

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



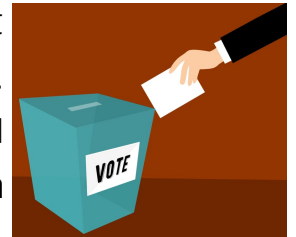
2024 Budget Hearing

The Budget Committee will hold its Public Hearing on the 2024 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Belmont Mill. If a second hearing is required, it will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Belmont Mill. Agendas and Zoom links may be found here: <https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/227658/agendas---2024>



2024 Deliberative Session

The Town of Belmont will hold our Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00am at Belmont High School. Our meeting agenda will be posted on the Town website at:



belmontnh.gov

Candidacy



The filing period for candidates for open seats on Town of Belmont Boards and Commissions is from January 24, 2024 through February 2, 2024. Please see the Town Clerk's News on page 5 for the full list of open seats.

HAPPY
New Year

- Abatement applications for 2023 property taxes are available at Town Hall, or they can be downloaded from our website belmontnh.gov from the Departments > Assessing page.
- The due date for abatement applications is 03/01/2024.
- Updated 2023 Vision Property Tax Cards for all properties are available on our website through <https://next.axisgis.com/BelmontNH/#>
- See page 3 for information about elderly and disabled property tax exemptions

Town Administrator's News (con'td.)



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



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

We need your help to ensure our sewers keep flowing. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator's Office at 267-8300 ext. 124.

Town Hall will be closed
 Monday, January 15th
 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

PROPERTY RECORD / TAX CARDS

Updated 2023 property tax cards for all Belmont properties have been uploaded to our website, and can be accessed through the AxisGIS system: <https://next.axisgis.com/BelmontNH/>

Cards may be searched by property address, owner name or map and lot number. Once you locate the property you are looking for, click on VISION PROPERTY CARD under the Documents section.

Bulky Waste Disposal

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 cash or 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.

Assessing Department—Exemptions

If you are wondering about an elderly or disabled property tax exemption, please refer to the chart and information below. If you think you will qualify, please come to Town Hall for an application, or download one from belmontnh.gov from the Assessing page.

Please note that supporting documents such as statements will need to be from October, November and December 2023; to qualify for 2024. The deadline is April 15th, however we recommend filing early in case there are any additional documents you need to provide.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

****Applications accepted after January 1****

****Filing deadline is April 15****

Qualifications

- Must be 65 years of age on or before April 1
- Must be the owner of record on or before April 1
- Must reside in the State of New Hampshire for **3 consecutive years** on or before April 1
- Married couples must have been married for **5 consecutive years** on or before April 1
- Must occupy the property as their principal abode to qualify for the elderly exemption

⇒ *Income qualifications will include **any gross income** from all sources in the calendar year preceding April 1st*

- ◆ Single person income not to exceed **\$25,000**
- ◆ Married persons joint income not to exceed **\$35,000**

⇒ *Asset qualifications will include **any assets** on the date of application*

- ◆ Assets not to **exceed \$150,000** (excluding the home they reside in)
 - Any other real estate owned anywhere (individually, jointly, in common, fractional) including land, mobile homes, condos, timeshares, etc.
 - Checking and/or savings account balances
 - CD's, IRA's, 401K's, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, annuities, life insurance policies, money market, etc.
 - Any and all vehicles registered in your name including motor vehicles, cars, trucks, RV's, trailers, etc.

Exemption amount:

The exemption amount is subtracted from the assessed valuation to lower your tax liability.

- Ages 65 through 74: The exemption is \$ 65,000
- Ages 75 through 79: The exemption is \$ 80,000
- Ages 80 and over: The exemption is \$ 125,000

DISABLED EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

****Applications accepted after January 1****

****Filing deadline is April 15****

Qualifications:

- Must be the owner of record on or before April 1
- Must reside in the State of New Hampshire for **5 consecutive years** on or before April 1
- If real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for **5 consecutive years** on or before April 1
- Must occupy as their principal abode the property qualifying for the exemption
- Must be under the age of 65 on April 1 and receiving Title II or Title XVI

Social Security disability benefits convert to retirement benefits at age 65. Taxpayer may apply for the elderly exemption.

⇒ *Income qualifications will include **any income** from all sources in the calendar year preceding April 1st*

- ◆ Single person income not to exceed **\$25,000**
- ◆ Married persons joint income not to exceed **\$35,000**

⇒ *Asset qualifications will include **any assets** on the date of application*

- ◆ Assets not to **exceed \$100,000** (excluding the home they reside in)
 - Any other real estate owned anywhere (individually, jointly, in common, fractional etc.) including land, mobile homes, condos, timeshares, etc.
 - Checking and/or savings account balances
 - CD's, IRA's, 401K's, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, annuities, cash value of life insurance policies, money market, etc.
 - Any and all vehicles registered in your name including motor vehicles, cars, trucks, RV's and trailers

Exemption amount:

The exemption is \$ 50,000 and is subtracted from the assessed valuation to lower tax liability.

Town Clerk's Corner

New Year's Greetings fellow residents of Belmont! We hope the New Year finds you happy and well!

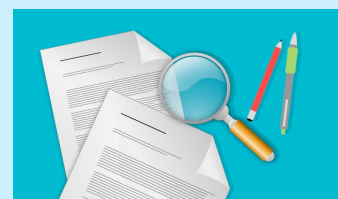
It's been an exciting time in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Taxes were due December 18th and we have collected 92% of the committed taxes for the second half of 2023.

We are ready to hit the ground running in 2024!



It's that time of year when we can begin renewing your furry family member's licenses. Dog licenses can be renewed in person, via mail or on our Town's website www.belmontnh.gov. The cost of the license is \$9.00 for dogs that are unaltered/intact, \$6.50 for dogs that are spayed/neutered and if you are a dog owner who is over 65, one dog per household can be registered for \$2.00. Please be sure to bring in your dog's updated rabies certificate. As always, we accept cash, check or card, if using a card please keep in mind that there is a 2.79% fee added to the total. For amounts under \$50.00 the minimum fee is \$2.50. All licenses are due to be renewed by April 30, 2024.

Water/Sewer bills are due January 9, 2024. As with dog licenses the bills can be paid via mail, on the website or stop on in the office and say hello!



The Presidential Primary Election will be held at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, on January 23, 2024 and polls will be open 7AM-7PM. If you need an absentee ballot, please submit your request in our office. Request forms are available on our Town Website on the Homepage, in our office and we are also happy to email you a copy. We have the absentee ballots in the office so if you know you won't be able to attend the election in person you can stop in and cast your vote or we can mail them to you. Each person requesting a ballot must submit their own request and the request **MUST** be signed.

Town Clerk's Corner

As of January 13, 2024 we can no longer accept voter registration in the office. After this date, you must register to vote at the polls on the day of the election. Be sure to bring your ID and proof of residency with you!



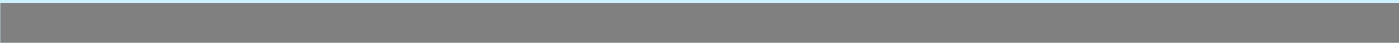
Also happening in January is the filing period for Town Offices. The filing period is from January 24 – February 2, 2024.

The Offices available are as follows:

Selectman	3-year term	2 Positions
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	1-year term	
Budget Committee	3-year term	4 Positions
Budget Committee	2-year term	2 Positions
Moderator	2-year term	
Trustee of Trust Funds	3-year term	
Library Trustee	3-year term	2 Positions
Cemetery Trustee	3-year term	
Planning Board	3-year term	2 Positions
Zoning Board	3-year term	2 Positions

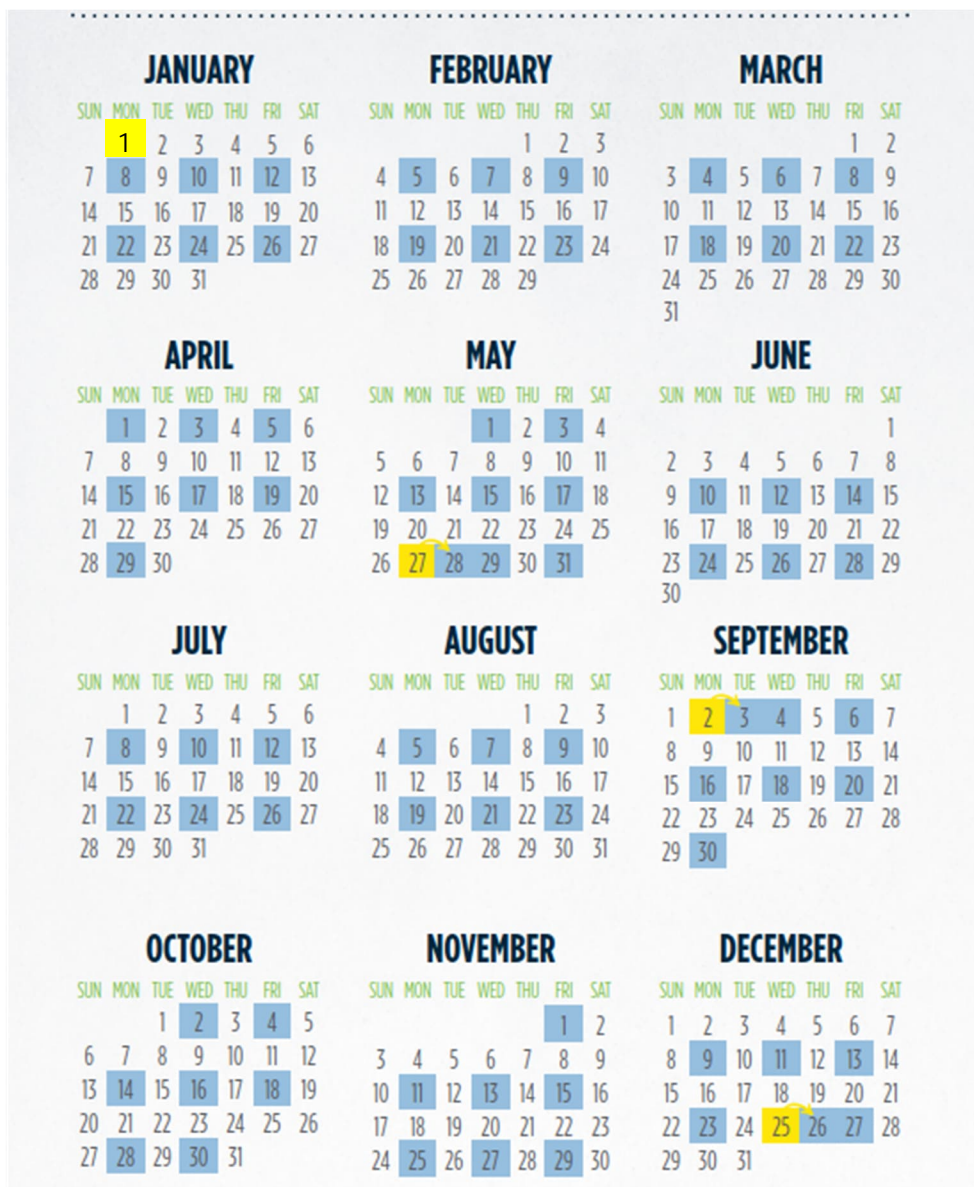
We are looking forward to an action packed, fun-filled, exciting year! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office (603) 267-8300 Ext 2 or email tctc@belmontnh.gov

Thank you, Jenn C, Sam & Devon



Garbage & Recycling Calendar Update

Please note there will be NO CHANGE
to Wednesday 01/03/2024
or
Friday 01/05/2024 trash collection.



Public Use Winter Sand

The Public Works Department would like to remind everyone that sand is available to all citizens at their 149 Hurricane Road facility. It is located to the right of the gate just before entering the yard on Hurricane Road, and can be accessed outside of normal business hours for your convenience. It comes with a requested limit of three 5-gallon buckets per person to ensure there is enough to go around. The sand is screened sand that is not mixed with salt unless we are dealing with extremely cold temperatures. Please take advantage of this benefit and keep driveways and walkways safe during the next few months.

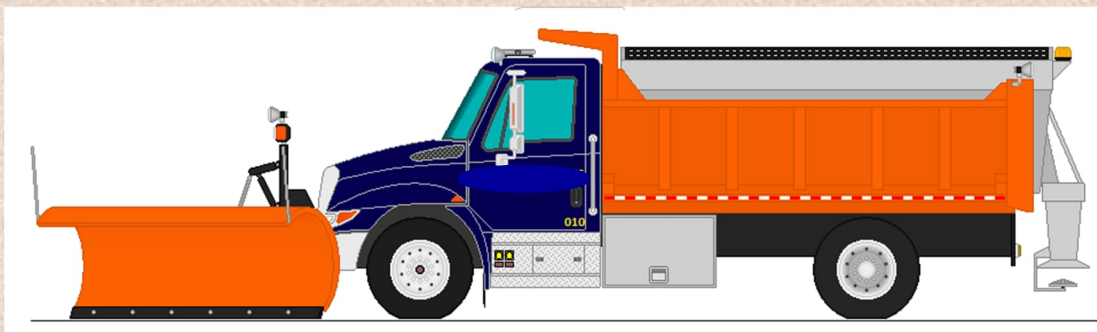


Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe
Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



Snow Obstruction and Removal Ordinance

Winter may be off to a slow start but it will inevitably arrive at some point. This is a great time to remind everyone about the Town of Belmont's ordinance regulating snow obstruction and removal. A full, recently updated copy of this ordinance can be found on the Town website belmontnh.gov. Click the Info Center tab and follow to Applications, Forms & Ordinances > Streets & Highways section. This policy has been adopted with the intent to protect the safety, health and welfare of the general public. It regulates removal and placement of snow and ice in areas maintained by Town Personnel and equipment (i.e. Town maintained roads, sidewalks, Fire Hydrants and parking lots). Your Public Works Personnel spend long hours using Department resources to keep Town Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots free of snow and ice for Residents and Visitors. The purpose of this ordinance is to help the Department keep them that way. The placement of snow and ice by any means, during and at the conclusion of a winter event can be dangerous. Snow and ice moved in those areas create hazards by placing physical obstructions such as chunks or windrows across the road. These hazards can then be hit resulting in damage to vehicles or cause accidents, due to motorists utilizing evasive maneuvers to miss the obstruction. They can also cause icy conditions as the sun warms the pavement and traffic drives through making the roadway slippery. The Department asks that you do not push snow across the road during and after any winter weather and recently adopted policy changes reflect that.



Following this simple request leaves the roads in a safe, travelable condition and prevents the need for crews to be reactivated after storm events allowing them to get much needed rest and time with family.



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Thank you!!!

We would like to take a moment to thank the many people and organizations that donated items, gave a monetary donation, or adopted families to assist us with the Santa's Little Helpers program. With the continued support of everyone involved with this great program, we were able to assist many families this year. The program has been running for many years and we look forward to supporting the community in the future with this program. Again, a huge Thank You to everyone!!! Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Jessica's Law

While we haven't had a lot of snow storms yet this winter, we want to remind motorists of Jessica's Law. While this may seem redundant to some people, we feel the need to remind motorists of this law due to the severity of it. Not cleaning your vehicle or trailer off after a storm, could lead to that snow or ice falling off and causing an accident. There have been times where accidents have turned fatal. This law also goes for making sure that you can see out of your windshield and other windows when frost has accumulated. Driving down the road looking through the "port hole" doesn't work as you cannot see things in your peripheral vision.

The New Hampshire state statute that covers this law is:

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

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

FIRE PERMITS

Do you need a fire permit, but you can't make it to the Belmont Fire Department located at 14 Gilmanton Rd.??

You can now purchase a fire permit online at
<https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/>

The fee charged when purchasing online goes directly to the maintenance of the Burn Safe website.
You can still stop in at the fire station to pick up a permit at no cost!

You can purchase the following permits:

Category I & II Daily Permit or Seasonal Permit

Category III daily brush permit.

(Seasonal Permits are not available until January 1st, 2024









and expire on December 31st, 2024.)





Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

 <p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	 <p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	 <p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
 <p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	 <p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	 <p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
 <p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>	 <p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>	



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nffa.org/winter.



Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- »» MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- »» KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- »» HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- »» PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- »» PRACTICE using different ways out.
- »» TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- »» CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- »» If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- »» If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- »» CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ❗ According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ❗ While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ❗ **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information
 NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Belmont Fire Department

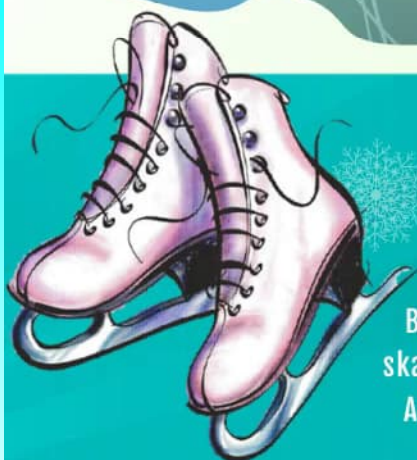
FF Trevor Gilbert and his wife, Makayla, welcomed a baby girl on November 27th! Welcome to the Belmont Fire Department family, baby Charlotte!!



BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION

BELMONT SKATES

AT MERRILL FAY ARENA



MARCH 16, 2024
4 PM - 5:30 PM

Belmont Residents and friends are invited to ice skate at the Merrill Fay Arena (formerly Laconia Ice Arena) for a private skate time. This is a family outing and chaperones will not be provided.

Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required.

RSVP NOW AT:

\$6
PER PERSON

\$6
OPTIONAL
SKATE RENTAL

For more info, please contact Danielle St.Onge, 603-267-1865 or email Recreation@Belmontnh.gov

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES

Winter is just getting started but **SUMMER** will be here before you know it! Belmont Parks & Recreation will be hiring lifeguards **16+** for the summer of **2024!** Get certified now!

FOR CLASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://tinyurl.com/LifeguardTraining2024>



Great work environment - Flexible Schedule - Learn important life skills
- Excellent source of summer income - Great resume' builder!

GUNSTOCK OUTREACH PROGRAM



**FREE
Lift tickets
on Lesson
Days!!!**

CHAPERONES NEEDED

FOR CHAPERONES:

Volunteers are necessary for this program and without parent support this program cannot operate. Gunstock requires a volunteer for each lesson group. Gunstock will give 1 free chaperone ticket valid on each of our lesson dates/time. Lessons will be held Wednesday evenings. Priority will be given to those who can commit to all 4 lesson dates.

We will do our best to place chaperones in a group with their child but cannot be guaranteed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

**Danielle St.Onge
Belmont Parks & Recreation
603-267-1865 or Recreation@belmontnh.gov**



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 Thursday of each month to plan all aspects of our annual Belmont Old Home Day celebration .

Interested residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and become part of planning the towns most popular annual event!

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

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 2024
6:30PM
BELMONT MILL - 2ND FLOOR

JOIN US

Please note the elevator
at the Belmont Mill is
OUT OF SERVICE
while we complete
an elevator upgrade and renovation.

All meetings will be held on the first floor
until further notice.



*Please use the
rear entrance to
access meetings
through the
interior door
across from the
elevator.*

In this issue >>>

Upcoming Meetings:

- ARC – 1/16/2024 (if needed)
- Planning Board – 1/22/2024
- Zoning Board – 1/24/2024



A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

Land Use

- ARC
- Planning
- Zoning



October Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Karen Santoro
Town Planner

Rod Cameron
Land Use Technician

Susan Austin
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Thomas
Land Use Clerk

For additional Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.gov
Contact
luoffice@belmontnh.gov



Application Review Committee (December 21, 2023)

Good Fortune Trust of 2022: Review of an application for a Subdivision (3 Lots). Property is located at 11 Brown Hill Road, Tax lot 229-007-000-000, in the Rural Zone. ARC Case #23-23R

Planning Board (December 18, 2023)

2024 Zoning Amendments—moved to the ballot.

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Gary and Elaine Cartier: Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide a single-family residential lot from Tax Lot 223-054-000-000. Property is located at 105 Hurricane Road, in the Rural Zone. Planning Board Case# 22-23P - Approved

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Raed Hertel Family Trust: Request for Subdivision Approval to subdivide to subdivide 5 single family residential lots from Tax Lot 118-016-000-000. Property is located on Jamestown Road in the Residential Single-Family Zone. Planning Board Case # 23-23P.—Cont. to 1/22/24

Plan Submission and Public Hearing – Christopher and Laura Gardner: Request for a Boundary Line Adjustment for 1.09 acres to Lot 215-021-001-000 from Lot 215-021-000-000, and 1.12 acres to Lot 215-021-000-000 from lot 215-021-001-000. Properties are located on Hoadley Road, in the Rural Zone. Planning Board case # 24-23P—Approved

>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: January 22,2024, 6:00PM

continued...

Zoning Board of Adjustment (December Meeting Canceled due to lack of applications)

>>> Next Meeting: January 24,2024, 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
- **2 vacancies**

Conservation (no current vacancies)

- 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members





The 'State of the Birds' in New Hampshire

By Hadley Barndollar, New Hampshire Bulletin , Dec 25, 2023

Last month, New Hampshire Audubon debuted its new “State of the Birds” interactive website, a central repository of all things Granite State birds: species groups, breeding habitats, migration cycles, ongoing threats, and protective actions humans can take.

Users will discover there are 29 species of waterfowl that spend time in New Hampshire, with the highest concentrations along major river valleys and the coast. The American kestrel is the only declining breeder among the state’s birds of prey, and forest-dwelling raptors like the northern goshawk require relatively large tracts of unbroken habitat. And only two of New Hampshire’s 18 aerial insectivores are increasing in number – the willow and alder flycatchers.

The website details how species such as the bank swallow, rusty blackbird, meadowlark, and towhee are seeing steep declines, as well as half of New Hampshire’s shorebird species, including killdeer, spotted sandpiper, purple sandpiper, whimbrel, and lesser yellowlegs.

On the other side of the coin, bald eagles have made a victorious comeback in the state. Forty years ago, the number of nesting pairs was down in the single digits in New Hampshire, and today, it’s up over 100. Peregrine falcons have experienced a similar rebound thanks to conservation efforts.

In other positive news, the ruby-throated hummingbird, Carolina wren, chipping sparrow, and Canada goose are all increasing in the state.

You can access the website at: <https://www.stateofthebirds.org/2022/>

NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING :

6 PM, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 AT THE BELMONT MILL

Conservation Commission Members

Denise Naiva, Chair
Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair
Jane Jordan , Pauline Tessier, Susan Irving,
Georgina Lambert

Alternate Members

Richard Moreau, Deborah Woodcock,
and Jeffrey DeFrancesco,
Student Members
Emilie DeFrancesco & Emerson Decato
Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

Building Inspection/Code Enforcement News and Information



January 2024

Sometimes accidents and emergencies happen. We can't always be prepared for unexpected events, but here are some tips on how to proceed in case of damage to your home or other building.

Examples of damage may be from weather, trees falling, vehicle accident, fire, or explosion.

- ⇒ Call your insurance company. They can best assist you with the steps to follow. The insurance company will likely send an adjuster to inspect the damage and evaluate the cost of repairs.
- ⇒ Take photos and notes **BEFORE** any clean up occurs.
- ⇒ Contact the building inspector if you suspect structural damage
- ⇒ Obtain required permits for any necessary work—including demolition of any structures.
- ⇒ Look for 24/7 emergency response providers or disaster recovery organizations such as the American Red Cross Society that provide services for: floods, fire, or structural damage

Thank you, Mark C. Ekberg
BI/CEO



**Have a safe
and
Happy New
Year!**



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codeenforcement@belmontnh.gov
(603)267-8300x111(V) (603)267-8307(F)
www.belmontnh.gov

Belmont Public Library

January 2024

Winter Reading

January 2 – March 1, adults can pick up a challenge BINGO bookmark at the Library or download it from the Library’s website. Mark off three activities by reading, writing, listening, creating, and being active inside or outside for a prize!

 **ancestry** library edition

Available for in library use now and through 2024.

Ask a librarian!

Library Closed January 1, 15

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

Babies and Books

Tuesday 10am

StoryTots

Wednesdays 10:30am

Tinker Tots

January 9, 23 1pm

Preschool

Homeschool Activities

Thursdays at 1pm

Family Fun

Saturdays 10am

LEGO

Fridays 1pm

Family

Teen Games Drop In

January 18, 25 3pm

Film Fridays 3pm

Teens

Fiber Arts Group

Mondays 10am

Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

Tea & Tales Book Club

January 11 5pm

Friday Fiction Book Group

January 19 10:30am

Adults

Cemetery Trustees

The Trustees strongly urge everyone to use the QR code below or link directly to www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NH0030 in order to properly receive the matching credit.



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **Wreath Matching Program!** ★

Wreaths Across America



From now until January 16th if you purchase 2 wreaths our program receives 3 free!

To ensure your donation goes directly to us and qualifies for our buy 2 get 1 AND the matching program please scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit:

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NH0030



#ServeAndSucceed

Please reach out to haimards2016@gmail.com with any questions.

Cemetery Trustees / Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

Town of Belmont
Board of Selectmen / Cemetery Trustees
Public Hearing
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 am
Belmont Mill, 14 Mill Street

The Town of Belmont NH Cemetery Trustees have identified 7 cemeteries that are not owned by the Town, and under RSA 289:19-21, propose to have them declared neglected/abandoned:

Gile Cemetery - 229 Jamestown Road - M/L 232-006 – oldest stone--Mary Gile deceased 09/18/1828

Woodman Cemetery – Hurricane Road – M/L 222-004 - oldest stone--Frances Adelaide Woodman deceased 10/01/1845

Leavitt Cemetery – Leavitt Road behind Smith’s Orchard – M/L 211-074 - oldest stone--Lewis S Leavitt deceased 01/14/1814

Farrar Cemetery – Province Road – M/L 226-026 - oldest stone--Jeduthan Farrar Sr. deceased 06/1784.

Prescott Cemetery – Northbrook Road – M/L 205-008 - oldest stone--Col. Dudley Prescott deceased 08/03/1815

Weymouth Cemetery (Burial Ground) – Brown Hill Road – M/L 229-040

Swallow Cemetery – Swallow Road – M/L 203-004

Direct descendants or other interested parties of the ancestors or properties above should contact the Belmont Selectboard at (603) 267-8300 xt 118 as soon as possible to discuss this matter. The SelectBoard may declare the cemeteries abandoned after the public hearing if descendants grant permission or no descendants are located. Those will become municipal cemeteries managed by the Cemetery Trustees.

Village Spur Rail Trail NOTICE

Please take notice that the Village Rail Spur Trail is not maintained over the winter. All Town trails may be enjoyed at your own risk.

CAUTION



**TRAIL NOT
MAINTAINED FOR
WINTER USE
PROCEED AT YOUR
OWN RISK**

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/>

January 2024

Belmont Got Lunch

Got Lunch! Belmont & Friends would like to thank all those who purchased calendar raffle tickets to help us raise money to feed as many kids as possible in our community this coming summer! Here is a list of our winners!

December 1: Brian J.

December 2: Colleen A.

December 3: Marianne D.

December 4: Michelle C.

December 5: Kathy S.

December 6: Rose Z.

December 7: Liz S.

December 8: Liz S.

December 9: Susan A.

December 10: Deanne M.

December 11: Diane C.

December 12: Stephanie D.

December 13: Sarah W.

December 14: Karen S.

December 15: Susan A.

December 16: Kristen S.

December 17: Jen C.

December 18: Denise F.

December 19: Decato's Auto Body

December 20: Andrea K.

December 21: Krystin A.

December 22: Denise F.

December 23: Marianne D.

December 24: Diane C.

December 25: Jane N.

December 26: Michael C.

December 27: Beth V.

December 28: Denise M.

December 29: Colleen A.

December 30: Gail D.

December 31: Andrea K.



We had 2 items donated back to use to be re-raffed. The item winners are Tammy D. and Brian W.

Congratulations to all our winners! We will be having another fundraiser in January where we will be selling football squares! If you have any questions, please reach out to us at our email gotlunchbelmontandfriends@gmail.com or Facebook at Got Lunch Belmont & Friends. Also, please like and follow our Facebook page to stay up to date on any news about the program or future fundraising. Thank you again!

GOT LUNCH! Belmont & Friends

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We've got a big summer ahead delivering food bags to kids every week. But we need help right now to make it all happen!

Immediate roles include:

- Fundraising/Donations
- Logistics
- Public Relations
- Procurement
- Grant Writing



When summer rolls around, we'll also need folks for:

- Packing food
- Delivery drivers

Got some time to spare? Whenever you can help, we've got a spot for you. Reach out and let us know.

For More Information Call
Sharon Ciampi
603.581.9746



Got Lunch Belmont & Friends

email:

gotlunchbelmontandfriends@gmail.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**



In Service to One, In Service to All.

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

Blood Drive
**Belmont Community
St. Joseph Church**

Church Basement
96 Main Street
Belmont, NH 03220

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 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.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

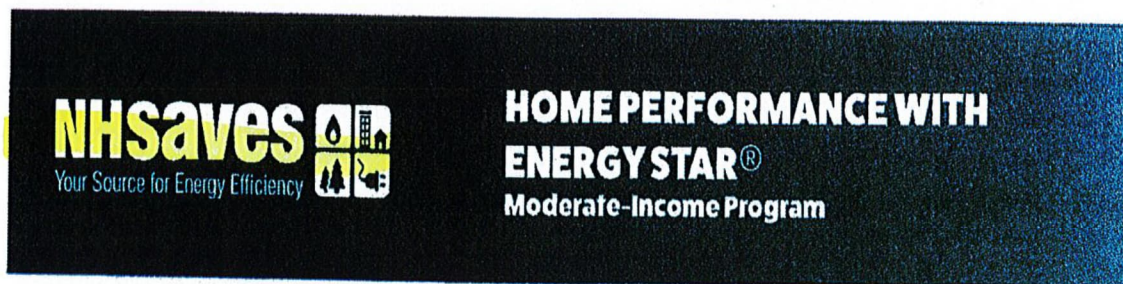
Come give Jan. 1-31 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you & a guest to Super Bowl LVIII in Vegas! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more! Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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

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:

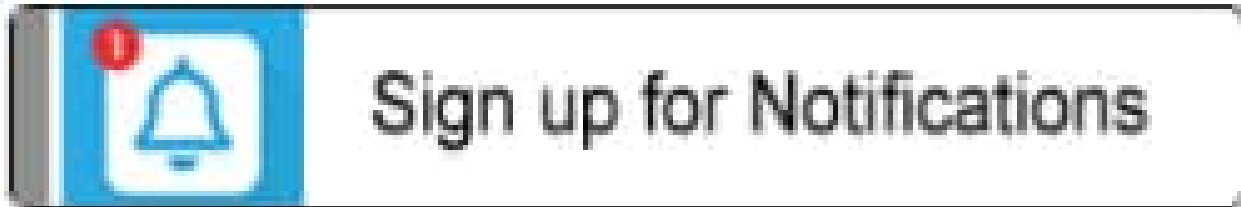
- Income eligibility qualified by the Community Action Agency
- Open to customers who do not qualify for fuel assistance (over income for fuel assistance) but fall within the 80% state median income or 300% federal policy guidelines

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:

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

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Do you know someone new to Town, or someone in Town who would love to see our **Newsletter** and receive important notices by email from the Town of Belmont?

Please visit our homepage at belmontnh.gov and click the button on the right-hand side to “Sign Up for Notifications”.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire. At the top right, there are links for "Search", "Contact Us", and "Facebook". The main header features the town's logo on the left and the text "Town of Belmont New Hampshire" in the center. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: "Home", "News / Events", "Projects", "Boards / Officials", "Departments / Staff", "Info Center", "Doing Business", and "More...".

On the left side, there is contact information for Belmont Town Office (143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220 - (603) 267-8300) and town hall business hours (Monday - Friday - 7:30am to 4pm). Below this is a section for "Upcoming Belmont Town Hall Closings for 2023" with dates: 10/09, 11/10, 11/23, 11/24, and 12/25.

In the center, there is a "Current News and Notices" section with a note: "Please note if you are using our website on a mobile device/cell phone, you may need to scroll to the bottom of the screen to see information such as our hours of operation, holiday closings, and quick links to Registrations, Payments, Maps, Applications and Meetings."

On the right side, there is a "Connect on Facebook with..." section listing various town departments: Board of Selectmen, Recreation Department, Winni Trail, Fire, Police, and Library. Below this is a "Sign up for Notifications" button, which is circled in red and pointed to by a large red arrow. Other service links include "Auto Registrations, Dog Licenses & Vital Records", "Payments / Inquiries Property Tax / Water / Sewer", "Recreation Department Programs", and "Assessing Data".