#### **Our Community Newsletter**

## BELMONT





#### 2022 Sales Update

In mid-August, KRT Appraisals issued letters to all Belmont property owners regarding their new property assessments, hearings are currently being held and values will be finalized in early October. Once the values are final, the Town will complete its annual filings to the State of NH, Department of Revenue Administration and the tax rate will be set. It is anticipated that tax bills will be issued by the first of November and will be due at least 30 days from the bill date. In the event you feel your property assessment is incorrect, you have the right to file an abatement application after receiving your tax bill and before March 1, 2023. As with most revaluations, we anticipate the Town's tax rate to go down and we will have more information for you once the values have been finalized.

KRT Appraisals, our Assessing firm, has provided some important information to help explain the assessment process.

<u>Click Here</u> for the KRT FAQ Sheet <u>Click Here</u> for the KRT Press Release

To further explain the process and shed some light on this topic. The Town conducted a sales update for tax year 2022, our equalization ratio had dropped to 66.1% which means property values on the whole were 33.9% below market value; we had asked the voters to do this update in 2021 but the funds were not approved. The voters did recognize the need in 2022 and funds were approved; recognizing the disparity between assessments and market value was important and necessary. It is typical in an update or full revaluation that if value increases the tax rate will go down, we expect this to happen for your 2022 rate. Please request your tax card and review the data for accuracy, if you feel you could not sell your home for the new assessment, make an appointment to discuss with our assessors and if you are still dissatisfied file an abatement application after you receive your fall tax bill, which is the first bill of the tax year. Your spring bill was a prepayment based on the prior year's assessment and tax rate. We understand your anxiety and the value adjustments were substantial unfortunately the market has changed dramatically since our last revaluation. The Town will only raise taxes to support the appropriations raised in March 2022 at the Town and school meetings. We do not and cannot raise excess revenues from higher assessments.



#### **Town Administrator's News (Cont.)**

#### 2023 Budget

The Board of Selectmen will begin discussing the 2023 proposed budget during the month of October and it is anticipated that the Budget Committee will begin deliberations in early November. Meetings are held at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mill and agendas are posted on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.gov

Selectmen and Budget Committee meetings are televised live at <a href="https://livestream.com/belmontnh">https://livestream.com/belmontnh</a>



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 that is not your own. The Town installed dog waste stations at three different locations. You can obtain a plastic bag to pick up the waste and deposit it in the numerous garbage cans located in the Village.



Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Breezeline 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 <a href="http://lrpa.org">http://lrpa.org</a>



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.gov

We need your help to ensure our sewers keep flowing.

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



Town Hall will be

**CLOSED** 

Monday, September 5th

#### **Town Clerk's Corner**



The month of September brings us crisp New Hampshire weather, children back to school, apple picking and 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, 255 Seavey Road, on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. 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, <a href="www.belmontnh.org">www.belmontnh.org</a> or the Secretary of State's website, <a href="www.sos.nh.gov">www.sos.nh.gov</a>. If you have any questions please give us a call.

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, <a href="www.belmontnh.org">www.belmontnh.org</a>. If you pay on the website, please remember there is an extra fee.

Planning a Fall wedding?? We can help! You can get your marriage certificate at the Town Clerk's office. The license costs \$50.00 and is good for 90 days. Both parties getting married MUST be present. If you were previously married you must bring in the official sealed document as to how the marriage ended (Certified copy of the Divorce decree or death certificate). It takes about a half hour or so to fill out the application and process the license so we ask that you come in no later than 3:30 PM. If our office hours don't work for your schedule, and you are getting married in the State of New Hampshire, you can go to any Town or City Hall in the state (for Marriage Licenses and copies of Vital Records only) who may have evening and/or weekend hours.

#### **Town Clerk's Corner Continued**

Have you ever wondered how we spend our day here at the Town Clerk's Office? Below represents the amount of transactions and fees that we process here in the Town Clerk's Office on a monthly basis. Boats, Dog Licenses, Motor Vehicle Registrations and any miscellaneous transactions. (Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, Marriage certificates, Marriage Licenses, Copy and mailing fees.)

July 2022	Boats:	Dog Licenses:	Motor Vehicles:	Misc. Fees:	Total:
	17	46	923	110	1,096
	Registered	Dogs	Motor Vehicles	Transactions	Transactions
	Boats	Registered	Processed		
Monies	\$1,046.90	\$1,056.45	\$169,038.53	\$2,810.69	Total Collected:
collected:					\$173,952.57

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day, and Tuesday, September 13, 2022 for the State Primary.

Please note that only the Town Clerk's office will be closed on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the rest of our Town Hall offices will be open.

Please remember now that children are back in school, watch for them crossing the streets.

Enjoy the long weekend!!

Cynthia, Jeanne and Jennifer

#### **Police Department**

#### **Captain Steve Akerstrom**

The bench pictured below was graciously donated to the Belmont Police Department by Claire Hebert-Dow. With K-9 Vito retiring this past December, Claire wanted to recognize K-9 Vito and Lt. Evan Boulanger for their service to the Town of Belmont. Also listed on the bench was K-9 Sadie, who, along with former Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti, served the Town for several years. Claire worked with Charlie Beede who installed the bench in early August. We want to thank Claire for her support and of our K-9 program and all working dogs.







#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

It's that time of year again when our kids will be going back to school. We want to bring this to your attention because there will be an increase in kids walking to school and waiting to be picked up on the side of the road by the school bus. With that said, please be mindful of the kids being in close proximity to the road and watching your speeds.

#### **Highway Department News**

#### **Summer Paving Program**

With the application of Shoulder Gravel, South Road and Durrell Mountain Road can both officially be considered completed. The last, unfinished section of Seavey Road from Wildlife Boulevard to Hurricane Road was sent out to bid for full reclamation, drainage work and other engineered roadway treatments. Busby Construction was awarded the bid and they are on schedule for a base pavement completion prior to the start of the school year. It will be left base for a minimum of 30 days and top coat will be applied in the Fall upon satisfactory inspection.







The Department would like to thank the traveling public for their patience with traffic detours and less than ideal construction conditions that were necessary for the target completion date. Due to the upward trend in costs of roadway paving projects, nothing more is scheduled at this time. Price and product availability will continue to be monitored and the department will act in the best interest of the Town.





#### **Highway Department News Continued**

#### ROADSIDE MOWING

The boom mower is making its way around town one road at a time. Union Road, Ladd Hill Road, Jamestown Road and South Road along with all of their side roads have been trimmed back to the mower's limits. The machine will continue to make the journey around town until everything is completed. When you see advanced warning devices and Traffic Control Personnel, it means one of your Public Works team members is out there trying to improve your ride. Please proceed with caution and give them the space they need to do their job safely.



#### **DRIVEWAY PERMITS**

The Department would like to remind everyone to apply for and acquire proper permits before having work done on your driveway. Starting a new construction, or just grading and adding new material to a gravel driveway, paving for the first time, or having an existing driveway repaved requires an approved permit to be issued before you begin. The purpose of a driveway permit is simply to provide safe access to and from any town-maintained road in Belmont and protect the road itself. The permit process is usually quick, easy and has minimal fees attached. For any new construction, the department looks for a few things. First is adequate sight distance in both directions. This is based on an equation that takes roadway speed into consideration. Second is proper drainage. The driveway may need a culvert pipe to carry water in any roadside ditches or swales past the driveway without interrupting flow. Size would be determined by topographical layout and existing drainage up and downstream. A pipe is not always necessary if everything on the property slopes away from the roadway. This is determined on a case by case basis. The last piece to these permits is the apron. A typical driveway is 20 feet wide and as you approach the road the last few feet flare out about 5 feet on each side of the driveway creating a 30-foot access that touches the road. If the road is paved, we request that the apron portion that stretches over any required culvert (usually 5 feet) is paved to protect the roadway edge from breaking away. Upon completion, a department representative will come out and sign off if all requested conditions have been met. Driveway applications can be found on the Town website and should be submitted to the Land Use Office at Town Hall for processing in advance of your project.

https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/50742/applications-forms-ordinances-regulations

#### **Conservation Commission**

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Wildlife Fact of the Month

**SEPTEMBER** 

Ospreys start their migration this month, traveling singly and often following the edges of waterbodies, mountain ranges, or coastlines.



#### **OLD HOME DAY 2022**

The Conservation Commission raised a total of \$111 from plant and veggie sales with an additional \$125 from a generous donor, for a total of \$236 for the Jeff Marden Scholarship fund.

We shared conservation information with a variety of residents and visitors. It was a beautiful day, and the Commission is very grateful to our volunteers who made the day a success!

Conservation Commission:
Next meeting WEDNESDAY
September 14, 2022
6:00 PM
Meetings are held at the
Belmont Mill.

#### **Water Testing and Your Well**

NHDES recommends that prospective homebuyers test the water in a home with a private well before purchase.

Water quality in properly located and constructed wells is generally stable, and if a change is going to occur, it occurs slowly. Thus, NHDES recommends standard, radon and PFAS analysis testing every three to five years. Bacteria and nitrate are exceptions; you should test for them every year.

The following conditions would call for more frequent testing:

- Heavily developed areas with activities that handle hazardous chemicals.
- Recent well construction or repairs. NHDES recommends testing for bacteria after any well repair or pump or plumbing modification, but only after thorough flushing of the pipes.
- High levels of contaminants found in earlier testing.
- Noticeable changes in the water, such as a change in taste, smell or appearance after a heavy rain, or an unexplained change in a previously trouble-free well.
- Nearby rock blasting. Test before blasting begins and several month

#### Who are your Conservation Commission Members?

Denise Naiva, Chair

Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair

Jane Jordan

Keith Bennett

Ruth Mooney, Ex Officio

**Pauline Tessier** 

Susan Irving

Georgina Lambert, Alternate

Richard Moreau, Alternate

# Wishing you could test the water in your private well?



STEP 1

## Attend the Well Water Testing Information Meeting & Pick up a Well Water Testing Kit

Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6 pm • Belmont Mill, 4th Floor Information and Test Kits will be provided. Belmont residents will receive a \$50 discount on the standard test package (\$85). Limited to 30 residents.

Hosted by your Belmont Conservation Commission with speakers from: DHHS, NH Public Health Lab and NHDES

STEP 2

#### Collect your water sample and take it to the Collection Center

Sunday, Sept. 18 from 9 am – Noon • Belmont Town Hall Bring your completed water sample to this site. The Conservation Commission will deliver the test kits to NH DHHS Public Health Lab on Sept. 19.

STEP 3

#### Results will be mailed to you...

...along with instructions about options you may want to take.

#### TEST YOUR WATER EVERY 3-5 YEARS







For more information, contact the Belmont Land Use Dept: 603-267-8300

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A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

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#### July Meetings >>>

#### Your Land Use Staff

Elaine Murphy

Administrative Assistant

Karen Santoro

Land Use Technician

Vacant

Land Use Clerk

Sarah Whearty

Town Planner

For additional Land Use Information:

Visit <u>www.belmontnh.gov</u> Contact

landuse@belmontnh.gov



#### **Application Review Committee** (8/25/2022)

<u>Daniel & Karlene Clair:</u> Review of a Boundary Line Adjustment request. The proposal includes demolition of the existing building, construction of a new residence and developments to bring the lot more near to conforming to NHDES Shoreland requirements, including the installation of pervious pavers and other drainage improvements. The properties are in the Residential Single-Family Zone located at 62 & 64 Sunset Drive, Tax Lots 104-045-000-000 & 104-046-000-000, # 18-22R.

Peter M. Palmer: Review of a Subdivision request to create a buildable lot with frontage on a Class VI Road. Property is located at 66 Diane Drive in the "R" Zone, Tax Lot 201-052-000-000. #19-22R

>>> Next Meeting: September 22, 2022, 8:00AM

#### Planning Board (8/22/2022)

<u>Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Tap Public House:</u> Continuation of a request to amend a previously approved Site Plan to show upper parking lot, add parking spaces, add a deck, show proposed building, remove existing above ground tanks and existing jersey barriers, and connect to underground tanks. Property is located at 936 & 930 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 122-057-000-000 in the "C" Zone. PB #2222P. (Applicant requested continuation to 9/26/22)

<u>Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Pike Industries, Inc.:</u> Request for Five-year compliance hearing for earth excavation permit conditions. Property is located at 310 Depot Street (Ambrose pit), Tax Lot 231-011-000-000 in the "R" Zone. PB #2322P.

<u>Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Mountain Lake Village, LLC:</u> Request for a one-year extension (8/28/2023) of an 18-lot open space single-family subdivision approval and previously granted waivers with internal roads and open space (Zoning Use Open Space Residential Subdivision). Property is located on Mile Hill Road, Tax Lots 202-012-000-000 & 202-015-000-000 in the "R" & "RS" Zones. PB # 2422P.

>>> Next Meeting: September 26, 2022, 6:00PM

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**Zoning Board of Adjustment (8/24/2022)** 

<u>Abutters' Hearing – Paul E. Maggioli & Rosalinda J. Sweeney:</u> Request for two Variances of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a shed:

Closer (1.9') to the side property line than allowed (12.5'). ZBA #3322Z

Closer (35.6') to the front property line than allowed (50'). ZBA #3422Z

Two Variances of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a membrane structure:

Closer (0.7') to the side property line than allowed (12.5'). ZBA #3522Z

Closer (21.4') to the front property line than allowed (50'). ZBA #3622Z

Property is located at 109 Tucker Shore Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 107-016-000-000.

<u>Abutters' Hearing – Peter M. Palmer:</u> Request for a Variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to create a buildable lot with frontage on a Class VI Road. Property is located at 66 Diane Drive in the "R" Zone, Tax Lot 201-052-000-000, ZBA #3722Z

<u>Abutters' Hearing – Robert & Kathleen Morrill:</u> Request for two Variances of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a single-family residence on a lot:

RSA 674:41 on a lot without frontage. ZBA #3822Z

Articles 11.C & 15 on a lot without the required frontage. ZBA #3922Z

Property is located on Federal Street in the "R" Zone, Tax Lot 216-003-000-000.

>>> Next Meeting: September 28, 2022, 6:00PM

## The Town of Belmont is hiring!



Visit the Town's website:

#### www.belmontnh.gov

to view the exciting employment



#### **Looking for Board members!**

Visit the Town's

website: www.belmontnh.org

to read about the various Boards and submit and application.

#### Planning Board

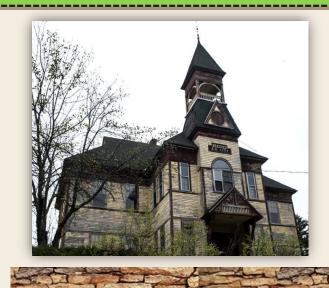
7 regular members, 3 alternates, 1 vacancy

#### **Zoning Board**

5 regular members, 5 alternates, 4 vacancies

#### Conservation (no current vacancies)

7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members

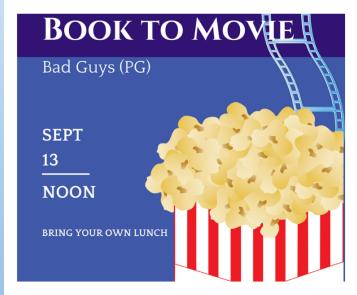


#### **Library News**

### Belmont Public

## Library

September 2022



### **New England Aquarium**

#### BEST PTO sponsors new year round library pass

More passes and more information available on the library website.

#### **Library Card Sign-Up Month**

Refer someone who signs up for a library card during September and you will be entered to win a coffee shop gift card. Weekly drawings during the month.

RMonday Friday 10am-5pm Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm Saturday 9am-1pm belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331

#### Children

Tuesdays 10:30am Storytime Tuesday September 13 noon Book to Movie BYO Lunch Saturday September 24 10am Fall Family Storytime

#### Teens

Tuesday-Thursday
September 6-8 3-5pm
Middle School Drop-In Activity
Perler Beads

#### **Adults**

Wednesdays 10am
Fiber Arts Group
Friday Fiction Book Group
Friday September 16 10:30am

146 Main Street

circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org

Monday & Friday 10-5; Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10-6; Saturday 9-1

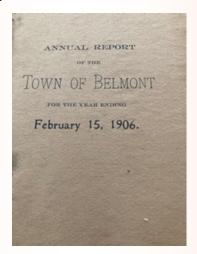
#### Heritage Commission



## News from the Heritage Commission

It was great to share another Old Home Day with the young and old of Belmont! We especially enjoyed the little ones who took a chance at the Heritage Commission's Duck Pond and Sand Pit games. Both activities represented similar games children played many, many years ago during Old Home Day festivities.







The Heritage members also enjoyed chatting with Belmont citizens about the Yester-years of the town. Some great discussions derived from items we shared during Old Home Day. We look forward to the months ahead as we await the installation of a new sign, (designed like the one below) but titled "Tale of a Trail". The sign will give the history behind the Rail Trail and the walking bridges.





#### **Heritage Commission**

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice-Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary), Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, and Sonny Patten (Ex-officio)

#### Parks and Recreation

#### **Belmont Old Home Day**

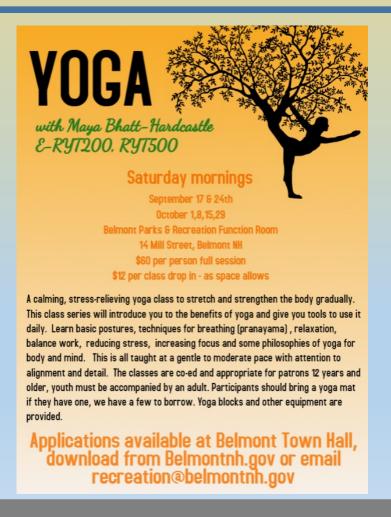
Belmont Old Home Day was held on August 13, 2022. This year's Old Home Day theme was "The Magic Starts with US". With over 45 vendors, crafts, activities and family games there was something for everyone who came to enjoy the day.

This year's Old Home Day volunteers were put to task to create an amazing event in a short period of time. Volunteers Nikki Sturgeon, Edee Takantjas, Ricci Comire, Sharon Ciampi, Hilary Ciampi, Jolene Galarza, Jeff & Courtney Roberts, Mark Padula, Tom Murphy, Gretta Wilder and the Levansalor family were assisted by Belmont Town Hall, Belmont Police Department, Belmont Fire Department, Belmont Public Works Department and Belmont Buildings and Grounds Department to create a great family event. Thank you everyone for all of your help and support!

Next year's Old Home Day will be held on Saturday, August 12th. We are always looking for volunteers to keep this long-standing tradition a part of our community.

To get involved please email

events@belmontnh.gov or call Danielle St. Onge at 603-267-1865.



#### Parks and Recreation Continued





#### THE NH HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

#### APPLICATION GUIDE & CHECKLIST



#### **ELIGIBLITY REQUIREMENTS**

- You own and occupy, as your primary residence, the property for which you
  require assistance.
- You experienced a coronavirus pandemic-related reduction in income or increase in expenses.
- Your income is equal to or less than 125% of Area Median Income.
   (This will be reviewed with you during the application process.)
- You have past-due expenses associated with your primary residence, such as:
  - Mortgage payments
  - Property taxes
  - Homeowner insurance, flood insurance, mortgage insurance premiums
  - Homeowner association and condominium fees
  - Utility or internet payments

#### NO REPAYMENT TERMS

- If you receive less than \$5,000 in assistance, these funds will be provided as a non-recourse grant with no repayment necessary.
- If you receive assistance equal to or greater than \$5,000, funds will be provided as a two-year, forgivable grant that requires a recorded Promise to Pay and Mortgage. Repayment in full will be required if the property is sold or refinanced within two years. The Promise to Pay and Mortgage will be automatically released by the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund two years from the date of assistance.

#### LOSS MITIGATION

- If you apply for assistance with past-due mortgage payments, completing loss mitigation will be required. Loss mitigation is a request for mortgage assistance that includes information required by your servicer for evaluating the request. Exceptions can be requested when:
  - A servicer has not been timely/responsive with loss mitigation review; or
  - There is an urgent threat of foreclosure, making loss mitigation unlikely, or
- There are circumstances that prevent the completion of loss mitigation.
- Contact AHEAD for assistance with loss mitigation: 800-974-1377 ext. 1014

#### NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

- Apply for all delinquent housing-related expenses in your first application, as there is a 6-month waiting period before a new application can be submitted.
- New applications may include expenses incurred since the previous application.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Social Security card
- Contact information of the Authorized Representative helping with your application
- Most recent federal tax return
- Deed to property
- Mortgage information (if applicable)
- Proof of income for the most recent four weeks or from the timeframe of your hardship. Proof of Public Assistance may be used as proof of eligibility.

#### Proof of all needed assistance:

- Copies of recent mortgage statement(s)
- Most recent property tax bill
- Most recent insurance bill
- Most recent homeowner or condominium association bill
- Most recent utility/internet bill
  - A copy of the loss mitigation determination letter from your servicer (if available)





#### **HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR®**

Moderate-Income Program

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR - Moderate-Income (HPwES-MI) program is open to qualifying customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, Until, and NH Electric Cooperative. The HPwES-MI looks to support those NH residents that are over income for Home Energy Assistance (income eligible weatherization program) yet may struggle to cover the customer co-pays in our market rate Home Performance program. HPwES-MI offers higher incentives on weatherization measures and 0% finance options to help cover the customer co-pay.

The program rebate structure is as follows:

Measure Type	Incentive Level	<b>Customer Co-Pay</b>	
Air Conditioning	80%	20%	
Air Sealing	100%	0%	
· Appliance Timers	100%	0%	
Door Replacements	80%	20%	
Duct Sealing	80%	20%	
Health & Safety	80%	20%	
Heating System Clean & Tune	80%	20%	
Heating System Replacements	80%	20%	
Insulation	80%	20%	
LED Bulbs	100%	0%	
LED Fixtures	100%	0%	
Low Flows	100%	0%	
Pipe Insulation	80%	20%	
Refrigerators/Freezers	100%	0%	
Tank Wrap	80%	20%	
Thermostats	100%	0%	
Water Heater Setback	80%	20%	
Window Replacements	80%	20%	

#### Program Requirements:

- Income eligibility qualified by the Community Action Agency
- Open to customers who do not qualify for fuel assistance (over income for fuel assistance) but fall within the 80% state median income or 300% federal policy guidelines

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource: Margaux.levesque@eversource.com or 603-490-3506









#### **Code Enforcement**

I hope you're having a wonderful summer and you are taking the time to look around your yard and make it beautiful.

- We are now headed into September! Time for RVs to get put away. Please remember the following regarding RVs and your property:
  - If you have guests in an RV at your home, they must be temporary and non-paying guests. RVs may be occupied for no more than 45 days in any 12-month period. (Zoning Ordinance, Article 8, Section H)
  - You are allowed to store one RV on your property. If you have taken delivery of a new RV, please make sure you have determined what to do with the old one.
  - You may only occupy an RV on a vacant lot for up to 30 days in any 12-month period. An approved building permit is required.
- If you have an abundance of scrap metal or junk on your property, or a house slean out to do, there are a number of locally owned companies who may be willing to come get it.

We are currently working on generating a list of companies who can assist our residents. If you would like to be included on our list of junk removal businesses who can assist residents of Belmont, please email codeenforcement@belmontnh.gov

- I am seeing and dealing with numerous unsafe structures lately. If you have a property with a structure that is falling in or falling down you need to remedy this problem by repairing or razing it. Please contact Code Enforcement
  or the Building Department with any questions you may have.
- Cars, trucks, or vans should not be used as storage containers without the required approvals (Planning & Zoning).
   Please start this process with a building application. These vehicles may need to maintain registration and inspection.
- If you are going to be doing a fall clean-up, house renovations, or a property clean-out and you require a storage
  container, make sure to obtain an approved permit. Storage containers require building permits and/or Site Plan
  approval. They cannot be permanent to your property and a removal date should be included on your building permit.

Some of our Belmont businesses still require Aquifer inspections. If you are a new business, please reach out so that we can get the process started. If you are an established business and have not had your inspection completed, please contact me as soon as possible.

Mark Ekberg, Code Enforcement Officer

603-267-8300 xt. 116

codeenforcement@belmontnh.gov

#### **Historical Society**

Belmont Historical Society September 20th Program:

#### "A History of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary"

September 20 at 7 pm at the Belmont Mill, 14 Mill St. 4<sup>th</sup> floor - Penstock Rm

In this program, John Gfroerer presents a brief history of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, from its origins during the Progressive era of the early twentieth century, through its evolution to the most important step toward being elected President of the United States. Based around segments from the documentary "The Premier Primary, New Hampshire and Presidential Elections" this program focuses on several memorable moments such as Senator Muskie crying in front of the Union Leader office, and who paid for Ronald Reagan's microphone. Clips from the documentary are interspersed with



discussion and questions about how New Hampshire came to hold this important political event every four years. Led by John Gfroerer, who has produced several documentaries about New Hampshire's political history, including "The Premier Primary."



John Gfroerer is a documentary producer and owner of Accompany, a video production company based at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. He has produced over 40 documentaries, ranging from profiles of towns along the Maine Coast to a history of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary. Gfroerer's work has been aired on public television stations, The History Channel, and many other venues. He is also director of the Concord Historical Society.

This program is funded by the NH Humanities-To-Go Program and the Belmont Sargent Fund and offers an excellent opportunity for individuals

to learn more about the role New Hampshire has played in Presidential Primaries in the past and what may be in store for the future. The Mill is handicapped accessible and the program/4<sup>th</sup> floor can be accessed through the entrance at the back of the building where an elevator is also available.



For questions contact: Chris Fogg at 603-524-8268

## STONE CLEANING SEMINAR

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 @ 12pm

CHURCH HILL CEMETERY IN BELMONT

**HOSTED BY: BELMONT CEMETERY TRUSTEES** 

There will be a presentation on cleaning and resetting stones



by our guests:

Joyce Keegal

and

John Lord





Church Hill Cemetery is located next to the Baptist Church.

\*\* ALL ARE WELCOME \*\* Cleaning agent is supplied but feel free to bring scrub brushes and rags.

For questions, please contact Sharon Ciampi by phone (603) 581-9746 or by email belcem2015@gmail.com

#### **Shaker Regional School District**

#### **ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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 at its September 13th, 2022 meeting. All members must be registered with the Town they are serving.

Please see details on the <u>sau80.org</u> home page.







### WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA September 12th, 2022

Canterbury Meeting House
Time: 5:30 pm

#### **Agenda Items**

- I. Organization
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Review/Approval of August 22nd, 2022 Meeting minutes
- d. Date and location of next meeting September 26th, 2022 at the Canterbury Meeting House
- **II. Budget Information Update**
- **III. Reports and Updates**
- a. Capital Improvement Costs
- **b.** Legal Guidance Update
- c. Information Gathering Update
- i. Merrimack Valley
- d. Information Consolidation Review
- i. Winnisquam
- IV. Next Steps and Open Questions
- V. Adjournment

More information, Minutes and Agendas can be accessed at: https://www.sau80.org/school board/withdrawal committee

#### **Curbside Collection**

Coming to Belmont in 2023 is automated curbside collection. Stay tuned for more information.

A sample of the new cans is on display in the hall at Town Hall.

Stop in and see it.



#### **Zero Sort Recycling**

## ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

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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 METAL GLASS



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



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



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

#### NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tanglers such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, wany 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, stimers, coffee pods, ceramics, or baking glass





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