
Belmont Mill Pavilion awaits spring opening

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THE BELMONT MILL Pavilion will open to the public this spring.

BELMONT — While residents of Belmont are debating the fate of the mill building, there's one structure in the village that's new and almost ready for use.

The Belmont Mill Pavilion is a 26-by-80-foot open-air pavilion built on land donated in 2011 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Persons. It is equipped with space for tables, two bathrooms and a storage room with a sink.

Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin said construction began on the structure in late August. It then wrapped up in October. She said there are still a few things left to do including staining the columns and installing signs, trash cans and tables.

Beaudin said the project cost about \$89,000. Some of the money came from a National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, while others came out of the town's Facilities Capital Reserve Fund.

A New Hampshire Recreation Trails Program grant is also slated to go toward finishing the river walk behind the mill onto the bank of the Tioga River. There's plans to install a covered bridge will be river too.

“The idea is really to have a space that we can combine now, hopefully, with the bandstand as well that would allow people to rent it out,” said Selectman Ron Cormier at a Planning Board meeting in July.

Beaudin said the town hasn’t yet chosen a date to open the pavilion, but a dedication is being planned for the spring. She said they’re also in the process of developing rules for people to use it.

She also thanked resident Charles Moretti, a partner at NCM Management in Gilford, for his work putting together a proposal on the pavilion.

“He just did an excellent job on behalf of the town,” Beaudin said.

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