Town Administrator’s Monthly Report

Just a reminder that Old Home Day this year will be on Saturday, August 9th, this year’s theme is “Mardi Gras”. Fireworks will once again be presented by Atlas Fireworks. We look forward to a great show again this year.

The Belmont Pavilion which will be located next to the Mill should be under construction by mid to late August. The project has received the go ahead from the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board held a public hearing on the project on Monday, July 28th. We will be working with NCM Management Inc. and Stewart Associates, both local firms, on the project and we are very excited to have them on board. Volunteer efforts by members of the Revitalization Committee continue to move this project and the river walk and footbridge forward; we could not do this without their help. We anticipate the Pavilion to be complete by late fall and would anticipate it will be available for use in the spring of 2015. Anyone having questions on the design, please feel free to stop by my office.

It is that time of year again and work has begun on the 2015 budget and updates to the Town’s Capital Improvements Plan. Notice of upcoming meetings for both of these important processes will be posted on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org.

The 2014 Property Revaluation is nearing completion; data collection and data entry is winding down and soon Commerford Nieder Perkins will begin the sales analysis process which will establish new values for the Town of Belmont. In early summer, taxpayers will receive notice of their new values as well as being notified of the hearing process. The new values will be used to establish the 2014 tax rate and will be reflected in the 2nd issue bill. Any questions regarding the Revaluation process should be directed to the Assessing Office at 267-8300 Ext. 18 or to assessing@belmontnh.org.

The Town of Belmont has completed contract negotiations with Casella for our future trash collection and disposal needs. The contract will begin January 1, 2015. The new contract is anticipated to save the Town money and provide enhanced service. Curbside collection of single stream recyclables will begin in January 2015; no special containers will be necessary, but will need to be clearly marked as recycling. Possible route and collection day changes may need to be considered, however residents will be given plenty of notice prior to any changes. Further information on the recycling program will be distributed over the next few months and will be available at Town Hall. This program will be in conjunction with our curbside collection of trash.

We would like to remind residents/taxpayers that recycling bins are available at Town Hall so if you haven’t picked up your bins (2 per household), please stop by Town Hall.

The Town-wide Water Meter Replacement project is under way and will be going out to bid mid-summer. Once a contractor is chosen to work with the Town, we will post notice of who was chosen and contact information. In addition, the Town is also working on an Asset Management Plan for the Water Department. We have taken great strides to improve our infrastructure and to comply with the stringent rules and regulations that protect our water. Your support of these ongoing efforts is greatly appreciated. Our 2014 Consumer Confidence Report relative to our water system is available on line at www.belmontnh.org.

The Ladd Hill project is underway and is anticipated to be complete by early Fall 2015; please bear with us during construction. The contractor on the project is G.W. Brooks; and comments or concerns during construction should be brought to the attention of the onsite engineer’s representative or Public Works Director Jim Fortin. Jim’s office number is 528-2677.
If Your Dog Poops
You must scoop...
Even If No One Sees You!!

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

We would like to remind all Dog Owners of the importance of picking up your dog’s waste from property not your own. The town installed at two 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.

In order to meet the continuing needs of our residents and taxpayers relative to the sharing of information, we are looking for a videographer to work with Town Staff and attend Selectmen and other meetings for the purpose of videotaping the meetings. Anyone interested, should contact the Town Administrator’s office to discuss the position further.

Your feedback is always welcome and if my office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at townadministrator@belmontnh.org.

Conservation Commission News

As you can’t help but notice, the invasive species, Japanese knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum) is sprouting all over town (and the state). Common reed (Phragmites australis) is evident in a number of roadside wetlands. And Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) has begun to flower, seemingly everywhere there is a damp, sunny spot.

As a property owner you may wonder how you can prevent or mitigate an infestation of one or more of these highly invasive plants.

The best way is to not let invasives get a foothold on your property by minimizing soil disturbances and immediately planting and mulching exposed soil with native species of plants and grasses. Try to make sure that fill material brought to your property doesn’t come from a place where there are invasive plants.

If you find invasive plants growing on your property, it is best to deal with it before it becomes established by hand pulling when plants are small; trying to pull the entire root. If too big to pull the entire root, hand cutting (not mowing) the plant will work best. This method will have to be repeated many times before the plant is weakened. After pulling or cutting, double bag the remnants and leave in the sun until the plant is not viable.

When the plants are have been cut, covering the infested area with black, 7 mil poly tarp for a period of time can kill the roots. After removing the tarp, plant native species in the denuded area and hand pull any invasives that try to reappear. Lastly, for large infestations, herbicides with glyphosate as the active ingredient can be effective, but may be best left to professionals for application, especially in wetlands where a licensed applicator is required.

Is this the remedy to knotweed infestation? Strawberry knotweed pie, anyone?
Greetings citizens of Belmont!! We hope that this month finds you all well and content...

As an FYI, Civil Forfeiture notices for unregistered dogs went out on June 25, 2014. The 15 day grace period expired on July 10, 2014. Per RSA 466:13, a court hearing is the next step.

We also sent out notices concerning water/sewer shut off for unpaid balances of over 60 days. These accounts must be brought current and paid in full by August 18, 2014. We do not make formal payment arrangements concerning water and sewer as they are utilities and must be paid in a timely manner. You are more than welcome to pay on our town website, www.belmontnh.org, or come down to Town Hall and make payments towards your total amount due, as long as the balance is paid in full by August 14, 2014.

We are looking forward to the State Primary fast approaching on September 9, 2014. A primary election is the preliminary step in the process of electing a candidate running for office. It is one of the most important phases of an election. This is when each vote counts the most. This is the time you will elect your candidates for Governor, State and County positions. It is an open primary, meaning anyone can vote no matter if you are registered Republican, Democrat, or Undeclared. You must declare a party at the polls, but may return to Undeclared upon exiting polls. We should have absentee ballots at the Clerk’s office August 9, 2014. You may come in to register between 7:30AM-4:00PM Monday through Friday. As of September 2, 2014 we can no longer accept new voter registrations at the Town Clerk’s office. However, you may register at the polls on the day of the election.

For some fun this August, be sure to come out for Belmont’s Night Out on August 5th, and of course Old Home Day on August 9th!! The fireworks display never disappoint!!
Gilmanton Building Fire

On Monday, June 16th at 15:46 hours, Belmont Fire was requested to respond to the Town of Gilmanton to assist with a first alarm building fire at 436 Loon Pond Rd. Lt. Greene, along with FF/Para Marsh and Candidate FF Griffin, responded with Engine 2. Upon arrival, Engine 2 tied into the rural hitch and supplied Gilmanton Engine 3 with their tank water. Lt. Greene and Candidate FF Griffin assisted with fire attack. Call FF Rick Siegel and Call Lt. Jim Girard responded to the scene with Tanker 1 and assisted with water supply. Belmont companies cleared the scene at 19:12 hours.

Engine 2 and Tanker 1 assisting with water supply (FF Marsh, Call Lt. Girard) Photo Tabby Frame

BFD Personnel assist with extinguishment. (Lt. Greene, Call FF Siegel, Candidate Griffin) Photo Tabby Frame

Engine 2 prepares to tie into the rural hitch (Lt. Greene, FF Marsh, Candidate Griffin) Photo Tabby Frame

FF Rick Siegel and Call Lt. Jim Girard responded to the scene with Tanker 1 and assisted with water supply. Belmont companies cleared the scene at 19:12 hours.

Belmont Fire Department 2014 Year to Date Alarms by Type

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Count</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BLS ALPHA OR BRAVO</td>
<td>161</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALS CHARLIE</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALS DELTA</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALS ECHO</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MVA ALPHA/BRAVO</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MVA CHARLIE LEVEL</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MVA DELTA LEVEL</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MVA With EXTRICATION</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fire Response</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hazardous Materials Response</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mutual Aid Response</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No Medical Incident Found/No Patient Contact</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rescue Response</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service Call</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water Rescue</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>567</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Firefighters and inspectors pay particular attention to modern lightweight construction. During a recent townhouse remodeling project, this metal plate connected floor truss was discovered to have lost the connection between the plate and lumber. These metal nailing plates sometimes are known as “gusset plates.”

Trusses are designed using sophisticated software that accurately calculates the structural load conditions in accordance with building code requirements. During construction is the best time to see how a truss roof system is configured and distributes loads.

Almost as soon as trusses are set in place, maybe even on the same day, the roof sheathing is attached. This quick construction time prevents inspectors from having a good opportunity to see the framing from outside the building. Fortunately, everything that the fire service and building inspector need to see is visible from inside the structure during the complete building framing inspection. The web and chord elements are fabricated to exact dimensions. The pieces are arranged in their final orientation, and the metal plates are applied using equipment capable of exerting high pressure to embed the metal plate teeth. Trusses are inspected for proper plate orientation and plate teeth penetration depth prior to shipment to the job site.

Metal plate connected wood trusses are the predominant type of truss used in residential construction. They are typically fabricated from 2-by-4 or 2-by-6 inch (51-by-102 or 51-by-152 millimeter) dimension lumber. Trusses are categorized as “parallel” chord for use in floor and flat-roof applications or “pitch” chord for sloped-roof applications.

Metal truss plates should be properly installed to ensure that they perform as designed. Typically, adjacent framing members are tightly fitted, and metal plates are fully embedded in the wood members. The building owner should check with the truss manufacturer to determine if remediation is needed.

Construction Projects

We have been very busy with plan reviews and meetings for several upcoming construction projects. Clear Choice MD has proposed opening a non-urgent walk in care clinic in the Belknap Mall. Plans call for a reception area, several exam rooms, and an x-ray room. The department is working with the State Fire Marshals Office in reviewing the plans. Also, on DW Highway, a proposal has been submitted to tear down the old Subaru dealership and to replace it with two new buildings. A 13,000 sq. ft. building will be a Goodwill Store and an 8,400 sq. ft. building will be a Dollar Store. Both Winnipesaukee Truck and Winnisquam Marine are proposing new buildings, and Belmont Self Storage is adding 5 new buildings.
The Police Department’s newest addition will be arriving in style this September

By Officer Evan Boulanger

The Police Department is pleased to announce the creation of a K-9 unit after the Board of Selectman approved the motion unanimously on July 7, 2014. The Department and Town are committed to the community we serve, it is with this in mind that we move forward with this project. We are so fortunate that we are able to provide this resource to the town at no cost to the taxpayer. The money used to purchase the dog, about $16,000.00, will come from the Department’s drug forfeiture account. This account was established so that when we seize money or assets from drug dealers, we can use that money to purchase drug prevention equipment.

With the purchase of the dog we will get a 1 ½ year old trained dog, cruiser insert to transport the dog, all the start up leads, collars, and harnesses, and a 4 week live in academy. This dog will help us find and locate narcotics being brought into town, track suspects, find missing people, and locate evidence. Belmont uses the dog upwards of 50 times annually, when one is available. Sometimes we have to wait an hour+ while we try to find an agency that is willing to help out. This purchase will provide to the Town, an exponential increase to the police services you deserve and expect.

We are purchasing the dog through a vendor in Pennsylvania called Castle K-9. We selected this vendor for a few reasons. The first being Castle K-9 selects and trains with the dogs well before a handler is ever introduced to the dog. This saves valuable time and gives the dog and the handler a jump start with training. The second reason is the types of dogs they train. Castle K-9 has been in constant communication with us and they understand the type of dog we want working in Town. This dog is going to be a community dog through and through. You will see him at events, in the schools and doing demonstrations around town.
It's important to the Police Department that we maintain our partnership with the community because that is the only way we will be able to take back our streets.

Finally we have had some amazing people step up and want to be apart of this program and we would like to recognize them. This program is being funded by drug money, but it's being sustained through members of our generous community.

Osborne’s Agway, 304 Daniel Webster Hwy, Belmont- Has worked tirelessly with vendors to provide all of our K-9’s food.

Noreast Veterinary Associates, 5 Wareing Road Belmont- Will be donating all of the annual check ups and medical needs for our newest officer. They have even donated after hour emergency medical attention.

Granite State Glass 166 South Main Street Laconia- Is donating the tinted glass for the cruiser to help keep our K-9 cool.

Wolcott Construction Gilmanton NH- Our first monetary donation!

Winnisquam Marine 12 Sunset Drive Belmont

Northeast Security Agency Alton

If you would like to donate to our K-9 fund, donations will be gratefully accepted. Checks can be made out to the Town of Belmont and in the memo field note K-9 Fund.

Stay tuned for updates about the K-9 program! As we get closer to the program’s start date we will post new pictures and information on our website and Facebook account.

Again, we can not thank our Community and Selectman enough for taking this proactive stance on the drug epidemic that has hit our area. We are proud to serve you and look forward to everyone meeting our newest member to the force.

7/15/14 Trooper Forbes and his k-9 Partner Rocco were requested to search a car at BPD. 3 grams of heroin, numerous pills, methadone, and a large amount of cash were seized from this stop.
Keep up the Fizz Boom… READing!

There’s still time to register for the last 2 weeks of Fizz, Boom, READ!

Once a week prizes for everyone who brings in their Reading Log with at least one book read since it was last stamped!

Raffles every Friday for cool prizes like tickets to Canobie Lake Park, Santa’s Village, Funspot and Water Country!

Come join the excitement!

August Fizz Boom… EVENTS!

Sat. Aug. 2nd* @ 10am - Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals. Lindsay Bezich, a NH girl, will visit us with her huge puppets and silly antics! Come see a giant monkey learn about paint and a humungous robot analyze some science!

Thank You Brookside Pizza for sponsoring this event!

Fri. Aug. 8th @ 10:30am – Hippie Science. Our very own Library Director, Miss Becky is soooo groovy! She is going to take us step-by-step through the scientific process of tie-dying! Please sign up in the Children’s Room so that we can be sure to have enough supplies. Designed for elementary and middle school aged students’ abilities, but all are welcome.

Sat. Aug. 9th @ 10:30am - Belmont Old Home Day! The Library will host the Belmont Historical Society and so will be closed for regular business.

Thurs. Aug. 14th @ 3pm – Crafternoon: Fizz, Boom, CREATE! Miss Katherine will pull out all the stops as she teaches you to make this scientific craft!! Crafternoon is designed for elementary and middle school aged students’ abilities, but all our welcome.

Fri. Aug. 15th @ 1pm – Summer Reading Celebration Pizza Party! Congratulations to all our Summer Readers! Brookside Pizza is supplying the pizza and Coca-Cola is supplying our drinks! Award certificates will be handed out to all Fizz, Boom, READ participants that attend. Fun and Yum!

Storytimes

Aug. 6th @ 10:30am – The dark gray clouds roll in. The rain starts to fall, then Crash! Boom! Lightning and Thunder! Come read about a cloud named Cloudette and find out how one grandmother helps her granddaughter cope with the loud storms! Miss Jenny will help you make a take home cloud craft too! Stories and crafts are designed for elementary school aged children, but all are welcome!
Aug 13th @ 10:30am – LISTEN UP! Miss Jenny will conduct stories, songs, finger plays and activities all to do with sound and music! We will experiment as we try to identify different sounds without looking and make a fun musical instrument to take home! Stories, songs, activities and crafts are designed for elementary school aged children, but all are welcome!

There will be NO storytime the last two weeks of August as we take a breather after our jam-packing summer reading program!

**Lego Club**

Please note there will be NO Lego Club in August due to all the fun events of Summer Reading! Lego club will start back up Saturday, September 6.

**T.A.G. Meetings**

Tuesdays at 4pm - The Teen Advisory Group, ages 12-18, will be experimenting with science this summer! Bring a friend! Snacks will be provided! Come join the fun!

**Book Group**

The book group is reading *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo this month.

“When his sister tricks him into taking her guru on a trip to their childhood home, Otto Ringling, a confirmed skeptic, is not amused. …In an effort to westernize his passenger--and amuse himself--he decides to show the monk some "American fun" along the way. From a chocolate factory in Hershey to a bowling alley in SouthBend, from a Cubs game at Wrigley field to his family farm near Bismarck, Otto is given the remarkable opportunity to see his world--and more important, his life--through someone else's eyes. Gradually, skepticism yields to amazement as he realizes that his companion might just be the real thing.”

–Blurb from Amazon

Book group meets Tuesday, August 26 at 7 pm. If you would like to join, please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.

**Craft Night – Thursdays at 6 p.m.**

Bring your own craft and share a fun hour with new friends! Some craft materials will be available for you to use, but feel free to bring your own as well. No need to sign up, just drop by!

**New Books**

**Adult Fiction**

- Blow the House Down – Baer, Robert
- City, The – Koontz, Dean
- Every Man a Tiger – Clancy, Tom
- Game of Thrones – Martin, George R.R.
- Hotel Vendome – Steel, Danielle
- Iron Sunrise – Stross, Charles
- Power Play – Coulter, Catherine (Large Print)
- Scribe, The – Garrido, Antonio

**Non-Fiction**

- Brass Wall, The – Kocieniewski, David
- Othello (No Fear Shakespeare) – Shakespeare, William
- Twelve Desperate Miles: The Epic WWII Voyage of the SS Contessa – Brady, Tim

**DVDs**

- Avatar
- Bad Lieutenant
- Cocoon
- It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World
- Larry McMurtry's Dead Man's Walk
- Princess Bride, The
- Red Eye
- Secret Window
- Stardust
- White Fang
Library News (cont.)

Children’s Books
Animals (Learn to Draw) – Fisher, Diana
Captain America: The Winter Soldier – Palacio, Tomas
Catch That Wobbuffet! (Pokemon) – West, Tracy
Charlotte’s Web: The Movie Storybook – Egan, Kate
Christmas Crafts – American Girl Library
Curse of Camp Cold Lake, The (Goosebumps) – Stine, R. L.
Fantastic Journey, The (Where’s Waldo) – Handford, Martin
Flik the Inventor (A Bug’s Life) – Saxon, Victoria
Friendship Bracelets – Unger, Liz
Get Your Vote On! (High School Musical: Stories from East High #8) – Beechwood, Beth
Guardians of the Galaxy – Marvel
Horrid Henry’s Christmas – Simon, Francesca
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key – Gantos, Jack
Julie of the Wolves – George, Jean Craighead
Keeping Secrets (Sleepover Squad #4) – Denton, P. J.
Lilo and Stitch The Junior Novelization – Thorpe, Kiki
Mouse and the Motorcycle, The – Cleary, Beverly
Report Card, The – Clements, Andrew
Sheepdog in the Snow (Animal Ark) – Baglio, Ben
Place Where Nobody Stopped, The – Segal, Jerry
Shipwreck (Island #1) – Korman, Gordon
Time Machine and Other Cases, The (Einstein Anderson, Science Detective) – Simon, Seymour
Trash and Recycling – Turnbull, Stephanie

Children’s DVDs
Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper
Barbie Presents Thumbelina
Bee Movie
Brother Bear
Firehouse Dog
Ninja Turtles: The Next Mutation
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Space Buddies

Teen Books
Alicia (The Clique Summer Collection) – Harrison, Lisi
Blue Bloods – De La Cruz, Melissa
Dream of the Stone, The – Askounis, Christina
Evernight – Gray, Claudia
Flawless (Pretty Little Liars) – Shepard, Sara
Ghosts of Ashbury High, The – Moriarty, Jaclyn
Killer (Pretty Little Liars) – Shepard, Sara
Kristen (The Clique Summer Collection) – Harrison, Lisi
Liar – Larbalestier, Justine
Perfect (Pretty Little Liars) – Shepard, Sara
Pretty Little Liars – Shepard, Sara
Stargazer – Gray, Claudia
Unbelievable (Pretty Little Liars) – Shepard, Sara
Wanted (Pretty Little Liars) – Shepard, Sara
Wicked (Pretty Little Liars) – Shepard, Sara

Library Staff
Becky Albert, Director
Katherine Bollenbach
J’Lillian Duclos
Jenny Stevens

Games
FIFA Soccer 2003 (PS2)
Guitar Hero (PS2)
Tiger Woods PGA Tour (PS2)

LIFE’S A JOURNEY.
Make sure you pack enough BOOKS.
Event News

Old Home Day

“Mardi Gras”

Saturday, August 9th

- Road Race
- Chicken BBQ
- Fire Works!
- Parade!

And so much more!
August 4th - US Coast Guard Day

Application Review Committee
Review for Opechee Construction Corporation to construct a 2,670 sf warehouse/storage building with exercise space at 11 Corporate Drive.

Planning Board
Public hearing for Town of Belmont to construct a 26' x 80' pavilion for local events on Mill Street.
Approval for Sheila C. Sullivan to subdivide one lot into two at 65 Cotton Hill Road.
Approval for Pensco Holdings, LLC to construct a 4,000sf building for commercial, retail and office space at 8 Church Street.
Approval for Wilder Companies/ClearChoiceMD to establish a medical office use including urgent care services within existing mall at 96 Daniel Webster Highway.
Approval for Water Street Retail LLC to demolish existing commercial building and redevelop lot with two commercial (retail) buildings (13,000sf & 8,400sf) at 95 Daniel Webster Highway.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Approval for First Student, Inc. for fueling facility at 592 Laconia Road.

Visit www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp to view Agendas and Minutes for all meetings.

Other Land Use News

Capital Improvements Program - The Planning Board will shortly begin their annual review of the Capital Improvements Program. The CIP is a multi-year schedule for capital expenditures defined as projects costing in excess of $25,000 with a useful life of at least one year. The CIP, originally adopted in 2004, is updated annually in response to the actual budget appropriated by the voters at the previous Town Meeting and requests for new or amended capital projects for the upcoming six years.

The CIP is a budgeting tool linking Community Vision from the Master Plan with the implementation of capital projects. The CIP assists the Selectmen and Budget Committee in developing and presenting to the voters an overall budget which avoids unanticipated expenditures by scheduling capital projects over the term of the CIP. Historic and projected trends in revenues, expenditures and growth are evaluated along with the community’s ability to fund the cost of improvements. The projects are prioritized by their placement over the term of the 6-year plan resulting in a more level tax rate impact. The deadline for submission of Funding Requests to the Land Use Office is 4pm, August 22nd. Information on the current plan and past budgets, as well as a capital funding request form can be viewed at www.belmontnh.org/datacip.asp.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Land Use Office with any Land Use inquiries.
This summer is a banner season for celebrating the 1928 library building and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A July ceremony opened with Town greetings and early visit memories from Chairman Ruth Mooney of the Board of Selectmen, who noted its impact on her daily reading habit. Other participants included Peter Michaud of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, who said Belmont was one of only 40 libraries statewide with the national distinction, and was a “treasure of a building” inside and out.

Congratulations were offered by N.H. State Senator Andrew Hosmer and Representative Mike Sylvia. In his letter, Sylvia said, “We can see in the library history, thanks to the work of Wallace Rhodes and Rebecca Albert, that George and Walter Duffy were men who led by example. Good citizenship was clearly very important to them, and their demonstration of that good citizenship was a gift to the community. On this day of celebration, I salute all those who demonstrate that good citizenship with their gifts of time, effort, and money given freely to build and maintain our community…”

Library Trustee Chairman Mary Charnley thanked the Heritage Commission for their presentation of the National Register plaque and building awareness of the historic building. Regional press was generous with coverage, including front page features in the Laconia Daily Sun and Winnisquam Echo, as well as coverage in The Citizen. Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA-TV) videotaped and produced a segment for educational channel 25, aired throughout Central N.H. since July 19th.

Learn more about Library history and architectural distinction: http://pdfhost.focus.nps.gov/docs/NRHP/Text/85002191.pdf

See the event program: www.belmontpubliclibrary.org along with vintage library photos from their historical collection.

Restoration of the late 1800s Elisha Smith 3rd clock, greeting library visitors since the February 1928 dedication of the remarkable gift of Belmont Hosiery Company owners George and Walter Duffy, will be contributed by Main Street business owner Denis Carignan of Carignan Watch Company. The donation was announced at the event, and included a preview of the repainted antique clock face, just completed by longtime and well-known Belmont resident and artist Mrs. Pauline “Polly” Murphy. (Photo: Linda Frawley)

State Senator Andrew Hosmer (left) exchanges greetings with Peter Michaud of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. (Photo: Vicki Donovan)
HISTORIC BANDSTAND RESTORATION: PROGRESS

The second phase of the 1908 Bandstand project, took a visible and much-reported turn in June, as original colors were applied by John Thompson of JLT Painting, and his crew after extensive preparation. Research and paint analysis by Building Conservation Associates expert Brian Powell, provided the science, so the historic Village landmark could mirror its original era. Four colors of paint and stain comprise the Victorian-era palette, and were matched as possible to currently available products. The Heritage Commission was pleased with support from Sherwin-Williams in Laconia, who provided a significant discount for their top of the line “Emerald” product. The main Bandstand color is green-black, accented by a brick red, with robin egg blue ceiling – reflecting the Victorian-era of its built heritage. A French roast stain will be a final color application in September.

Summer work by JR Graton of Northfield, responsible for first phase stabilization and critical repairs, will include replacement of the cedar shingle roof, addition of stairs and installation of a replica spire to top the signature octagonal, flared roof. Interviewed in the Union Leader and The Citizen over recent months as lead restoration contractor, Graton unabashedly calls the project a “labor of love.” The roof was first replaced in 1977 by Belmont resident and builder Neil Whitcher, who took great care to follow the original decorative patterns of the historic structure.

The rehabilitation, begun in earnest October 1, 2013 has followed standards of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, required by the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) – who provided a $15,000. matching grant for the current work in progress. LCHIP Historic Resource specialist Amy Dixon visited the site last month, meeting with Graton and Heritage Commission members, and approved the second installment of the $15,000. grant. The Bandstand is the third local historic preservation project funded by LCHIP in recent years. Both a historic study and stabilization/exterior restoration of the 1792 Province Road Meeting House were generously supported, from successful applications of the Belmont Historical Society.
BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT
HOSTS IT’S
ANNUAL
CHICKEN
BBQ

JOIN US DURING THE TOWN OF BELMONT’S OLD HOME DAY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH. SERVING TIME IS AT 5:00PM.

TICKETS ARE $10 A PERSON AND CAN BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME OR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. GET ‘EM BEFORE THEY SELL OUT! CONTACT THE BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT 603-267-8333.
Belmont Night Out

August 5th—Tuesday
Sargent Park
5:00PM—8:00PM

- Meet and Greet with Belmont Police and Fire Fighters
- Bike Patrol Unit from the Belmont Police Department
  - K9 Demonstration by NH State Police
  - Tour emergency vehicles
- Snacks provided by Belmont Rotary
- Music by DJ Rondo
- Games and face painting provided by Belmont Parks & Rec
  - Bounce House donated by Taylor Rental

Belmont Night Out offers residents an opportunity to meet with local emergency responders and to share ideas about our community safety efforts.

Event organizers Officer Joel Pickowicz, and Officer Evan Boulanger working in collaboration with town organizations and departments.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals 10am @ Library</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5 Belmont Night Out Sargent Park @ 5pm</td>
<td>6 Conservation Comm. Mtg 6:30 @ CMH Storytime Library</td>
<td>7 Craft Night 6pm @ Library</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9 Old Home Day Fire Dept Chicken BBQ @ FD 5pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Belmont Night Out</td>
<td></td>
<td>Craft Night 6pm @ Library</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>TAG Team 4pm @ Library Trustee Mtg 6pm @ Library</td>
<td>12 TAG Team 4pm @ Library Storytime Library 10:30am @ Library</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14 ARC Mtg 8am @ CMH Crafternoon 4pm @ Library Craft Night 6pm @ Library</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>13 Storytime Library</td>
<td></td>
<td>15 Summer Reading Celebration 1pm @ Library</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19 TAG Team 4pm @ Library</td>
<td>20 No Storytime</td>
<td>21 Craft Night 6pm @ Library</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>18</td>
<td></td>
<td>20</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26 Book Group 7pm @ Library TAG Team 4pm @ Library</td>
<td>27 Zoning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH No Storytime</td>
<td>28 Craft Night 6pm @ Library</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>