This year’s Voting Day was once again veiled in snowflakes however the community should be congratulated for turning out to the polls. Our annual budget proposal in the amount of $10,630,382 was approved by a vote of 338 to 78. Your participation in this year’s vote is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that KRT Appraisals staff is in the community conducting a measure and list of residential and commercial property. Their staff have identification badges and carry letters from the Town explaining the Measure and List project. Any questions regarding the process can be directed to Alicia Jipson, Assistant Town Administrator/Assessing Administrator at 267-8300 Ext. 118.

Just a reminder that applications for an Elderly Exemption or Veteran’s Tax Credit must be submitted to the Town no later than April 15th. Information pertaining to both can be found at http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/Assessing/171107FAQAssessing.pdf.

The first day of Spring arrives on Tuesday, March 20th, we offer a reminder to everyone that there are still potholes to be filled and trash to be collected, so please drive carefully and beware of the Highway Department working in the road.

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 website at http://lrpa.org.

Selectmen’s Meeting Schedule

Our meeting agendas are posted on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org, and on Facebook. We encourage you to attend our meetings or watch us live on https://livestream.com/belmontnh.

There are times during the winter months when it becomes necessary to close Town Hall due to inclement weather, we will do our best to post notice on the Front Door, on our Website, www.belmontnh.org and on the Selectmen’s Facebook page. We appreciate your understanding when these unexpected closures happen.

We would like to urge you to encourage your friends and family to sign up for the Town’s monthly newsletter by sending your contact information to town-hall@belmontnh.org. Your help in spreading the word about our newsletter would be greatly appreciated.
The Town Facility Strategy Committee appreciates the community support for Article 12 on the ballot. This measure requested approval to use Municipal Facilities Reserve Funds to conduct a Space and Feasibility Study. With that approval, the Committee is now moving forward and will work with the Selectmen and staff to find a contractor to conduct the study. The Committee is working with staff on a Request for Qualifications to identify potential contractors and also developing a detailed proposal for the work to be completed within the study.

The Facility Strategy Committee will meet on April 6th at 5pm in the Corner Meeting House First Floor Meeting Room. Public participation in the meeting is welcome! A meeting with the Selectmen is planned in the next few weeks to review the approach to the study, and timeline.

For more information on the Belmont Town Facility Strategy, contact dhepp3@gmail.com. Committee members include: Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp, Carmen Lorentz, and Pret Tuthill.
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146 Main Street Belmont NH  267-8331 Belmontpubliclibrary.org
EVENTS

LEGO Build
Saturday April 7 10am-noon
Drop in to create with other LEGO fans!

Explore Creativity
Wednesday April 11 5:30-7pm
Guest presenter: Ellen Olson for “Beyond the Shadow Coloring.”

House History 101
Thursday April 19 6pm
Corner Meeting House
Every house has a history, but how do you discover yours? Join the NH Preservation Alliance’s Andrew Cushing as he explores tools, tricks, and tips for researching your old house. Using a combination of sources – common and uncommon – anyone can start to assemble a fuller history of their house’s history.

Morning Book Group
Friday April 20 10:30am
Booklovers meet to discuss an exciting variety of fiction and nonfiction. This month’s selection is Shakespeare: the World as Stage by Bill Bryson.

Friends of the Library
Friday April 20 2pm

Simple STEM
Saturday April 21 10am-noon

Middle School Madness
Monday April 23 3:30pm-5pm
Black-out Poetry. Creative after school activities for grades 5-8.

Senior Center Book Group
Tuesday April 24 10:30am
Meet at the Senior Center to discuss this month’s book: My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante. Copies are available at the Belmont Senior Center.

Kids’ Movie
Thursday April 26 1pm
Paddington 2 (PG) Based on the stories of the character Paddington Bear, created by Michael Bond, it is the sequel to the 2014 film Paddington.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Card Games Meet-up
Tuesdays 1-3pm April 3, 10, 17, 24
Join others to play or learn card games such as cribbage, bridge, and more.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am April 4, 11, 18, 25
A program for children of all ages, featuring books, movement, music, science activities, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills.

Preschool Playgroup
Thursdays 11am April 12, 19
For preschool children age 2-5 and their caregivers. Preregistration required with Parks and Recreation, Held at the Belmont Recreation Room. Sponsored by Belmont Parks & Rec. Next Session begins April 12 and runs for 6 weeks with a break during school vacation week.

Papercrafts
Fridays 2pm April 6, 13, 27
Bring your own project or use our supplies to create with paper.
Happy Spring fellow Belmontians!! We hope the month of March didn’t treat you too bad.

Just a reminder that the 2018 first issue water/sewer bills are due on April 9, 2018. The first issue covers the months of December 2017-February 2018. As always, you can mail in your payment stub along with a check, 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.

Spring is the time of year we need to take care of licensing the pooches... Dog licenses are due to be renewed every year by April 30th. 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 love it when well behaved furry friends visit our office so bring them by for a pat and a treat!

At the end of January, our office sent out delinquent notices to make residents aware of any unpaid balances from 2017 in order to clear up accounts. Our next step will be sending out Notices of impending lien by certified mail at the beginning of this month. These letters are to notify residents of unpaid balances that are in danger of being liened in May. We have no choice but to lien unpaid balances carried over from the previous year. Residents will then have 30 days to pay any outstanding balances in full, 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.

We hope the month of April brings on the flowers we are all so looking forward to!
As of April 1st, burn permits will be **required** for all outside burning in the Town of Belmont. Residents can stop by the station **Sunday—Saturday** 7am-7pm to obtain a permit.
WELCOME TO SPRING!!

Spring Road Restrictions in effect until further notice

Each spring the Town of Belmont posts all Town roads to a maximum weight limit of 6 tons during the spring thaw per RSA 231:190-191. This year the ban began at 6 am, Monday, February 26th and will run until conditions warrant lifting.

Local roads are especially vulnerable to damage in the spring due to the water freeze-thaw cycle. Imposing temporary weight limits can help to protect the roads during this time. Contractors, construction companies, parcel services, fuel services and solid waste haulers are asked to observe the posting by staying off soft road shoulders and reducing load weights.

Special permission may be given for "practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship" depending upon weather conditions and time of day. However, Prior approval is required and a bond for the cost of restoring the road may also be required for any exceptions.

The following vehicles are exempt: firefighting equipment, winter maintenance equipment that is owned, leased or rented by state or any political subdivision of the state, and farm equipment. Violators may be charged with a "violation" under RSA 231:191,VI resulting in a fine of up to $1,000 along with restitution for damages and civil liability. Call the Public Works Department at 603-528-2677 with any questions.

Please use caution

This time of year, along with frost heaves mother nature brings potholes. We at the public works department are out tackling the task of filling these most every day. Most of the time they may be filled with water and can’t be seen until its too late. Please call to report any large potholes and we will respond asap. Thank you!

SPRING to some may also be referred to as MUD Season. Please be cautious when you encounter a muddy gravel road! We here at the Highway Department are doing our best to continually maintain these areas and appreciate your patience and understanding.
Start your day with a Pancake Breakfast

At Belmont Senior Center
14 Mill St., Belmont, NH
April 26th, 2018
8:30—10:30am

Menu: Blueberry or Plain Pancakes with Maple Syrup and fixings, Sausage, Home Fries, Muffins.

$6.00 per person.

Proceeds Benefit the Meals On Wheels Program for Belknap and Merrimack Counties

Join the Fight to Step Up and Stop Senior Hunger
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: As Category 5 hurricanes seemingly become the norm, yearly wildfires ravage the West after years of extreme drought and winters in the Northeast become milder and shorter, we look for an explanation of these events and ask if they are related. On April 4, 2018 at 6 PM at the Corner Meeting House, 16 Sargent Street, Belmont, join Sherry Godlewski, who works for the NH Department of Environmental Services as she presents, “Climate Change in New Hampshire – Connecting the Dots”.

We will discuss the climatic changes occurring across the country and the impacts we are experiencing in New Hampshire. Local data from New Hampshire Climate Assessments, Mount Washington and predicted future trends will be presented. We will connect the dots between extreme weather events, changes in our climate, and the cost of preparing for and recovering from these events.

As the scientific consensus concerning climate change is widely understood, there is an increased awareness of the impacts communities need to prepare for. Extreme precipitation events, flooding, drought, and warmer temperatures are the “new normal”. These new normal conditions affect important public infrastructure, local economies, public health, and natural resources and will continue to do so throughout New Hampshire. Communities need to plan and prepare for these impacts while we all continue our work to decrease our contribution to a changing climate.

New Hampshire’s climate has already changed and will continue to change over the next several decades. Communities in our state have experienced losses and damages from extreme weather events. Many communities have already begun to adapt to these changing climatic conditions and we all need to continue to do so to ensure that the current and future impacts of climate change do not significantly impact the health of our residents, the strength of our economy, and the character of our natural environment. Adaptation actions need to be evaluated and implemented as necessary. Remember that actions can be implemented in a phased approach; addressing the most vulnerable areas first and planning for future needs.

Sherry Godlewski has worked for NH Department of Environmental Services for 20 years, and has experience in the water, air, waste, and environmental health programs. Currently she serves as the Resiliency and Adaptation Manager. Sherry is co-chair of both the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup and the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup. She has a M.S. in Environmental Communication and Administration from Antioch University.
Planning and Zoning News

April 22, 2018

Girl Scout Leader’s Day

Application Review Committee

Wash Your Paws Dog Grooming: Review of Site Plan proposal to initiate dog grooming and doggie daycare uses (regulated under Veterinary Clinics, Boarding Kennels Use) within existing single-family residence; 194 Hurricane Road, Tax Lot 231-014-002-000, Rural Zone.

Planning Board

Public Hearing-Proposed Amendments: The Board adopted proposed amendments to Sections 1.F and 12 of the Site Plan Review Regulations and Sections 1.F and 12 of the Subdivision Regulations to define the conditions under which a Conditional Use Permit may be obtained under Zoning Article 7.I-Aquifer and Groundwater Protection District, Zoning Article 12. Frontage or Zoning Article 12. Single-family subordinate dwelling unit. The Subordinate Dwelling Unit related amendment is in support of the recently adopted zoning amendment.

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing - Penso Holding LLC: Approval for a one-year extension (07/28/2018) of a previously approved Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit (07/24/2014) for a 4,000sf commercial building, up to 4 units, office and/or retail. Property is located at 8 Church Street, Tax Lot 122-030-000-000, Village Zone.

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Belmont Medical Center/ LRGHealthcare: Site Plan approval to construct parking and septic on adjacent vacant lot to support expansion of commercial activities. Property is located at 8 Corporate Drive, Tax Lots 205-005-003-000 & 205-005-004-000, Commercial Zone.

Zoning Board

Abutters Hearing – Chris Champagne for Winnisquam Beach Campground Unit Owner’s Association: Approval of a Special Exception to expand a preexisting nonconforming single story RV footprint closer (18’) to the lake than permitted (50’) but not closer than the preexisting footprint and a Variance to expand a preexisting nonconforming single story RV with a two-story RV closer (24’) to an unrelated structure on site 133 than permitted (30’). Property is located at 15 Morway Lane, Tax Lot 117-015-000-132, RS Zone.

The Planning Board expresses its thanks to the Voters for supporting the six zoning ordinance amendments placed on the 2018 Town Meeting Ballot.

The Planning Board welcomes returning member Rick Segalini and new Board Member Gary Grant. The Zoning Board welcomes returning members David Dunham and John Froumy.

It’s wonderful to see current members returning to the Board; but especially awesome to have a new member step up to fill an open seat. Please remember that both Boards need alternate members. It’s one meeting a month and there is a great deal of support for our members as they begin and as they work on the applications that come before them. Alternate members are appointed by the members of the Board on which they will serve. Please consider becoming an alternate for Planning or Zoning. Want to learn more? Just call Candace Daigle, Town Planner, at 267-8300 x 113!

For additional Land Use Information:

Visit www.belmontnh.org

Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org

Call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!
Belmont Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camp
June 25-August 10, 2018

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 4:30PM 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 this year will be done via a fillable form on the town website starting April 9th. 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 Monday, April 30, 2018.

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.

**ONLINE Registration Starts:** April 9, 2018 ~ Monday

Registration Form is fillable and can be emailed to the recreation office.

**Summer Camp 2018 Registration Fees:**
Belmont Residents: $110 per week
Non-Residents: $155 per week

**NOTE:** $25 late fee for registrations after May 14, 2018

**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 21, 2018
Weeks #4-7 registration fees are due no later than Monday, June 4, 2018

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  www.belmontnh.org  recreation@belmontnh.org
Belmont Parks & Recreation
Golf Lessons

With Randy Annis

YOUTH LESSONS—6-16 Years Old
Session #1: May 8, 15, 22, 2018
Session #2: June 5, 12, 19, 2018
Tuesday Nights
5:30PM-7:00PM
$50.00 per youth for 3 lessons

ADULT LESSONS
Session #1: May 10, 17, 24, 2018
Session #2: June 7, 14, 21, 2018
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:
LAKES REGION
MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPRING LEAGUE

Belmont, Gilford, Laconia and Meredith Recreation Departments are partnering with Advantage Kids to establish a middle level team tennis league for middle schoolers.

Classes are taught by approved tennis instructor Kent Hemingway.

Players will be on co-ed teams. This is an introductory league with emphasis on recreational and instructional matches. All levels are encouraged to participate.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2018 on Tuesdays (Rain date: June 5)
Time: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Participants: 5-8 graders
Location: Laconia Memorial Park Tennis Courts
31 Lindsay Court, Laconia, NH

Transportation to the courts from each middle school is included at no charge

Just $3 to register!
All equipment provided

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Participants sign up with their towns recreation department, space is limited.

Deadline to register: April 27th
Afterschool Sailing Lessons
With Lake Winnipesaukee Sailing Association

Belmont and area recreation departments are partnering with Lake Winnipesaukee Sailing Association to offer a series of afterschool sailing lessons for kids age 11+. Students with little or no experience sailing are invited to register.

Learn to sail and have some fun on the water!

Dates: May 30, June 4, 6, 11, 13, 2018 – Wednesday & Monday afternoons
Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Dave Adams Memorial Sailing Center, 25 Davis Road, Gilford NH
Fee: $99 per student

Classes are taught by certified instructors and held in Optimist dinghies, 420 Collegiate boats and O’Pen Bic sailing dinghies. There will be a swim test the first day. Lifejackets are required let us know if you need to borrow one for the program. Lifejackets must be the fitted vest style. Limited financial assistance is available please inquire with your local recreation department for more information. Advanced registration is required, space is limited to 16 students.

Register by May 15th, registration forms are available on the Belmont Parks and Recreation website or by contacting the office.

**Discount Coupon:** Any students who participate in the afterschool program will be eligible for a 15% discount if they register for any other sailing programs at LWSA this summer! Learn more about our programs at [www.LWSA.org](http://www.LWSA.org)

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