

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



2023 Deliberative Session

The Town's Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00am at Belmont High School. This meeting will be held in person.

Join Zoom Meeting (Viewing Only)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83775640044?pwd=ejR1c2FrbnlhV2dtQ0lseUl1MmM0dz09>

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Meeting ID: 837 7564 0044
Passcode: 435981

This month's newsletter will highlight the Deliberative Session warrant articles.

Articles include:

- Election of Town Officials/Board Members
- Multiple Zoning Amendments
- Operating Budget
- New ambulance
- Union Contracts for DPW, Police and Fire
- Re-adoption of Veterans' Tax Credits
- Agricultural Noise Ordinance
- Separating duties of Town Clerk and Tax Collector
- Rescind SB 2
- Non-binding term limits for Selectmen
- Increase Cemetery Trustee Board from 3 to 5

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

The **Board of Selectmen** will hold their next regular meeting on **02/06/2023** at 10:00 am.

There will be two **Public Hearings** on **02/21/2023** at 6:00 pm to take comment on changing the purpose of the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund and about rescinding the provisions of RSA 40:13 (SB2).



Town Hall will be closed for:

Presidents Day

Monday, February 20th, 2023

Town Meeting and School District Voting and Elections will take place on **Tuesday, March 14th** from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road.

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)



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.



Thank you to the BFD for rescuing Finn after he broke through thin ice on Lake Winnisquam. Residents are being cautioned about thin ice conditions on water bodies due to the warmer weather this winter. Be safe, check ice thickness and let someone know where you are going.

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.



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 <http://lrpa.org>

TOWN HALL JOB OPENINGS

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Belmont (population 7500), centrally located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Planning & Zoning Coordinator. Working under the direction of the Planning Board, the Planner provides management, leadership, and coordination to the planning, engineering, zoning, code enforcement, and economic development activities of the Town. Must possess a service orientated attitude, and a thorough knowledge of the land use operations and functions of a municipal land use department. Coordinates all aspects of development projects. Requires a Bachelor's degree in Planning or related discipline, Master's degree highly desirable, with a minimum of 5 years related experience, including two years in a municipality. American Planning Association member and American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification desirable. Salary range to \$91,000; starting salary commensurate with qualifications, plus excellent benefits. The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

For further information potential candidates are directed to the Municipal Resources, Inc. website at www.mrigov.com/career or to contact Municipal Resources, Inc. at 603-279-0352 ext. 330.

To apply submit a resume and cover letter in confidence as a PDF attachment to recruitment@mrigov.com.

Resumes accepted until position is filled with first review on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023.

Click here for the [Planning & Zoning Administrator Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

Finance/Human Resources Clerk

The Town of Belmont is seeking a self-motivated, detail-oriented, organized, communicative, and respectful professional to fill the part-time (+/- 32 hours per week) position of Finance/HR Clerk in the finance department. The successful candidate will have a general knowledge and experience of municipal finance and clerical duties.

Duties include accounts payable, payroll, cash receipts, coordination of human resources paperwork, dissemination of information regarding employee benefits, and other administrative tasks as assigned.

The ideal candidate would have municipal experience, public finance administration experience, and proficiency with finance software (BMSI a plus) and Microsoft Office. Associates degree in accounting or related field or at least two years of municipal experience; any combination of education and experience will be considered. Wages commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Complete job description and application is available online at www.belmontnh.gov. E-mail cover letter, resume, and list of references to Katherine Davis, Finance Director, at Finance@belmontnh.gov. The position shall remain open until filled. The Town of Belmont is an EOE.

Click here for [Full Notice](#) and [Job Description](#)

Town of Belmont Deliberative Session

Saturday, February 4, 2023,
10:00 a.m.
Belmont High School Gym

Article #1 - Election of Officers

Article #1.

Selectman 3-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Selectman 2-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Selectman 1-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Budget Committee 3-Year Term (Vote for 4)

Budget Committee 2-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Budget Committee 1-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Trustee of Trust Funds 3-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Library Trustee 3-Year Term (Vote for 2)

Cemetery Trustee 3-Year Term (Vote for 1)

Planning Board 3-Year Term (Vote for 2)

Zoning Board of Adjustment 3-Year Term (Vote for 2)

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Articles #2 thru 6 Zoning Amendments

Article #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Add housekeeping clause to Article 1 to allow the Planning Board to make non-substantive changes such as correcting typos and adding bullets without requiring a vote at Town meeting.

Article #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Add new definition of solar as any ground or roof mounted solar collection system, add solar as a permitted use in all Zones for agricultural and residential purposes, and add commercial solar as a permitted use in the Commercial and Industrial Zones and permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

Article #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Change definition of Storage Facilities in Article 15 to include shipping containers and add Shipping Containers to the Storage Vehicles and Trailers Use in Article 5 Table 1, Table of Permitted Uses.

Article #5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Expand the definition of Day Care Facilities in Article 15 to include all establishments offering care for any individual, rather than just facilities offering care for young children.

Article #6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Change definition of Frontage in Article 15 to clarify that Right-of-Ways do not provide frontage unless they meet the requirements of RSA 674:41.

Articles #7 & 8

Article #7 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in an amount up to Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) payable over a term of sixty (60) months for a new ambulance for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the down payment for that purpose and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). (3/5 Majority Vote Required.) **No funds to come from taxation. The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$705,607.50. Funds to support Articles 7, 15, 16,17,18,19 are proposed to be withdrawn from the fund.**

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$50,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$9,716,878)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$9,350,799) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$9,716,878 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Articles #9, 10, 11 and 12 - Union Contracts

Article #9 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B) for the term April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$40,984	\$5,531
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$22,160	\$(1,248)
2025 \$22,567	\$7,241

And further to raise and appropriate \$46,515 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$46,515** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #10 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #9 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$65,735	\$20,960
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$31,156	\$2,363
2025 \$31,537	\$9,892

And further to raise and appropriate \$86,695 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$86,695** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #12 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #11 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #11 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required.)

Articles #13 and 14 - Union Contracts

Article #13 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$20,003	\$4,402
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$16,118	\$2,404
2025 \$16,763	\$3,602

And further to raise and appropriate \$24,405 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$24,405** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #14 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #13 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #13 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required.)

Articles #15 and 16

Article #15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars \$60,776 for the eighth year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$60,776** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation)

Article #16 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2023 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2023 budgetary year (2/3 Majority Vote Required).

Training Expenses \$3,000
Medical & Supply Expenses \$30,000
Ambulance Billing Fees \$20,000
Overtime \$40,000
Telephone \$2,000
Conferences & Dues \$1,500
Office Expense \$12,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts \$8,000
Fuel \$8,000

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$124,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Articles #17, 18 and 19

Article #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the cost of hose replacements for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$78,181) for the cost of a utility truck for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$78,181) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$78,181** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the cost of an Engine 1 refurbish for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$225,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

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Articles #20, 21 and 22

Article #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$255,141) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be of Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$271,798) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$255,141** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$633,561) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$636,350) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$633,561** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$500,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$1,334,280.

Articles #23 and 24

Article #23 To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$300,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) **The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$468,173.69.**

Article #24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2022. **No amount to be raised from taxation.**

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$100,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) **The balance in the Expendable Trust as of 12/31/2022 is \$25,170.57**

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Articles #25, 26, 27 and 28

Article #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) with said sum to be offset by user fees.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$100,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$227,339.37.

Article #26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$60,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$134,972.54.

Article #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$196,965) for the reconstruction of highways, it is anticipated to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire. **No funds to come from taxation.**

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$196,965** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$125,888) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the State of NH for repair, maintenance, and construction of municipal bridges from State Surplus that was received by the Town on December 28, 2022).
No funds to come from taxation.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$125,888** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$206,009.75.

Articles #29, 30, 31 and 32

Article #29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$75,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance is \$77,015.16 In 2022 the voters voted to conduct a statistical update for 2022 and 2023, to bring our assessments more in line with current Market Value. In 2024 will be our required 5-year full measure and list townwide assessment.

Article #30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$339,162.48.

Article #31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Information Technology Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$10,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$23,018.03.

Article #32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2021). This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required.) **No funds to come from taxation.**

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$5,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$5,591.88;

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Articles #33, 34, 35, 36 and 37

Article #33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amount to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$5,000** and the Budget Committee supports that recommendation)
The balance in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$30,172.35.

Article #34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2004).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$4,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Heritage Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$41,828.63.

Article #35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2011).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$2,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$22,099.22.

Article #36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2020).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$1,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)
The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$6,101.07.

Article #37 Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2020 for the Construction of a New Police Station for Mill Renovations instead, and to raise and appropriate \$48,646 in unused bond proceeds for Mill Renovations per RSA 33:3-a, II. **No amount of money needs to be raised from taxation.** (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$48,646** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Articles #38 & 39

Article # 38 To see if the Town will vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee. **No funds to come from taxation.**

Belknap County 4-H Fair Assn. \$2,000
Belknap House \$2,000
Belmont Cemetery Trustees \$200
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65 \$540
Belmont Conservation Commission \$100
Belmont Elementary Support Team \$200
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$540
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 60200 \$495
Belmont Community Girl Scouts \$250
Belmont Heritage Commission \$250
Belmont High School PTO \$200
Belmont Historical Society \$300
Belmont Middle School Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,500
Belmont Middle School PTO \$200
Belmont Old Home Day Committee \$100
Belmont Park and Recreation \$1,500
Belmont Public Library \$1,165
First Baptist Church of Belmont Mission/Food Pantry \$2,492
Saint Joseph Food Pantry \$2,492.74
Save our Gale School \$200
Winni Womenade \$2,000

Article #39 Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 33:8-f, vote to rescind the unused portion of the bonding authority granted in 2016 for the Hoadley Road Culvert Reconstruction? Of the \$375,000 in bonding authority that was granted, \$68,319 was not spent and is not necessary for this purpose. (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.)

Articles #40 & 41

Article #40 Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a(IV) to re-adopt the provisions of the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28(II)) in the amount of \$500, to include not only Veterans who have been honorably discharged, but also those who have served at least four (4) years and are continuing in service in the armed forces. [NOTE: If this article does not pass, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 would apply as of April 1, 2023.]

NOTE: This article is required because legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

For Articles 40 and 41 - The NH legislature passed, and Governor Sununu signed into law HB 1667 (Chapter 121, laws of 2022) which amends eligibility criteria for certain veterans' property tax credits. This became effective on July 26, 2022, and affects both the Standard and Optional Veterans Tax Credit, as well as the All-Veterans Tax Credit. Simply what this means is that if your Town has adopted the Optional Veterans Tax Credit (you give more than the standard \$50 tax credit) and/or the All-Veterans Tax Credit, you MUST readopt the provisions of the Statute (Optional Vets Credit 72:28, II and/or All Veterans Tax Credit 72:28-b) by March 31, 2023, in order for your credits to remain in place for the 2023 Tax Year. It is our understanding that if you have the Optional or All Veterans Tax Credits and you do not readopt the credits, they will revert to the Standard Veterans Credit in the amount of \$50 each.

Article #41 Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a(IV) to re-adopt the provisions of the All-Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) in the amount of \$500, to include not only Veterans who have been honorably discharged, but also those who have served at least four (4) years and are continuing in service in the armed forces. [NOTE: If this article does not pass, the All-Veterans' Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 would apply as of April 1, 2023.]

NOTE: This article is required because legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

Articles #42, 43, 44, 45 and 46

Article #42 Are you in favor of amending the Noise Ordinance adopted by the Town in 2010 to exempt from its provision's noises related to farming and agricultural related activities?

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article #43 Are you in favor of discontinuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector? At the next annual meeting in which an election for Town Clerk/Tax Collector is to be held (2025), the voters shall choose one individual as Town Clerk and another as Tax Collector, each for a three-year term, unless Article 43 passes, in which case the Tax Collector will be appointed.

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article #44 Are you in favor of rescinding the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Belmont on March 11, 2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law?? (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(This article submitted by Petition)

Article #45 Are you in favor of imposing a term limit of 3 consecutive terms that can be served by a member of the Board of Selectmen?

(This article submitted by Petition)

This article is non-binding. The legislature has created a comprehensive statutory scheme governing elections and has defined the scope of qualifications necessary to obtain elected office. Although the right to elected office is not absolute, see *Paey v. Rodrigue*, 119 N.H. 186, 189, 400 A.2d 51 (1979), this statutory scheme is designed to make elective office as accessible as possible to the citizens of New Hampshire by imposing a minimum number of qualifications, thereby furthering the objectives of our State Constitution. To allow a municipality to impose term limits would be repugnant to the implied intent of the statutory scheme. We hold, therefore, that the State has created a comprehensive statutory scheme governing the field of elections, including qualifications for office, and has neither expressly nor impliedly granted towns the authority to impose term limits. As a result, the town's term limits provision is preempted by statutory law and Part I, Article 11 of the State Constitution.

Article #46 Are you in favor of increasing the number of Cemetery Trustee Board members from 3 to 5?

(This article submitted by Petition)

**TOWN OF BELMONT
SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION AND BALLOT VOTING
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL GYM
265 Seavey Road**

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

**POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.
CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**

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Captain Steve Akerstrom



Welcome Home Detective Estes!



Monday January 30th was a great day for our agency and the residents of Belmont! Last Friday, we welcomed back Judy Estes as she swore into her role as a Detective here at the Belmont Police Department, and Monday was her first shift back. Detective Estes comes to us from the Belknap County Sheriff's Department with a wealth of knowledge and experience in investigations. Best of all, she started her law enforcement career here in Belmont and is coming home.

We are as excited about this as her friends from the Sheriff's Department, who showed their support by attending her swearing-in either physically or virtually. If you see Detective Estes around Town, please give her a warm welcome!



Winter Parking Reminder:

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

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

Town Clerk's Corner



Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow Thursday, February 2, 2023? Do we have six more weeks of winter to look forward to?? Here's a little history on Groundhog Day.

Groundhog Day historically has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal (the hedgehog) as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they exchanged the hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State. In 1887, the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club declared that Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America's only true weather-forecasting groundhog.

The Deliberative Session for the 2023 Town Elections will commence at 10 am Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the Belmont High School Cafeteria. The High School is located at 255 Seavey Road. The Deliberative Session is the time for all proposed warrant articles for the official ballot for the Town election to be read and discussed. There will be no voting on warrant articles this day, however the wording and the dollar amounts or warrant articles can be discussed and possibly amended.



Town Elections will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Belmont High School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm. Photo ID will be required to enter the polls.

The Warrant Articles are currently posted on the Belmont Town website at www.belmontnh.gov. For reference, you may print out the articles and bring them to the polls to help you when voting.

Town Clerk's Corner . . . contd.



Friendly reminder that our furry friends need to be registered for 2023 by April 30th. There are several ways to renew your dog license. You may renew them in person, by mail or online at www.belmontnh.gov, with your dog's current tag number from 2022. If you have a new pup, we will need a copy of the current rabies vaccination paperwork. This may be completed in person, mail or by drop box.

Senior dog owners who are 65+, your home will be able to license one dog for \$2.00. All altered dogs will be \$6.50 and non-altered dogs are \$9.00. If your home has 5 or more dogs, you will be charged a group rate of \$20.00.

Have you ever wondered how we spend our day here at the Town Clerk's Office? Below represents the number of transactions and fees that we processed here in the Town Clerk's Office for the entire 2022 year. Taxes, Boats, Dog Licenses, Motor Vehicle Registrations, Water & Sewer Bills and any miscellaneous transactions. (Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, Marriage certificates, Marriage Licenses, Copy and mailing fees.)

2022 Transactions and Revenue

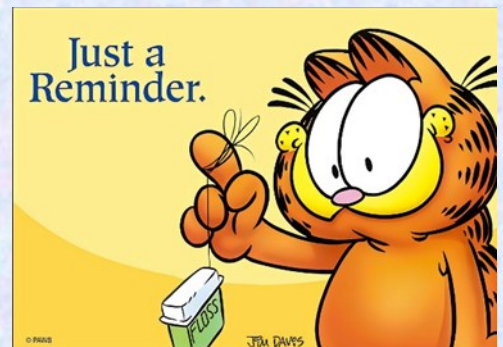
	Transactions	Revenue Collected
Taxes	94% Collected out of 4,300	\$ 21,292,681.67
Boats	230	\$ 4,626.74
Dog Licenses	1,507	\$ 12,158.25
Motor Vehicles	11,256	\$ 1,651,149.47
Misc. Fees	906	\$ 2,947,538.00
Water & Sewer	1,200	\$ 796,635.80
Totals	19,399	\$ 26,704,789.93



The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out delinquent notices soon. These notices are meant to make residents aware of any unpaid balances left over from the previous year and to give the property owner an opportunity to bring the account current before the tax lien is executed. If you have any questions, please contact our office as we are here to assist you.

There are lots of new faces at the Town of Belmont and we appreciate your patience while clerks are in training.

Town Clerk's Office – Cynthia, Leigh and Jenn



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 the potential for damage. To mitigate some of these risks, you may see members of our 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. Mailboxes are almost always one of the numerous obstacles located in this area. 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



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



Second Shovel

Similar to last month but still relevant in light of recent weather patterns. A couple members of the team were asked about plowing things differently in an effort to mitigate the amount of snow that ends up in property owners' driveways. The short answer to that is no, but there is a reason. Most trucks are equipped with one direction plows and the wing on the passenger side is always at a fixed angle when deployed. The trucks are designed to clear a path of snow 13 to 14 feet wide from the center of the road and push it to the edge of pavement. The snow from the lane of the roadway being plowed will end up in the maintenance right of way on the property at the edge of the road. There is something that can be done by property owners to lessen the impact to a previously shoveled or plowed driveway. Below, you will find an illustration borrowed from our neighbors about how to prevent the dreaded "Second Shovel". It shows how clearing to the left side of the driveway for approximately 20 feet gives the plow and wing a place to unload built up snow, lessening the amount that gets pushed into the driveway. This new illustration also shows great mailbox placement. Any snow picked up by the plow is carried away from the box reducing the chance for damage.





BFD Times

BFD Welcomes FF Hebert



BFD welcomes Probationary Firefighter Maddison Hebert. She comes to us from Loudon Fire Department where she works as a call member for their department. She has her Firefighter I and II certifications as well as her Basic EMT. Her first official day will be January 29, 2023 where she will work four days on and four days off for 2 weeks, allowing her to meet and work with all four shifts, and then she will be placed on Shift 3 with Lieutenant Murphy and Firefighter Moar. Welcome to the department Candidate Hebert!

January 24, 2023 Ice Rescue

Date / Time of Occurrence: January 24, 2023 18:39

Nature of Occurrence: Ice Rescue Dog through the Ice

Location: 35 Breck Shore Rd, Lake Winnisquam

Incident Number: 23-0000108



On Jan. 24th at approximately 1839 hrs. Belmont Fire Department was toned by Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, Firefighters responded to an ice rescue on Lake Winnisquam in the area of 35 Breck Shore Rd. The caller stated a dog had fallen through the ice approximately 50 feet off shore. Ambulance 2 arrived on scene and confirmed a dog through the ice. Lieutenant Griffin and Senior Firefighter Manville donned cold water rescue suits to effectively enter the water, Firefighter Hayes relayed communications and established a tether point on shore in a PFD. As the crew approached the dog approximately 40 feet off shore the ice broke under them and they continued through the water breaking chest level ice shelf for the duration of the event. The dog was effectively rescued and returned to the owner on shore, cold and tired but happy to see its owner and appeared to be uninjured. Laconia Fire Department responded on the initial dispatch as automatic mutual aid and responded with an ambulance and rescue and more manpower.

The Belmont Fire Department would like to remind the public that due to the warm temperatures many of the bodies of water in the area have not frozen, the ice may be thin and not safe to be on. Take care when going on bodies of water and check the thickness of the ice.

Parks & Recreation—Summer Camp

Registration for the Belmont Summer Camp will begin February 1st! Be sure to secure your camper's spot to join in on the summer fun. With daily activities, arts & crafts, and weekly trips to the beach and area attractions, it's a time your camper won't want to miss!

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST, 2023

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

ACTIVITIES
SPORTS, CRAFTS,
CONTESTS, FIELD
TRIPS, BEACH
DAYS, FREE
PLAY
AND MORE

JULY 3–AUGUST 11
OPEN TO AGES
5 AND UP

RESIDENTS
\$155
NON-RESIDENTS
\$175

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DANIELLE ST.ONGE (603) 267-1865
OR
EMAIL RECREATION@BELMONTNH.GOV



Belmont Old Home Day

August 12th, 2023

"Picture This"

Come celebrate our picture perfect town of Belmont, NH for our annual Old Home Day. This years theme is sure to bring families, friends & community members together to create memories for a lifetime.

**Live Bands • Parade • Family Games & Activities •
Food Trucks & vendors • School & Community
organizations • Raffles • Craft & Apparel vendors •
Local Artists • Fireworks**

For more information, vendor forms, parade forms, publicity opportunities or to volunteer for the days events, please visit Belmonthnh.gov or email events@belmonthnh.gov

Applications, forms and more information about Old Home Day can be found on the Town of Belmont website at: belmonthnh.gov by clicking on the [Events > Old Home Day link](#) or clicking to [Departments > Parks & Recreation](#).

Parks & Recreation—Total Body Conditioning

Jeannine Beckett is back to Belmont! Join us on Thursday nights 6:15pm-7:15pm for her Total Body Conditioning class. Just a few spots left available.

Belmont Parks & Recreation
**TOTAL
BODY
CONDITIONING**
WITH
JEANNINE BECKETT

Thursday Nights
Belmont Mill - 2nd Floor
1/26 - 3/16
6:15PM - 7:15PM
\$70 - 8 Week class
\$10 - class drop in (as available)

Strength and Stretch will incorporate a full body workout, isolating each muscle group. The exercises will vary from week to week, the intensity level will also increase. A selection of provided equipment will be used to add to the difficulty of the exercises. Please bring your own mat, a small towel and water. Contact the recreation office if you'd like to drop in on a class for availability. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

**REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT
BELMONTNH.GOV**



Parks & Recreation—Old Home Day Committee

We are busy planning the 2023 Old Home Day event and are looking for volunteers to join the Town of Belmont Old Home Day Committee. How many have been to our annual Old Home Day event and said “I wish we had this here” or “that would be cool”. This is your chance to be part of organizing the dayslong event. The committee will meet one time a month from January thru August. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Whether you have just an idea or can commit to helping the day of the event, we would love to see you there!

Belmont Old Home Day Committee



Belmont Parks & Recreation is looking for enthusiastic volunteers interested in becoming members of the Belmont Old Home Day committee.

Committee members will meet once a month to plan all aspects of our annual Belmont Old Home Day celebration.

Meeting:

Saturday February 18th - 5pm
Parks & Recreation office
Belmont Mill - 2nd Floor

Meeting topics include:

- Committee Lead positions
- This year's Date & Theme
- Daytime & Evening Activities
- Community Outreach
- Publicity Campaign

Interested residents are encouraged to attend the meeting and become part of planning what is one of the town's most popular annual events!

If you are unable to attend in person, but would like to contribute your ideas or volunteer for the day's activities, please contact Danielle St. Onge at Recreation@Belmontnh.gov or call 603-267-1865

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Maple Tapping Facts

Maple tapping season is upon us! The best time to tap Maple trees is mid-Winter into early Spring. Sap flows most freely in weather that exceeds 32 degrees during the day, and drops to below freezing at night.

Did you know it takes roughly 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup?



This Winter we have experienced uncommonly warm temperatures. As a result, larger bodies of water in the NH Lakes Region have not iced over and are unsafe for typical seasonal recreation. New Hampshire Fish and Game advise using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness, and avoid shorelines where the ice appears cracked or squishy.

**Conservation Commission:
Next meeting WEDNESDAY
February 8, 2022
6:00 PM
Meetings are held at the
Belmont Mill.**

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

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 2/16/2023

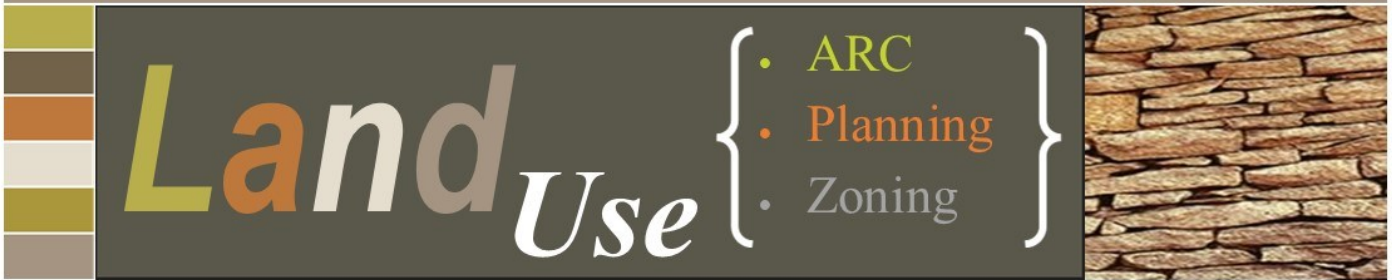
Planning Board – 2/27/2023

Zoning Board – 2/22/2023



February
2023

A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use



December Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Karen Santoro
Interim Planner/ Land Use
Technician

Susan Austin
Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Stewart
Land Use Clerk

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



Application Review Committee (1-19-2023)

Sean and Tricia Beauchesne: Review of application for a change of use to the property (boarding kennel) located at 677 Union Road. Property is in the Residential Single-Family zone. Tax Lot 222-047-000-000, #01-22R.

Vintage Soul Boutique & Wellness: Review of application for a change of use on the property (Service business) located at 141 Main Street. Property is located in the Village District. Tax Lot 122-133-000-000, #02-23R.

>>> **Next Meeting: February 16, 8:00AM**

Planning Board (February 27, 2023)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – CJM Industries:

Continuation of:

- 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.

Conceptual Consultation: Whyte’s Land Holding, Depot Street. M/L 236-013-000-000

continued...

Zoning Board of Adjustment (Special Meeting February 2, 2023)

Appeal of an Administrative Decision: Timothy Morgan: Appeal of an administrative decision of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a single family home closer (10') to an unrelated structure on the same lot than allowed (30') Property is located at 28 Wakeman Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 111-024-000-000. ZBA# 0223Z.

Abutters' Hearing – Timothy Morgan: Request for a variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a single family home closer (10') to an unrelated structure on the same lot than allowed (30') Property is located at 28 Wakeman Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 111-024-000-000. ZBA# 0223Z.

>>> **Next Regular Meeting: February 22, 2023 6:00PM**

2023 Proposed Zoning Amendments:

1. Add housekeeping clause to Article 1.
2. Add new definition to Article 15 and use to Article 5, Table 1 for Solar.
3. Change definition for Storage Facilities in Article 15 and add Shipping Containers as a use to Article 5, Table 1.
4. Change definition of Day Care Facilities in Article 15 to include all individuals.
5. Change definition of Frontage in Article 15 to clarify that Right-of-Ways do not provide frontage unless they meet the requirements of RSA 674:41.

The full text amendments are available for review in the Land Use Office

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 Official

In previous newsletters, we reviewed some of the types of projects that require permits, such as:

- Stick-built, modular and manufactured homes
- Decks/Open Porches
- Garages/Sheds/Lean Tos
- Membrane Structures/Carports
- Storage Containers
- Pools
- Interior Renovations
- Exterior Renovations that include structural modifications
- Windows and doors if the headers are modified, or if new
- Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Generator work



If any of the work above is completed without a permit, an after-the-fact permit will be required, which will cost double the standard permit fees. If you are selling or purchasing a home, you should ensure that all necessary permits have been obtained for completed work, or the new owner becomes responsible for the unpermitted work. If potential owners do their due diligence and find unpermitted work, the sale of your home may be delayed.

Many lenders, realtors, and buyers are doing more due diligence with research on homes for sale. Sellers and buyers are finding out that there are frequently missing permits. In these types of situations, it is often difficult for the building official to properly inspect work that has been completed and covered up with sheetrock or flooring, etc. In some situations, it may be necessary to remove sheetrock, flooring, etc. to perform a proper inspection of insulation, electrical, plumbing, or gas lines.

If you have any questions about necessary permits, please contact us at 267-8300 ext. 111!

Thank you,

Mark C. Ekberg, Building Official

Belmont Public Library

February 2023



**Library closed
Presidents' Day February 20**

February Vacation Fun

February 27th - March 3rd



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

Storytots

Tuesdays 10:30am

Musical Munchkins

Thursday 10:30am

Cursive Club

Thursday 2/2 & 2/16 3:30pm

Building Birthday Party

Saturday Feb 11 10:30am

Family Storytime

Saturday Feb 18 10:30am

Board Games

Monday February 27 1pm

Book to Movie Lunch

Friday March 1 12:30pm

Innovation Station

Tuesdays 2/14 & 2/28 3pm

GSF Book Club ages 10-14

Wednesday Feb. 8 3:30pm

I.F. Book Club ages 13 - 18

Wednesday Feb. 22 3:30pm

Crafternoon

Fridays 2/3 & 2/17 3pm

Film Fridays

Fridays 2/10 & 2/24 3pm

Winter Watercolors

Mondays 2pm

Fiber Arts Group

Wednesdays 10am

Tea & Tales Book Club

Thursday February 9 5pm

Friday Fiction Book Group

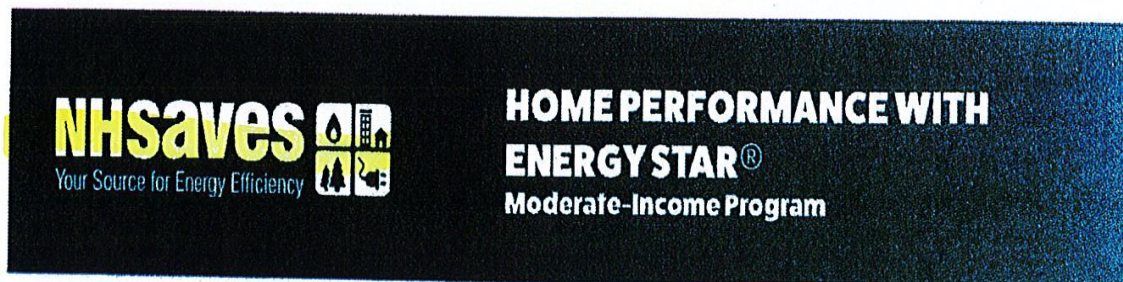
Friday February 17 10:30am

Children/Family

Twens/Teens

Adults

General Assistance



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

Powered by:



Community Foam Recycling

The Town of Gilford DPW now has a drop-off bin for foam recycling
open to the general public 24/7.

Items can be dropped off at the Gilford DPW at
55 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH.

WEBSITE: www.gilfordnh.org/recyclerright

EMAIL: recycle@gilfordnh.org

PHONE: 527-4778



**#6 FOAM
COOLERS**



**MUST HAVE
#6 SYMBOL**



**CLEAN MEAT &
PRODUCE TRAYS**



EGG CARTONS



PACKING BLOCKS



**CLEAN #6
PLATES & CUPS**



**NO PACKING
PEANUTS**



**NO DIRTY FOAM
PRODUCTS**



**NO PIPE
INSULATION**

Program Details

Foam, otherwise known as expanded polystyrene (EPS) or Styrofoam, is a hard to recycle material that most Towns do not accept. You can identify it by looking for a #6 recycle symbol somewhere on the item. The Town of Gilford will become the first NH hub location for foam collection and recycling. All acceptable types of foam will be densified down into plastic ingots by chopping, heating and removing the air in a densifier unit patented by Foam Cycle, LLC. The Town will then market and sell the ingots for reuse into new materials, thereby reducing the polystyrene going into the waste stream, our waters and our landscapes.



The general public will be able to access a collection bin available 24/7 at the Gilford Department of Public Works for drop off of acceptable foam (#6 polystyrene) materials. The public is NOT currently able to access the Gilford Solid Waste Center without a town sticker or vehicle pass. Temporary day passes will only be issued to someone who has a very large amount of foam that cannot fit in the collection bin. Please print and read the Foam Recycling 101 flyer BEFORE dropping off polystyrene to a drop-off bin.



CAN INCLUDE	DO NOT INCLUDE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All sized coolers (remove tape and labels) ✓ Meat & produce trays (incl. black) ✓ Egg cartons (any color) ✓ Packing blocks around furniture/appliances/electronics ✓ Plates and cups ✓ Food clam shells or trays ✓ Coffee cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Pipe insulation ✗ Bubble wrap or thin foam wrap ✗ Items without a #6 recycle symbol ✗ Packing peanuts ✗ Soft or squishy foam ✗ Dirty foam food containers ✗ Eggcrate foam layer ✗ Craft foam ✗ Foam board insulation
<p><u>Expanded polystyrene (#6 plastic) is commonly known as foam or Styrofoam.</u></p> <p><i>All items brought for foam recycling MUST BE RINSED AND CLEAN, with no food particles or liquids.</i></p>	



**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, February 14, 2023
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.

**Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10
Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And,
automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2
to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card
and more! Terms : rcblood.org/heart.**

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

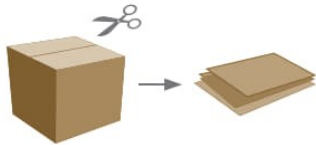
Curbside Container Placement Guide

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

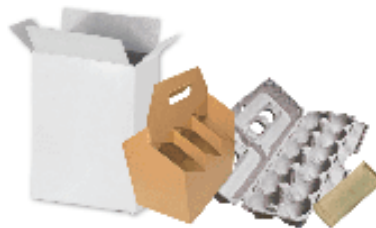
ZERO-SORT[®] RECYCLING

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!

Do you know someone new to Town, or know someone in Town who would love to see our Newsletter?



Please email Colleen Akerman at:

assessing@belmontnh.gov to get on our newsletter distribution list!

