



TOWN OF BELMONT

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report 2009

Celebrating Summer

Dedication



The Belmont community has long-prided itself on valuing volunteerism, and Timothy “Tim” Hayes personifies that volunteer spirit.

For some time, his Landscaping and Maintenance business has “adopted” and cared for the stretch of Route 140 near the Belmont Elementary School. He serves as a Boy Scout troop leader, as well as an active member of the Knights of Columbus, often as a Color Guard flag-bearer. When the *Deck the Village* event started in 2008 bringing festivities and seasonal decorations to the Bandstand, Library, Town Offices and Common: Tim was there – after helping at St. Joseph’s Church, with the yearly installation of the Christmas crèche. In October, he helped brighten Belmont on *Make a Difference Day*, planting hundreds of daffodils at Sargent Park, the Corner Meeting House, Library and historic watering trough – smiling and joking throughout a torrential rainstorm.

In between a full work schedule, duties at LRGHealthcare as a laboratory technician, and beekeeping, Tim is a devoted Dad to his children, Thomas and Kelly. As neighbors to the Jeff Marden Town Forest, Tim and his family took special pride in its progress. And with his father-in-law in a wheelchair, Tim also took interest, and action – contributing time, talent and landscaping equipment – and completing a long held wish of Jeff’s, with the building of a universally accessible trail.

Thank you Tim, for all that you do for Belmont!

We gratefully acknowledge and honor your contributions with the dedication of this year’s *Town of Belmont Annual Report*.



Photos Courtesy of Linda Frawley



*Town of Belmont
New Hampshire*



Best Town by a Dam Site

**ANNUAL REPORT
2009**

The Belmont Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator's Office would like to thank all of the contributors to this year's Annual Report Cover; Linda Frawley, Shayne Duggan, Wallace Rhodes, Janet Breton, Michelle Contigiani, Ed Crawford, Tina Fleming, and Angela Hanson. A special thank you is extended to Shayne for her hard work on the layout and design and to Linda Frawley whose editorial assistance was greatly appreciated.

Belmont, New Hampshire Annual Town Report 2009

CELEBRATING SUMMER

The four seasons help define our New Hampshire town. Summer, in particular, showcases Belmont's natural beauty. It's a time for family reunions, graduations, ice cream, and Fourth of July celebrations – while our lakes, ponds, and the Lesley Roberts Town Beach come alive with activity. As days warm, garden and farm crops take root and our seasonal residents arrive – ready for boating, fishing, freshly-picked berries, and native corn.

Venture to the Village in the summer. You might see a children's summer reading group on the common, evening pick-up games of basketball, or a serious horseshoe match at Sargent Park. Nearby, the players and volunteers of the Belmont Baseball Organization rule the Bryant Park diamond, while the Jeff Marden Town Forest offers accessible hiking trails and diverse wildlife. Belmont summer traditions share properties of color, flavor, and sound. Old Home Day features pancakes, a loud start to the road race, Fire Department chicken barbecue, a concert on the Bandstand, and fabulous fireworks.

Just as harvest begins and the final hay is cut and baled, we sometimes get the extra gift of an "Indian" summer – extending the season. On the covers, photographs from Belmont citizens and Historical Society archives feature those favored summer days from June through September.



Blackberry pickers at Sawyer Farm on Bean Hill Road — early 1900s



Drum Major Charles "Bo" Willey leads Belmont Community Band practice on Sargent Street — circa 1915



Belmont Village Common as seen from Johnson Street in 1926, showing the trail and footbridge that once spanned the Tioga River



Summertime haying of the field where Belmont High School currently stands — 1927

