## Our Community Newsletter

## BELMONT





## Old Home Day!

Just a reminder that Old Home Day this year will be on Saturday, August 12<sup>th.</sup> This year's theme is "Picture This". Plan to attend this great family day full

of games, food, fun and finally fireworks at Bryant Field. Don't forget about the Chicken BBQ dinner at the Fire Station, tickets sell out fast! Fireworks will once again be presented by Atlas Fireworks. We look forward to a great show again this year.



Just a reminder to visit the Town Clerk's Office and

obtain your 2023 Beach Sticker. There will be a gatekeeper at Leslie Roberts Beach this summer to ensure that everyone using the beach has a sticker.



## Selectmen's Meetings

The Board of Selectmen typically meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning at 10:00 a.m., and your attendance is encouraged. Agendas are posted at Town Hall, the Post Office and on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a> Zoom options are available and meetings are recorded and posted for later viewing.



## **Budget Season**

In addition to numerous projects going on in Belmont, our Department Heads will begin working on their Capital Improvement Plan submissions and budget worksheets will soon be distributed. Also during the month of August, we compile the necessary documents for submission to the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration so that our tax rate can be set by late September and bills can go out mid- to late October.



## Cynthia DeRoy Retirement

Our wonderful Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cynthia DeRoy will be retiring on July

31<sup>st</sup>. She will take a long-awaited break in August and come back in September in a part-time capacity. Cynthia has been a long-time devoted employee with the Town of Belmont for 17 years. We wish her the best retirement possible and thank her for her years of service!

## Town Administrator's News (con'td.)

## **Property Violations**

The Board of Selectmen's office receives numerous complaints throughout the year from property owners who live next to neighbors who choose to violate the Town's Land Use regulations. These complaints are referred to the Code Enforcement Office, the complaints are investigated, and letters outlining the violation are sent to the offending property owner. This process takes time, and in many instances, when compliance is not achieved, the Town has no recourse but to involve the Town's Attorney and eventually the courts in an effort to get results. It is disheartening to us as public officials how long this process can take, and in some instances, how forgiving the courts can be to the offending party. We urge everyone to take pride in their property and follow the regulations established by the Town so that everyone can enjoy their property. Don't be an offender, and please be kind to your neighbor.

## Budget Committee Member Vacancy

We are seeking an interested resident and registered voter to serve on the Budget Committee. Please submit your letter of interest to Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 or <a href="mailto:administration@belmontnh.gov">administration@belmontnh.gov</a>



We continue to stress the importance of the "Not everything is flushable". Please check out the "Do Not Flush!" list to protect your sewer and septic system. A "Flushable" label does not mean it is SAFE for your septic system or the Town's sewer. Please read the brochure we have included on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a>

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.



Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Breezeline Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss your idea. LRPA has made significant strides to improve programming this past year and its presence in the Lakes Region. We urge you to check out their website at <a href="http://lrpa.org">http://lrpa.org</a>

## **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 <a href="https://www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a> for the full details on the program and a price list.

## Town Administrator's News (con'td.)

## **ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

Keep an eye on your mailbox for your 2023 Sales Update letter (see Sample below)!

There is a very limited window of time to schedule an informal hearing with our assessors to review your individual property assessment.

Please note that KRT's operators and Town Hall staff are unable to answer questions about your individual assessments.

Updated property tax cards are available in the Land Use Office at Town Hall.

Town of Belmont Assessor's Office 143 Main Street Belmont, NH 03220

OWNER'S NAME ADDRESS 1 TOWN, STATE, ZIP July 24, 2023

Dear Town of Belmont Taxpayer:

In accordance with New Hampshire state law RSA 75-8a, the Town of Belmont has completed a revaluation of all real property for the April 1, 2023, tax rolls. Shown below is the new value of your property, as established by KRT Appraisal and the Belmont Assessor's Office. Your assessment is based on fair market value using market data from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

Please note that current use values for farm and forest are included for those in that program. Exemptions and/or credits to assessments (elderly, veteran, blind, etc.) are not shown as a part of this notice but will be applied to the final assessment as it pertains to the April 1, 2023 values. Please do not use the current tax rate to calculate your taxes. Doing so will result in an inaccurate tax liability. The Department of Revenue Administration will adjust the tax rate this fall.

**Informal Hearings:** Any property owner wishing to have their new assessment reviewed with a representative of KRT Appraisal may do so by calling **1-855-228-4033** weekdays from July 31st through August 8th, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Please keep in mind that operators making appointments **cannot discuss values or data.** Informal meetings will be held over the phone. Meetings will be scheduled in one-hour blocks. Someone from KRT will call you at the number you provided within the hour block you are assigned.

Viewing Belmont Tax Data at Home: For your convenience, revaluation information and lists of values can be viewed on the KRT Appraisal web site at <a href="https://www.krtappraisal.com">www.krtappraisal.com</a>.

PID:

MBLU:

PARCEL LOCATION:

OLD ASSESSMENT (2022):

**NEW ASSESSMENT (2023):** 

## Belmont Welcomes workcampNE!



## Belmont Welcomes WorkcampNE to Assist Those in Need!

Volunteers from around the U.S. have arrived at Belmont High School to spread out into the local community doing free home repairs for families in need. Adults and teens from as far as IL, CT, and FL have joined others from NH to do projects such as roofing, deck/stoop building, and scraping/painting of homes.

Starting earlier in the year, workcampNE met with Supt. Michael Tursi and Town Administrator, Alicia Jipson, to discuss whether Belmont would consider housing the teams of volunteers at the local high school. Quickly agreeing to host the group, names of families were received from Donna Cilley, General Assistance Director of Belmont. Criteria for selection is that the family owns their home and has a physical or financial need.

workcampNE met with families to see if they would be a good fit for the program. Based on the skill level of visiting volunteers and time it would take to complete the work, approximately 12 homes were chosen. Crews will be on site from July  $16 - \text{August } 5^{\text{th}}$ .

Campers stay at the high school where they use classrooms for sleeping quarters, kitchen/café to cook and feed people, and the gymnasium to hold the evening program as well as group games. The music room is being used as wcNE's tool room where up to 40 ladders, multiple saws, and tool bins are stored.

All work is done by the students under the supervision of adult leaders with experience in the building trades. Crews consists of 5 students with 1 adult. Materials are paid for by workcampNE and labor is free; there is no expense to the families wcNE serves. Tuition charged to the volunteers cover all expenses.

workcampNE has been in existence since 1989 and has been an established 501(c)3 in the State of NH since 2007. Approximately 300-400 volunteers pass through school doors each year working on up to 40-50 homes. Prior to coming to Belmont, camp was held in Manchester and Berlin, NH this season.

While faith-based, workcampNE does not discriminate based on religion, age, or family demographics. They will work with any family comfortable with a teen labor force, as long as the range of work is within the scope of what a crew can handle in a one or two-week span.

Information regarding the non-profit can be found on their website: www.workcampNE.com.

## **Finance Department Job Posting**

## Town of Belmont Finance Director Job Posting

The Town of Belmont is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Finance Director. This position performs complex, professional accounting work including grants, budgeting, financial reporting, payroll, benefits administration, and general ledger maintenance.

The Finance Director works under the direct supervision of the Town Administrator. Requirements: 4-year degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Finance or related field. 8 years of progressively responsible related experience in a municipal position with 5 years at a senior level. Experience in a town similar in size to Belmont is highly desirable. Or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

This is a challenging position with great benefits. This is a full-time benefited position but will consider part-time applicants. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Our home page belmontnh.gov includes a link to the full job description for this position: Finance Director Full Job Description (PDF)

Please submit your resume' and letter of interest to the Town Administrator's office at PO Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220 or <u>administration@belmontnh.gov</u> no later than Monday August 7, 2023. The Town of Belmont is an FOF.



## Town Clerk's Corner



2023 is flying by! Can you believe that summer is almost over?! Beach passes will be available until the end of August. Residents of Belmont and tax payers are able to come by Town Hall to get the window decal. Please have your current registration with you when you come in to get your beach pass, as we put your plate number on the decal.

After 17 years, Cynthia DeRoy has made her retirement official as of July 31, 2023! Cynthia has been an integral part of the Town of Belmont for the last 17 years. Her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work, commitment, and dedication are worthy of admiration. Filling her shoes will be an al-



most impossible task. On behalf of everyone at the Town of Belmont, Congratulations Cynthia and we wish you nothing but the best! Cynthia will be taking a long-awaited vacation with her family and then she will be back in a part-time capacity.



Missed the deadline to license your dog? Effective immediately there will be an additional late fee of one dollar per every month you are late. Also, there will be a \$25 civil forfeiture fee in addition to the license fees and the late fees. It is important to license your dog before the expiration date of April 30th. Once May

comes around your dog is no longer licensed. If your dog had a new rabies shot since last year, please bring the updated form in with you. It is not a guarantee the vet's office will send it to us.

## Town Clerk's Corner Cont'd.

If you are in need of a certified copy of your child's birth certificate for school registration or even driver's education, and your child was born in New Hampshire, we can help. You can get a copy at Town Hall. You will need to fill out a short form, bring in your driver's license, and the cost is \$15.00 for the first certified copy and \$10.00 for each additional copy in the same transaction, for the same child. We can also provide you with certified copies for most vital records: birth, death and marriage certificates; as long as the occasion happened after a certain year and in the State of New Hampshire. You can also apply for marriage



licenses here. The cost for a marriage license is \$50 and it is valid for 90 days. If you have been previously married you must provide the official, sealed documents of how the marriage was dissolved or if prior spouse has passed away then we would need a copy of the death certificate. You must both be present and provide Identification. We do ask that you come in no later than **3PM** as it does take a bit of time to input all the information.



**New Hampshire Interesting and Fun Facts** 

- McDonald's founders were born in Manchester, New Hampshire
- The original Jumanji was filmed in New Hampshire
- New Hampshirite Sarah Josepha Hale helped Thanksgiving become a federal holiday. Sarah also wrote the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb".
- Herman Mudgett lived in Gilmanton, went to school there, worked there, and, years later, became known as America's first serial killer after terrorizing Chicago late in the 19th century.
- New Hampshire State fruit is a pumpkin

Thank you,

Cynthia, Jenn, Leigh and Jenny

## **Highway Department News**

## **Rick Patten's Retirement**

Last month the Department received some bittersweet news. A long time employee, Rick Patten, announced his retirement as of August 1st. Rick has dedicated 28 years to municipal service. More than 17 of those years were spent maintaining roads for the Public Works Department in Belmont. Rick spent the majority of those years as our Highway Foreman leading routine maintenance projects such as culvert replacements, roadside ditching, and tree work. Rick has been known for the smooth operation of the loader and the Town's rubber tired excavator. Rick's "Plow Beat" was one only a driver with his experience should tackle. Between dodging cars on Main Street and fighting his way up "The Ledges" on the dirt part of South Road, Rick's beat was a challenge every run. He did this, and every other task that was asked of him without hesitation and usually with a smile on his face. The Public Works Department would like to thank Rick for his time in Belmont, the lessons taught that will never be forgotten, and the memories made while he was a part of this Team. If you see him around Town (and you may now that he has a little extra time on his hands) please thank him for his service to our Town. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.



## Thank you Rick!

From all of us at the Department

## **Employment Opportunities**

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 rou-

tine 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. In addition, a Motor Vehicle Background check, and drug and alcohol screening will be required.



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



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



## Highway Department News cont'd. . . .

## Water System Maintenance

In the late 70s Belmont's 1,000,000 gallon tank was put into service on Rt. 140. Water comes from wells on Shaker Road, it is treated and then pumped to the Tank. Once full, the elevation of the tank itself and height of the water inside it create pressure to supply water to the Town's 600+ users. Like everything, basic preventative maintenance will extend its life and insure Belmont's system continues to meet water quality standards. Here is an example of one of the projects that take place to maintain those standards.

Last month, The Public Works Team, along with our partners at Pennichuck Water Service completed an interior inspection and sediment removal project. This project occurs every three years and utilizes contractors specializing in confined space dives. They dive using outside



air through a supplied line and drag along a 3-inch vacuum line that cleans the sediment from the bottom of the tank. All divers and specialty equipment must undergo a thorough sanitization process before entering the water tank and the tank must be filled to maximum capacity to allow the diver to reach the water without a freefall from the top hatch. Once inside, the diver found the sediment, which is basically mineral deposits that had accumulated to an average of 2 to 3 inches along the bottom of the tank. This is basically the same amount that has been noted the last few cleanings and helps determine the frequency of cleanings going forward. The sediment is vacuumed up, leaving the tank bottom clean once again. After cleaning, the tank is quartered off and inspected by section. Notes and photos will be compiled into a generated report and sent back to the Department to aid in future maintenance decisions. Pictured above are the diver and tender preparing to enter the tank after sanitizing himself and his equipment. Below, there are a couple of pictures of the screen from their work trailer. The diver has livestream video from a camera mounted to his helmet, and the photos show the actual work in progress as he cleans the floor of the tank with a specialized attachment made to drag across the flat surface.





## Household Hazardous Waste

## 2023 Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections

10 gallon or 50 pound maximum FOR FREE!\*

See website below for instructions and accepted items

If you missed our Belmont collection last weekend, you are welcome to attend one of the locations below on August 5th.

## **Saturday, August 5 (8:30 AM - 12 PM)**

Bristol Newfound Regional HS
(150 Newfound Rd. - Enter site from River Road)
Laconia DPW Garage (27 Bisson Ave.)

Moultonborough Hwy Garage (68 Hwy Garage Rd.)

## 24 PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES!

Alexandria
Andover
Belmont
Bridgewater
Bristol
Center Harbor
Effingham
Franklin
Freedom
Gilford
Gilmanton

Hebron

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN QR CODE



OR

Call (603) 279-5341 Visit lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp Find us on: Facebook & Instagram



Holderness
Laconia
Meredith
Moultonborough
New Hampton
Ossipee
Sanbornton
Sandwich
Tamworth
Tilton
Tuftonboro

Hill

\*10 gallon or 50 pounds max - open to participating community residents/taxpayers only

https://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp

## **Belmont Police Department**

## **BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:**



## A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

TUESDAY
AUGUST 1st

6:00 PM -8:00 PM

## **BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT & SARGENT PARK**

## JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING

FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMO HOT DOGS & DRINKS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ICE CREAM PARKS & REC & MORE









## Belmont Fire Department



## Belmont Fire Department

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE



## Follow These Safety Rules

Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, or your favorite

news source for vital weather related information.

If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. These include dips, low spots, canyons, and normally dry washes.



Road may be washed out under flood waters. Turn Around Don't Drown™ when you encounter a flooded road.

If heavy rain is forecast or occurring, move your camp site and vehicle away from streams and washes.

Be especially cautious when driving at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

### **Partners**

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration Federal Alliance for Safe Homes









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NOAA/YPA - 201150

## When flooded...



Photo: Marvin Nauman, FEMA

## Turn Around Don't Drown!

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service



## 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 Belmontnh.gov or email events@belmontnh.gov

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

## BELMONT OLD HOME DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10 MILE ROAD RACE & TIOGA FUN BUBBLE RUN

FREE CHILDRENS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES, PETTING ZOO, ROCK CLIMBING WALL & MORE !!!

- LIVE BAND -BUCKLEBERRY FERRY

## PARADE

FOOD TRUCKS, CRAFT VENDORS & MORE

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL BBQ

FIREWORKS

## Parks & Recreation—MINI GOLF Poster



## Parks & Recreation—MINI GOLF SPONSOR FORM

## Belmont Old Home Day Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## **Sponsorship Form**

Business Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone #	

Hole #1	\$75
Hole #2-17	\$30
Hole # 18	\$50
Total Enclosed	\$

Checks made payable to:
Belmont Old Home Day
Please enclose payment and mail to:
Town of Belmont – Events
Belmont Old Home Day
PO Box 310 Belmont, NH 03220

Mail to the above address. Deadline is August 1, 2023

For best printing results all ads, specific graphics, or logos must be emailed to Danielle St.

Onge as a .jpg file at <a href="mailto:recreation@belmontnh.gov">recreation@belmontnh.gov</a>. Any ad not received in this manner will be scanned and reproduced to the best of our ability with the image provided.

Questions or concerns, please contact Danielle at 603-267-1865 or 603-409-0905

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## **BELMONT OLD HOME DAY**



## August 12,2023 EVENT SCHEDULE



7:30AM

Mill Street Vendors OPEN!

There's a little something for EVERYONE!

7:30AM

**Belmonts 10 Mile Road Race** 

Registration begins at 6:30AM @ BMS

9:00AM

FREE Attractions OPEN!

Come check out our great attractions in the Village!
Obstacle Course - Ax Throwing - Basketball Blitz & More

9:30AM

Tioga Fun BUBBLE Run!

Take part in this fun race or spectate & help with the FUN! Registration begins at 9:00 AM at the Covered Bridge

10:00AM

Childrens Activites & Tractor Pull Begin!

Picture Scavenger Hunt - Library Storytime - Caricatures & More

11:00AM

**Topper & Fed** 

1:00PM

**PARADE** 

4:00PM

Family games kickoff at Bryant Park

4:00PM

**Jamestown Union Band** 

4:30PM

**Belmont Fire Department Chicken BBQ** 

5:30PM

Mini Golf - Bungee & Rock Wall OPEN

6:30PM

**Duncan Idaho Band** 

9:00PM

**FIREWORKS** 

## Parks & Recreation





# SARGENT PARK Hours 9AM-9PM

**ALL CHILDREN 10 & UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED** 

NO PETS ALLOWED

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES INCLUDING MINI-BIKES, GO CARTS, SCOOTERS OR OTHER UNAPPROVED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

REMOVAL OR DAMAGE OF ANY PROPERTY OR STRUCTURE WILL BE PROSECUTED

NO SMOKING OR VAPING

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS PERMITTED
NO GLASS CONTAINERS

## **KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN**

PLACE TRASH IN PROPER RECEPTACLES

## **BEACH RULES**

- 1. NO VEHICLES ALLOWED ON BEACH
- 2. CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (14 OR OLDER)
- 3. NO BOATS, WINDSURFERS, ETC. ALLOWED
- 4. NO DOGS EXCEPT SERVICE DOGS OR OTHER PETS ALLOWED
- 5. PLACE TRASH IN PROPER RECEPTACLES
- 6. SWIM IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY
- 7. NO BALL PLAYING, WATERGUNS, ETC. ON THE BEACH
- 8. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED
- PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WATER FOWL
- 10. REMOVAL OR DAMAGE OF ANY STRUCTURE WILL BE PROSECUTED
- 11. NO CHARCOAL FIRES ALLOWED
- 12. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED
- 13. NO SMOKING

BELMONT TAXPAYERS ONLY
NO SOLICITING BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF BELMONT







## Land Use

## August 2023

## In this issue >>>

Upcoming Meetings:

ARC - 8/17/2023 (if needed)
Planning Board - 8/28/2023
Zoning Board - 8/23/2023



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use



## July Meetings >>>

## Your Land Use Staff

**Karen Santoro** Town Planner

**Rod Cameron** Land Use Technician

Susan Austin
Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Stewart
Land Use Clerk

For additional Information: Visit <u>www.belmontnh.gov</u> Contact <u>luoffice@belmontnh.gov</u>



Application Review Committee (July 20, 2023) - Canceled

## Planning Board (July 24, 2023)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing: Lakeview at Belmont, LLC: Continuation of a Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide 172 acres into 4 lots, three of the lots will be single family residential lots, while the fourth lot will have nine 2-bedroom condominium units. Property is located at 89 Ladd Hill Road, Tax Lots 206-013-000-000, 201-066-000-000 and 201-067-000-000, in the Rural zone. Planning Board case #09-23P

<u>Plan Submission and Public Hearing: Lakeview at Belmont, LLC:</u> Continuation of a Request for Site Plan approval to convert from a Golf Course to residential use. Property is located at 89 Ladd Hill Road, Tax Lots 206-013-000-000, 201-066-000-000 and 201-067-000-000, in the Rural zone. Planning Board case #10-23P

<u>Plan Submission and Public Hearing: Fall Line Trust:</u> Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide 16.58 acres into 9 lots, creating 8 new lots. Property is located at 70 Bishop Road, Tax Lot 205-047-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. Planning Board case # 13-23P

Plan Submission and Public Hearing: Mountain Lake Village, LLC: Request for a one-year extension of an 18-lot open space single-family subdivision approval and previously granted waivers with internal roads and open space (Zoning Use Open Space Residential Subdivision). Property is located on Mile Hill Road, Tax Lots 202-012-000-000 & 202-015-

>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: August 28, 2023, 6:00PM

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## Land Use contd.

### August 2023



## Zoning Board of Adjustment (Meeting July 26, 2023)

Abutter's Hearing: Martin and Kimberly Conway: Request for a variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the removal of the existing house and garage and replacing it with new construction of a house, deck and attached garage approximately 18.15' from the private Right of Way known as Dutile Shore Road, where 50' is required. Property is located at 31 Dutile Shore Road, Tax Lot 103-005-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #12-23Z.

Abutter's Hearing: Martin and Kimberly Conway: Request for a variance of Article 4 of the Wetlands Ordinance to allow the removal of the existing house and garage and replacing it with new construction of a house, where the new deck and attached garage are approximately 26.95' from the public waters, where 50' is required. Property is located at 31 Dutile Shore Road, Tax Lot 103-005-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #13-23Z.

Abutter's Hearing: Kassandra Ladd &Grace Shaw-Kennedy: Appeal of an Administrative Decision of Article 8.F.4 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a 26'x 32' Accessory Dwelling Unit (In-Law Suite) on a lot with an existing Accessory Dwelling Unit, where only one ADU is permitted per lot. Property is located at 152 Bean Hill Road. Tax Lot 223-023-000-000, in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #14-23Z

Abutter's Hearing: Michael Gagne-Matt Smith: Request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 16' x 24' addition off of the rear of the house 23' from the side lot line, where 25' is required. Property is located at 50 Silkwood Avenue, Tax Lot 206-029-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ZBA Case # 15-23Z

Abutter's Hearing: Michael Gagne-Matt Smith: Request for a variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a 16' x 24' addition off of the rear of the house 16' from the rear lot line, where 25' is required. Property is located at 50 Silkwood Avenue, Tax Lot 206-029-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ZBA Case #16 -23Z

Abutter's Hearing: George Pickering: Request for a variance of Article 5 Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance, to replace two decks (27' x 10') and (15' x 10') approximately .5' from the side lot line, where 12.5' is required. (Request is after the fact) Property is located at 96 Fox Hill Road, Tax Lot 111-058-000-000 in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #17-23Z

Abutter's Hearing: George Pickering: Request for a variance of Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance, to replace two decks (27' x 10') and (15' x 10') approximately 5' from the public water, where 50' is required. (Request is after the fact) Property is located at 96 Fox Hill Road, Tax Lot 111-058-000-000 in the Residential Single Zone. ZBA Case #18-23Z

>>> Next Meeting: August 23, 2023, 6:00PM

## **Looking for Board members!**

Visit the Town's website: www.belmontnh.gov to submit an 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/Code Enforcement**

## **Building Department News**From the Building Inspector

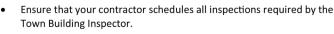


The Building Department would like to caution homeowners before starting any projects around the home.

It is important to know that building/construction contractors are NOT required to be licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

We highly recommend that you do your due diligence before hiring a contractor for your next project.

- Obtain quotes from at least 3 contractors.
- Ask if they are fully insured to cover any and all work-related accidents.
- Compare the quotes. If they are consistently priced, that is good. If one is significantly lower, there could be a reason to do some additional research. If one is very high, it could mean they are very busy and not interested in taking on any additional work.
- Be sure to have a signed contract with the terms clearly spelled out.
- Be cautious about giving too much money for an advance deposit.
- Ask to see portfolios of their work and references from past clients who you can call.
- Consider checking their ratings online, and/or with the Better Business Bureau.
- Ask for their schedule, and when they would be able to start your project.
- Ask about the length of time the project will take from start to completion.
- Be certain your contractor obtains the necessary permits for any work being completed. Ultimately you, the property owner, are responsible for all permits.



As an inspector I have seen and heard of many different problems with building contractors. Be careful, ask questions and do your research!

Thank you,

Mark C. Ekberg, Building Inspector





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143 Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 <u>buildingofficial@belmontnh.gov</u> (603)267-8300x111(V) (603)267-8307(F) <u>www.belmontnh.gov</u>

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Belmont Conservation Commission has been busy this Summer! On July 8th, several members, staff, and volunteers worked together to start clearing a loop trail and parking area at Tioga Marsh. About half of the trail is cleared, and we will be looking for more volunteers for our next work day. Anyone that is interested in lending a hand can contact the Land Use Office at 603-267-8300 x119 or



luoffice@belmontnh.gov.



The Conservation Commission became aware of an 89 acre parcel of land for sale on Mile Hill Road at the beginning of this year. After coming to an agreement with the owners, holding a public hearing, and two thumbs up from our Board of Selectmen, we are delighted to announce the town purchased the property on July 19th.

To stay in the loop on upcoming projects, our agendas and meeting minutes are available on the Town of Belmont website (belmontnh.gov).

Next Meeting: August 2, 2023



### Who are your Conservation Commission Members?

Denise Naiva, Chair and Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair

Members Jane Jordan, Pauline Tessier,

Susan Irving, and Georgina Lambert

Alternate Members Richard Moreau, Deborah Woodcock,

and Jeffrey DeFrancesco,

Student Members Emilie DeFrancesco and William Riley

Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

## **Library News**

Belmont Public

Library

August 2023

Book Giveaway and Author **Visit** 

> **AUGUST 9 1PM** TIOGA PAVILION

Old Home Day is August 12. Summer Reading Celebration



Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10am-6pm

Saturday 9am-1pm belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331 Police Department Touch a Truck July 31 11am

**Musical Munchkins** 

Mondays 10am August 7, 14

StoryTots

Wednesdays 10am August 2, 9, 16

**LEGO Drop-In** 

Tuesday 10am August 1, 8

Thursday 1pm August 3, 10

**BYO Lunch Movie** 

Fridays 1pm August 4, 11

GSF Book Club ages 10-14

Thursday August 3 3pm

**I.F. Book Club** ages 14 - 18

Thursday August 17 3pm

Film Fridays 3pm

August 4, 11

Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

Fiber Arts Group

Wednesdays 10am

Tea & Tales Book Club

Thursday August 10 5pm

Friday Fiction Book Group

Friday August 25 10:30am

Iweens/Teens

146 Main Street ~ belmontpubliclibrary.org Monday & Friday 10-5; Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10-6; Saturday 9-1

## Important Updates To NH Homeowner Assistance Fund



The New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund has recently updated its Plan and Policy that went into effect at the end of February 2023.

- Program and Assistance Type Caps: Total assistance available per household has been increased to \$40,000 and can be utilized for one or a combination of any of the following:
  - Total assistance available for Mortgage Reinstatement increased to \$40,000
  - Total assistance available for Property Charges increased to \$40,000
  - Total assistance available for Utilities increased to \$5,000
- The six-month waiting period for reapplication has been eliminated.
- Proof of loss mitigation is still required for those requesting mortgage reinstatement assistance; however, if an applicant can show that they have completed loss mitigation any time after January 2020, they will not be required to complete it a second time.

It is still the policy of NH HAF to only cover past due expenses. Expenses are considered past due as early as the day after they are due.

Property taxes fall under the Property Charges assistance type which now has a cap of \$40,000. NH HAF will cover all delinquent taxes, including deferred taxes, up to the assistance cap.

For more information: https://homehelpnh.org/

## **Cemetery Trustees**

From the Cemetery Trustees:

We are in our busy season and have many projects in the works.

The Trustees want to thank the Board of Selectmen for appointing two alternate members to our Board. Norma Patten and Kevin Sturgeon have volunteered to help us out and lend their expertise and ideas to us as we move forward with our projects. Norma has been a full board member since 1997 but decided that she was interested in a temporary position. Mr. Sturgeon brings knowledge as a Planning Board member and in areas of excavation and will prove most helpful with building projects around our cemeteries. We are always looking for any interested people who want to lend a hand; please reach out to us.

What a crazy summer! Rain, rain, and more rain, makes it interesting to keep any kind of mowing schedule. We are keeping an eye to the sky and get in there when there are good conditions to do so.

Memorial Day was beautiful. Thank you to our American Legion Post 58 members for letting us be a part of putting out the flags for our honored service members.

Wreaths Across America is in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year! Please save the date: December 16, 2023 at 12pm.

We are continuing with stone repairs and cleaning at pop up times. If anyone wants to join me, please reach out to belcem2015@gmail.com.

We are still working on recreating and researching our files. We have gotten many requests from all over the world to fill in some blanks for family histories.

Thank you for the continued support from our community in letting us know if we have issues that we

need to address.

Continue to enjoy the summer!

Sharon Ciampi - Chairman

Kyle Dodge - Trustee

Hillary Horn - Trustee



## From the Cemetery Trustees Chair:

Diane Marden, a lifelong resident of Belmont, passed away on May 15, 2023. She loved her hometown and dedicated herself to preserving Belmont's history. She started out as a Town employee at the Town Hall and later moved to the Fire Department in time to help re-address the Town for the 911 system. Listening to the "I remember when" stories from the older generation was what piqued her interest in the Town's history initially and her love just grew from there.

Diane decided to share her love of history by creating the belmonthnet website which is dedicated to the historic records of our Town. Some of these records include birth, death, and marriage records, all cemetery locations, and reports from the Towns' numerous one room schoolhouses.

Diane, along with her good friend Wallace Rhodes, and members of the Historical Society, were able to publish a beautiful book made from old postcards that were gathered by Diane and some friends of hers.

Diane was also the founding and oldest member of the Save the Gale School Committee. She created the Trolley Tours to take people around Town and tell stories about certain locations. This was the first fundraiser for the Save the Gale School Committee. This project was her most beloved of anything else she did. She was so thankful for all the support from the team she had to help her succeed in saving the school and moving it to its current Concord Street location.

Diane was also an elected member of the Cemetery Trustees from 2007-2022. She was solely responsible for the new stair and rails system and the parking space construction project at Folsum Cemetery on 107 in Belmont. It was a beautiful addition. The Trustees are very grateful for her 15 years of dedication.

Diane was also one of the original members appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the Heritage Commission at its inception in 2004; she was honored to be chosen.

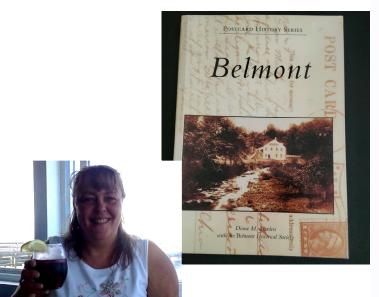
Diane was a wonderful person who cared deeply about her Town. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

If you are interested in the postcard book, the Historical Society will have them for sale at the Old Home Day celebration or reach out to a Historical Society member or a Cemetery Trustee. They will be \$20.

Sincerely, Sharon Ciampi











## 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

Wednesday, August 16th, 2023 **12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** 

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #10943

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

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.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.





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

Moderate-Income Program

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

The program rebate structure is as follows:

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

### Program Requirements:

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

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:

Margaux.levesque@eversource.com or 603-490-3506











## Garbage & Recycling Calendar Update





## Zero Sort Recycling Tips

## ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

TOSS ALL CLEAN & EMPTY RECYCLABLES INTO THIS CONTAINER

## CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard (Wavy center layer)



(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper (Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

## PLASTIC METAL



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



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, tangiers such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, waxy cups or plates, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, tarps, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, thes or rubber, Styrofoam<sup>22</sup>, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stimers, coffee pods, ceramics, or baking glass





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

## **NH Saves & EnergyStar Incentives**



## Heat Pump Water Heaters: Clean, Efficient, Affordable

Still burning propane or oil to heat your water? Switch to the all-electric heat pump water heater and kiss that old flame goodbye!

## **How They Work**

A heat pump water heater pulls heat from the surrounding air, compresses it, and transfers it to the water in your tank. This means it can be two to three times more efficient than a conventional water heater, saving a family of four up to \$550 per year on its electric bill.

### **Other Benefits**

- No combustion or on-site fuel storage
- · Less maintenance
- Heat pump water heaters cool and dehumidify as they operate

### Incentives Up to \$750

As a NHSaves utility partner, NHEC offers instant incentives to our members of \$750 on the purchase of a 40-gallon through 80-gallon heat pump water heaters. To learn more or apply for rebates, just scan the QR code here, or visit

www.nhec.com/home-energy-solutions/heat-pumpwater-heaters.





## Get \$30 for Your Old AC or Dehumidifier!

Got an old, inefficient room air conditioner or dehumidifier that needs replacing? Recycle it and collect \$30! Sponsored by the NHSaves® utility partners, turn-in events are happening around the state this summer. Find one closest to you: nhsaves.com/learn/2023/04/2023-turn-in-events



Your pool pump could be your home's second largest energy user. Replace it this summer and get a \$500 rebate on ENERGY STAR® certified models from your NHSaves® utility partners! ENERGY STAR certified in-ground pool pumps use 18% less energy than standard pumps, saving you over \$300 per year in energy costs.

ENERGY STAR certified above-ground pool pumps use 11% less energy than standard pumps and can save you over \$115 over the lifetime of the product.

### **DETAILS & REBATE FORM:**

www.nhsaves.com/residential/pool-pumps



## Round Up for Our Communities

Joining NHEC's Round Up program is an easy way to give a little back to community nonprofits that are improving the quality of life here in NHEC service territory. More than 40,000 NHEC members have their electric bill "rounded up" to the next dollar, with the proceeds benefiting the NHEC Foundation. Since 2006, the NHEC Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million of member contributions to hundreds of organizations right here in New Hampshire. To join Round Up, visit: www.nhec.com/round-up-program



### **Board of Directors Meetings**

The NHEC Board of Directors regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Please check the Board of Directors page on the NHEC web site at www.nhec.com, or call Sharon Yeaton at (603) 536-8801 to confirm the current month's time and location.

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

E-mail!

Please email Colleen Akerman at:

assessing@belmontnh.gov to get on our



