

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



VOTER'S GUIDE

This month's newsletter features the Voter's Guide with all warrant articles listed and additional information about the purpose of an article or the background behind an article.

If you have questions about any of the articles, please don't hesitate to call Town Hall at 267-8300.



WATER & SEWER BILLS

Water and Sewer bills are going out and everyone should have theirs by the second week of March.

Bills may be paid online from our home page belmontnh.gov using the button for Payments/Inquiries/Property Tax/Water/Sewer.



TOWN MEETING

VOTING & ELECTIONS

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.



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.





Tuesday, March 14, 2023,

Belmont High School

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Town of Belmont Voter's Guide

Dear Belmont Residents:

This year marks the Town of Belmont's 15th experience with the Official Ballot Voting process that is commonly known as "SB2". The first session of the annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, February 4th. At the Deliberative Session, the voters in attendance were presented with the articles on the warrant as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. There was great discussion and input into all the articles presented. You may cast your ballot on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 7 am to 7 pm in the Belmont High School Gym, 265 Seavey Road. All registered voters are eligible to participate in the process. A picture ID is required to vote. Unregistered voters may register at the polls with proof of residency and picture ID.

We realize that sometimes lengthy legal language required by law to write various warrant articles can be confusing to voters who have not been actively involved in the debate that created the article. To help voters, we have prepared the ensuing Voter's Guide for your use. This guide will be available at Town Hall and online via the Town's website (www.belmontnh.gov) Should you have any questions, regarding the information contained in the guide, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator Alicia Jipson (267- 8300, ext. 124).

Tax impact information listed in the guide will not be listed on the ballot. We have provided this information here to give voters an idea of what the individual items are estimated to cost if voters approve the item. The tax impact information listed in the voter's guide is simply an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. The actual tax rate will be set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) in October/November, using actual information that is available including any new value attributed to new construction and in 2023 we are anticipating the completion of a statistical update to property values.

In closing, we would like to "Thank you" for the opportunity to represent you, and we appreciate your consideration as we work together to maintain Belmont as a great community in which to live.

Sincerely,

Belmont Board of Selectmen

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

Claude B. Patten, Jr.

Ballot #1. Election of Officers

Selectman 3-Year Term (Vote for 2)

Brian Gardiner

Travis O'Hara

Claude "Sonny" Patten

Selectman 1- Year Term (Vote for 1)

Sharon Ciampi

Douglas Trottier

Robert Veloski

Budget Committee 3- Year Term (Vote for 4)

Marsha Campbell

Robert Chapman

Roland Coffin Jr.

Lisa Crocker

Budget Committee 2- Year Term (Vote for 1)

Fred Wells

Budget Committee 1- Year Term (Vote for 1)

Jonathan LeClair

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

Thomas Garfield

Library Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for 2)

Mary-Louise Charnley

Shela Cunningham

Cemetery Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for 1)

Hillary Horn

Sweet Image

Planning Board 3- Year Term (Vote for 2)

Peter Harris

Richard Pickwick

Zoning Board 3- Year Term (Vote for 2)

John Froumy

Peter Harris



Ballot #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.

Currently, to correct a typographical error or missing symbol (dash, bullet, etc.) the correction must go through two public hearings at the Planning Board, placed on the warrant, and then be voted on at Town Meeting. This is a time consuming and costly process. This language would allow the Planning Board to make changes that have no impact on the substance of the ordinance.

Ballot #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.

The current Zoning Ordinance does not have a definition of solar and it is not listed in Article 5 Table 1, the Table of Permitted Uses. With the increase in popularity of solar systems, both residential and commercial, this clearly defines solar and clarifies that it is permitted for residential and agricultural use. Commercial solar (aka “solar farms”) would be permitted in the Industrial and Commercial Zones and by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

Ballot #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.

In the existing Zoning Ordinance storage containers (e.g. “Conex boxes”) are not an allowed use in the Rural, Residential Single and Residential Multifamily. The change would add storage containers to the definition of “storage facilities”, permit storage containers in the Rural Zone, and allow them by Special Exception in the Residential Single and Residential Multifamily zones.

Ballot #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.

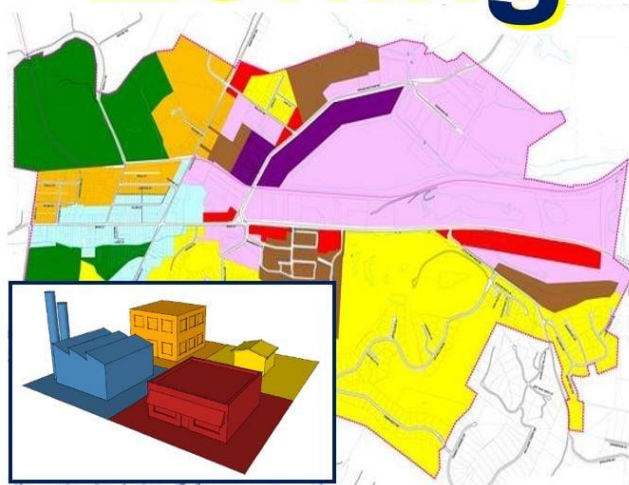
The current definition is specific for young children, this change would expand the definition to include adult daycare and other similar facilities.

Ballot #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.

This is a language clarification that a Right of Way does not meet the frontage requirement unless the Right of Way is also a Class V or better road, a Class VI Road (with waiver of liability) or a private road (with certain limitations).

Zoning



Ballot #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.)

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

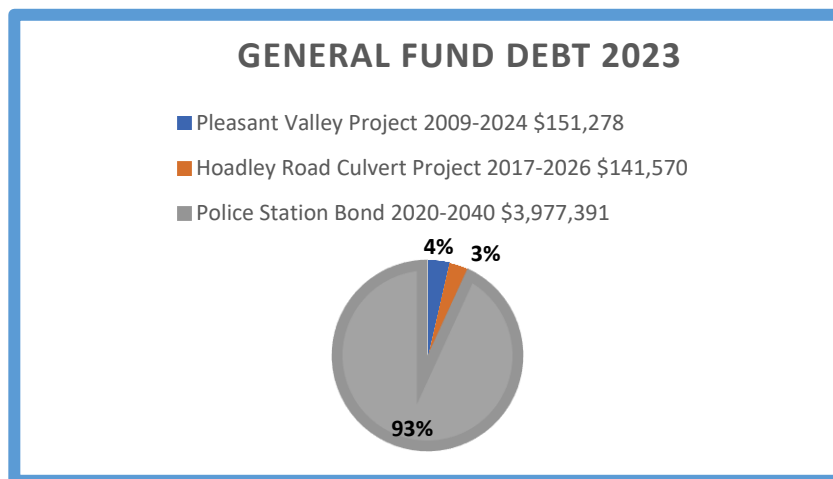
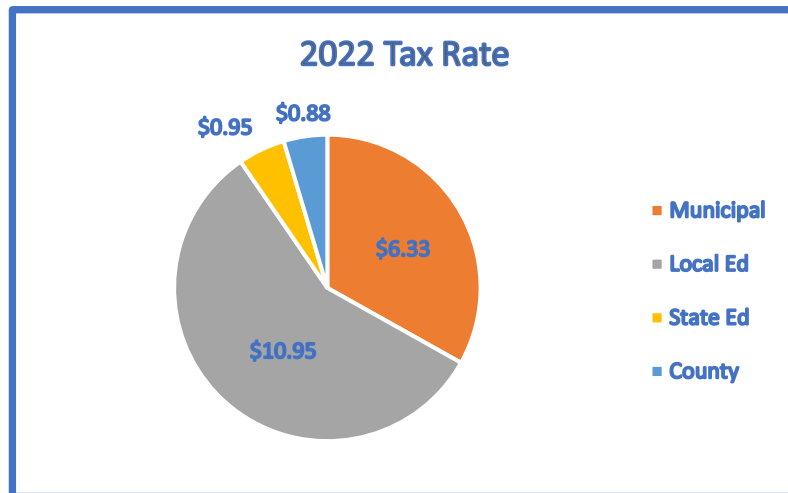
3 Ambulance 1 is a 2013 International Terra Star with a Horton body. This vehicle has been in service for 10 years and has 111,115 miles and 6,230 hours on it. Over the life of this ambulance, it has been on thousands of calls and transported thousands of patients. Up to this point, we have maintained the ambulance, but given the age, mileage, and engine hours on it now, we are starting to have mechanical problems that are becoming too expensive to maintain. This ambulance is becoming less reliable, which in turn is becoming an even bigger problem since we transport sick and injured people in it. This ambulance runs as the secondary ambulance and takes back-to-back calls (2nd or 3rd calls in a row), so reliability is priority. We do not want our ambulance breaking down beside the road when we have a very sick person on board. This would delay transport time and could result in someone's medical needs being compromised, resulting in more serious injury, or even death.

We are proposing the purchase of a new Ambulance 1 from the same company we got the 3 Ambulance 2 from. 3 Ambulance 2 is a 2019 Freightliner with a Braun body. The new ambulance would then take the place of 3 Ambulance 2 as the primary ambulance, and 3 Ambulance 2 would then become the back-up ambulance for 2nd and 3rd calls. Back-to-back calls, which make up 30% of our calls, are when the first ambulance is on a call and a 2nd call comes in. Currently, 3 Ambulance 1 handles those calls. If a 3rd call comes in at the same time, the hope is the first ambulance will get freed up to take that call or mutual aid is requested to handle the call for our town.

Ballot #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.)



Operating Budget	2023 Proposed	2023 Default
Executive	\$ 351,822	\$ 329,091.00
Town Clerk Functions	\$ 124,893	\$ 123,528.00
Elections	\$ 11,400	\$ 11,400.00
Financial Administration	\$ 313,988	\$ 250,602.00
Revaluation of Property	\$ 107,756	\$ 103,440.00
Legal	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 393,035	\$ 375,653.00
General Gov. Buildings	\$ 472,349	\$ 457,899.00
Cemetery	\$ 21,000	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance	\$ 251,159	\$ 251,159.00
Police	\$ 2,516,490	\$ 2,434,744.00
Fire	\$ 2,005,656	\$ 1,892,195.00
Building Inspection	\$ 118,206	\$ 102,064.00
Emergency Management	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
Public Works Admin.	\$ 80,895	\$ 76,645.00
Highways & Streets	\$ 1,162,882	\$ 1,142,632.00
Street Lights	\$ 19,649	\$ 19,649.00
Solid Waste Admin	\$ 15,046	\$ 15,775.00
Solid Waste Collection*	\$ 485,136	\$ 485,136.00
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 181,997	\$ 181,997.00
Health Appropriations	\$ 68,891	\$ 69,391.00
Gen. Asst. Administration	\$ 86,739	\$ 85,154.00
Gen. Asst. Vendor Payments	\$ 94,050	\$ 104,400.00
Recreation	\$ 162,005	\$ 162,838.00
Library	\$ 217,919	\$ 207,488.00
Patriotic Purposes Inc. Heritage	\$ 17,750	\$ 14,250.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 16,874	\$ 15,022.00
Long Term Debt	\$ 274,275	\$ 274,275.00
Long Term Interest	\$ 84,371	\$ 84,371.00
TAN Interest	\$ 1	\$ 1.00
Capital Improv Except Buildings (Environmental Contingency)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000.00
Total	\$ 9,716,878	\$ 9,350,799.00

Source of Revenue	Actual Revenues Unaudited 2022	Proposed Revenues 2023
Taxes		
Timber Taxes	\$8,794.00	\$ 8,500.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$24,058.00	\$ 24,500.00
Other Taxes - Boat Taxes	\$18,629.00	\$ 20,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$169,176.00	\$ 169,000.00
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. Yd.)	\$10,791.00	\$ 10,000.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees		
Business Licenses & Permits	\$49,068.00	\$ 50,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,655,776.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Building Permits	\$79,746.00	\$ 55,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$50,149.00	\$ 75,000.00
From State		
Shared Revenues	\$0.00	\$ -
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$646,603.00	\$ 540,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$193,628.00	\$ 196,965.00
Water Pollution Grant	\$6,240.00	\$ 13,179.00
Housing & Community Development (CDFA)		
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$9.00	\$ 9.00
Other (Including Railroad Tax, and Grant Inc.)	\$1,918.00	\$ 45,000.00
From Other Governments*		
Charges for Services		
Income from Departments	\$366,165.00	\$ 360,000.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Sale of Municipal Property	\$2,741.00	\$ 25,000.00
Interest on Investments	\$10,356.00	\$ 10,500.00
Other (Dividends/Reimbursements)	\$7,155.00	\$ 7,000.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In		
From Special Revenue Funds*	\$60,776.00	\$ 438,957.00
From Enterprise Funds		
Sewer - (offset)	\$463,391.00	\$ 627,321.00
Water - (offset)	\$336,438.00	\$ 355,141.00
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		
From Capital Reserve Funds		
Other Financing Sources		
Proc. From Longterm Bonds & Notes	\$0.00	\$ 48,646.00
Amounts Voted from F/B (Surplus)	\$80,000.00	\$ 230,888.00
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes		
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$ 4,180,831	\$ 4,810,606

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04.



Ballot #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.)

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.08.



Ballot #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.)

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02



Ballot #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.)

Ballot #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.) **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.**

Ballot #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.) **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.**

Ballot #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.) 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 Department has not purchased hoses in a few years. We service and test hoses each year to make sure they are safe and will not fail under use. Our inventory of hoses has decreased due to having hoses fail from service testing and from use at fires. We are looking to replace our current hose. We use three sizes: 1 ¾" attach lines, 2 ½" attach lines, and 4" LDH supply lines. Replacing our current hoses with new ones will make it safe for firefighters and fire operations.

Ballot #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.) 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 2011 Ford F-350, with an extended pickup with an 8' bed, and an 8' Fisher Minute Man 2 Plow, has over 89,000 miles. This vehicle serves dual roles. In the summer it is not only used as a pickup truck to carry hoses and equipment back from a building fire, but it is used to carry a "Skid Unit" which carries approximately 200 gallons of water out into the woods for brush fires. In the winter the pickup is used for equipment carrying from fires. With the ability of the plow, we not only clear hydrants throughout the town, but also keep our driveway cleared out when we are not responding to emergencies. This truck is also used by the call members who don't carry a CDL to drive the fire trucks to respond to calls. The chassis and frame rails are heavily rusted, and the front and rear wheel fenders are rusted, and pieces are falling off. This is to the point that it won't pass inspection. Right now, with the bed and rear frames being rusted, there are many soft spots on those areas which is giving us nothing to hold the skid unit down. If we put this skid unit back in this vehicle, it won't hold the weight and becomes dangerous to those driving the truck and those around us. Looking at the bed on the driver's side you can see that the bed is tilting to the side and where the bolts are attached, it is broken around it. We are looking to replace this vehicle with a comparable pickup truck with a crew cab for personnel to be able to be transport in it safely. A V-nose Fisher plow would allow us to continue assisting with our driveway and clearing out hydrants throughout the town.

Ballot #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.) **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.**

Engine 1 is a 2011 Emergency One Typhoon Class A Pumper truck. This engine has been in service for 12 years and has 35,687 miles and 2,579 engine hours on it. We are looking to have this engine refurbished. There are a lot of areas where paint and corrosion are starting to be an issue. By refurbishing this engine, it will prolong the life of the apparatus and save money by: a) eliminating constant repairs, and b) saving money that would be spend purchasing a brand-new vehicle. A new Class A Pumper would cost approximately \$750,000.00. The refurb would cost approximately \$225,000.00, bringing this piece of apparatus back up to near new condition, and able to be used for 10-15 years longer. The refurb would include paint and repairs to the body, service and repack to the pump, refit to all LED lighting, new battery rescue tools, up fit to the light tower, addition of a brow light, as well as repairs and updates all compartments.

Ballot #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.) **This budget is to be offset by user fees.**

Ballot #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.) **This budget is to be offset by user fees.**

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.44. The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$1,334,280.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.27. The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$468,173.69.

This fund is an important tool used to by the Town to cover unanticipated maintenance items in Town owned buildings and funds have been used to renovate the Belmont Mill in anticipation of Town Hall moving to the building in the future. As recently noted during the Town's Deliberative Session, the numerous Capital Reserve accounts previously established by the Town act as Savings Accounts and serve as an important management tool. The following information is pertinent to this reserve account created in 2006 to fund the purchase, repair, reconstruction of municipal facilities and the funds have been used for numerous projects, including siding on Town Hall, painting of the front of Town Hall and Library exterior, a new roof on the Mill, the purchase of the property at 154 Main Street, replacement Heat and HVAC systems at the Highway and Fire Departments, the overhang at the Highway Garage, lighting retrofits at the Highway Garage, repairs to the floor on the 4th floor of the Mill, access system at Town Hall including security cameras, renovations to the Mill allowing usage of the 4th floor for meetings and the 1st floor for relocation of General Assistance Office. The most recent use of the funds was to replace the oil tanks at the Mill and to enclose the dumpster and roof repair at the Fire Station.

Ballot #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.

The total liability accrued to this account as of 1/25/2023 is \$210,864. We have 13 employees that are at retirement status, with the average retirement payout of \$16,220 per employee.

Ballot #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.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.05 The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$134,972.54.

Ballot #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.)

Ballot #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.

The 2022 legislative session resulted in significant revenue sharing and state aid to local governments in a non-budget year. With the state reporting a record surplus of funds this fiscal year, **SB 401** and **HB 1221** are intended to provide one-time property tax relief through direct payments to cities and towns. **SB 401** will provide immediate infrastructure resources to cities and towns. Using state general fund surplus generated in fiscal year 2022, this bill appropriates \$36 million for the repair and maintenance of municipally owned bridges, \$30 million in additional municipal highway block grants. The appropriation for bridges was based on a 50/50 formula, where \$18 million was distributed based on a municipality's deck area proportional to the total deck area for municipally owned bridges, and \$18 million was distribution based on a municipality's total share of the state population. **SB 401** provided funding with restricted uses, meaning that it may be used to supplement (not supplant) local budgets; The "supplement not supplant" provision requires that these funds must add to (supplement) and not replace (supplant) local budgeted funds when providing services that repair, maintain, and construct municipal bridges; repair and maintain class IV and V roads; or acquire the equipment necessary to maintain Class IV and V roads.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.07. The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 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 our required 5-year full measure and list townwide assessment.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.02. The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$339,162.48.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01. The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$23,018.03.

Ballot #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. (Majority Vote Required.)
No amount to be raised from taxation.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$5,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$5,591.88; funds were used in 2021 to repair portions of the road.)

The establishment of a Capital Reserve for the maintenance of Durrell Mountain Road was part of an agreement reached in 2019 with the owners of the gravel pit located in Gilford at the end of Durrell Mountain Road. Year one we received \$2,500 and in subsequent years the pit owner will contribute \$5,000 to be placed in the account.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$30,172.35.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Heritage Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$41,828.63.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$22,099.22.

Ballot #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.)

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$6,101.07.

This Capital Reserve Account was created to act as a savings account to be able to replace voting equipment as mandated by the State of NH. The State governs our elections and requires us to have 1 voting booth per 100 registered voters. In Belmont we have 4,400 registered voters. In the near future the State will be switching to a different ballot machine and the Towns will be responsible for that cost to buy them. That cost has yet to be determined. Adding funds to this account will aid us in purchasing when the time comes.

Ballot #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 to be raised from taxation. (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

No funds to come from taxation.

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

These funds represent previously accounted for funds in a prior calendar year's budget. There was a cost savings on the Police Department building construction project. This cost savings represents \$48,646. These funds can be legally reappropriated with zero tax impact, but only can be used towards a similar project. The Town of Belmont has begun a Mill renovation project which is similar in purpose and nature to the construction of the Police Department building. These funds were set aside originally for a bond payment for the purposes of constructing the new Police Department building. The total cost of that project ultimately came in at less than what was originally budgeted for. Ultimately, this amount was not included in the total project cost nor in the bond amortization schedule for payments due in the current and future calendar years for the new Police Department building constructed in 2022. The Town of Belmont is currently seeking funding sources for the Mill renovation project, and this would offset the cost of necessary funding with no tax impact in 2023.

Ballot # 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

Ballot #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.)

[These funds were originally budgeted for in 2016. The funds have been encumbered forward from that time until 2022. The town has determined it is no longer necessary to encumber and carry forward these funds. There is no tax impact and no reason to carry this balance forward within the budget for 2023. This article will allow for these funds to lapse accordingly.](#)

Ballot #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.

Ballot #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-Veteran's Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veteran's 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.

Ballot #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)

Ballot #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)

The Town of Belmont per RSA 41:45-a is a combined Town Clerk/Tax Collector position. This person oversees the Town Election and any person running for the three-year term **must be a Belmont resident.** If the Town votes to discontinue the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position, then the Board of Selectmen would have the option to appoint a Tax Collector candidate and the Town Clerk would still be an elected position per RSA 41:45-a.

This would also allow for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to appoint two separate positions for a Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector. This will allow us more flexibility in hiring and in promoting from within and retention.

Ballot #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)

If the petition warrant article is adopted by official ballot in 2023, at the next town meeting in 2024 there would be an official ballot voting day on the second Tuesday in March where voters would elect town officers and vote on other matters by official ballot (usually only zoning amendment questions) and then all other warrant articles and the operating budget would be discussed, debated and voted upon on the floor of the business meeting on a date and time established by the select board. Some feel that the benefit of the traditional “deliberative” session of town meetings (as compared with questions on the “Official” ballot usually used for elections) is that through the process of discussion and debate, the voters can educate themselves about the question at hand, and about the procedure, and become able to vote more intelligently.

Ballot #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 considered 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.

Ballot #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
MARCH 14, 2023
POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.
AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**



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 \(PDF\)](#)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Belmont is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Highway Department Truck Driver/Laborer reporting to the Public Works Director. The successful candidate will perform a variety of routine skilled and unskilled manual laboring duties. The position requires a NH CDL "B" license with airbrake endorsement. The individual chosen for this position must possess a willingness to work with others including the general public. High School Diploma or equivalent is required; experience with the operation of heavy trucks necessary. Driver's License and Criminal record check required, mandatory participation in the department's Drug/Alcohol Screening Program as required by federal law. This is a full-time position with great benefits and enrollment in the NH Retirement System. Pay based on experience.

Applications and a copy of the complete job description are available at the Belmont Town Hall. Send a resume and letter of interest to DPW Director, PO Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220. The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Job Opening—Parks & Recreation

**Belmont Parks & Recreation is
seeking qualified applicants to
fill the position of**

SARGENT PARK ATTENDANT

Seasonal / Part-time Position

**10 -12 hours weekly, late May to early September, some
flexibility with days of the week and times required**

- **Be 18 years of age**
- **Criminal Background Check approval is required**
- **Be able to effectively communicate with the public and staff**
- **Work cooperatively with people in an enthusiastic manner**
- **First Aid & CPR Certified, or willing to acquire certification**
- **Assist the Parks & Recreation Director with the planning and execution of community events held at Sargent Park**

**Applications can be found on the town of Belmont website
at BelmontNH.gov or by contacting the Parks & Recreation
Director at recreation@BelmontNH.gov**



Captain Steve Akerstrom



Good Morning Belmont Program

A couple of years ago we started the Good Morning Belmont Program, which offers individuals the chance to be able to check-in with the Police Department to make sure they are alright. In most instances, the folks who take part in the program live alone and often times do not have family or friends who live locally. We would like to remind people that the program is still being offered for those who are interested.

Just In Case Program

Another program that we are looking to start is one that the Manchester Police Department has had in place for several years, called the "Just In Case" program. The program is a registry of people who have significant cognitive impairment and/or an inability to care for themselves due to conditions such as dementia, Alzheimer's, intellectual disability, severe mental illness, etc. Those enrolled in the program would have their information on file with the Police Department. With that said, if someone who is enrolled in the program has contact with an officer, we would be able to make contact with their emergency contact and get them to a safe place in a timely manner.

If either of these program interest you or someone you know, feel free to reach out with any questions or to apply.

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

Posted Roads

We made it through February without posting weight limits. At the time of this publication, we are still uncertain of the exact date weight restrictions will be implemented. Official notice of posted roads will be made available on the Town website and local newspaper once dates are determined. Once weight limits are posted, all Town Maintained roads will be limited to 6-Tons. Until then, please follow common sense practices and restrict heavy loads to colder temperatures, preferably early morning before the sun has had a chance to warm the traveled surfaces.



Muddy Roads

This winter mild temperatures have caused abnormal thawing on some of the Town's 10+ miles of dirt roads. As usual, your Highway Department has made efforts to be proactive. Roads have been monitored and muddy areas have been met with the addition of appropriate aggregate, then graded back into form. It is the hope of the Department that reacting to these small areas now will ease the severity of "Mud Season" moving through the next month. Once the spring thaw is in full swing, ask yourself if you really need to travel this road. Although the Department does everything it can to keep the roads passable, you will encounter mud, ruts, and newly exposed rocks. Conditions can change hourly as temperatures vary and a road that was fine in the morning may suddenly be borderline hazardous for some vehicles. If there is another way, just not as scenic or quick, mud season may be the time to use it.



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



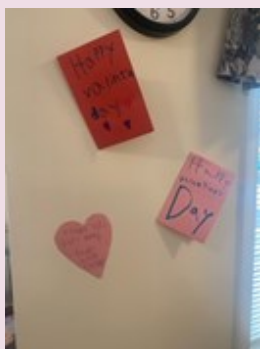
A Community within a Commission



A commission, elementary students, a combined high school hockey team and a supermarket formed a unique bond to help others. The Belmont Heritage Commission, which usually concentrates on historical buildings and landmarks in Belmont, organized a Valentine's Day Food Drive to help its citizens, especially senior citizens. The Food Drive was designed to help during a time where heating, electricity and food prices have affected everyone's winter budget.



Heritage Commission Chair Vicki Donovan contacted Student Council advisors, Mrs. Annette Belanger and Dr. Tari Selig at Belmont Elementary School and Hockey Coach Jason Parent of the Belmont– Gilford High School Hockey team to see if they would like to be a part of this project. They did not hesitate to get involved. Hannaford Brothers of Gilford also made a donation to the Heritage Commission.



Belmont Elementary Student Council members eagerly set up food collection boxes around the school. Amazingly, one student Karmella and her generous family donated 19 cases of Campbell's Soup and another a student, Pietro, gave his mother ten dollars out of his piggy bank in order to purchase canned goods for the cause. His mother then decided to match that amount. Belmont Elementary School's entire food drive collection was a very generous donation. As an added bonus Student Council members and classroom students made Valentine's Day cards for the senior citizens. A special Valentine's Day surprise was then pulled off at the Belmont Elderly Housing complex. The Heritage members brought food items they purchased, the food drive collections and the students' cards to the Elderly Housing Activity room. The activity room was secretly set up the night before Valentine's Day with the food items organized and placed on tables. "We Love our Senior Citizens" was the theme generated from the Heritage Commission as each senior citizen received a Valentine's Day card from a student and a shopping bag to fill. Judy Valleire and Dawn Hamel from the Community Action Program were instrumental in helping to get the Activity Room ready and very appreciative towards our efforts to help seniors during these winter months.



Heritage Commission



Student Council Members display some of the collected Food Drive items with Heritage Commission Member, Vicki Donovan.



Belmont Elderly Housing Activity Room on Valentine's Day

The Belmont—Gilford High School hockey team also collected non-perishable items during February home games. Their collection went to the towns of Belmont and Gilford. Hockey Player Adam Ribeiro helped in transporting items to the Got Lunch Program at the Gilford Community Church for children in the Gilford Community. The program coordinator Sharyn Sasserson was thrilled with the donations and very grateful for the coordinated efforts of the Belmont-Gilford Hockey team and the Heritage Commission.

Heritage Commission



Adam Ribeiro and Sharyn Sasserson



Heritage Members at Elderly Housing

The Heritage Commission also donated goods to the Food Bank at the Baptist Church in Belmont. Pastor Andrew and the two volunteers in the Hope House were very grateful. They especially appreciated the donation as their food bank soup supply was low due to the very cold temps a few weeks before. Heritage members also dropped off several boxes to shut-ins and housebound seniors.

What made this winter collection so eventful was that it touched upon every age level ... elementary students and their parents, high school athletes and their Booster Club, senior citizens and a small seven member commission that was very determined and grateful to all who helped make this Food Drive very successful.

Heritage Commission

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



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—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

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 just have 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 on the 3rd Saturday of each month to plan all aspects of our annual Belmont Old Home Day celebration.

Meeting:
Saturday March 18th - 5pm
Parks & Recreation office
Belmont Mill - 2nd Floor

Meeting topics include:

- Committee Lead updates
- 10-Mile Road Race
- 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



BELMONT OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE GOOD CITIZENS AWARD 2023

NOMINATION FORM

The Belmont Old Home Day Committee is seeking candidates for this year's Good Citizen Award. This recognition is given to graduating seniors from the Town of Belmont who have been a positive force in their school, community and families. All students nominated will be invited to be honored at a reception on Sunday, May 21st at 5:00pm at the Tioga Pavilion. The award winner and possible runners-up of the evening will be presented with a monetary award and will participate in Old Home Day events on Saturday, August 12th. The award and reception are an excellent way to acknowledge the leaders of tomorrow – our high school graduates. We welcome all BHS faculty to also join us for the reception on May 21st. It is a wonderful way for family, friends, teachers and our community to show their support.

Please take a moment to provide the committee with a nomination for the 2023 Good Citizen Award. Complete nomination forms are due in the Guidance Office on or before Monday, April 20th. If you have any questions, you may contact Danielle St. Onge, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 603-267-1865. Thank you for your assistance in identifying Belmont's Good Citizens

Name of Graduation Senior: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Parents Email: _____

Nominated by: _____

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Daffodils

The birth flower for the month of March is the Daffodil (*Narcissus*). Daffodils bloom both with white or yellow petals, and are one of the first flowers that bloom in the Spring. Daffodils are native to Northern Europe and can be grown in most of North America, excluding tropical climates. Their sunny disposition lets us know warmer weather is on the way!



Conservation Commission

Upcoming meetings:

WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2023

April 5, 2023

6:00 PM

**Meetings are held at the
Belmont Mill.**



Bats will start to come out of hibernation this month. New Hampshire is home to eight species of bats. All of which are of conservation concern. Our two most common species are the little brown bat and the big brown bat. Little brown bats are endangered in the state.

Bats are very important to our eco-system, as they consume tons of night flying insects! These critters are very sensitive to human interaction, so if you stumble across a bat whether in your barn or in the wild, do not disturb!

Who are your Conservation Commission Members?

Denise Naiva, Chair

Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair

Jane Jordan

Ruth Mooney, Ex Officio

Pauline Tessier

Susan Irving

Georgina Lambert

Richard Moreau, Alternate

Deborah Woodcock, Alternate

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 3/16/2023

Planning Board – 3/27/2023

Zoning Board – 3/22/2023



January
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 (2-16-2023)

There were no applications for the February 16, 2023 meeting

>>> Next Meeting: March 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

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Laconia Housing and Redevelopment: Request for Site Plan approval to add a shed, gazebo, dumpster, parking, walkway reconstruction and driveway repaving. Property is located at 24-72 Randlett Street, Tax Lot 204-013-000-000 in the ‘RM’ Zone.

Public Hearing: Eversource Energy: Pursuant to RSA 231:158, a public hearing shall be held for trimming and removal of trees and brush on roads designated as scenic roads (Cotton Hill, Jamestown Road, and Ladd Hill Rd).

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Zoning Board of Adjustment (Meeting February 22, 2023)

Abutters’ Hearing – Matthew and Marlene McCabe: Request for a variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct an addition to the existing home and add a deck closer (36.13’) to the front property line than allowed (50’) Property is located at 21 Walnut Street in the “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 114-009-000-000. ZBA# 0323-Z.—Approved

Abutters’ Hearing – Matthew and Marlene McCabe: Request for a variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct the deck portion of the structure closer (13.73’) to the side property line than allowed (25’) Property is located at 21 Walnut Street in the “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 114-009-000-000. ZBA# 0423-Z.—Approved

Abutters’ Hearing – Matthew and Marlene McCabe: Request for a variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct the garage portion of the structure closer (15.03’) to the side property line than allowed (25’) Property is located at 21 Walnut Street in the “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 114-009-000-000. ZBA# 0523-Z.—Approved

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.belmonthnh.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

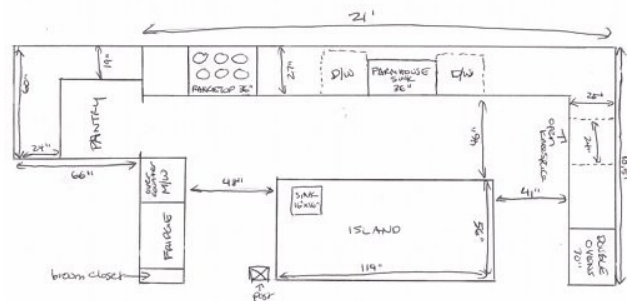
from the Building Official

During these cold months, you may be thinking of projects to do around your home, such as finishing off the basement. Start off by knowing what to look for and what to ask. If you are planning to hire a contractor, it may be wise to get a few prices for comparison. You may also consider obtaining referrals for any contractor. Please note that building contractors in the State of New Hampshire are not required to be licensed.

Once the planning stage is set with your design, please go to our website at belmontnh.gov for your required building permit applications. Click the **Info Center** button at the top of the home page, then choose the appropriate application from the right-hand column under Building & Code Enforcement.

Some of the information the Building Department will be looking for during our review:

- What will the area be used for? Recreation room, bathroom, office, bedroom, etc.
- A legible set of drawings, including room dimensions/sizes such as 18' x 24'.
- What are the ceiling height/s and beam height/s?
- Describe the walls, insulation, etc. What type of construction materials will you be using?
- What type of ventilation will you have, windows or mechanical ventilation?
- Smoke detectors



If you need any guidance on your building project, we are here to help you get through the process. Please give us a call at 603-267-8300 xt. 111 or email us at buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov.

Building applications may be emailed to permits@belmontnh.gov or submitted on the web at <https://pay.eb2gov.com/BELMONTNH>

Thank you,

Mark Ekberg, Building Official

Belmont Public Library

March 2023

Free/discounted admission with your library card

- McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center
- New England Aquarium
- NH State Parks
- Seacoast Science Center
- Strawbery Banke

Thanks to generous donors: Friends of the Belmont Library and BEST PTO

Please join us for a tour and stories on:
March 16th at 10:30 AM – StoryTots

Located at:
**HT Farms LLC,
 60 Federal Street
 Belmont NH**

Questions? Call 603-267-8331 or email youthservices@belmontpubliclibrary.org



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

Children/Family

Book to Movie Lunch
 Friday March 1 & 14 12:30pm

Storytots
 Tuesdays 10:30am

Musical Munchkins
 Thursdays 10:30am

Cursive Club
 Thursday March 2 & 16 3:30pm

FARM VISIT Storytime
 Thursday March 16 10:30 am
 HT Farm 60 Federal Street Belmont

Family Storytime
 Saturday March 18 10:30 am

Tweens/Teens

Crafternoon
 Fridays March 3 & 17 3pm

GSF Book Club ages 10-14
 Wednesday, March 8 3:30pm

Film Fridays
 Fridays March 10 & 24 3pm

Innovation Station
 Tuesday March 14 & 28 3pm

I.F. Book Club ages 13 - 18
 Wednesday March 29 3:30pm

Adults

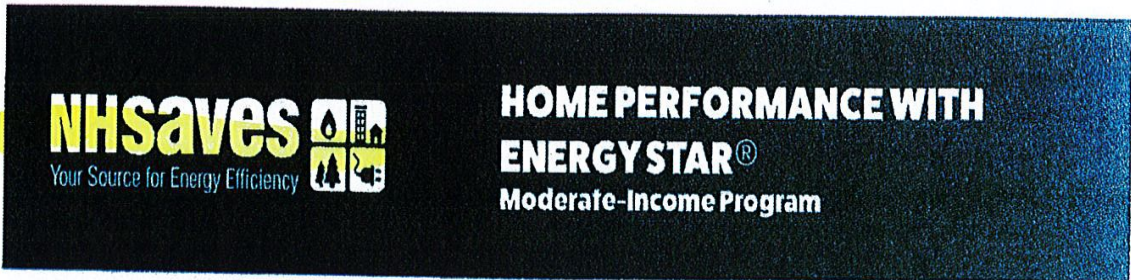
Winter Watercolors
 Mondays 2pm

Fiber Arts Group
 Wednesdays 10am

Tea & Tales Book Club
 Thursday March 9 5pm

Friday Fiction Book Group
 Friday March 17 10:30am

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

Recycling Calendar

— 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.



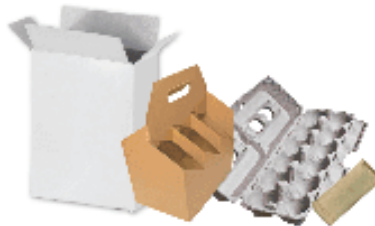
ZERO-SORT[®] RECYCLING

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

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



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

