Property Revaluation and 1st Issue Tax Bills

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.

Hurricane Road Reconstruction

The Board of Selectmen at their meeting on July 16th awarded the Hurricane Road Reconstruction project to Busby Construction for a total project cost of $1,313,514. Preliminary work will begin in 2018 with project completion in 2019.

Upcoming

Work will begin soon on updating the Town’s Capital Improvement Program document; each year we update the prior year’s expenditure information and revenues prior to the documents submission to the Planning Board for discussion. Requests are sent out to all Department Heads for their anticipated present and future capital needs. This process begins our annual budget preparation. Budget worksheets for the 2019 operating budget will be distributed to Department Heads in late July/early August.

My office and the Board of Selectmen have been working closely with the Commissioners of the Sunray Shores Water District to correct a procedural defect in how the district was created. The Board of Selectmen will hold a Special Town Meeting on August 6th at 5:30 p.m. for the registered voters residing in the district to vote to reaffirm the district’s creation. Nothing will change in how the district is managed; the action is only to confirm how they have operated for many years.

Laconia Fire Chief Ken Erickson has announced his retirement effective September 28th, 2018. For the past 2 ½ years, the Town of Belmont has shared administrative service of the Belmont Fire Department with the City of Laconia. The Town of Belmont will continue to work closely with the City over the next few months regarding the existing shared service agreement and expect no impact on the excellent service provided to the Belmont community by our Fire Department. We would like to wish Chief Erickson well in his future plans.

Job Opening

The Town of Belmont is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Highway Department Truck Driver/Laborer reporting to the Public Works Director. The successful candidate will perform a variety of routine skilled and unskilled manual laboring duties. The position requires a NH CDL “B” license with airbrake endorsement. The individual chosen for this position must possess a willingness to work with others including the general public. High School Diploma or equivalent is required; experience with the operation of heavy trucks necessary. Driver’s License and Criminal record check required, mandatory participation in the department’s Drug/Alcohol Screening Program as required by federal law. This is a full-time Union position subject to a 6-month probationary period. Applications and a copy of the complete job description are available at the Belmont Town Hall, or send a resume and letter of interest to DPW Director, PO Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220. The position will remain open until filled. The Town of Belmont is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
What’s Flushable or Not

We continue to stress the importance of the “Not everything is flushable”, please check out the “Do Not Flush!” list to protect your sewer and septic system. A “Flushable” label does not mean it is SAFE for your septic system or the Town’s sewer. Please read the brochure we have included on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org. We need your help to insure our sewers keep flowing.

IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II ©

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

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.

Newsletter Subscription

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.

School Opens August 27th

School opens August 27th, please drive carefully and beware of children walking and biking to school.

Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Atlantic Broadband 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.
Taxes were due July 2nd and we are happy to report that we have collected almost 9 million dollars in taxes equaling about 94% of the taxes due for the first issue of 2018! WAY TO GO!

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

If you are in need of a certified copy of your child’s birth certificate for school registration, or even driver’s education, and your child was born in New Hampshire after the year 1982, we can help.

Just come down to Town Hall, and fill out a short form. Please bring your driver’s license with you. The cost is $15.00 for the first certified copy and $10.00 for any subsequent copies in the same transaction for the same child.

We can also provide you with certified copies of vital records: birth, death and marriage certificates, as long as the occasion happened after a certain year and in the State of New Hampshire.

In addition, you can apply for marriage licenses at Town Hall.

The cost for a marriage license is $50 and it is valid for 90 days.

Please NOTE: If you have been previously married you must provide the official, sealed documents of how the marriage was dissolved. Both parties must be present and able to provide. We do ask that you come in no later than 3PM as it does take a bit of time to input all the necessary information.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY

If you missed Belmont’s Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, you will be able to participate in Laconia’s Hazardous Waste Day, which is being held Saturday, August 4th at the Laconia Public Works Department. There is information regarding hazardous waste days in surrounding communities in the Lakes Region as well as information about what hazardous waste is on our town website as well.

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION - SEPTEMBER 11TH

We have a State Primary Election coming up on Tuesday September 11, 2018. Voting will take place at Belmont High School between 7AM and 7PM. If you will be out of town on the day of the election you may request an absentee ballot. You can mail in a request, please make sure to indicate where you would like the ballot mailed, and if you are registered as an independent that you include the party’s ballot you wish to vote on (Democrat, Republican or Libertarian). The request must also include your signature. You can also stop by the Clerk’s office to submit a request. The offices that we will be voting for in this election are Republican, Democratic and Libertarian Party Candidates for the offices of: Governor, United States Senate, Representative in Congress, our District’s Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representative for Belknap District 6, State Representative for Belknap District 9, County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, County Commissioner, and on the Republican ballot, the Delegate to the State Republican Convention. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office or the Secretary of State’s office.

VANITY PLATES NOW AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

We have great news to share this month!! As of July 24, 2018 we can process vanity plates in our office again. You read correctly, you no longer need to go to Concord DMV if you wish to personalize your ride with a vanity plate. If you wish to get a specialty vanity plate such as a veteran or moose plate you will still need to go to the Concord DMV to complete it.
NEW RESIDENTS PRAISE BELMONT

We would like to pass along the general comments we are receiving from new residents to our community about how they love living in Belmont! The upkeep of the common areas of town by the maintenance team, the upkeep of our roadways by the Highway Department, the community gatherings that are offered by our events coordinator and parks and recreation department, along with the friendly and competent service they receive here at Town Hall, all lend to a wonderful sense of community and well-being. It is so nice to hear such praise about the Town we all love!

BELMONT OLD HOME DAY— AUGUST 11th

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Old Home Day on August 11th at Bryant field. Old Home Day is such a good time and a great opportunity to come together as a community and get out and mingle with fellow residents. For more information on the day long event see the Special Events section of this newsletter. See you there!
Helpful tips on how to protect your home from burglary.

_Captain Richard Mann_

With a home burglary occurring every 15 seconds in the U.S., it’s wise to take reasonable steps to protect your home and possessions.

You can help to make your home less of a target with some very simple tips. Start with using our service. The Belmont Police has a house check program. Some basic information from you lets us know when you are away and who you have as a local emergency contact. We have a form that can be left with our dispatcher outlining your dates away, cars in the driveway etc.

- Leaving two different areas of your home with a light on a timer, allows the home to look occupied.
- Have a neighbor leave their barrels at the end of your driveway.
- Leave a radio on a timer.
- Ask a neighbor to park their car in your driveway a few times.
- If you use lock boxes or safes keep them in a hidden area of the house. The basement or lowest level is recommended to reduce the risk of heat damage from a fire.
- Keep all personal information (passports, financial statements, etc.) in a locked, fire proof safe or a safety deposit box.
- Close curtains or blinds to prevent thieves from taking inventory of your personal belongings and seeing the home’s layout.
- Store ladders, tools and any other outside objects that can be used to assist in home entry in a locked shed or garage.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked. If the garage doors have windows, put the garage door release cord away from those windows.
- Replace worn keypad entry devices. After extensive use, the combination of numbers and letters could be visible, providing criminals with information that can be used to gain access to your home. Change the home’s entry device access code periodically to prevent wear.
- Make sure the home’s address is visible for police, firemen and paramedics for easy identification of the home.
- Don’t post the family name on the mailbox or on the house.
- Don’t talk about vacation plans in public areas, such as the beauty shop, shopping mall, car rental office – or even on social media.
- Secure a wireless network at home. Computer access could allow cyber criminals easy access to confidential personal information.

There are a number of self-installed security devices you can use that allow you to monitor your home on real time with digital cameras. Many of these systems are plug and play ready. They have zoom, motion and sound detection. You can set them up to send alerts right to your smart phone. If you do see an intruder on your property please alert the police department first. Your neighbor may be closer but they are a better witness than an involved party. Plus it generates confusion when police arrive we do not want to detain the wrong person.
Before placing anything in the garbage, Shred all papers.

- Destroy old computer hard drives.
- Break down all boxes for high value equipment. Brand names on boxes alert thieves to items inside the house.
- Use proper outside (motion) lighting – Thieves may choose to bypass a well-lit home.
- Use strong exterior doors – Solid wood or metal provides stronger protection against break-ins. Replace stock door lock plate screws with extra-long ones to help strengthen your door from being kicked.
- Block windows for the basement or locked window well covers – Use these to keep thieves from seeing or entering your basement.
- Locks for pet doors – Make sure your pet door isn’t a point of entry for a thief.
- If you have a window installed air conditioner on the ground floor, make sure it is secured with screws to keep it from being pushed in, thus allowing for easy entry. You may also want to just take it out till you get back.

Home burglary statistics and cost

A home burglary occurs approximately every 15 seconds in the United States. On average, a home burglary results in a dollar loss of about $2,600.

About 30% of all burglaries are classified as "unlawful entry," meaning the burglar was able to gain entry without using force – often through an unlocked door or window.

Nearly 66% of all burglaries are residential, and of those, 62% occur during the daytime, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., when no one is likely to be at home.

Learn more about how your homeowners insurance policy can cover you in the event of theft and other types of losses. Be a good neighbor if you see something – say something. It is always better to be safe than sorry. We do not mind investigating good intent calls.
July 31, 2018 marks the day that Firefighter Rob Frame says goodbye to the Belmont Fire Department to start a new adventure, as he has decided to move out of state. Firefighter Frame started with us on our call department in 2012 and has been a dedicated member ever since.

If you are one that listens to your scanner at home, you may recognize his voice, as he worked as a fulltime dispatcher at Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. We will miss him, and wish him nothing but the best as he moves into this next chapter!
With saying goodbye to Firefighter Bowler last month, and Firefighter Frame this month, Belmont Fire is very excited to share some good news! We welcomed back Firefighter Josh Huestis on July 26, 2018! Firefighter Huestis left in early January to complete basic bootcamp and AIT for the Army. He has successfully graduated the program and now is a member of the Army Reserves! We are very excited to have him back and can’t wait to put him back to work in the community.

If you are planning on attending the Chicken BBQ during the Old Home Day Celebration, stop in and welcome him back. You won’t even recognize him!
Tickets Now on Sale!!!!

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ
Hosted by Belmont Fire Department

AUG 11 2018

Four Thirty - IN THE EVENING -
Belmont Fire Station
14 Gilmanton Road
Belmont, NH 03220

Good Food & Good Company

Tickets are on sale at the Fire Station between 7am and 7pm, Sunday through Saturday.

- $10.00 Per person -
Both cash and checks accepted.
Planning and Zoning Board Committee News

August 2018

August 18, 2018
National Honey Bee Day

Application Review Committee

Mountain Lake Village, LLC: Review for one-year extension of 18-lot open space single family subdivision approval and previously granted waivers with internal roads and open space (Zoning Use Open Space Residential Subdivision), Rural & Residential Single-Family Zones, Mile Hill Road, Tax Lots 202-012-000-000, 202-012-001-000, 202-015-000-000, 202-015-001-000.

Arthur & Pamela Bartlett: Review for Boundary Line Adjustment to transfer area from Tax Lot 227-009-000-000 to Tax Lot 227-010-000-000 (Zoning Use Residential Subdivision), Rural Zone, 124 Rogers Road and Rogers Road/Middle Route.

Planning Board

SK McDonald Co. LLC: Approval of Subdivision Plan to subdivide one lot into ten single-family residential lots; Residential Single-Family Zone, Leavitt & Plummer Hill Roads, Tax Lot 211-006-000-000.

Blue Sky Enterprises, Inc./White Mountain Land Co.: Successful five-year compliance hearing for Earth Excavation (Zoning Use-Activity related to the removal of sand, gravel, loam or stone for commercial purposes); Rural Zone, 224 Hurricane Road, Tax Lot 231-014-000-000.

Mark A. Mooney Rev. Trust: Approval of Subdivision to subdivide one lot into two lots (Minor Subdivision); Rural Zone, South Road, Tax Lot 244-026-000-000.

Gilmanton Sand & Gravel: Approval of Earth Excavation permit renewal, successful five-year compliance hearing and quarry expansion (Zoning Use-Activity related to the removal of sand, gravel, loam or stone for commercial purposes); Rural & Industrial Zones, 28 Stone Road, Tax Lots 245-001 & 002-000-000.

Brian Baxter: Approval of Site Plan to sell prepared food and ice cream (Zoning Use-Retail Store) on lot occupied by Osborne’s Agway Farm & Garden Center; Commercial Zone, 304 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 102-007-000-000.

Jennifer Hicks: Approval for Site Plan to expand existing dog grooming/doggie day care facility with one enlarged and two additional exterior enclosed dog play yards (Zoning Use-Veterinary Clinics, Boarding Kennels); Commercial Zone, 445 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 217-106-000-000.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Pike Industries, Inc.: Public hearing continued to August 22nd meeting for a Variance for relief from requirement for 4’ separation to seasonal highwater table to deepen excavation within defined quarry footprint (Zoning Use - Activity related to the removal of sand, gravel, loam or stone for commercial purposes); Industrial & Rural Zones, 308 Depot Street, Tax Lots 235-058-000-000, 236-014-000-000, 232-031-000-000.

Barbara Greenwell: Approved Special Exception to allow snowmobile & motorcycle repair by appointment only (Zoning Use-Motor Vehicle & Trailer Services, Sales, Repair); Rural Zone, 334 Dutille Road, Tax Lot 218-038-000-000.
Land Use Notes

Capital Improvements Program:
The Planning Board has begun their annual review of the Capital Improvements Program. The CIP is a multi-year schedule for capital expenditures (projects costing in excess of $25,000 with a useful life of at least one year). The CIP is updated annually in response to the actual budget appropriated by the voters at the previous Town Meeting and requests for capital projects for the upcoming six years. It is a budgeting tool linking Community Vision from the Master Plan, with the implementation of capital projects, and 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.

Funding request forms are due in the Land Use Office no later than Friday, August 10th. 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.

Visit www.belmontnh.org
Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org
Call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance
Progress continues on the South Rd. drainage project. We anticipate the project to be complete by the second week of August. Roadside mowing will begin sometime in August along with invasive species control.

Scheduled roadwork for shim and/or overlays are as follows:

- Railroad Ave
- Sunset Drive
- Wildlife Blvd
- South Rd
- Noyes Rd

Please be aware of the road construction and men working signs. Please! take appropriate caution to slow down when entering a work zone. Thank You.

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe. Not only is it safe, IT'S THE LAW!

New driveway regulations have been adopted by the Planning Department. They can be reviewed on the Towns website.

Driveway Permits can be obtained at the town offices or online at www.belmontnh.org

Thank you to the Belknap County Department of Corrections residents for their continued support. They have been providing us with workers, helping out with various tasks around town and at the garage. Your hard work is very much appreciated!
Next Steps for Space and Feasibility Study

At the July 18th Selectmen’s meeting, the recommendation to pursue a contract with Lavallee/Breslinger Architects was approved. The Belmont Facility Strategy Committee is working with this firm to finalize the scope of work, schedule and cost for the Belmont Facility Space and Feasibility Study. Once these details are finalized and approved, work on the study will move forward. There will be a Kick off meeting with the contractor and Facility Committee in late August or September. All meetings will be open to the public with an opportunity to ask questions and offer comment. The Contractor will prepare a Space Study and do an preliminary assessment of Town buildings. This will be followed by Preliminary Options for use of Town buildings. When recommended options are refined with projected costs next Spring, the Committee plans to hold a Charette, a public meeting designed to draw input from the community on options to meet future Town facility needs.

For more information on the Town Facility Strategy, contact dhepp3@gmail.com. Committee members include: Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp, Carmen Lorentz and Pret Tuthill
BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAMILY STORYTIME WEDNESDAYS 10:30am

clif children’s literacy foundation

CARDS DROP-IN TUESDAYS 1pm

YOU'RE INVITED TO A Dance Party

Saturday August 4 11:30am

supported by Shaw’s of Belmont, Brookside Pizza II, and Belmont Village Store

NEW Non-Fiction book group starts in September. Copies available at the desk.
The Library will open at noon on Monday August 13. Staff are attending a morning workshop.

146 Main Street (603) 267-8331 belmontpubliclibrary.org

Monday Wednesday 10am-7pm Tuesday Thursday 10am-5pm Friday 10am-4pm Saturday 9am-1om
Belmont Old Home Day 08/11/18

go the distance

Celebrating our 50th Running of the Belmont 10-Miler and 30th Running of the Tioga Fun Run

First Baptist Church Pancake Breakfast
Tioga Pavilion at 7:30 am
Chicken BBQ
Fire Station at 4:30 pm

Back 2 Back Band at 10:30 am on the Bandstand
Scott Spradling Band at 6:30 pm on Bryant Field

Road Race, Fun Run, and Parade Registration Forms; Vendor Applications
http://www.belmontnh.org/belmontoldhomeday.asp
For More Information, Please Contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 603-998-3525

Not to rush summer away just yet, however, plans are underway for an early fall concert on the Bandstand in September.
See you at Old Home Day!
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