Deliberative Session – Saturday, January 31, 2015, Belmont High School, 10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting Warrant

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 31st day of January 2015, being a Saturday at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First (Deliberative) Session, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 10th day of March, being a Tuesday, between the hours of 7:00 o’clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o’clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following:

Article #1. To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Supervisor of Checklist six-year term (1), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Planning Board three-year term (2), Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term (2).

Article #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Amend Setback Ordinance to exempt medically necessary handicapped ramps from setback requirements as long as the particular person has a continuing medical need to access the premises.

Article #3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($3,357,250) for the purpose of renovating the Belmont Mill for use as Town Offices, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $2,957,250 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; the balance of funding for the project ($400,000) to come from the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve for which the Selectmen are agents to expend. A 3/5 ballot vote required.

(Article #3 recommended $3,357,250 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) for the purpose of completing an Sewer Asset Management Plan, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $30,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. A 3/5 ballot vote required. If the Town's application to the State Revolving Fund is not approved, this project will not be undertaken.
Article #5. Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first $85,427 of revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) received during the 2015 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first $85,427 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town’s General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2015 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

- Overtime Coverage: $15,000
- Telephone Expense: $500
- Conferences & Dues (EMS related): $500
- Training Expenses: $1,000
- Medical & Supply Expenses: $52,427
- Comstar Billing Fees: $9,000
- Office Supplies: $500
- Vehicle Repair & Parts: $2,500
- Fuel: $4,000

Article #6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used Ladder Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund (Comstar) previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999).

(The Budget Committee recommends $300,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #7. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled, to allow a $50,000 property tax exemption for qualified taxpayers? To qualify the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $25,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than $35,000, and own net assets not in excess of $100,000 excluding the value of the person’s residence. (Majority vote required)

Article #8. Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Belmont, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $65,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $80,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $125,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $35,000; and own net assets not in excess of $150,000 excluding the value of the person’s residence. This article submitted by Petition. (Majority vote required.)

Article #9. Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

Article #10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Seven Million Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars ($7,257,691).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Dollars $7,052,519 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the
governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

(The Budget Committee recommends $7,257,691 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of $30,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014.

(The Budget Committee recommends $30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($125,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Budget Committee recommends $125,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund already established (Created 2003).

(The Budget Committee recommends $40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Budget Committee recommends $750,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars ($167,450) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire?

(The Budget Committee recommends $167,450 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #16. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($3,450) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amounts to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997) and further to fund $450 of said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of $450 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014, with the remainder to be raised by taxation.

(The Budget Committee recommends $3,450 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010).

(The Budget Committee recommends $2,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Dollars ($233,683) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users’ fees. Should this article be defeated, the default
budget shall be Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Dollars ($257,261) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends $233,683 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #19.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six Dollars ($536,556) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user’s fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Seventy Dollars ($530,070) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends $536,556 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #20.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by user’s fees.

(The Budget Committee recommends $20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #21.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

(The Budget Committee recommends $10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #22.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005).

(The Budget Committee recommends $5,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #23.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades, Replacement and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010), said sum to be offset by user’s fees.

(The Budget Committee recommends $10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #24.** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

**Article #25.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

**Article #26.** Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) as adopted by the Town of Belmont on March 15, 2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law? This article submitted by Petition. (A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question is required.)

**Article #27.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for public purposes, as permitted by RSA 31:19 until rescinded.
Belmont Selectmen
Seeking to Honor Town’s Oldest Resident

In August of 1909, Edwin A Grozier, owner of the Boston Post newspaper, sent to Board’s of Selectmen throughout New England, 14-carat gold headed, African ebony canes for the purpose of awarding to the oldest citizen of the town. The head of the cane reads “Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of Belmont, NH”. The original is located in Town Hall, protected for posterity in a wooden display. A replica was made and presented last to Lincoln Noel in August 2005. In order to be eligible the person must be a current resident. Please help us to honor the town’s newest oldest resident by sending the information to townadministrator@belmontnh.org.

The Belmont Water Meter Replacement and AMR Upgrade project has begun and letters have been mailed to those property owners affected by the project. The letter will come from the contractor, New England Backflow Inc., requesting that you call for an appointment to have either your meter changed out or providing notification that someone will be out to the property to install a radio read device over your existing touchpad. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. 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 online at www.belmontnh.org.

Belmont Mill Renovation Project

The Board of Selectmen continues to meet regularly regarding future renovations to the Belmont Mill, the next opportunity to discuss the project will be at the Deliberative Session on Saturday, January 31st. There will also be an informational meeting held to discuss the project on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Corner Meeting House beginning at 5:00 p.m. Plans for the building can be viewed at Town Hall and are available on our website at www.belmontnh.org/projectsbelmontmill.asp.

We are very pleased to announce the beginning of a new era in Belmont where both trash and recycling will be collected curbside at a substantial savings to the taxpayer. Our new contract with Casella begins January 1, 2015. Your trash and recycling will be collected every week on your current collection day, initially the contractor may run separate trucks for collection however both trash and recycling will be collected the same day. Please continue to place your trash and recycling curbside by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Recycling containers should be clearly marked with a recycling decal which will be available at Town Hall for free. Please stop by the Town Clerk’s office to pick up your decal (sample below). Please place your recycling sticker prominently on the side of your barrel or mark the barrel with permanent marker “RECYCLING”, this will help the driver’s identify who is recycling and improve efficiency. Thank you for your help.

A brochure outlining frequently asked questions regarding recycling and the specific do’s and don’ts will be mailed to each residential property. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator’s office at 603-267-8300 Ext. 124 or Casella Customer Service at 603-524-5881.

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.
**Town Administrator News**

In order to meet the continuing needs of our residents and taxpayers relative to the sharing of information, we are still 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.

The Town of Belmont continues to support the operations of LRPA TV through a portion of the Town’s Franchise Fees. We would be very interested in hearing from residents who view the programming on Channel 25 and would encourage you to contact the Town Administrator’s office at 603-267-8300 Ext 124 or via email at townadministrator@belmontnh.org. Your input is welcomed regarding the Town’s continued support of LRPA – TV.

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

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector News**

Greetings and Salutations fellow residents of Belmont!!

We hope this finds you all warm and cozy in the cold weather!!

Our town meeting is fast approaching.... It will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Belmont High School. Just as a reminder of a couple of important dates, The deadline is February 3, 2015 for registered voters of Belmont to submit a petition to the Selectmen to include a warrant article on our town ballot, and after February 27th you can no longer register to vote at Town Hall, you will have to register at the polls on election day.

Our office sent out notices to new dog owners, whose rabies certificates were forwarded to us by various veterinary offices, to let you know that you need to come down and license your dogs... Please previously issued dog licenses must be renewed annually by April 30th to avoid fines and possible legal action. As always, if your dog’s rabies certificate is current you may re-license your dog on our town website www.belmontnh.org, and we’ll mail the tag to you!

We hope you are all enjoying your new year so far!! Remember... every cold blustery day we get through is one day closer to springtime!!
Planning and Zoning News
February, 2015

Planning Board
- **Bestway Disposal Services**: Site plan approval to add municipal solid waste transfer and adjusting tons-per-day capacity. Property is located at 43 Industrial Drive, Tax Lot 235-043 in the “I” Zone.

Zoning Board
- **Ramzi Al-Shawafi**: Approval to add two apartments in an existing building. Property is located at 139 Main Street in the "V" Zone, Tax Lot 122-132.
- **Jeremy Gassman for Mallards Landing**: Approval to replace preexisting nonconforming manufactured home and detached screen platform with new two-story single family residence. Property is located at 3 Fifth Street in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 110-002-000-125
- **William & Mary Beeley**: Approval to construct additions. Property is located at 20 Donway Drive in an “RS” Zone, Tax Lot 117-015-000-024.

Visit [www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp](http://www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp) to view agendas and minutes for all meetings.

Other Land Use News

Are You Planning a Spring Project?
Often the cold winter gets us thinking about projects around the home that we want to start as soon as spring arrives. Maybe it's:
1. Putting a roof over that deck, something you can screen in to avoid the bugs;
2. Replacing that leaky roof;
3. Paving that icy/muddy driveway;
4. Putting in a pool - wouldn't that be great for the summertime?

Your wintertime planning should include a call to the Land Use office. Many projects do require a permit and that's something you can get now, before the busy spring arrives. You know how it is - you'll wake up some warm spring Saturday morning, head to the building supplies store and want to get started today! Don't put off getting that permit! Once you have a permit, you have 6 months to start active and substantial work on the project; so it's really not too early to give us a call!

Board Vacancies:
The following vacancies exist. The Boards encourage residents to consider volunteering to serve in these positions. Contact the [Land Use](#) office for further information or submit a [request to serve](#).

Planning Board: 3 Alternate Member positions
Zoning Board: 5 Alternate Member positions
Conservation Commission: 3 Alternate Member positions
Its official!

Vito—the Police Departments first K-9, was sworn in as an officer of the Belmont Police Department on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

Congratulations to Vito and Officer Evan Boulanger!

Photo by: Tim Camerato
Let It Snow, Let It Snow

We asked for snow for early February, and it looks like we just may get it. If it’s wet and sticky enough for sculptures, gather civic organizations, neighbors, or classmates together in preparation for the challenge of creating snow sculptures near the Belmont Library.

Each team will be assigned a pile of snow on Saturday, February 14th and will have until Thursday, February 19th to build their marvelous works of art. Registration forms are available on the town’s website at www.belmontnh.org or pick up a packet at Town Hall or the Belmont Library. Attend the Kickoff Party for this fun community activity on Saturday, February 14 at 10 am. Warm up with a cup of cocoa and enjoy a waffle while the teams start their transformation of snow.

Remember… if there is not enough snow in early February, this event will be postponed until 2016.

Mark your calendar now for the 3rd Annual Lakes Region Leprechaun Leap 5k Walk/Run on Saturday, March 14 at 10 am. Registration, start and finish lines are in the parking lot of the Belmont Mill. Registration forms can be found on the town’s website and are also available at Town Hall and the Belmont Library. A special prize will be given to the first 50 registrations received, so get them in early!

For more information on any of these community activities, please contact Gretta Olson-Wilder, Special Event Coordinator, at events@belmontnh.org or 603-998-3525.

Coming in May 2015…

BELMONT COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Plans will be announced soon for this fun day to help with spring cleaning!
2014 in Review

2014 was a year of personnel changes at the Belmont Fire Department. On February 17th, Lieutenant Robert Laraway retired after almost 13 years with the Belmont Fire Department. Prior to working for us, he was a member of the Winnisquam Fire Department and a State employee for many years. Just 11 Days later, on February 28th, long time Administrative Assistant Renee’ Jesseman also retired. Renee’ had been the Administrative Assistant for 13 years, and prior to that, was a call firefighter/EMT with the department. Finally, on November 28th, Lieutenant Fred Greene retired after almost 30 years of fulltime service and 40 years of total service to the Belmont Fire Department. We will miss all of our retirees and wish them the best of luck with their futures.

With all of these retirements also came several new hires and promotions. Lieutenant Ryan Brown and Lieutenant Tom Murphy were promoted to fill the two open Lieutenant positions, Sarah Weeks was hired as our new Administrative Assistant, and Firefighters Chris Griffin, Will Thalheimer, and Jake Poulin were hired to fill open line positions.

Once again, it was a busy year for your fire department. We responded to 1,192 emergency requests for service in 2014. We treated 724 patients and transported 510 of them. We look forward to 2015 and ask all of our citizens to keep our department slogan in mind when dealing with life safety; “In Omnia Paratus” (In all things ready).

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The department responded to 3,790 requests for service in 2014. The break down of requests were as follows;

- Emergency response: 1,192
- Fire marshal activities: 312
- Service non-emergency permits issued: 1,374
Learning Objective: The student will be able to explain the key factors for developing an initial response strategy for a crude oil rail transportation incident.

The initial stage of an incident involving crude oil should include an analysis of appropriate site-specific response procedures and potential effects that an incident would have on nearby life, property, critical systems and the environment. Traditional firefighting strategies and tactics may not be effective in these situations. These incidents also need to be approached and managed as a hazardous materials problem to ensure that proper and appropriate technical assistance and the support of outside resources are notified and requested as soon as possible.

The following factors should be considered as part of developing the initial response strategy to determine whether the incident should be handled offensively, defensively or by nonintervention:

Are there any life safety exposures in danger that responders must address right now, and can responders safely evacuate or protect in place? Number of people to be protected, ability of public to move, available time, resources needed, adequate facilities to shelter evacuees.

Can responders safely approach the incident? Location of the incident, access and terrain, number of tank car(s), extent of damage, size of spill, leak or fire involved.

Do responders fully understand the nature and scope of the problem? A hazard assessment and risk evaluation must be completed, and the results must be shared with technical specialists from the railroad and/or shipper.

If a fire is involved, do responders have immediate access to sufficient foam and water supplies that are required for effective fire control/suppression operations? Most fire departments will not have adequate foam, water or spill control resources for an initial attack on a crude oil derailment scenario with large fires. Defensive operations will likely be required until sufficient foam concentrate, water, spill control and related support resources are on-scene.

If a spill is involved, do responders have the necessary spill control equipment readily available on-site? Do responders have spill control and vapor suppression equipment/chemicals available on-site?

Can fire suppression agents be effectively applied to the tank car(s) involved? Can cooling water be effectively applied to any exposures impacted by direct flame impingement? Fire suppression agents and cooling water must be able to reach their intended targets to be effective. If access, supply or equipment is limited, the ability of suppression agents and cooling water to reach the affected area(s) will be diminished.

If not on fire, can potential ignition sources be removed and/or eliminated? Vehicle traffic may need to be curtailed. Automatic switching systems (industrial air conditioning units, traffic signals, etc.) need to be switched off.

Will extinguishment improve or worsen the incident, and what is the environmental impact of doing so? In some situations, the best and safest response option may be defensive or nonintervention tactics that allow the fire(s) to burn out. Attempting to extinguish the fire(s) may cause additional risk to personnel and damage to the environment. The decision to protect exposures and let the product burn must be considered.

Have appropriate notifications been made, or has the organization’s emergency response plan been activated? These incidents cannot be safely and effectively managed alone. Additional technical support and resources must be requested immediately in accordance with the agency’s emergency response plan. The railroads and shippers will be the primary means of technical support and resources, and they are an integral component of the organization’s emergency response plans, procedures and operations.

(2014 promotions Lt. Brown and Lt. Murphy)
T.A.G Team/Craft Night
For teens & adults.

Make-your-own Valentine’s Cards

T.A.G. Team (our Teen Advisory Group) is joining up with Craft Night for a special evening of making Valentine’s Day Cards!

Join us Thursday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m.

We will have plenty of supplies on hand but feel free to bring your own materials if you wish.

Storytimes
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Come join us for stories, songs, snacks, and crafts!

February 4 – Groundhog Day
February 11 – Valentine’s Day
February 18 – Friends
February 25 – No Storytime

Miss Jenny is going on a cruise during the last week of February! We hope she has a great time and she will return to storytime March 4!

Lego Club
Saturday, February 7, 10:30 to noon

Lego club is always the first Saturday of every month! Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month’s theme: “Hearts.” The Library will provide all children with Legos to build, and finished pieces will be put on display in the Children’s room. Sign up is not required and late arrivals are always welcome!

Teen Bulletin Board
In the downstairs hallway, T.A.G. Team has created a bulletin board that you can add your favorite books and suggestions to! Everyone – kids, teens, and adults – is welcome to grab a sticky note and tell us about a book you really liked or a book you think we should have.
T.A.G. Team Meetings
Tuesdays at 4pm

It’s like Library Club for teenagers! We help plan fun events and give teens a chance to get involved with the library. The 3rd Tuesday of the month is dedicated to games! Favorite games so far are Apples to Apples and Monopoly. Feel free to join us! T.A.G. Team is open to all Belmont teens between the ages of 12 and 18.

Game Night!
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Adults: Come join the fun! Sign-up isn’t required. Bring a friend! See calendar for specific games.

Tell Us What You Think!

Would you like to join us for our weekly Game Day/Night or our monthly Book Group, but Tuesday nights just don’t work for you? Sign up at the library or give us a call to let us know what day and time you would prefer.

Book Group
Tuesday, January 20, at 6 pm

Book group will meet on the last Tuesday this month, February 24, at 6 pm. We will be discussing S. J. Watson’s Before I Go to Sleep. Come in and pick up a copy if you’d like to join us!

“S. J. Watson makes his powerful debut with this compelling, fast-paced psychological thriller, reminiscent of Shutter Island and Memento, in which an amnesiac who, following a mysterious accident, cannot remember her past or form new memories, desperately tries to uncover the truth about who she is—and who she can trust.”

description from Amazon

Craft Night
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

We’ve been doing great things at craft night! Many weeks we have a crafter teach us something special! Learn a new craft and share a fun hour with friends!

Library News

Some craft materials will be available for you to use, but feel free to bring your own as well. Some supplies we have available include collage materials, quilling supplies, watercolors, yarn, and string for braided bracelets. No need to sign up, just drop by. Check the website for more details about this month’s crafts.

New Books

Biography
Long Way Home, A – Brierley, Saroo
Not That Kind of Girl – Dunham, Lena
So Anyway – Cleese, John

Children’s DVDs
Benji Off the Leash!
Daniel and the Superdogs
Dinotopia
Gulliver’s Travels

DVDs
Garden State
House of Cards (Season 2)

Fiction
Blue Labyrinth – Preston, Douglas
Burning Room – Connelly, Michael
Dead by Midnight – Hart, Carolyn
Desert God – Smith, Wilbur A.
Escape – Baldacci, David
Fifty Shades Darker – James, E.L
Fifty Shades Freed – James, E.L.
First Frost – Allen, Sarah Addison
Flesh and Blood – Cornwell, Patricia
Havana Storm – Cussler, Clive
Heartwishes – Deveraux, Jude
Lost Key – Coulter, Catherine
Mistletoe Promise – Evans, Richard Paul
Scarlet Nights – Deveraux, Jude
Thereby Hangs a Tail – Quinn, Spencer

Games
Fisherman’s Bass Club (PS2)
Gran Turismo 3 A-spec (PS2)
Guitar Hero III Legends of Rock (PS2)
Need for Speed ProStreet (PS2)
Need for Speed Underground (PS2)
Shaun White Snowboarding (PS2)

Large Print
Insatiable Appetites – Woods, Stuart
Saint Odd – Koontz, Dean

Nonfiction
Nolo's Essential Guide to Divorce – Doskow, Emily
Start with the Arts (in Parenting Section) - VSA Art
Preschool Playgroup
January 15-February 19, 2015
THURSDAYS
10:00AM—11:00AM
Parks & Rec Function Room
Residents—FREE
Non Residents—$2 per day

Preschool children ages 2-5 years old will enjoy a fun filled hour playing games and interacting with other children. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun. Activities will be organized by our instructor Nicole Sturgeon who has an associates degree in early childhood education. Children should bring a parent or guardian, sneakers and something to drink. This program is free to residents of Belmont with proof of residency required. Non residents can participate as space allows. Program is held at the Belmont Parks & Recreation Function Room, 2nd floor of the Belmont Mill. Our program is canceled if there is a school delayed entry or Belmont schools are closed for the day.

Advanced registration is required and space is limited with preference given to Belmont residents.

Belmont Parks & Recreation
(603) 267-1865
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The Conservation Commission (CC) is proposing two Warrant Articles for this year’s Town Meeting ballot. Voting will be held on March 10 from 7AM to 7PM after a Deliberative Session on January 31 at 10AM, both at Belmont High School. Passage of each will enable the CC to actively participate in land conservation in ways that have been historically allowed until recent changes in the law. The statutory language is recited in the two ballot questions below as required. Each question is then described in plain language and illustrated in maps.

The two Warrant Articles as they will appear on the Official Ballot:

- **Ballot Question A** – Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

- **Ballot Question B** – Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

**Ballot Question A purpose:**

1. In 2008 the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, purchased the 168 ac Andrew Sanborn Farm conservation lot on Durrell Mountain Road. Although only one lot, two small portions were located across the Gilford and Gilmanton Town lines (see attached map); the existing road into the lot being over the section location in Gilford. Such action complied with State law at that time. Due to a change in State law, Town meeting must now authorize the Commission, again only with the approval of the Selectmen, to make any purchase in the future where a portion of the lot similarly straddles a Town line or where the lot abuts a parcel in Belmont and provides an ecologically significant resource that is vital to the parcel in Belmont.
Ballot Question B purpose:

1. This article will allow the Conservation Commission to contribute to a qualified organization such as NH Audubon, the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) or 5 Rivers Conservation Trust towards their purchase of property that Belmont will have no title to. This would be a multi-Town/Organization effort to protect a parcel of local and/or regional importance. A great example of this would be the recent fund raising drive, “Everybody Hikes Mt. Major” by the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, SPNHF and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The parcels that were conserved by this project, while not specifically abutting Belmont, are part of a collection of conservation properties running from Belmont to Alton that make up the Belknap Range which does extend into Belmont and is an important recreational area for Belmont residents. Again due to a change in State law, Town meeting must now authorize the Commission to make such contributions in the future to similar important endeavors.
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