We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that smoking is not allowed on Town Property as stated in Section VII of our Town Property Ordinance. We respectfully ask that you comply with the ordinance when visiting or attending functions on Town owned properties.

**SMOKING**

In order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the town and all other persons also attending activities at any Town of Belmont facility or recreational park, no person shall, at any time, smoke any tobacco, tobacco related product, filter or other plant or weed except in such areas as are specifically designated for smoking by the Director and/or the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

**Heritage Commission Vacancies**

We currently have 3 vacant positions on the Heritage Commission. If you would be interested in serving on the Commission, please submit your letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

“Since 1992, heritage commissions have offered a valuable means for municipal governments in New Hampshire to manage, recognize, and protect historical and cultural resources. Their range of activities is broad but non-regulatory, and determined by each individual municipality to meet their particular needs and wants. A heritage commission is often described as analogous to a conservation commission. It advises and assists other local boards and commissions; conducts inventories; educates the public on matters relating to historic preservation; provides information on historical resources; and serves as a resource for revitalization efforts. A heritage commission can also accept and expend funds for a non-lapsing heritage fund, acquire and manage property, and hold preservation easements.” (Excerpted from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance website)
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.

Selectmen’s Meeting Schedule
The Board of Selectmen will be meeting on Monday, July 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and for the month of August on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. 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.

Reminder!
Belmont Old Home Day
Saturday - August 12, 2017
"Summertime Fun"

Just a reminder that school opens on August 28th, we urge you to be aware and please drive carefully.
Belmont Old Home Day
Saturday, August 12

Pedal Tractor Pull

Pancake Breakfast

Tyler Road Band

Tioga Fun Run

B Street Bombers Band

Bektash Mini Monster Truck Patrol

10-Mile Road Race

Portable Climbing Wall

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Free Concert Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 3 at 6 pm on the Bandstand

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Belmont Summer Farmers Market
Sundays, August 27 & September 17

At Belmont Park & Ride on Route 106

Offering space to farmers, crafters, prepared food & product specialists, & other small businesses to enhance the health & well-being of our local economy. Contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 603-998-3525.
Well folks, these hot August nights are upon us...

Summer is winding down and it’s time to start thinking about the kiddos going back to or starting school this month. If you are enrolling your little one in school for the first time, or have a child that is ready to begin driver’s education and you find yourself in need of a certified copy of their birth certificate, come on down to the Town Clerk’s office, we can help.

As long as the child was born in the state of New Hampshire after the year 1935, parents can stop in with your official state or federal identification, fill out a short form and walk out with a certified copy of the birth certificate. The first copy is 15 dollars and 10 dollars for any subsequent copies, requested in the same transaction, for the same person. You can also request a copy of any vital record on our website, www.belmontnh.org. We can process all vital records in our office including marriage licenses, marriage certificates, birth certificates and death certificates. If you have any questions, please call our office for more information.

If you couldn’t make it to Belmont’s Hazmat day which was held the last Saturday in July, do not despair. You can take advantage of Hazmat day in the towns of Bristol, Laconia, Moultonborough, or Ossipee on Saturday August 5th. For more information please click on the flyer on our town’s website www.belmontnh.org or visit the Lakes Region Planning Commission’s website www.lakesrpc.com.

The month of August is brought to you by the letter “N”. Any residents with a vehicle leased by Nissan Infiniti or you are lucky enough to have a birthday this month, don’t forget to come down and renew your registration, or go on our town website, www.belmontnh.org and renew your registration online. If you renew your registration online, allow at least a week or two for us to mail the registrations to you before it expires. If you need your registration mailed to a different address than what is on your registration, please make sure to put the address you wish it to be mailed to in the message area on the EB2GOV website.

We hope to see all of our fellow residents at Old Home Day on August 12th.
Family Stories with Oral Historian Jo Radner
How & why to remember and tell them

Tuesday August 8 10 am
Belmont Senior Center
Made possible by a grant from the
NH Humanities Council

BOOK GROUP
DEAD WAKE
BY ERIK LARSON
AUGUST 18
10:30AM

SENIOR CENTER
BOOK GROUP
LOST CITY OF Z BY DAVID GRAM
AUGUST 30
12:30PM

Belmont Public Library
Craft & Laugh
8/2: Chinese brush painting
8/9: Batik
8/16: Herbal gifts
8/23: Necklaces
8/30: Geometric art
Wednesdays 5th - 6th pm
Late arrivals welcome
Papercraft group
Fridays at 2 pm

146 Main Street Belmont NH
603 267-8331
Belmontpubliclibrary.org
MW 10am-7pm TTH 10am-5pm Fr 10am-4pm
Sa 9am-1pm

CHILDREN
STORYTIMES WEDNESDAY
10:30AM
MOVIES THURSDAY 1PM
LEGO BUILDING 8/5 10AM-NOON
COLLECT SUMMER READING PRIZES

August 2017
The Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail from Osborne’s Agway in Winnisquam to the Leslie E. Roberts Town Beach will be closed for tree cutting and trail maintenance on August 2 from 7:30 AM to 5 PM.
Conservation Commission News

Control Methods for Japanese knotweed

New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
Douglas Cygan
603-271-3488
doug.cygan@agr.nh.gov

There are two effective methods for controlling Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), henceforth referred to as knotweed. It is advised that you evaluate the site conditions where the knotweed occurs to determine which method is best suited for control. One involves smothering and the other uses herbicide.

### Smothering

![Photo 1](image1.jpg) ![Photo 2](image2.jpg) ![Photo 3](image3.jpg)

If you wish to avoid the use of herbicides you may want to try smothering. Not only does it eliminate the need for chemicals, but there are also no soil disturbance/erosion issues. Here are the general guidelines:

1. Allowing the knotweed to grow in the spring without attempting to control it;
2. Cut the knotweed at the base and close to the ground around the first week in June (PHOTO 1) (this helps to weaken the rooting system);
3. Pile the cut stems on an impervious surface such as a tarp, plastic, pavement, etc. so they can dry out (after turning brown the stems can be composted);
4. Apply a layer of mulch, grass clipping or other cushiony material over the sharp cut stems to prevent them from puncturing the plastic (PHOTO 2, an old tarpaulin was used);
5. Cover the entire area with the biggest heavy-duty dark colored plastic (7mil thick), tarp or heavy duty weed fabric you can find. If more than one piece is used make sure to overlap the seams by about 2 feet. Also, make sure the cover material extends at least 5-10 feet beyond the limit of knotweed in all directions (PHOTO 3);
6. Weight the top of the tarp/plastic and seal the edges with rocks, sticks, soil, sand, mulch, wood chips etc. (PHOTO 3). Do not puncture the tarp/plastic as this can allow knotweed stems to survive. If there are any tears or holes, patch them. Covering with wood chips or mulch does several things including improving the visual aesthetics; blocks UV rays from the sun, which photo-degrades plastic; and insulates it from cold temperatures so it doesn’t crack.
7. After 5 years the covering material can be removed and the area replanted.

Although this method may take a while, it has been very successful in sensitive areas here in NH.
It's almost the season to attack your Japanese knotweed infestation!!
FF Harris started her career in Andover, NH in 1992, where she became a firefighter and an EMT. In 1996, she went to work fulltime for the Tilton/Northfield Fire Department, and in 1997 she became an EMT-I. She wasn’t going to stop at an EMT-I level though. She wanted more, so she signed up for Paramedic school. During that time frame, she took a leap and applied to become a firefighter for the Town of Belmont. She was hired as a fulltime firefighter in July of 2004, and in December of 2004, she passed the Franklin Hospital Paramedic program. She had reached her goal and survived the process!

She has worked in the healthcare system throughout her entire career. Besides working as a fulltime firefighter, she has worked in the Franklin Regional Hospital ER as well as for a transport ambulance company. She has attended more trainings than we can count. If you have ever been to an ALS breakfast, you can bet you have seen her. She attends most of them. And to top all of this off, she has accomplished all of this while raising two children, Rylan and Kiernan.

Her thirst for knowledge never ends, and most of the time she is her own worse critic. The number of emergency calls she has worked that have pushed the limit of her skill level are many, but like always, she is a master of her trade and a true professional. She is the first to help and to teach. She never shies away from it.

To her, her patients are not just a number or another run. She is a true, committed paramedic. She checks on her patients after the fact to find out what their outcome is. She has even visited patients at their home and followed up with them, and in many cases befriended them. This shows the compassion and integrity FF Harris has. She takes her job to heart, and everyone she comes in contact with is better because of it.

Her commitment, passion, strength and knowledge show in the care she gives to her patients and her commitment is always unwavering. She is a true professional.
Applications

**Application Review Committee**

- **Jon Rich/Tracey Benoit & Andrew Grant/Meagan Benoit**: Request for Boundary Line Adjustment to transfer 10 acres, 389 & 333 Province Road, Tax Lots 215/007 & 212/067/003.

- **John O’Connor Sand & Gravel LLC**: Request for Earth Excavation Compliance Hearing Review for active excavation, 590 Province Road (Laconia), Tax Lots 204/027 & 029.

Other Land Use News

**Projects:**

- **Dollar General** is now open.

- **Winnisquam Marine** continues on construction of 31,480sf of interior boat storage, Laconia Road.

- **Vault Motor Storage** continues on construction of 78,540sf of interior vehicle & boat storage, Higgins Drive.

- **Amendments – Zoning:**
  
  At their May meeting the Planning Board began review of several possible zoning amendments for the 2018 Town Meeting Ballot after public hearing. They included interior boat storage and related manager apartments, the most recent accessory dwelling unit Statute changes, off-site snow dumps and hazardous waste generators.

- **Amendments – Driveways, Earth Excavation, Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations:**
  
  At their July meeting the Planning Board also reviewed several possible amendments to local Regulations. These would be considered for adoption only after a public hearing. They included: approval processes, driveway aprons, enforcement, gas stations, plan details/standards/references, mailboxes, security, signage, stormwater, stone walls, waivers and water & sewer.

Visit [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org), contact [LandUse@BelmontNH.org](mailto:LandUse@BelmontNH.org) or call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!
On July 19, 2017 the Belmont Police Department held an awards banquet at the Lakes Region Casino and recognized the following individuals.

**Distinguished Unit Action** – Detective Moulton, Officer Hicks, Master Patrol Officer Gray, Officer Hodgdon –

On October 11th, 2016, Officer Derek Gray and Officer Max Hodgdon were the initial responders to a report of a subject who had been shot on Arlene Drive. Responding officers arrived, applied the needed attention to the victim of the gun shot and was able to secure the scene. Detective Raechel Moulton and Officer Nancy Hicks subsequently responded and were able to managed the scene, identify witnesses and the suspect as Jason Cuocolo.

These officers should be recognized due to the seriousness of the offense, professional and lawful investigative techniques, cooperation and the timeliness of said arrests. Due to the outstanding investigation, iron clad paperwork and team work displayed by all officers involved, Cuocolo was arrested on the charges of First Degree Assault, Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon and Armed Robbery.

**Commendation Bar Program** – These commendation bars are given to officers to recognize hard work and ethic in regards to special assignments, promotions and or collateral responsibilities they have obtained.

Master Patrol Officer Kloetz – Firearms Instructor
Officer Max Hodgdon – Patrol
Officer Matt Terry – Patrol and Field Training Officer
Corporal Boulanger – Belknap Regional Special Operations Group, Supervisor

**Criminal Investigation Award** – Detective Moulton

On March 26th, 2012, an extensive criminal investigation began against Ryan Vallee. Detective Raechel Moulton, along with the United States Secret Service, investigated Vallee for remotely hacking into the online accounts of dozens of teenaged female victims and sending them threatening online communications.

After an extensive and laboring investigation, Vallee pleaded guilty on Aug. 25, 2016, to a 31-count superseding indictment charging him with 13 counts of making interstate threats, one count of computer hacking to steal information, eight counts of computer hacking to extort, eight counts of aggravated identity theft and one count of cyberstalking.

Detective Moulton’s superior investigative ability, case management and cooperative spirit with the United States Secret Service almost guaranteed a conviction is this high-profile case. Congratulations Detective Raechel Moulton on your excellent work.

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Citizen Appreciation – Alan MaCrae

In recognition of your continued support and service to the Belmont Police Department

Officer of the Year – Sergeant Adam C Hawkins

This award symbolizes the highest annual achievement among Belmont Police Officers as the officer awarded this is nominated and selected solely by their peers.

This award is named in memory of Officer Kier T. Slater who passed away on February 9th, 2008 due to a sudden illness. Officer Slater was a well-liked officer within the department and community who was not only dedicated to his profession but to this friends and family. Officer Slater not only attained a high level of activity but was responsible for organizing community programs.

Naming awards after officers or other community members represents respect to that person as well as cementing his or her legacy within the community of Belmont and ensures that “We will never forget.”

Highlights for Sergeant Adam C. Hawkins

Duties – Developed new annual evaluation system and promotional process for the department. Assist in leadership mentoring and development of officers as lead use of force instructor, firearms instructor (handgun and rifle), Taser Instructor, and active shooter instructor. Sergeant Hawkins also completed his 10th year with the Belknap Regional Special Operations Group (SWAT team) in January 2017. Along with Chief Lewandoski and Master Patrol Officer Kloetz, they organized formal training for private companies to recognize workplace violence and appropriate response to violence in the workplace. Pikes Industries was the first to receive this training.

Philanthropy – Raised close to $30,000 dollars along with members from his Crossfit community for “Barbells for Boobs” a non-profit organization raising funds for breast cancer awareness, detection and prevention. Helped organize community events such as National Night Out, help organize fundraising initiative for a fellow officer, neighborhood watch programs, ran in the Special Olympics Torch Run. Sergeant Hawkins is also a Crossfit L1 Instructor at White Mountain Crossfit in Concord, NH - training all age and athletic levels include police officers and firefighters and promotes a healthy lifestyle within his own department. He also created and organizes the Annual Police Appreciation Night – acknowledging officer’s talents and hard work through formal recognition, commendation bars and awards.

Sergeant Adam C. Hawkins will complete his Master Studies in Public Administration from Anna Maria College in December 2017.

Thank you to all the men and women in uniform!
Belmont Facility Strategy:
A Proposed Approach to Guide Future Investment in Town Buildings

The Belmont Town Facility Strategy Committee approved by the Board of Selectmen formed in July and is moving forward. Their focus is to develop information for the Selectmen and citizens on how best to house Town community services and programs and staff in the future. Committee members include Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp and Carmen Lorentz. Additional folks have volunteered to serve on a Resource Group or as additions to the Committee.

The Belmont Facility Strategy Committee will include members with engineering, design, office planning, real estate and community development experience to review Town facility needs in a comprehensive fashion. Next steps for the Committee are to review past Community surveys and Town building studies and to tour some Town buildings.

During Old Home Day, there will be a Town Facility Strategy Committee information table. Belmont residents are encouraged to stop by the Town Facility Strategy information table after the parade to talk with Committee members. The Committee is seeking suggestions and adding people to a mailing list for those interested in regular updates. The Facility Strategy Committee’s goal is to seek feedback and involve the Belmont community and Selectmen in every step of this project.

If you are interested in learning more about this Town Facility Strategy and want to get involved, contact Donna Hepp at dhepp3@gmail.com to get on the mailing/email list. Information updates will be also shared on the Town website and newsletter.
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