

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



2022 Tax Rate

The 2022 Tax Rate has been set for the Town of Belmont and bills were mailed on Monday, November 14th, with a due date of December 16 2022. This year's rate decreased by \$7.56 primarily due to the increase in overall valuation of the Town.

The Town has consistently tried to maintain stability in its portion of the Tax Rate by balancing the need for services and the town's overall level of property assessment. Since 2007 we have seen a low of \$6.18 to a high in 2016 of \$9.55. This year's municipal rate is \$6.33 which is \$2.21 lower than the 2021 rate.

	Town	Local School	State Ed	County
2022	\$6.33	\$10.95	\$0.95	\$.88
2021	\$8.54	\$14.98	\$2.05	\$1.10
2020	\$8.34	\$13.70	\$2.02	\$1.28
2019	\$7.98	\$13.89	\$1.89	\$1.25

Budget Committee



Reminder that the Budget Committee started their meetings in November. Meetings will continue thru January at 6:30 p.m. relative to the 2023 proposed budget. A Zoom format and our agenda with login information is posted on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.gov.

The Move to Automated Trash Collection



Belmont was faced with moving to automated trash and recycling collection when Casella announced that was the way the company was moving, and the transition would happen when our contract with

them was up in 2023. As far as the transition to automation, we have been told by Casella that the waste industry as a whole is moving towards automation for several reasons. First, it reduces the necessary labor by a minimum of 50% as they are able to eliminate at least one laborer on each truck as automated trucks only require a driver. In the current labor market, it is extremely difficult to find people who want to work on the back of a trash truck when it's below zero, raining or extremely hot. There just are not many people willing to do that type of work anymore.

The second reason is due to injuries that laborers sustain working at the back of trash trucks. It's the 5th most dangerous job in the United States. Just in Belmont alone Casella tells us they average 10+ OSHA recordable injuries to laborers annually.

The third reason is the overall cost for automated vs manual collection which is based on the first two factors. The labor market and injuries have significantly increased the cost of manual collection to the point that the transition to automated collection is the most cost-effective collection program for municipalities.

And lastly, having carts curbside has a much better aesthetic than having piles of garbage bags on the side of the road, that often get opened by animals and trash scattered all around. We know that this new way of collecting trash will be a change for many, and many won't be phased by the process. When carts are delivered, each cart will have information on recycling and cart placement as well as the new schedule for recycling. Requiring residents to recycle will cut costs to the taxpayer as the cost to recycle is less than the cost of trash collection.

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)

Bulky Waste Disposal



Please note that Casella will continue this program even after automated collection is in place. On the 1st Wednesday of each month, 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.gov for the full details on the program and a price list.



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 <http://lrpa.org>



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.



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 for:

Christmas Break -

*Friday, December 23rd, 2022 &
Monday, December 26th, 2022*

New Year's -

Monday, January 2nd, 2023



TAX ABATEMENT INFORMATION

[Abatement applications](#) are available at Town Hall or on the Town's website.

When there is an error in the physical description of your property, or if you feel the assessment is not proportional with other properties, you may file an abatement application with the Town per RSA 76:16.

It is the property owner's responsibility to check their property record card for accuracy. Property record cards are available online at: <https://next.axisgis.com/BelmontNH/> or you may visit Town Hall to review your card.



Please note that assessments for tax purposes are based on the status of your property on April 1st of the tax year.

The current tax bill must still be paid, but if an abatement is granted, it will include a refund with interest.

Your application must include supporting documentation to prove the error description or the disproportionality. Such documents may include, but are not limited to, photographs, comparable sales, independent appraisal.

The **abatement filing deadline is March 1st** following the notice of tax (fall bill issued in October or November). The Town has until July 1st to grant or deny the application. If you disagree with the determination, you may appeal to the State of NH BTLA or Superior Court no earlier than receiving the Town's decision on the abatement, and no later than September 1st.





Belmont Rolls out New Automated Trash and Recycling Program with Carts

Belmont, NH (November 28, 2022) – The Town of Belmont will begin rolling out new garbage and recycling carts for residents next week as it officially launches its automated collection service on January 2, 2023. New carts will be delivered to each residence by the cart company during the week of December 6-10, 2022. If you have a seasonal home and need to request a delayed cart delivery, please call (603) 267-8300 ext. 118.

With this new recycling program, residents will be able to place all recyclable items directly into a new, larger recycling container. The 96-gallon carts will begin arriving at residents' homes in December. The carts will replace the smaller bins currently used for residential recycling and come with wheels for easy maneuvering and attached lids to keep recyclables dry and secure. If you require a smaller cart due to physical limitations, please contact Town Hall as soon as possible.

Casella will collect and dispose of any old unwanted containers and bins the week of December 26-30, 2022. Please write "Take with Trash" on the containers.

The new recycling program is expected to increase the amount of recycling collected in the Town of Belmont. This translates to a cost savings for Belmont taxpayers because it is less expensive to process recycling than garbage. Recycling is also best for our environment.

"The Recycling Partnership is excited to work with Belmont on their new recycling collection program," says Mari Long, Community Program Manager at The Partnership. "We are grateful to GlobalGiving, in partnership with L'Oréal, for their support on this recycling improvement that will increase the amount of recyclables residents of Belmont are able to recycle and get it back into the circular economy to provide much-needed supply for local producers."

The Town applied for and received a grant from The Recycling Partnership, a nonprofit organization that works with city governments nationwide to transform their recycling programs. The Town of Belmont was selected to receive grant support because of its dedication to advancing recycling in the community. The grant from The Recycling Partnership, GlobalGiving, made in partnership with L'Oréal, will provide 2,500 new carts and includes funding for education and outreach about the new collection process.

The Town of Belmont asks that residents continue to do their part by placing only loose recyclable materials in their carts, including glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, food and beverage cartons, paper products (including newspapers and flattened cardboard), and empty plastic bottles and containers. To help limit contamination, give food and drink containers a quick rinse and then place them directly into the recycling cart—no sorting needed.

Some items that cannot be recycled include plastic bags, paper towels, disposable/waxy coated paper products, ceramics or baking glass, electrical equipment, batteries, and clothing. These items often get mixed into recycling carts because of "wishcycling," or the hope that they can be recycled. While well-intentioned, non-recyclable items cause serious issues.

For more information on what can and can't go into the cart, visit our Solid Waste page at the belmontnh.gov website or casella.com/belmont-nh. You may also call Casella directly with any questions or concerns at 603-524-5881.

Residents can use their new carts beginning January 2nd for trash and January 9th for recycling, which will be serviced every other week. A schedule is available on the Town's Solid Waste page at belmontnh.gov and casella.com/belmont-nh or you can pick one up at Town Hall. All education materials will be fixed to the carts when delivered.

Curbside Cart Deliveries

**CARTS will be delivered
December 6th
through December 10th.**

Each residence will receive one trash and one recycling cart.

Instruction and Information Packets will be attached to each delivery.

**WE'RE
ON A
ROLL**

**CARTS ARRIVE
DECEMBER 2022**

**Belmont, meet your
new recycling and
garbage carts.**



www.casella.com/Belmont-NH
603-524-5881

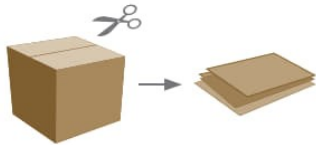
Curbside Container Placement Guide

HELP US TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE



This guide illustrates the proper and improper placement of your curbside containers and offers tips to help with the curbside collection of materials.

CARDBOARD HANDLING

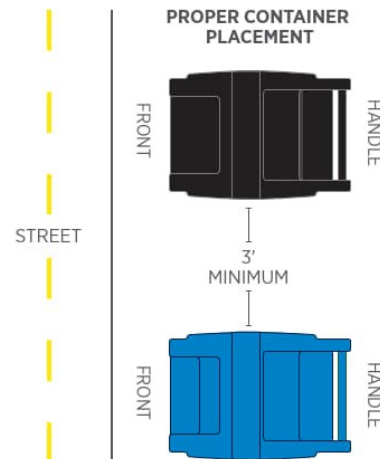


Please breakdown all cardboard so it fits into the cart with the lid closed. Cut oversized material into 2' x 2' squares.



CONTAINER DO'S

- Keep containers on a hard, level surface clear of snow and other landscaping debris and no more than 6' from edge of curb.
- Please allow containers a 3' perimeter of clearance from obstructions such as parked cars, trees, mailboxes and utility poles. There must also be a 15' over head clearance from any low hanging tree branches or power lines, etc.
- If you have more than one cart placed at the curb, please set them side by side as indicated in the illustration with at least 3' of clearance between the containers. Do not block sidewalk.



CONTAINER DON'TS



Containers must remain upright for pickup



Keep all materials inside the container



Do not place containers back to back



Keep container clear of all obstructions

Zero Sort Recycling Tips

ZERO-SORT[®] RECYCLING

TOSS ALL CLEAN & EMPTY RECYCLABLES INTO THIS CONTAINER

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



For recycling tips and resources, visit casella.com/recyclebetter • 800-CASELLA

Zero Sort Recycling "Don'ts"



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!

Curbside Collection Calendar 2023

— 2023 — CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR

Recycling collection day

Holiday

- **Trash** is collected weekly and **recycling** is collected every other week on your service day as indicated below.
- Your service will be delayed by one day during weeks in which a highlighted holiday occurs.





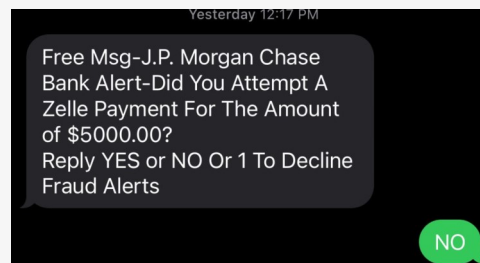
TIPS FOR AVOIDING SCAM ATTEMPTS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Holidays are notorious for being one of the biggest times of year for fraudsters, phishing, and scam attempts. These criminals are typically overseas and make a full-time living out of committing fraud and theft. I hope this information, tips and tricks helps you and your families avoid fraud, scam, and phishing this Holiday season. Online shopping, use of email, and other electronic usage can create a perfect storm for cybersecurity threats.

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Tips for securing your electronic data to prevent phishing/spyware that can be downloaded into your computer, phone, or other electronic device:

- Don't reuse the same password for everything
- Use multi-factor authentication, whenever possible
- Don't share login information, especially through electronic communication, with others
- When paying for something online, ensure the payment portal is secure
- Delete and clear payment information from any online website, including, but not limited to Amazon
- Review your bank accounts and credit card accounts daily; or at least weekly
- Ensure your cybersecurity software is up to date, active, and scanning your computer regularly
- Spyware allows a criminal to watch your keystrokes, write down your passwords, determine your style of communication. Many of these types of criminals cultivate a lengthy relationship with you; and then attempt to scam you once they have access to your secure information
- Avoid sending "moneypak cards" and gift cards to someone who is pressuring you to do so
- Call your bank or credit card company directly if anything seems suspicious with your account
- Never mail out cash
- Be cautious
- If you are a senior citizen, be extra cautious as you are a target audience for fraudsters and scammers
- Be cautious with electronic payment websites and apps on your phone and monitor them daily or at least weekly - such as, but not limited to: Paypal, Zelle, Venmo, etc.
- Use a secure internet browser when online shopping or accessing your financial accounts
- Setup text or email alerts with your financial institutions to alert you of any suspicious activity



Finance Corner



Email and electronic communication has skyrocketed in the last decade. Be cognizant of the types of emails you are sending and receiving. Many documents are not considered “legally binding original copies” if they are emailed. Notarized documents are not legal if emailed. An electronic signature is not the same as a wet ink signature. Be cautious of anyone trying to divert your mailed check payments to a new remittance address. Tips for preventing scams/phishing/fraud through email:

When receiving an email requesting money, receiving an invoice, or anything that has to do with a monetary transaction – exercise caution. Hover over the sender’s email address/name to ensure the sender’s email address is one that you are familiar with

- ◆ When in doubt, pickup the phone and call the person/company that is emailing you
- ◆ If it smells fishy, it’s likely a phishing scam attempt
- ◆ Don’t send out personal secure information or scan it and email it as an attachment
- ◆ Use encryption whenever possible in an email that includes secure information such as your license, your bank account numbers, your credit card numbers, your social security number, etc.
- ◆ If you receive a request from a company that you’re not familiar with, search that company online to see if they are a valid company



Be cognizant that robocalls are very frequent this time of year. If you are suspicious of a phone call; hang up and call the number or person you think is calling back. If you receive a phone call from your bank or credit card’s “fraud detection department” and it seems suspicious; hang up and call back a number that you know is linked with your accounts and ask if they have been trying to reach you. If someone calls and states that your relative is in prison, hang up and call your family to confirm/deny this. Never give out your personal information over the phone which would allow someone to have everything needed to commit fraud against you or steal your money. Be cognizant that identity theft is also a very real thing. Avoid giving “secure codes” received through text messages received when you’re on the phone with a “representative” who has called you. Oftentimes this can be an attempt to transfer money out of your account to a fraudster’s account. A company or person that you pay will not likely call and ask you to verify who you are. Do not give out personal or financial information over the phone.

Be cautious with ACH payments. One of the biggest trends in the “black market” right now is cryptocurrency. Once your money has been taken from you through an act of fraud, and it’s transferred to cryptocurrency, it is very difficult to recover. When in doubt, call your financial institutions to alert them, your local law enforcement office, your insurance company, your IT network manager, etc. to alert them you may be the victim of a scam attempt.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Katherine Davis

Finance Director





Season's Greetings!

We here in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office hope the holiday season finds everyone merry and well.

Our State General election went off without a hitch. We saw so many faces at the polls this year with a turn-out of over 3,100 voters. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Selectmen for their presence throughout the entire election, the Belmont Police Department for their help with crowd control, Belmont High School's maintenance crew for setting us up for success, and all the poll workers for a job well done! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Election in March of 2023.

The month of December also brings with it the second issue tax bills. The second issue bills are due Friday December 16, 2022 and cover the period from October 1st – March 31st. Residents have the option of mailing in a check along with the payment stub, stopping by our office to make your payment, or paying on our Town's website belmontnh.gov. Please keep in mind that if you are paying via the website there is an additional convenience fee added to the total.

Our office accepts cash, check or credit/debit card for payment, if using a card, whether in person or online, there will be an additional 2.79% convenience fee added to the total. We cannot accept card payments over the phone.

Our fourth issue water/sewer bills will also be hitting mailboxes this month. The fourth issue covers the months from September through November and will be due in January. The above-mentioned payment options apply to the utility bills as well.

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.)

October 2022	Boats:	Dog Licenses:	Motor Vehicles:	Misc. Fees:	Total:
	1 Registered Boats	15 Dogs Registered	970 Motor Vehicles Processed	60 Transactions	1,046 Transactions
Monies collected:	\$ 65.50	\$ 19145.00	\$187,905.78	\$869.09	Total Collected: \$188,642.83

Thank you,

Cynthia, Jeanne, Jennifer and Leigh

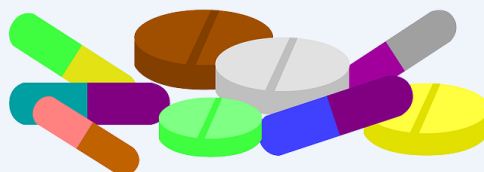


Police Department

Captain Steve Akerstrom

Drug Take Back

When we participated in the National Drug Take back at the end of October, we were able to turn in 59 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for proper disposal. Thank you to those who assisted in make our community a safer place.



Winter Reminders

Winter Parking Ordinance:

There shall be no overnight parking of vehicles along any roadway between November 15th and April 30th of any year, inclusive.

Jessica's Law:

Since 2002, under Jessica's Law, residents are legally required to clear snow and ice off their cars before driving. The law that is cited when someone is given a ticket for not removing snow or ice is:



265:79-b Negligent Driving. – Whoever upon any way drives a vehicle negligently or causes a vehicle to be driven negligently, as defined in RSA 626:2, I(d), or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 for a first offense and not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

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



Giving Thanks

Life can get pretty crazy at times for all of us. Work, appointments, sports, errands... The list sometimes feels like it is never ending. Sometimes we forget to stop for a moment and take in the good. We live in a great area... We have really awesome businesses around us... And we have people that really do care about the community. Over the last month or so, we have had the pleasure of working with four different businesses in the area and want to shed a little light on some good in our community.

FUNSPOT: It's hard to find someone from the area that has never heard of FUNSPOT. Most of us spent our childhood there, some of us have brought our kids or even grandkids there, and some of us big kids still go there. What better way to celebrate being a kid than by going to the biggest arcade in the world! Whether its bowling, arcade games, or even a round of mini golf, FUNSPOT is always a fun go to for kids, families, and even adults! This year, and for years in the past, Starr Lawton from FUNSPOT has generously donated gift cards to our Scarecrow Challenge for the Children's Category. Over the last three years, we have gotten to see the magic in children's eyes when they found out they were winners and going to FUNSPOT! We thank Starr and the FUNSPOT family for continually donating to our competition, and for helping keep all of us young at heart!

Climaxe Throwing: This is brand new business in town! This little gem, tucked in the corner by the Belknap Mall, offers something that is new to this area... Axe Throwing! And to make it even more enticing... Glow Throw on Thursdays! If you haven't been to their axe throwing facility yet, you need to check it out! We got to meet the owners, Nick and Nick, who grew up locally. Not only did they donate to our competition this year for the Friends and Family Category, but they also donate to other causes regularly. We thank Nick and Nick for bringing something new and exciting to our area and for contributing to not just our competition, but many other causes locally!

Main Street Maple and Honey Farm: Erica and Kevin Day were our Business Scarecrow Challenge winners this year. If you've driven down Main Street in Belmont, chances are you have passed by this Belmont small business. The owners, Erica and Kevin make and sell local maple syrup, maple cream, candies, and honey! They sell swag too! And if you've got questions, they are happy to fill you in on what its like bee keeping and running a sap house. When called and told that they were the winner this year, they asked if they could donate their Brookside Pizza Lunchtime Delivery to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction along with some items from their business. We thank Erica and Kevin for participating in our competition and for helping raise money for another great cause!

Brookside Pizza II / The Tap: This is a household name in Belmont. Most people you talk to know the owner, Mike, personally, and if not him, they know his staff and family. Brookside is known for donating to many different events and causes here in Belmont, including ours. When Mike heard that the winners of our Business Scarecrow Challenge wanted to donate their Brookside Pizza Luncheon Prize to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, he decided to up the prize for the cause, donating a gift certificate for \$100! We thank Mike and the Brookside staff for once again generously donating to a Belmont event, and to other causes as well!

We've said it before, and we will say it again... We have an amazing community! We've got a giving community, and that is what makes this area wonderful!

Highway Department News

Winter's Arrival

December brings the chance for winter weather and with it, the possibility for the DPW's fleet of trucks to hit the road. We have already seen our first winter weather events. Although minor, they still serve as a reminder of what's to come in the following months. Please pay attention to forecasts and allow yourself plenty of time for travel or adjust plans accordingly to avoid travel entirely during winter storms. Your Public Works Department monitors always changing forecasts and is in constant communication with Police, Fire and other Municipal Agencies to be as proactive as possible leading up to and during a winter weather event. The Town of Belmont is fortunate to be fully staffed with a dedicated team of DPW Employees who take pride in what they do and truly care. Please exercise caution when you see these maintenance activities underway. The trucks used have limited visibility due to the plow gear, are usually slow moving and take longer to stop, especially in poor weather conditions. Give them the room they need to do their job and they will make sure you have the ability to reach your destination.



Meet the 2022 DPW Crew!



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



Snow Removal and the Town Maintained Right of Way

The Employees of the Town would never intentionally damage anyone's property while taking part in winter maintenance operations, however there is always potential for damage. To mitigate some of these risks, you may see members of the crew out marking hazards with reflective delineation and whips. In most areas the Town of Belmont maintains a 25 foot Right of Way. The Right of Way is utilized for snow storage as banks grow throughout the winter while still providing drainage for snow melt and sight distance at driveways and intersections. Now is a good time to remove anything from the Town's Right of Way that could be damaged, or cause damage to the department's fleet. Things like planters, Basketball Hoops, and lighting that can either be moved back or removed. Necessary adjustments to mailboxes should be made before the ground freezes. You can find specifications for mailbox installation below that will help keep your mailbox safe this winter:

- USPS approved metal mailbox required
- Front of mailbox must be 2 feet from the edge of pavement
- Position your mailbox at a height of 46 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox support
- House or Apt. number visible on both sides and front of mailbox
- Minimum 4 x 4 wooden support post
- Supporting post should be installed 2 feet below grade and a minimum of 4 feet from the edge of the pavement



Rural Mailbox Installation Guide

- 1 MAILBOX MUST BE USPS APPROVED AND BE METAL
- 2 FRONT OF MAILBOX MUST BE 2' FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- 3 MINIMUM HEIGHT OF 46" TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MAILBOX SUPPORT
- 4 SUPPORTING POST SHALL BE INSTALLED 2' BELOW GRADE AND 4' FROM THE EDGE OF THE PAVEMENT
- 5 NUMBER SHALL BE LOCATED AND CLEARLY VISABLE ON MAILBOX

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Cold Weather is Cool!

Fall and winter are good times to get outside and enjoy what our local conservation areas have to offer. This month we are featuring the Andrew Sanborn Farm property . The property is located between Durrell Mountain Road and Middle Route. There are access points located on Durrell Mountain Road , Rogers Road and Middle Route. The Andrew Sanborn Farm Property consists of 172 acres± and lies partially over the Stratified Drift Aquifer that underlies Belmont.

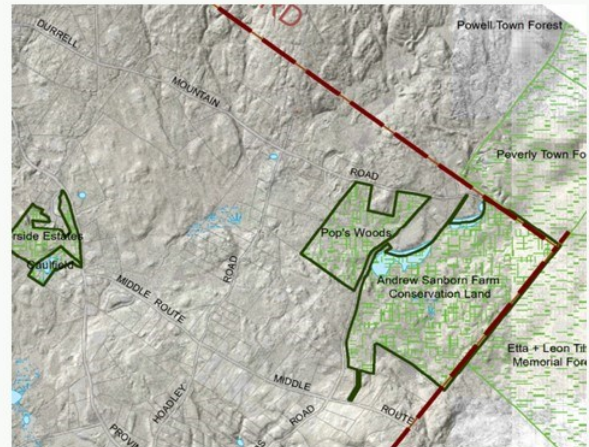
Permitted Conduct:

- Pedestrian uses including cross country skiing and snowshoeing;
- Horseback riding, only on established trails;
- Hunting in accordance with NH law;
- Fishing in accordance with NH law;
- Non-motorized bicycles, only on established trails.

Camping is **NOT** permitted; no overnight parking; no kindling of fires. Please be respectful of private property.



Plan Ahead; Play it Safe and most importantly Leave No Trace.



Fun Fact:

Seven types of mammals dodge the depths of New Hampshire's winter by snoozing it away. Bats, woodchucks, chipmunks and jumping mice go into a deep sleep, or hibernation. For these animals, life nearly ceases; they are at death's door. Yet, somehow, an alarm clock built into their bodies awakens them at just the right time. Imagine if you could hit the snooze button for four more months! Not only do these animals get to sleep as long as the average teenager, they actually have a weight loss program that works -- the winter sleepers lose between 25 and 50 percent of their weight while sleeping.

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
- Deborah Woodcock, Alternate
- Emilie DeFrancesco, Student Member
- William Riley, Student Member

Conservation Commission:
Next meeting **WEDNESDAY**

December 7, 2022

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December
2022

A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

Land Use {

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- Planning
- Zoning

November Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Susan Austin
Administrative Assistant

Karen Santoro
Land Use Technician

Vacant
Land Use Clerk

Sarah Whearty
Town Planner

For additional Land Use Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.gov
Contact luoffice@belmontnh.gov
Call 603-267-8300 x 3



Application Review Committee (11/17/2022)

Scott Krauchunas: Review of a Subdivision review request to subdivide one lot into two. The property is in the Residential Single-Family and Rural Zones, Tax Lot 105-007-000-000, #23-22R.

>>> Next Meeting: December 15, 2022, 8:00AM

Planning Board (11/28/2022)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Paul Zuzgo for Raed Hertel Family Trust: Continuation of a request for Subdivision Plan approval to subdivide one lot into six. Property is located on Jamestown Road, Tax Lot 118-016-000-000 in the “RS” Zone. PB #1122P

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Tap Public House: 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.

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Donald Hurd: Request for a Boundary Line Adjustment transferring 0.10 acres from Tax Lot 215-021-000-000 to Tax Lot 215-020-000-000. Properties are located at 245 & 237 Hoadley Road in the “R” Zone. PB #3122P

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Aquarion Water Company: Request for a Conditional Use Permit for the addition of a 500-gallon propane tank. Property is located on South Road, Tax Lot 235-027-000-000, in the “R” Zone. PB #3222P

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Planning Board (11/28/2022)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – CJM Industries:

- a. Request for a Subdivision Plan approval to subdivide two lots into eight. PB #3322P
- b. Conditional Use Permit for alternate access to two lots of the proposed subdivision. PB #3422P

Properties are located at Route 3&45 Westview Drive, Tax Lots 201-016-000-000 and 201-025-000-000 in the “C” and “R” Zones.

Public Hearing – Zoning Amendments

>>> Next Meeting: December 19, 2022, 6:00PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment (11/15/2022)

Abutters’ Hearing – David N. Paquette: Request for two Variances of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a garage:

Closer (8’9”) to the side (east) property line than allowed (12.5’), ZBA #5022Z.

Closer (11’1”) to the side (west) property line than allowed (12.5’), ZBA #5122Z.

Property is located at 9 Gilman Shore Road in the “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 111-063-000-000

Abutters' Hearing – Bouchard Holdings LLC: Request for a Special Exception of Article 11.A.3.c of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the creation of usable floor space in a nonconforming structure within the setback. Property is located at 78 Sunset Drive in the “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 107-150-000-001, ZBA #5222Z.

Abutters' Hearing – Aquarion Water Company: Request for a Variance of Article 4 of the Wetland Ordinance to allow the installation of a tank, greater than 300 gallons (500 gallons), closer (27’) to the wetland than allowed 250’. Property is located on South Road in the “RM” Zone, Tax Lot 235-027-000-000, ZBA #5322Z.

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

Looking for Board members!

Visit the Town’s website:
www.belmontnh.gov
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



Building Department News

from the Building Inspector

The Building Department would like to take this time to remind you of some important permit information:

Property owners are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits for work including electrical, plumbing, mechanical/heat/AC/propane tanks, building, driveways, etc. PRIOR to any work being completed. Some contractors will apply for permits on behalf of property owners. Please ensure that you or your contractor obtain the required permits for any projects you undertake.

- All permits issued require inspections. Depending on your project, some of those inspections may include:
 - ⇒ Site Inspection
 - ⇒ Footing Inspection (when footings are formed and before concrete is poured)
 - ⇒ Foundation Inspection (when walls are formed and before concrete is poured)
 - ⇒ Foundation Drainage (when sealing and drainage is done and before backfilling)
 - ⇒ Structure (when framing, roof, windows and doors are installed)
 - ⇒ Rough-in (when plumbing, electric, and HVAC is done and before insulation)
 - ⇒ Insulation (before drywall/sheetrock is installed)
 - ⇒ Final (check completion, code and zoning compliance)

- Certificate of Occupancy/Use requires:
 - ◇ Driveway inspection
 - ◇ Building Inspection and Sign Offs
 - ◇ Street Number for 911
 - ◇ Septic Approval for Operation from NHDES
 - ◇ Municipal water/sewer approval from Town of Belmont if necessary
 - ◇ Planning and Zoning Board conditions must be met
 - ◇ Fire department permits/inspections of heating source/sprinklers if necessary
 - ◇ Any other agency/permit final approvals as applicable.



Thank you, Mark Ekberg, Building Inspector



COMMUNITY HERITAGE AWARDS

The Belmont Heritage Commission and the Belmont Board of Selectmen proudly announce its 2022 Community Heritage award winners. This annual event recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses who have contributed to the town's history and heritage.

The *Exceptional Commitment to Community Award* was over-whelmingly chosen to be given to Jeanne Beaudin. Beaudin retired last Spring from the town administrator's role, after a long tenure. Jeanne's professionalism and eagerness provided a great teamwork environment. Her assistance to the Heritage Commission especially was invaluable. She consistently went above and beyond to assist its new members and guide the commission. Her guidance was important to the role of the Heritage Commission and its importance to the town. Jeanne's many years as the town's administrator was always held in high regard. She provided experience beyond compare and was proven time and time again to be immeasurable to the town of Belmont. The Heritage Commission was greatly enhanced by her guidance and counted on Jeanne's support, confidence and expertise. Her knowledge and persistence to help them in every way possible could not be overlooked. This award is given to Jeanne Beaudin with a grateful thank you attached. Her exceptional commitment to the community will be felt for many years to come for all that she accomplished and gave to the Town of Belmont.

Heritage Commission *Continued*

Smith's Apple Orchard also received an award for their part in giving to the town community and to its heritage. Many Belmont townspeople visit yearly to Smith's Orchard, but it is also a favorite to surrounding towns in the Lakes Region and also to families who travel from other states. Smith Orchard has an astounding following of patrons every year. The *Preservation and Agricultural Traditions Award* easily fits the orchard's long standing role in what it has given to the town. The words tradition and preservation in the award give credit to Wende Richter and her family for their dedication to continuing the deep heritage and history of farming and the harvesting of various types of apples in Belmont. Smith Orchard has been owned and operated by Rob and Wende Richter since December of 1985. The Richters bought the farm from Charlie Smith who planted 800 trees in 1929. Wende and her son Chad continued the operations of the farm after Rob's passing in 2018.

The orchard has also been recognized as a Farm of Distinction by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food. The Heritage Commission was honored to acknowledge Smith Orchard for their contributions to the town. The town of Belmont truly appreciates the Richter family for their true gift of giving to their community and creating happy traditions to many families.



Left to right: Priscilla Annis (*Heritage Commission Member*), Jon Pike (*Selectman*), Wende Richter (*Preservation and Agricultural Traditions Award recipient*), Ruth Mooney (*Selectboard Chair*), Jeanne Beaudin (*Exceptional Commitment to Community Award recipient*), Claude "Sonny" Patten (*Selectman*), and Vicki Donovan, (*Heritage Commission Chair*).

Heritage Commission *Continued*

This year the Community Heritage award proudly includes a leadership award. The *Youth Leadership Award* was named to Victoria Ribeiro. For two years she held the Student Representative position for the Belmont Heritage Commission. The Heritage Commission's goal was to have a Student Representative attend and participate in monthly meetings to learn more about the history and heritage of their town. Although Victoria is not a voting member she provided valuable input to the commission. Victoria was a huge help with the Senior Citizens Soup Bags project created last winter. She also eagerly worked on projects to prepare for Old Home Day. Victoria's involvement with the Heritage Commission proved to be insightful for its members as well. She brought an exciting energy and a younger perspective in discussions about the town's history and heritage. Victoria graduated from Belmont High School in June and presently attends Southern New Hampshire University where she is majoring in Psychology. We wish her continued successes as she brings her Belmont background to her future endeavors.



Left to right: Vicki Donovan (*Heritage Commission Chair*) and Victoria Ribeiro (*Youth Leadership Award recipient*).

Wishing BELMONT Happy Holidays and best wishes in the New Year!

Heritage Commission

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



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 17, 2022** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



The Belmont Cemetery Trustees in partnership with the American Legion Post 58 invite you to join us at the **Belmont Public Library** at **11:30am** for the ceremony and then move to South Road Cemetery to begin laying wreaths!
The More the Merrier!

www.wreathscrossamerica.org



#FindAWay2022

Belmont Public Library

December 2022

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

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THE
DEVIANT'S WAR



NH PBS Nashua Public Library

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION WITH ERIC CERVINI
WEDNESDAY, 12/7 AT 7 PM

JOIN THE STATEWIDE CONVERSATION
<https://tinyurl.com/deviantswarnh>

DECEMBER
04
Sunday
2pm - 5pm
Belmont Village
& Mill St. area

- Arts & Crafts
- Holiday Music
- Baked Goods
- Refreshments
- Holiday Storytime
- S'mores by the Fire
- Christmas Carols
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Visit & Pictures with our SPECIAL GUEST from the North Pole



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

**Library closed
December 23-26**

Children/Family

Storytots
Tuesdays 10:30am
Musical Munchkins
Thursdays 10:30am
Family Storytime
December 17 10:30am

Tweens/Teens

Film Friday
December 2,16 3pm
Crafternoon
December 9 4pm
What's New Book Club
December 12 3pm
Innovation Station
December 13 3pm

Adults

Fiber Arts Group
Wednesdays 10am
Thursday Tea & Tales Book Club
Thursday, December 8 5:30pm
Friday Fiction Book Group
Friday December 16 10:30am

146 Main Street

circulation@belmontpubliclibrary.org

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



Deck the Village

Belmont Community Holiday Festival

04
DECEMBER
2:00pm-5:00pm

Santa's Workshop

Belmont Public Library

Visit with Santa (2:00pm-4:00pm)

Holiday Crafts • Storytime

Sweet Shoppe

Belmont Mill - 2nd Floor

Friends of Library Bake Sale

Hot Chocolate

"Deck the Mill" chain making

S'Mores by the fire

Belmont Fire Department

Holiday Music & Caroling

Join the Belmont High School Band, Belmont Elementary Vocal Ensemble & community members for music at the Bandstand and throughout the village



TWIN RIVERS

Food Pantry

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 7th 2-4 pm

With rising inflation it is becoming increasingly difficult to cover basic household expenses. We are experiencing a 50% increase in the number of household visits for food assistance.

Please join us on a tour of our Pantry and learn how we can assist people in your town who are struggling with food insecurity.

We are at 2 Central Street in Franklin, across from Benson Auto. Our entrance is off the parking lot behind the building.

Check out our website at:

www.twinriversfoodpantry.org



LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

Purpose:

To assist households with low incomes in paying arrearages (past due bills) and rates charged to the household for drinking water and/or wastewater services. The priority is to ensure that households whose services have been disconnected due to non-payment, or are about to be disconnected, are able to have their services restored as quickly as possible.

Program Highlights:

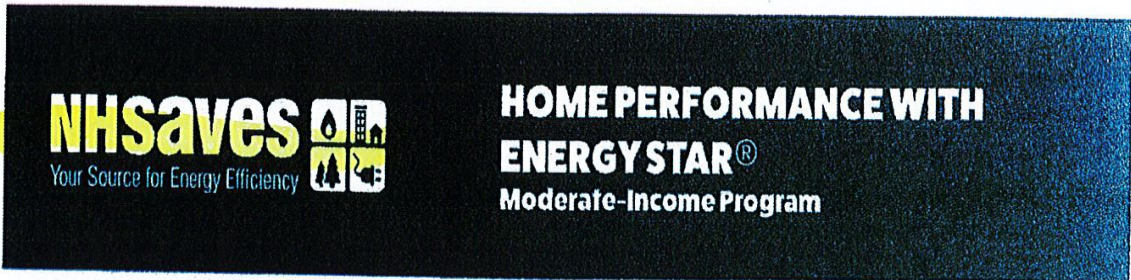
LIHWAP is a new emergency program designed to assist households with paying for drinking water and/or wastewater services in response to needs precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is modeled on LIHEAP but has its own unique characteristics.

Federal funding is available for use through September 30, 2023.

Contact Information:

For more information to see if you qualify, contact Donna Cilley at General Assistance (603) 267-8313 or your local Community Action Program for Belknap-Merrimack Counties at (603) 225-3295.

General Assistance *Continued*



The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR - Moderate-Income (HPwES-MI) program is open to qualifying customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, Unitil, 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	Customer Co-Pay
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

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DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

BELMONT:

Belmont Fire Dept, 14 Gilmanton Rd

Mattress Firm, Belknap Marketplace, 96 Daniel Webster Hwy

GILFORD:

Franklin Savings Bank, 11 Sawmill Rd

Gilford Tennis and Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore Rd

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 1383 Lakeshore Rd

The Village at Paugus Bay, 131 Lake St

LACONIA:

Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive North

Irwin Automotive Group, 59 Bisson Ave

Irwin Marine, 958 Union Ave

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 379 S Main Street Rte. 106

The Wellness Complex, 827 N Main St

TILTON:

Tanger Outlets, Shopper Services, 120 Laconia Rd, Tilton

Donation ideas:

- Gift Cards
- Electronics
- Tools
- Toys
- Sporting Goods
- Household Items



December 2022

American Red Cross Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**



In Service to One, In Service to All.

Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!

Blood Drive
Belmont Community
St. Joseph Church

Church Basement
96 Main Street
Belmont, NH 03220

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #10943

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BELMONT to schedule an appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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