Town Meeting Update

Another Town Meeting/Election Day has passed and while our community had to postpone its meeting from Tuesday, March 14th to Thursday, March 16th, voters turned out in greater numbers than last year.

A new Selectman was elected to the Board, Claude (Sonny) Patten for a three-year term and we look forward to working with him. We wish former Selectman Ronald Cormier, the very best; he served our community for 12 years as a dedicated member of the board and worked on numerous successful Town projects.

All of the warrant articles passed including the Operating Budget and articles relating to our contracts with the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works. We would like to thank the voters for their support.

Public Works Department

The Town has named John MacLean as Interim Director of the Public Works Department. John has many years of experience in Public Works and Municipal Management, he is a consultant with Municipal Resources Inc., and will be working with the Town over the next several weeks to update the Director’s job description, assist the Town with recruitment and provide support to the employees of the department.

In addition the Town has retained the services of Pennichuck Water Service Corporation to act on behalf of the Town as our Primary Operator of the Water System.

Ladd Hill Phase 3

The bid opening for Phase 3 of the Ladd Hill Road project was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 and the apparent low bidder was Busby Construction with a bid of $620,740.

Spring is near!

Please be patient as we start our spring clean up, this winter’s snow have buried trash and other things on our sidewalks and surrounding lawns, we will do our best to get out there as soon as possible to begin clean up. You can help by remembering “Please DO not Litter” and as always please please pickup after your dog.

IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II (c)

Our message to all Dog Owners is to remind you of the importance of picking up your dog’s waste from property not your own. The town installed at three different locations, dog waste stations where you can obtain a plastic bag to pick up the waste and deposit it in the numerous garbage cans located in the Village.

Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Metrocast 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 new website at http://lrpa.org.

Mobile Home Update

The Town of Belmont will be in conjunction with KRT Appraisal will be conducting a mobile home update town-wide beginning this spring. Your assistance in allowing the assessors into your homes to confirm the data we have on file will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions on the project, please feel free to contact the Assessing Office at 267-8300 Ext. 118 or my office at 267-8300 Ext. 124. The new values will be reflected on your fall 2017 tax bill.
Happy Spring fellow Belmontians!!
We hope the month of March didn’t treat you to bad.

Just a reminder that the 2017 first issue water/sewer bills are due on April 5, 2017. The first issue covers the months of December 2016-February 2017. As always, you can mail in your payment stub along with your check, or stop by the office with your payment, and as always, you can make your payment online on our town website, www.belmontnh.org, using your checking account or credit card. Please keep in mind there are extra fees if you choose to pay online, and we cannot accept VISA cards for utility payments online or in the office.

The 2017 lien date is set for Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Our office sent out delinquent notices at the end of January to make residents aware of any unpaid balances from 2016 in order to clear up accounts. At the end of March, we sent out the Notices of impending lien by certified mail. These letters are notifying residents of unpaid balances that are in danger of being liened. We have no choice but to lien unpaid balances carried over from the previous year. Keep in mind that we will accept ONLY cash or bank check for payments of these amounts in the two weeks prior to the lien date. If you have any questions, please call our office.

Dog licenses are due to be renewed by April 30th every year. You can stop in and renew the license, mail in payment, or renew the license online on our town website as long as your pup’s rabies vaccination is up to date. We don’t mind well behaved furry visitors at our office!

We hope the month of April brings on the flowers we are all so looking forward to!
Belmont Senior Center

Tai Chi

Belmont Senior Center has Tai Chi on Wednesday 10-11am. Cost $3.00 Call Bev (603) 267-9867

Quilting Group

April 5th at 12:30 we will have a Quilting Group meet.

Guitar Lessons

In May, date and time to be announced, we will offer free guitar lessons with John Froumy as the instructor.
Belmont Parks & Recreation
Golf Lessons
With Randy Annis

YOUTH LESSONS—6-16 Years Old
Session #1: May 9, 16, 23, 2017
Session #2: June 6, 13, 20, 2017
Tuesday Nights
5:30PM-7:00PM
$50.00 per youth for 3 lessons

ADULT LESSONS
Session #1: May 11, 18, 25, 2017
Session #2: June 8, 15, 22, 2016
Thursday Nights
5:30PM-7:00PM
$70.00 per adult for 3 lessons

COME AND LEARN TO GOLF BEFORE THE SEASON!
Golf clubs are available for free for those who do not have them. Those
who sign up for the classes may golf for free any time during the three
weeks they are taking lessons. Bolduc Park is located at 282 Gilford
Avenue, Gilford, NH. Sign up early space is limited.

Registration forms are available on our website:
www.belmontnh.org
(603) 267-1865
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Let Freedom Ring: A Walk Through History
May 15, 2017 - Monday
$42 per person
Departing: 8:50AM
Returning: 5:40PM

Travel by deluxe motor coach to the Charlestown Shipyard an area abundant with historical elements from the beginnings of our nation to modern day. We will depart the Belmont Park and Ride at 8:50AM. Upon arrival at the shipyard you’ll have time to explore on your own in the morning. Take a walk on the nearby Freedom Trail, Bunker Hill Monument, Paul Revere Park, the Korean War Veteran’s Memorial and the USS Constitution Museum. Lunch is on your own at one of the many area restaurants. We have a group tour of the USS Constitution, currently in dry dock, scheduled for the afternoon. Cost of the trip includes the ship tour, entry into USS Constitution Museum, round trip transportation and driver gratuity. Space is limited and advance registration is required. We will be joining the Moultonborough Recreation patrons for this trip.

PLEASE NOTE: The USS CONSTITUTION is a commissioned ship in the United States Navy. It is required that all visitors pass through a security screening (similar to that of an airport) prior to boarding the ship. Visitors 18 and older must present a valid federal or state issued photo ID at the ship’s security entrance. Visitors will be asked to remove any bulky articles of clothing such as jackets, all jewelry, watches, belts, electronic devices including personal music players, PDA's, smartphones and cell phones, camera equipment, and all bags, luggage, or backpacks so that the items may be examined.

Because the USS CONSTITUTION is a National Historic Site that is maintained in its 1812-era configuration, the ship is NOT in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). While in dry dock, access to the ship will be limited to visitors who can safely walk aboard the ship unassisted (wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, etc. will NOT be allowed on board).

The USS CONSTITUTION is in dry dock for a 2 year restoration period. Therefore, dates and tour availability are subject to cancellation at any time.

Registration:
www.belmontnh.org
(603) 267-1865
April 2017

Belmont Public Library

146 Main Street Belmont NH 03220
Belmontpubliclibrary.org T: 603 267-8331 bpl@belmontnh.org

Coffee and Conversation
Friday April 7 10:30am
Tuesday April 25 10:30am

GAME TIME
Thursday April 13 10am

April-Kids
LEGOs April 13 10am
Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am
GAME TIME April 25 10am

Celebrate
NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK
April 9-15, 2017
VISIT YOUR
LIBRARY TODAY!

NEW HOURS
BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2017
Monday and Wednesday
10am-7pm
Tuesday and Thursday
10am-5pm
Friday
10am-4pm
Saturday
9am-1pm

Upcoming Events
April 1 10am-noon LEGO
April 5 10:30am Storytime
April 5 5pm Adult Crafters
April 7 10:30am Coffee & Conversation
April 10 4:30pm Trustees Meeting
April 12 10:30am Storytime
April 12 5pm Adult Crafters
April 19 10:30am Storytime
April 19 5pm Adult Crafters
April 21 10:30am Book Group
April 25 10:30am Coffee & Conversation
April 26 10:30am Storytime
April 26 5pm Adult Crafters
April 27 10am Game Time
April 28 1pm Kids’ Movie

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Established in 2010, Preservation Week promotes the importance and understanding of protecting and caring for personal and community cultural heritage collections, including books, documents, photographs, textiles, artwork, furniture and any other collectible items.

**NLWD**

**National Library Workers Day**

Tuesday April 11, 2017

NLWD is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

What is D.E.A.R.?

D.E.A.R. stands for "Drop Everything and Read," a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. Because, what's more fun (damental) than reading, really? D.E.A.R. programs have been held nationwide on April 12th in honor of Beverly Cleary's birthday, since she first wrote about D.E.A.R. in *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* (pages 40-41). Inspired by letters from readers sharing their enthusiasm for the D.E.A.R. activities implemented in their schools, Mrs. Cleary decided to give the same experience to Ramona and her classmates. As D.E.A.R. has grown in popularity and scope, the program has expanded to span the entire month of April . . . offering classrooms and communities additional time to celebrate!

Public and school libraries will celebrate *Día* on April 30, 2017. *Children's Day/Book Day*, also known as *El día de los niños*/*El día de los libros* (*Día*), is an observance held annually April 30 and a year-round commitment to connecting children with diverse books and programming opportunities. *Día* is an enhancement of *Children's Day*, which began in 1925. *Children's Day* was designated as a day to bring attention to the importance and well-being of children. In 1996, nationally acclaimed children's book author Pat Mora proposed linking the celebration of childhood and children with literacy to found *El día de los niños*/*El día de los libros*.

**The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger**

**Book Group April 21**

A dazzling novel in the most untraditional fashion, this is the remarkable story of Henry DeTamble, a dashing, adventurous librarian who travels involuntarily through time, and Clare Abshire, an artist whose life takes a natural sequential course. Henry and Clare's passionate love affair endures across a sea of time and captures the two lovers in an impossibly romantic trap, and it is Audrey Niffenegger's cinematic storytelling that makes the novel's unconventional chronology so vibrantly triumphant.

An enchanting debut and a spellbinding tale of fate and belief in the bonds of love, *The Time Traveler's Wife* is destined to captivate readers for years to come.
Belmont Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp
June 26-August 11, 2017

Belmont Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camp is open to youth who are entering 1st-8th grade in the fall. Our camp will be held at the Belmont Middle School, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Drop off as early as 7:30AM and pick up by 4:30 PM at no extra charge. Extended care is available for $3.00 per day for pick-up 4:30PM-5:00PM. Three field trips are planned per week; two days will be spent at the Belmont Town Beach and one day at a local attraction. Field Trip admission and transportation are included in the weekly registration fee. Registration forms will be available on the town website April 19th, but will not be accepted prior to 7:00 PM. Completed applications will be processed in order of receipt with priority given to campers reserving the majority of the 7 weeks. Belmont residents will be given priority over non-residents for placement. Proof of residency is required at registration in the form of a recent utility or tax bill with home address and a matching photo id. A limited number of scholarships are available, forms are available from the parks and recreation office. Deadline to apply for a scholarship is Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

We offer a Counselor in Training program which is open to students who are 15 years (at the start of camp) and older. Counselors in Training are volunteers who assist our counselors with their duties. This is an unpaid position but it gives the volunteer an opportunity to see what the job entails in hopes that they may want to join our staff in the future. Counselors in Training can sign up for the whole summer or just a week to try it out.

Registration:
April 19, 2017, Wednesday
7:00PM-8:00PM
Belmont Parks & Recreation Office, 14 Mill Street, 2nd Floor

Summer Camp 2017 Registration Fees:
Belmont Residents: $110 per week
Non-Residents: $155 per week

NOTE: $25 late fee for registrations after May 15, 2017

Sibling Discount: $20.00 per week for the 2nd and 3rd child attending the same week

Payment Schedule:
Weeks #1-3 registration fees are due no later than Monday, May 22, 2017
Weeks #4-7 registration fees are due no later than Monday, June 5, 2017

Late payments can result in the camper losing their space for any unpaid weeks. There is a $25 per payment late fee. Registration fees are non-refundable except in the case of a family emergency or a medical reason with supporting documentation.

(603) 267-1865 recreation@belmontnh.org www.belmontnh.org
Planning and Zoning News

April, 2017

World Health Day, April 7th

Applications

Application Review Committee

- Vault Motor Storage LLC: Approval to allow indoor climate controlled storage of vehicles and boats (warehousing/self-storage use), Higgins Drive.

Planning Board

- Eversource Energy: Review to trim and/or remove certain trees and brush adjacent to and beneath some of its power lines along designated “Scenic Roads” (Jamestown, Ladd Hill & Cotton Hill) (RSA 231:158).

Zoning Board of Adjustment

- Jeanne Babineau for Mallards Landing: Approval to construct an addition to a preexisting single family seasonal dwelling closer to the highwater mark than allowed but not closer than the pre-existing structure at 15 Third Street.

Other Land Use News

Zoning Amendments: The Planning Board appreciates the support of voters in adopting the four zoning amendments proposed on the Town Meeting ballot; a new sign ordinance, amended Accessory Dwelling Unit and Frontage Access ordinances and adjusting the zone line between Rural and Industrial on Dearborn Street.

Membership: The Planning Board expresses thanks to Claude “Sonny” Patten who was elected for a three-year term as Selectman on March 16th. Sonny served on the Planning Board for 26 years, contributing to projects such as Master Plans and Capital Improvement Programs during that time and will be greatly missed. The Board also welcomed Kevin Sturgeon who was elected for a three-year term on the Board and welcomes back Rick Segalini who will fill the one-year vacancy resulting from the election of Sonny Patten to Selectman. Alternate member positions remain available.

Other Upcoming Amendments for Consideration: A review of the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations is underway to propose certain amendments for the Planning Board’s consideration. These amendments are primarily housekeeping in nature and become evident at times as technical references change and best management practices evolve.

Commercial Development:
The Dollar General store at 15 Gilmanton Road has commenced construction. Underground utilities are in on the site and building construction has commenced. In April the underground utilities connection to town infrastructure will be completed. A short disruption in the Rte 140/Gilmanton traffic at the time of connection can be expected.

Vault Motor Storage is proposing a 78,000sf heated storage facility for vehicles and boats. The project team has met with the Application Review Committee and may meet with the Planning Board as soon as the April meeting.

The owner of the Goodwill project on Rte 3 is aggressively pursuing a tenant for the second pad site on that property.

Visit www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp to view agendas and minutes for all meetings.

Contact LandUse@belmontnh.org or 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!

April 2017
Thank you to everyone that joined the Leprechaun Leap 5k on Saturday, March 18.

It’s not easy thinking about spring when there is still so much snow on the ground!

Saturday, May 13 9:00 am

Rent a space at the Tioga Pavilion - $15 or advertise a home yard sale - $5
Treasure seekers will be out and about in Belmont for our annual event.
Contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 603-998-3525 if interested in space.

**Registration Form**

Currently Accepting Vendor Applications for Belmont Summer Farmers Markets

Sundays --- 6/25, 7/30, 8/27 & 9/17
At Belmont Park & Ride on Route 106

Low vendor fees... $50 for all four market days, and $15 for a single day

[Vendor Packet and More Information](#)

Belmont Old Home Day --- Saturday, August 12th

Featuring live performances by
the Tyler Road Band and the B Street Bombers
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Strength & Stretch Class

With Jeannine Beckett

April 11-27, 2017 - 3 Weeks
Tuesday & Thursday Nights
Parks & Recreation ~ Function Room
Session #1: 5:30PM-6:30PM
Session #2: 6:30PM-7:30PM
$45 per person

Strength and Stretch will incorporate a full body workout, isolating each muscle group. The exercises will vary from week to week, the intensity level will also increase. Each person works at their own capacity. The class will end with a series of yoga themed stretches. A selection of provided equipment will be used to add to the difficulty of the exercises. Please bring your own mat, a small towel and water.

Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

Registration forms are available on our website:
(603) 267-1865
www.belmetnh.org
recreation@belmontnh.org
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