Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



2025 Budget Season Started

The Town of Belmont has started preparing for the upcoming 2025 Budget Season. A joint meeting was held on July 9th between the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee and Department Heads. The 2024 Budget failed by 77 votes and failed warrant articles totaled \$1,355,000. The discussion centered on concerns about inflation and the political climate, road work that has not been completed this year such as Middle Route and the potential need to borrow money for future road construction, old police vehicles that have outlived their useful lives, a 25-year old fire tanker that is currently out of service, how to better educate voters on the budget and warrant articles, the increase to the school budget, additional properties added to the tax rolls, the low number of voters compared to total residents, cost cutting measures this year that will have long-term consequences, loss of employees due to competitive salaries from other municipalities and the private sector, increased costs for utilities such as phones and electric, ideas on how to increase revenues such as increasing fees and/or charging for trash collection, and encouraging committee members to visit the Fire Department and other departments to see how things operate and how busy things are. Belmontnh.gov provides live or after the fact access to meetings through the VIEW MEET-INGS button on our home page and through the Info Center > Meeting Agendas & Minutes.

BELMONT OLD HOME DAY



"Four Seasons"

August 10th, 2024

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

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

Meeting Schedule

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7th at 10:00 am in the Tioga Room at the Mill. Agendas are posted to our website at:

https://belmontnh.gov/Pages/Index/227658/agendas---2024

Board of Selectmen OHD Information Booth



Join us at Old Home Day to meet and chat with your Board of Selectmen: Chairman Ruth Mooney, Vice Chair Travis O'Hara and Members Jon Pike, Sonny Patten and Sharon Ciampi.

Town Administrator's News (cont'd.)

Revaluation Timeline

<u>Task</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Sales Data Collection	February, 2024	May, 2024
Sales Review	April, 2024	May, 2024
Valuation	June, 2024	July, 2024
Assessor's Valuation Review	July, 2024	August, 2024
Valuation Notices to Property Owners		August, 2024
Informal Meetings	August, 2024	August, 2024
Project Completion		September, 2024

Please keep an eye on your mailbox this month for reassessment value notices for 2024. Instructions will be provided on how to schedule an informal hearing with our assessors to discuss your reassessment. Please note there is a very limited window to schedule a hearing.

The new tax rate will not be set until October or November so we are unable to provide any estimates for fall tax bills.

At this time, the next revaluation is scheduled for 2029.



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.

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 visit the Town's website day. Please www.belmontnh.gov for the full details on the program and a price list.



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

Town Clerk's Corner



09/10/2024 BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL 255 SEAVEY ROAD POLLS OPEN 7 AM to 7 PM

Summer is winding down but things are heating up in the Town Clerk's office!

Elections are upon us! The 2024 NH State Primary will be held on Tuesday September 10, 2024. Voting takes place at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Rd., and polls will be open from 7AM-7PM. At this election we are voting for which candidate you feel will best represent you in State offices such as Governor, State Representative, Representative in Congress and County Sheriff to name a few. The last day to register to vote at our office is August 28, 2024. After that date, you will have to register to vote at the polls on Election Day. If you are unable to vote in person and you need an absentee ballot you can stop by the office for the request form and we will mail your ballot as soon as we receive them. If you have any questions please reach out at (603) 267-8300 x2.

If you are in need of a certified copy of your child's birth certificate for school registration or driver's education, and your child was born in New Hampshire, we can help. You can get this at the Clerk's office. 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.

Planning a wedding? Stop in to the Clerk's office to apply for your marriage license. The cost is \$50 and the license is good for 90 days. If you have been previously married you must provide the official 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 of the information.

We hope that you have had a fun summer!

Thank you, Jenn C, Sam & Devon

Town Clerk's Corner

Vote in Honor of a Veteran

Information on how to participate in the Secretary of State's "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" program.

The Secretary of State's Office is pleased to launch its "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" program, which gives New Hampshire voters the opportunity to recognize the veterans and service members in their lives who protect our most precious freedom – the right to vote.

To participate in the program, simply use the button below to submit the name of the veteran or service member you are voting in honor of and a short testimonial on what their service means to you. In exchange, the Secretary of State's Office will mail you a "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" lapel pin designed by Navy veteran Jacob Aldridge that you can wear proudly on Election Day.

Your testimony may be posted on our website.

Artist's Biography

Our "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" pin was designed by Navy veteran Jacob Aldridge in 2024.

Originally from Virginia, Mr. Aldridge joined the navy after graduating high school in 2010.

Following his service as an auxiliary technician aboard the USS Cheyenne, he joined the USS New Hampshire. After a decade of dedicated service in the Navy, he worked as an engineering tech at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Mr. Aldridge, a recipient of five Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals, is currently pursuing a degree in Fine Arts at Great Bay Community College.

Go to www.sos.nh.gov/vote-honor-veteran to sign up and receive your pin.

Highway Department News

Roadside Mowing

During the summer months, the Department's Trackless (sidewalk plow) receives a makeover. The plow and sander are removed and a boom arm with a flail mower attachment is installed. The boom arm, coupled with stabilizing tires allows for the mower to reach out to the back side of the ditch keeping drainage free of vegetation while improving sight distance throughout Town. Property owners are free to mow or trim anything they want within the right of way (ROW) and are encouraged to do so in an effort to maintain good visibility at driveway entrances for safe access to the roadway. The operators are mindful of both invasive plants and ornamental landscaping and have been instructed to skip anything in question. It is the hope of the Department to mow as much as possible within its 25 ft. ROW. This year, the Town will be enlisting the help of rented mowers to reach their goal and push back to the maintenance limits. They will be used in addition to the trackless, taking some stress off Town equipment and freeing up time for other maintenance activities. This project is scheduled to take place the first part of August. Please keep in mind, this is a slow-moving operation while underway. You will notice advanced warning signs and possibly traffic control where necessary. Please give plenty of room for the operator and equipment to do their job.





Sewer Cleaning and CCTV

The Sewer Department finished up the month of July with their annual sewer cleaning and CCTV project. Every year they clean and camera approximately 5,000lf of sewer line in Town, checking for pipe condition and deficiencies that could cause problems "down the line". Any repairs deemed necessary are placed on the work schedule and made at the Department's discretion.





Belmont Fire Department



Belmont Fire Department



On Wednesday, July 17th,
Belmont Fire Department held
a ceremony for the swearing
in and pinning of
Assistant Chief Donald
Pickowicz!!



Belmont Fire Department



Belmont Fire Department

On Wednesday, July 17th, Belmont Fire Department held a ceremony for the swearing in and pinning of Firefighter Maddison Hebert, Firefighter Cameron Stevens, Firefighter Dalton Brown and Firefighter Cyle Moore.



Belmont Fire Department



JOIN US FOR THE

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Hosted by the Belmont Fire Relief Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH.

TIME: 4:00PM—6:00PM
TICKET COST: \$15.00 PER DINNER
WHERE: 14 GILMANTON RD
BELMONT NH 03220

Menu tems include:

1/2 a Chicken

Potato Salad

Potato Salad

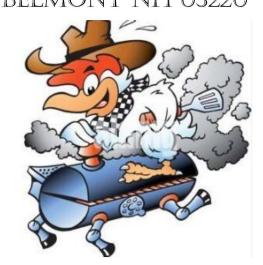
Cale Slaw & Ficheles

Cale Slaw & Ficheles

Lemonade

Lemonade

Lec Cream



GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!

CONTACT THE BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

EMAIL: BFD@BELMONTNH.GOV PHONE: (603) 267-8333.

Belmont Police Department

Qualified Patrol Officer Candidates Needed

Patrol Officer

The Belmont Police Department is seeking qualified candidates to fill two vacant patrol positions.



Job Summary

Performs duties required to protect lives and property of the public, maintain law and order, detect and prevent crime, apprehend and prosecute violators of the criminal and motor vehicle laws; does related work as required. Performs diversified work patrolling roadways within the Town, responsible for the enforcement of State laws and Town ordinances making regular patrols, directing traffic, responding to calls for service, investigating accidents and crimes; may include other specialized police activities. Makes frequent contacts with the public, other law enforcement agencies, governmental and court officials for the discussion of problems and to obtain cooperation necessary for the accomplishment of the police department mission.

Minimum Qualifications Required

U.S. citizen, high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate, minimum age 21, must pass written and/or oral examinations, extensive background investigation, criminal history check, medical examination, physical fitness test, polygraph examination, psychological examination, and be certified or certifiable by the N.H. Police Standards & Training Council.

Training Required

While no advanced training is required, it is desired. Candidates will be required to attend and successfully complete the basic police certification course held at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council within one (1) year of appointment unless there is no scheduled class within that time frame as well as the department field training program.

Compensation and Benefits: Wages are based on a 10-step union negotiated scale, up to \$36.11 dependent upon years of service for Full-Time Certified Officers. Eleven (11) paid holidays, Medical, Dental and Life Insurance.

Accrual of annual and sick leave with 80 hours vacation time after 6 months. Officers typically work 4/3 schedule, and rotate every 2 months. Participation in the New Hampshire Retirement System Group II.

Salary: \$23.85 - \$36.11 per hour

Benefits: Dental insurance, Employee Assistance Program, health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, vision insurance

Interested parties may submit a Personal History Statement Form available at belmonthhoolice.org

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

Belmont Old Home Day Committee

VENDORS - INFORMATION BOOTHS - LOCAL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS - CRAFTS - ACTIVITIES & MORE

Belmont Old Home Day August 10,2024



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00am Pancake Breatkfast at the Tioga Pavilion 7:30am Belmont 55th Annual 10-Mile Road Race

900am FREE Childrens Rockwall, Inflatables & Games Begin

10:00am Childrens Pedal Tractor Pull

10:30am Live Band - Club Soda @ the Bandstand

Tioga Fun BUBBLE RUN begins

11:00am Got Lunch Cornhole Tournament Begins

100pm Parade

130pm Street Dance with DJ Nate Ghoulay

Mini-Golf

400pm Belmont Fire Department Annual Chicken BBQ

Thank you to our major event sponsors!

The Belmont Rotary - Vernco Properties LLC - Belmont Heritage Commission - American Legion Post #58 - Tremblays Touch Painting & Contracting Services - Fire Clean-Up Services - Northeast Delta Dental

Belmont Community Events

Community

SARGENT PARK NIGHT FRIDAYS 8/2 - 8/30 4:30P-7P

COME JOIN US EVERY
FRIDAY NIGHT FOR SOME
MUSIC, FUN & GAMES. NEW
ACTIVITIES WEEKLY

PICKLEBALL & BASKETBALL SATURDAYS 10A-2P

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU ASKED AND WE LISTENED! WE HAVE PUT TEMPORARY PICKLEBALL LINES ON THE COURTS! COME USE SOME OF OUR EQUIPMENT OR BRING YOUR OWN!

CORNHOLE & PICNIC AT THE PAVILION

8/22

12P-2P

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US FOR A NICE FRIENDLY GAME OF CORNHOLE AT THE TIOGA PAVILION

"BELMONT WALKS" EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9A

MEET US AT THE
VILLAGE SPUR RAIL
TRAIL PARKING
LOT FOR A
COMMUNITY
WALK

PAINT AT THE PARK PARTY

9/13

6P-8P

LET"S HAVE A PAINT PARTY AT THE PARK! A GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY RIGHT AFTER THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR FALL MOVIE NIGHT & ACTIVITY CALENDAR!



FOR MORE INFORMATION JOIN OUR BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE

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
- 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

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

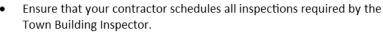
Building & Code Enforcement

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,

Glenn Caron Building Inspector/Code Enforcement





BEWAR

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

Land Use

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Upcoming Meetings:

ARC – 8/15/2024 (if needed)
Planning Board – 8/26/2024
Zoning Board – 8/28/2024



August **2024**

A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

Land Use $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{ ARC} \\ \cdot \text{ Planning} \\ \cdot \text{ Zoning} \end{array} \right\}$

February Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Karen Santoro Town Planner

Rod Cameron Land Use Technician

Susan Austin
Administrative Assistant

Vacant Land Use Clerk

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



Application Review Committee (July meeting canceled)

Planning Board (July 22, 2024)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – 284 Property, LLC: Request for Site Plan approval to construct a 4,950 square foot steel storage building. Property is located at 284 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 210-002-000-000 in the Commercial Zone. PB Case# 16-24P.—Continued to August 26, 2024

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Mountain Lake Village, LLC: Request for a one year extension to an 18-lot open space single-family subdivision approval, along with 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 & 202-015-000-000 in the "R" & "RS" Zones. PB #17-24P—Approved

>>> Next Planning Board Meeting: August 26, 2024, 6:00PM

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Land Use contd.



Zoning Board of Adjustment (July 24, 2024)

Abutter's Hearings – Keith and Heather Buxton: Continuation of a request_proposing to remove the existing residential structure and replace it with a new single-family home, and requests the following relief: A variance of Article 4 Table 1 of the Wetlands Ordinance to allow the construction of a single-family home and deck closer (36') to public waters than allowed (50' required). ZBA Case # 11-24Z AND A variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of a single-family home and deck closer (14') to the front lot line than allowed (50' required). ZBA Case # 12-24Z Property is located at 19 Chestnut Street, in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 114-008-000-000. - Continued to August 28, 2024

<u>Abutter's Hearing – CJM Industries, LLC:</u> Request for a one-year approval extension for two Variances of the Zoning Ordinance to construct single-family residences: (Article 5 Table 1) in the Commercial Zone in compliance with the Residential Single-Family Zone dimensional requirements. ZBA #13-24Z <u>AND</u> (Article 5 Table 2) in the Rural Zone in compliance with the Residential Single-Family Zone dimensional requirements. ZBA #14-24ZZ Property is located at Route 3 and 45 Westview Drive, Tax Lots 201-016-000-000 & 201-025-000-000, in the Commercial Zone. Original Approval date was June 22, 2022. - Continued to August 28, 2024

<u>Abutter's Hearing – Elizabeth Sederquest:</u> Request for a Special Exception to Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow agricultural animals (chickens) on a property less than 3 acres. Property is located at 18 Hurricane Road in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 222-008-000-000. ZBA# 15-24Z.—Continued to August 28, 2024

Abutter's Hearing – Danielle Joyce: Applicant is proposing to replace existing deck and is requesting the following relief: A variance of Article 5, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a deck closer (21') to the front lot line (Pond Road) than allowed (50' required). ZBA Case # 16-24Z AND A variance of Article 5, Table 2 to construct a deck closer (36') to the front lot line (Sunset Drive) than allowed (50' required). ZBA Case # 17-24Z Property is located at 145 Sunset Drive, in the "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 107-168-000-000.—Continued to August 28, 2024

>>> Next Meeting: August 28 ,2024, 6:00PM

Looking for Board members!

Visit the Town's website: <u>www.belmontnh.gov</u> to submit an application.

Planning Board

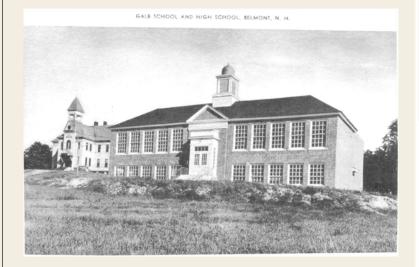
- 7 regular members, 3 alternates
- 1 vacancy

Zoning Board

- 5 regular members, 5 alternates
- 4 vacancies

Conservation (no current vacancies)

• 7 regular members, 3 alternates, 2 student members





Conservation Commission

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION







Natural resources largely define Belmont's rural character. Rural character is "a quality of life and place...characterized by open spaces, historic places, forest and farmlands" (Belmont Master Plan, November 18, 2002, page 7.1).

BELMONT CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

The Town of Belmont, New Hampshire, in addition to it's numerous recreational facilities, has twenty conservation properties that are open to the public. Belmont supports the conservation of open space through the efforts of its Conservation Commission to promote open space preservation and to successfully steward conservation lands under their management. The Commission has been charged with the protection and preservation of land that has been identified as a valuable and irreplaceable resource for drinking water, wildlife habitat and recreation.

BELMONT VILLAGE MULTI-USE SPUR RAIL TRAIL

The Belmont Revitalization Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 2010, worked with the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Public Works Department and Heritage Commission to develop a strategy to revitalize the Belmont Village area. The project included the development of the Belmont Village Spur Rail Trail along the sanitary sewer interceptor line constructed in the abandoned railroad corridor. The work was accomplished through a combination of state and Federal grants, donations of materials and services, and lots of volunteer labor and commitment.

The overall concept included the construction of a pedestrian bridge crossing the Tioga River behind the Belmont Mill to link the Village and Mill Complex with a parking area off Depot Street (Route 140) on the west side of the Tioga. The parking lot was the site of the former Belmont Spur Railroad Station and Freight Depot. That site and the Railroad right-of-way from there to Rt. 140 was owned by Dick Persons. The Town Administration convinced Dick Persons to donate the Old Depot site and the RR Line to the Conservation Commission.

The Town prepared an extensive application seeking a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to help with the construction of the bridge. However, the Town needed to provide funds and/or assets as a local match for the grant funds. The value of the land, so generously donated by Dick Persons, nearly equaled the amount needed for a match and the value of donated labor made up the rest of the match. The grant was secured and work began.

At about that time, the City of Dover, NH was selling a 154 foot long by 12 foot wide covered bridge. The Town negotiated to purchase the bridge from the City of Dover for \$1. The bridge was taken apart, transported to Belmont, and reassembled in three separate locations along the Rail Spur Trail. The first section was assembled behind the Belmont Mill crossing the Tioga to the Old Depot site parking area. The Town Administrator secured a Recreational Trails Program grant from the NH Bureau of Trails to support the placement of the remaining section of covered bridge on the river crossing behind Great Brook Village in 2018.

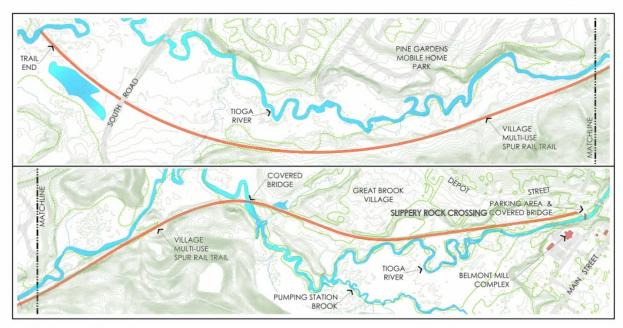
Conservation Commission

FUTURE PLANS

This scenic and accessible multi-use trail runs for much of its length along the Tioga River. There are long term plans to continue the trail further west along the RR line across the Tioga River behind the Coca Cola plant and out to Rt. 140. The Town hopes to eventually continue the trail along Rt. 140 to join the main multi-use trail along the RR line from Franklin to Laconia and Lakeport.

GOOGLE MAPS COORDINATES

If you are using Google Maps to find the Village Spur Rail Trail parking area, the coordinates are 43.443904, -71,482936.





SLIPPERY ROCK CROSSING TO:	GREAT BROOK VILLAGE	0.5 MILES
	COVERED BRIDGE	0.6 MILES
	SOUTH ROAD	1.9 MILES
	TIOGA RIVER	2.1 MILES

NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 07, 2024 @ 6:00 PM Tioga Room, 4th Floor, Belmont Mill

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Denise Naiva, Chair;

Pauline Tessier, Vice Chair; Jane Jordan; Ed Stephenson; Deborah Woodcock;

Georgina Lambert; Sharon Ciampi, Ex-Officio

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Richard Moreau; Jeffrey DeFrancesco

STUDENT MEMBERS **Emerson Decato**

Belmont Public Library

August 2024

Weekly



Summer Reading
Open House
August 10
Old Home Day



Fiber Arts Group

Mondays 10am

Watercolor Workshop

Mondays 2pm

Cribbage Club

Tuesdays 1-3pm

Mah Jongg

Thursdays 2-4pm

Summer Hours Change

The library will be open until 7pm on Thursdays in June, July, and August.
Check the website schedule for weekly activities, 18+

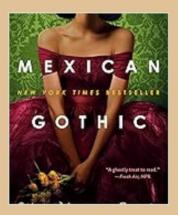
Monday Friday 10am-5pm
Tuesday Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 10am-7pm
Saturday 9am-1pm
belmontpubliclibrary.org (603)267-8331

146 Main Street '

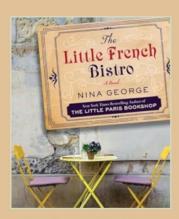
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Belmont Public Library

August 2024



Tea & Tales
August 8 5:30pm



Friday Fiction
August 23 10:30am



Middle School

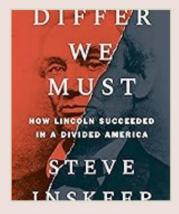
Chapter Chats

3pm August 5 5/6 grade August 19 7/8 grade



Mystery Group

August 22 10am Belmont Mill



NonFiction

September 5 10:30am

Copies at the circulation desk and check our digital services

Art for
Differently
Abled Adults
at Tioga Pavilion
August 14 and 28
2pm

Heritage Commission NEWS



August brings us to the excitement of Old Home Day! We look forward to setting up our pop-up tent, table of historical pictures and games for the little ones. This year we also have memorabilia honoring Linda Frawley as well as a remembrance book to share of Wallace Rhodes. These two prominent members of both the Heritage Commission and the Historical Society hold a special place in our hearts and in preserving the history and heritage of Belmont. The Linda Frawley memorial plans are moving forward at a great pace as we prepare to honor Linda's legacy to all that she gave to the Belmont. Thank you to all who donated to the

Linda Frawley Daffodil Memorial. Many heartfelt notes from townspeople also came with the generous gift of giving to this cause. Other towns and organizations also contributed, such as the Moultonborough Heritage Commission and Preservation Alliance members of Concord. Our plans for Linda's dedication will be at the beginning of October. Invites, dates and detailed information have not been finalized, but will be posted and available soon.

The Heritage Commission has also been very busy working on replacing worn out banners on Main Street. Eleven new banners will be installed just in time for Old Home Day! Banners with messages such as Main Street U.S.A., Celebrate Old Home Day, and Celebrate Community will soon be seen on the streetlamps of Main Street. A bonus addition to Main Street will be new American Flags purchased by the American Legion Post 58. The Heritage Commission is working on installing the new flags from the



Town Hall to the Sargent Memorial. A huge thank you to the American Legion and also the Public Works Department. This project would not have been made possible without both of you!

Belmont Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan, Claire Bickford, Ben Rolfe, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, Chris Mooney and Travis O'Hara (Ex-officio)

Cemetery Trustees



Town of Belmont Cemetery Trustees

On July 6th we hosted an event to learn about Headstone cleaning and restoration. Like many outside events, weather plays a huge part in how things can go. Due to radar predictions of rain we did not attempt to repair or reset stones, BUT A little rain can only help in stone cleaning.

Joining us was a woman who is new to Belmont, and loves History. We also met a woman new to the NH Old Graveyard Association that traveled from the Dover/Portsmouth area to come and learn the process. These photos show the result of that particular seminar which was held at Jamestown/Elkins Cemetery.

We are planning another seminar for sometime in September. If this is something you might be interested in, please watch for the flyer that will come out prior to the event with the details!

Thank you to our volunteers for coming to help learn how the history of our small town can be preserved!







Trustees: Hillary Horn, Fred Wells, Sharon Ciampi





Notice to Residents

The New Hampshire Office of Broadband Initiatives, within the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA), is responsible for administering \$196.5 million in federal funds through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. BEAD funding will be used to improve broadband infrastructure throughout the state, but before funding can be awarded to qualifying internet service providers, service location eligibility must be approved.

In essence, the map on which BEAD funding will be based must go through a final review and determination process. This is referred to as the Challenge Process," during which municipalities and nonprofits can submit a challenge to a location or locations that are designated served, underserved, or unserved, based on the availability of high-speed broadband service, if they disagree with the current designation.

The reason you are receiving this notice is because residents are also able to contribute to this process by providing public comments concerning designated locations, such as their own home address. The BEAD Challenge Process is only open July 15, 2024 – August 14, 2024. This process is required by the state and federal governments and critical to ensuring the mapping data utilized for BEAD awards is accurate and reliable.

Moreover, although federal regulations dictate that residents and businesses are not eligible to submit challenges directly, they are an essential part of the Challenge Process and the data submitted by eligible challengers may be gathered directly from residents and/or businesses that have not been provided the level of broadband service that is reportedly available to them.

Residents can use New Hampshire's Resident Public Comment feature to submit evidence regarding the lack of service at their address, which can be reviewed and converted into challenges by qualified non-profit organizations and units of local or tribal government. If accepted under the terms of the BEAD Program and the New Hampshire Broadband Office corresponding evidentiary review, the challenge will likely make those locations eligible for BEAD funding (i.e., a broadband network deployer might receive funding for a portion of the cost of delivering broadband service to that location).

Residents can find additional information about the BEAD Challenge Process and links to the Public Comment Portal on the NH Office of Broadband Initiatives – Challenge Process website: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - NH Economy

Resident Public Comment Resource Guide is available here: <u>NH-BEAD-Challenge-Process-Resident-Resource-Guide.pdf</u> (nheconomy.com)

The Resident Public Comment Portal will be available beginning July 15, 2024, and close August 14, 2024.

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American Red Cross Blood Drive



Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 13th, 2024

HOSTED BY

St. Joseph Church—Belmont

TEMP LOCATION: NUCAR Automall of Tilton 40 East Main Street, Tilton, NH 03276 12:30 to 5:00 pm

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.



Get a NEW Red Cross umbrella when you come to give blood July 1 to July 14, while supplies last!



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There will be NO changes to the August trash and recycling schedule.





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