10th, 2022. This bill covered September thru November, 2021. You can mail your payment, stop by the Town Hall and come in, use the drop box on the left side of the door or pay on our town website, www.belmontnh.org. We accept cash, check or credit card, remember there will be a 2.79% convenience fee from the credit card company.



In January 2022, our office will be sending out delinquent notices. These notices are intended to make the resident aware of any unpaid balances from the past year so they can bring their account current as we approach the time of year when the Tax Collector executes the lien in April 2022.



Thank you to the residents of Belmont.

Town Clerk's Office – Cynthia, Jeanne and Jennifer

Police Department News

Belmont Police Department

Captain Steve Akerstrom



Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back our two newest officers that just graduated from the 186th New Hampshire Police Academy on December 17, 2021, Officer Cobis and Officer Tyler. Both officers completed the 16 week basic police academy, learning all different aspects of the job, from laws, driving, firearms, among other things. Officer Cobis has already completed the field training program here at the department and will be hitting the road. Officer Tyler will be finishing his field training program in the next couple of months. We are excited to have these two great officers back with us, serving the community.

New Hire

Our newest hire is Matthew Terry, who had been with us up until January of 2021 as a patrol Corporal, when he took a position at the New Hampshire Police Academy training new recruits, to include Officer Cobis and Officer Tyler. Matt comes back to work here as a patrol Sergeant, supervising other officers and assisting with administrative processes. We are grateful that Sgt. Terry has chosen to come back to Belmont!

We want to thank the community for their support this past year and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022!

The Town of Belmont Public Works Department welcomes the New Year ready to handle anything Winter throws their way.



Snow Obstruction and Removal Ordinance

The Town of Belmont has an ordinance regulating snow obstruction and removal. A full copy of this ordinance can be found on the Town website, click the Info. Center tab and follow to ordinances. This policy has been adopted with the intent to protect the safety, health and welfare of the general public. It regulates removal and placement of snow and ice in areas maintained by Town Personnel and equipment (i.e. Town maintained roads, sidewalks, Fire Hydrants and parking lots). Your Public Works Personnel spend long hours using Department resources to keep Town Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots free of snow and ice for Residents and Visitors. The purpose of this ordinance is to help the Department keep them that way. The placement of snow and ice by any means at the conclusion of a winter event can be dangerous.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe

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



Highway Department News (Cont.)

Snow and ice moved in those areas create hazards by placing physical obstructions such as chunks or wind-rows across the road. These hazards can then be hit resulting in damage to vehicles or cause accidents due to motorists utilizing evasive maneuvers to miss the obstruction. They can also cause icy conditions as the sun warms the pavement and traffic drives through making the roadway slippery.

The Department asks that you do not push snow across the road during and after any winter weather. Following this simple request leaves the roads in a safe, travelable condition and prevents the need for crews to be reactivated after storm events allowing them to get much needed rest and time with family.

Employment Opportunities

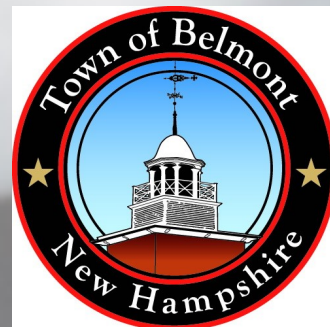
This could be the view from your new “Office”



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Code Enforcement News



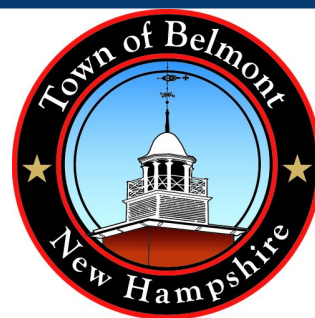
As a PSA reminder, please make sure you remember the following guidelines:

- Please remember that all RVs must maintain registration and inspection while parked on your property and you are allowed only one. If you keep and maintain more than one RV, your property will fall into a contractor's yard category. You will need to make sure it is allowed in your zone and apply for a change of use if necessary. I am seeing properties with upwards of five RV's on them now that the leaves are off the trees. If this is you, you will be seeing your friendly Code Enforcement Officer soon.
- Now that the ground is frozen let's talk end of life cars in your yard. If it is a 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. I am sending out letters again about Aquafer Inspections. I need you to get in touch with me after the New Year so we can schedule an inspection. If you are a new business and 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 will guide you through it easily.

Building Department News

from the

Building Inspector



Sometimes accidents happen. We can't always be prepared for unexpected events, but here are some tips on how to proceed in case of damage to your home or other building.

Some examples of damage may be from the weather, trees falling, a vehicle accident, fire, or explosion.

- ⇒ Call your insurance company. They can best assist you with the steps to follow. The insurance company will likely send an adjuster to inspect the damage and evaluate the cost of repairs.
- ⇒ Take photos **BEFORE** any clean up occurs
- ⇒ Contact the building inspector if you suspect structural damage
- ⇒ Obtain required permits for any necessary work—including demolition of a structure
- ⇒ Look for 24/7 emergency response providers or disaster recovery organizations such as the American Red Cross Society that provide services for: floods, fire, or structural damage

Thank you, Russ Wheeler, Building Inspector



Have a safe and Happy New Year!

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ARC – 12/16/21

Planning Board – 12/27/21

Zoning Board – no applications

January
2022

A Monthly Insight into the happenings of Belmont Land Use

Land Use { ARC Planning }

December Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Eiaine Murphy

Administrative Assistant

Richard Ball

Land Use Technician

Colleen Akerman

For additional Land Use Information:

Visit www.belmontnh.org

Contact landuse@belmontnh.org

Call 267-8300 x 119

Application Review Committee (12/16/2021)

Matthew & Heather Gault: Review for Site Plan proposal, Light Manufacturing, convert existing 30' x 84.5' single-story garage into a two-story, wood-framed commercial structure for manufacturing and related assembly, storage, and office space in addition to the existing residential duplex. Property located in the Commercial Zone, 682 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 230-043-000-000. #20-21R

Vault Motor Storage: Review for Site Plan proposal, Interior Boat Storage and Interior Warehousing (vehicle, recreational and off-road vehicle, watercraft and trailer) and Review for Conditional Use Permit (exceed 15% impervious surface) to construct a 98,000sf two-story heated storage building with associated drainage, parking and circulation. Property located in the Industrial Zone, 1213 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 241-006-000-000. #21-21R

Next Meeting: January 27th, 2022, 8:00AM

Closing date: January 20th, 2022

Planning Board (12/27/2021)

Public Hearing – Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Amendments

Copies of the full-text amendments are on file for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and Land Use Office in the Town Hall, the Belmont Library and at www.belmontnh.org

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2022, 6:00PM

Closing date: January 4th, 2022

Zoning Board of Adjustment (12/15/2021)

No new applications – meeting canceled

Next Meeting: January 26, 2022, 6:00PM

Closing date: January 5th, 2022

Did you know?

Sargent Park, located off Sargent Street behind the Police Department, was developed in 1979. In 2009, as part of an Eagle Scout project, a shelter was constructed to be used for different community events. In 2010, a playground for young children was added.



Conservation Commission

Winnisquam Lake is Milfoil Free!

Divers from Aqualogic Inc. were out on the lake eight days this past summer and removed all the variable milfoil known to be growing in locations throughout the lake. We are fortunate that after four years of comprehensive and consistent management we were able to manage this year's milfoil growth with just diver-assisted harvesting and no herbicide treatment was required.

We want to extend our thanks to the Towns of Meredith, Belmont, Sanbornton and Tilton and the City of Laconia and the NH Department of Environmental Services for supporting our milfoil management program. Thanks also to our volunteer weed watching crew for keeping an eye out and letting us know whenever they spotted a suspicious plant. Being that variable milfoil is an invasive and tenacious plant we fully expect that it will continue to crop up again in some locations in the lake and are already making plans for next year's management program.

Variable milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) is an invasive plant that became established in Lake Winnisquam sometime around 1995. Milfoil growth has been primarily confined to the northern end of the lake near the loon sanctuary, Winnisquam Marine, Jay's Marina, Sunray Shores (a dredged channel to developed land in Belmont), Ephraim's Cove and Mallards Landing. NHDES surveys the lake each year to document where the areas of infestation are, and to determine if there are any new areas of growth. See the 2020 Milfoil Management Map for herbicide treatment, the Map for Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH), and the most recent Long Term Variable Milfoil Management Plan 2020 documented by NHDES.

Prior to the creation of the Winnisquam Watershed Network in 2017, milfoil management in Lake Winnisquam was conducted on a localized basis and some areas of infestation had not been treated in more than 10 years. The WWN's approach is to conduct milfoil management throughout the lake each year with the ultimate goal of reducing or eliminating the milfoil growth in infested areas and preventing further spread. Funding for the program comes from State grants, local matches from each of the five municipalities on the lake, and contributions from neighborhood associations and members. For more details on variable milfoil, see the Environmental Fact Sheet from the NHDES.



2021 Weed Watcher Campaign

Weed watching resumed in June again this Summer and was conducted monthly along the entire shoreline of the lake by weed watchers from all 5 towns bordering the lake. Weed watching wrapped up for most volunteers in August. There were no new invasive species or new growths of variable milfoil found in the lake. Luckily, our [Lake Hosts](#) that inspect boats entering and leaving the lake at the public ramp found and removed an invasive water chestnut from a trailer prior to

launching the boat into the lake. Thanks to our volunteer weed watching crew for keeping an eye out and letting us know whenever they spotted a suspicious plant.

Library News

BUNDLE UP, READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES!



JANUARY 9- MARCH 12TH

What is Winter Reading?

The Winter Reading program will be a lot like the Summer Reading program. Participants will track their reading hours and collect raffle tickets for prizes. There will be several Winter Reading events, which you will see on the monthly calendar, and programs during this time will focus on winter themes.

Kickoff Party January 7, 2022 3-5pm

Movie Club

We will set up in the Children's Room to watch, discuss, and even create movies. This program is geared toward middle school and high school kids and will be led primarily by the club members to meet their particular interests.

Mondays at 3:00 p.m.



Great Stone Face Book Club

Join this book club, which meets every other Thursday, to discuss some of the best Junior fiction of the year. We will decide together which Great Stone Face book to read together, then meet to discuss!

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.



Great Stone Face Book Club

Every Other Thursday of the Month
4:00 PM
For Tweens and Teens

Library Closed Saturday January 1 and Monday January 17
Friends meeting January 12 2pm

PROGRAMS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10

Belmont Public
Library



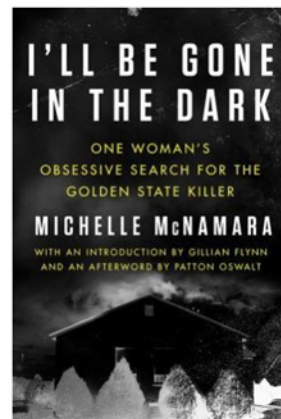
NonFiction Book Group

A masterful true crime account of the Golden State Killer—the elusive serial rapist turned murderer who terrorized California for over a decade—from Michelle McNamara, the gifted journalist who died tragically while investigating the case.

"You'll be silent forever, and I'll be gone in the dark."

January 13 1pm

Hybrid attendance available
Copies at the desk and on [Libby](#) and [hoopla](#)

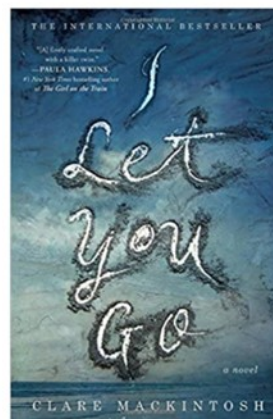


Fiction Book Group

I Let You Go follows Jenna Gray as she moves to a ramshackle cottage on the remote Welsh coast, trying to escape the memory of the car accident that plays again and again in her mind and desperate to heal from the loss of her child and the rest of her painful past.

January 21 10:30am

Hybrid attendance available
Copies at the desk and on [Libby](#)



Toddler Time

A storytime suitable for our youngest patrons. We will focus more on songs and rhymes, read short stories, and explore sensory activities.

This program is occasionally a bit messy, don't wear any favorites!

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



Preschool Storytime

This storytime is aimed at 3-4 year-olds, but all ages are welcome! We will read stories, practice rhymes, and do a craft or collaborative activity together.

Each week will focus on a different winter theme.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.



Belmont Heritage Commission



Belmont Elementary School and Heritage Commission **share in Community Project**

Inspired by the United Way Day of Volunteering, Belmont Elementary School Counselor Mrs. Belanger and all four second grade classrooms teamed up with the Belmont Heritage Commission and provided healthy goodie bags for Senior Citizens of the Belmont Community. The team effort of Belmont Elementary and the Heritage Commission was a great success especially to those in Senior Housing and to shut-ins. Thank you to the second graders who also provided notes and drawings in the bags to wish the Senior Citizens a healthy, safe, and warm winter.

It was a great project to end 2021 with.....



Pictured : Front row: classroom representatives of second graders. Back row: Heritage member: Claire Bickford, Guidance Counselor: Annette Belanger, Heritage Chairman: Vicki Donovan, and Susan Roache of the Senior Friends of Belmont.

.....and to start off the year 2022

The Heritage Commission is excited to announce the completion of the **Oral History Interview Series** compiled from members of the community. It was started to commemorate Belmont's 150th anniversary year in 2019, hit a glitch in 2020, and was finally completed in 2021! It will be available soon to the Belmont Library in DVD form for archive purposes and for anyone interested in viewing it.

Belmont Heritage Commission
Wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2022!

Belmont Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan (Chairman) Claire Bickford (Vice -Chairman) Priscilla Annis (Secretary)
Jack Donovan Jillian Rolfe
Ben Rolfe Sonny Patten Jr. (Selectman Ex- Officio)
Victoria Riberio (BHS Student Rep., (non-voting member)

Cemetery Trustees



On December 18, 2021, Staff Sargent Michael Comire of the US Marine Corps. and his daughter Zoey Comire helped celebrate Belmont's heroes and remember our fallen for the holidays by placing wreaths at South Road and our historical cemeteries throughout town during Belmont's first annual Wreaths Across America Project. 190 service men and women were honored for their service and their sacrifice with a wreath being placed at their gravestones.

The community came together to show children like Zoey that our Veterans are men and women that deserve to be remembered even after death for their service and their sacrifice.

This project was coordinated by the Belmont Cemetery Trustees in partnership with the Belmont Legion Post 58. With the help from our local businesses, the Belmont PTO, and members of our community we were able to remember those that fought, those that survived, and those that lost their lives to grant us and protect our freedoms.

We hope to continue this tradition every year with your help. We appreciate those that volunteered and donated and made our first year a success!

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.



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