**Town Administrator’s Monthly Report**

2018 Deliberative (First) Session Meeting Warrant
Saturday, February 3, 2018, 10:00 A.M.
Belmont High School Cafeteria

**Article #1.** To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Budget Committee two-year term (2), 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) and Town Moderator two-year term (1).

**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?

Boat Storage-Amend Art. 5, Table 1 and Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to regulate indoor and outdoor boat storage separately in the permitted use table and create separate definitions.

**Article #3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Warehousing/Self-Storage-Amend Art 5, Table 1 and Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to regulate indoor and outdoor warehousing/self-storage separately in the permitted use table and create separate definitions.

**Article #4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Accessory Dwelling Unit-Amend Art. 8.F of the existing Ordinance to prohibit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as additions to manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, and where one or more single-family units are already attached such as condominium developments and duplexes. Prohibit the condominium sale of an ADU separate from the principal unit.

**Article #5.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Subordinate Dwelling Unit-Amend Art. 5, Table 1, delete Art. 13.F.1, and add a definition to Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to allow one subordinate dwelling unit on a lot with a primary business use in the Commercial & Industrial Zones and require a Conditional Use Permit for occupancy by other than the business owner (e.g. business manager or security person).

**Article #6.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Snow Dump-Amend Art. 7.C.14 of the existing Ordinance to clarify that a “snow dump” regulates snow brought to a lot from off-site.

**Article #7.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Signs-Amend Art. 4.I.4 of the existing Ordinance to allow internally illuminated signs.

**Article #8.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:81 to allow a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses as defined in Article 5 Table 1 of the Town of Belmont Zoning Ordinance last amended March 16, 2017. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality and shall exclude state education property taxes and county taxes. The exemption shall be as follows: 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to construction of new structures, and additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures and shall run for a maximum period of 6 years following the new construction. If adopted by the Town, the percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted uniformly within the Town to all projects for which a proper application is filed. This vote adopting RSA 72:81 shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years; provided, however, that for any application which has already been granted prior to expiration of such 5-year tax period, the exemption shall continue to apply at the rate and for the duration in effect at the time it was granted.
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Town Administrator’s Report (Cont.)

Article #9. Shall the Town vote to discontinue completely, a portion of Pond Road, so-called, in Belmont with the title in the land to revert to the Sunray Shores Water District. The portion to be discontinued is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Pond Road, so-called, and the land now or formerly of Butler Family Realty Trust, 17± southeasterly from the angle point of said Pond Road; thence turning and running southeasterly along said Pond Road 71±, crossing over the Sunset Canal, so-called, and along land now or formerly of Shawna Collarullo to a point 127.5± from the intersection of said Pond Road and Linda Drive, so-called; thence turning at right angle northeasterly 33± to a point on the sideline of Common Land of the Sunray Shores Water District; thence turning and running northwesterly and parallel with the first course 71± along the Common Land, crossing over said Sunset Canal, and along land now or formerly of Gerald and Beatrix Clark to a point 11± southeasterly of an angle point in said Pond Road; thence turning at a right angle running southwesterly 33± to the point of beginning. Said portion of Pond Road containing a footbridge to be completely discontinued with ownership reverting to the Sunray Shores Water District.

Article #10. Shall the Town vote to discontinue completely, a portion of Hackett Road, so-called, in Belmont with the title in the land to revert to the abutting property. The portion to be discontinued is described as follows: Beginning at a point on a stonewall at the southeasterly corner of land of Clive and Alison Roberts on the sideline of Hackett Road, so-called; Thence running along the stonewall and said Hackett Road, in a southwesterly direction 237± to a rebar set in the ground at the end of the wall at the sideline of Gilman-ton Road (also known as NH Route 140), so-called; Thence turning and running along said Gilman-ton Road in a southeasterly direction 233± to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the left having a radius of 25± a distance of 39± to a point; Thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction 48± to the point of beginning. Meaning and intending to describe a roughly triangular parcel 7,180± ft² in area, a portion of Hackett Road to be discontinued and attached to the land of Clive and Alison Roberts and to become a part of Tax Lot 240/003.

Article #11. Shall the Town vote to rescind the following bond authorizations approved but not issued, a 3/5 majority vote is required.

- March 15, 2008 Pleasant Valley Roadway, Water and Drainage $40,982
- March 13, 2012 Sewer Pump Station (5) Replacement $179,196
- March 13, 2012 Belmont Village Water Line Replacement $76,679
- March 12, 2013 Belmont Village Phase II Water Line Replacement $14,939

(The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)

Article #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars ($65,000) for the purpose of a Space Needs and Feasibility Study; funding for this article is to come from the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2006. No amount of money will be raised by taxation under this article.

(The Budget Committee recommends $65,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #13. Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first $171,400 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2018 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first $171,400 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 2018 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote Required).

- Training Expenses $3,000
- Medical & Supply Expenses $26,000
- Ambulance Billing Fees $22,000
- Overtime $40,000
- Telephone $2,000
- Conferences & Dues $1,000
- Office Expense $12,000
- Vehicle Repair & Parts $8,000
- Fuel $7,400
- Kitchen Renovations–Fire Station $50,000

Article #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($950,000) for the cost of a Quint Fire Truck for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by the withdrawal of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars...
($250,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c; the balance of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000) is to come from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. In the event the Town does not receive the grant; this appropriation will not be funded. (Majority ballot vote required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends $950,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen Dollars ($62,117) for the third year’s payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments.

(The Budget Committee recommends $62,117 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #16. Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

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Article #:17. Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Belmont?

Article #18. 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 Five Hundred Ninety-Three Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars ($7,593,919)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Fourty-Eight Dollars ($7,776,548) 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 $7,593,919 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars ($25,000) to be placed in the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) (Amended 2014).

(The Budget Committee recommends $25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)
Article #20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Budget Committee recommends $25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Budget Committee recommends $75,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #22. 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, 2017.

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

Article #23. 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 #24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund previously established (2003).

(The Budget Committee recommends $25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

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

Article #26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars ($195,849) 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 $195,849 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #27. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) 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).

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

Article #28. 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 #29. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Fifty Dollars ($230,055) 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 Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars ($228,175) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

Article #30. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars ($518,397) 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 Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven ($519,937) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

Article #31. 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.)
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Article #32. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Village Rail Spur Trail Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2016).

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

Article #33. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars ($25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

(The Budget Committee recommends $25,000 and the Board of Selectmen do not support this recommendation.)

Copies of the 2018 Town Meeting Warrant and Budget are available on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org. Also there will be a handout available online for the Deliberative Session beginning Wednesday, January 31, 2018 as well as at the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be called to order by the Moderator and a subsequent date certain will be set for the session.

Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Metrocast Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss your idea. LRPA has made significant strides to improve programming this past year and its presence in the Lakes Region; we urge you to check out their website at http://lrpa.org.

Selectmen’s Meeting Schedule

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

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.
Greetings Belmont residents!

Will that pesky groundhog see his shadow and give us six more weeks of winter??

We are gearing up for the Town Election which takes place in March.

The filing period for candidacy for Town Offices opened on January 24, 2018. The filing period closes on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5 PM. You can file to run for Town office by stopping by the Town Clerk’s office and filling out a candidacy form. There are no fees associated with filing for town office. The Clerk’s office will remain open from 4 - 5 PM on Friday February 2nd for candidacy filing purposes only.

The Town’s Deliberative session is being held on Saturday February 3, 2018 in the Belmont High School Cafeteria beginning at 10 AM. The deliberative session is the time for all of the warrant articles that are proposed for the official ballot for the Town election to be read and discussed. While no voting on Warrant articles will take place on this day, wording and dollar amounts of warrant articles can be discussed and possibly amended.

Voting will take place at our Town Election being held on Tuesday March 13, 2018. The polls will be open from 7 AM until 7 PM at Belmont High School located at 255 Seavey Rd.

Delinquent notices were sent out at the end of January. The purpose of these notices is to make people aware of any unpaid balances from 2017 that need to get cleaned up before the lien date. If you have received a notice and have any questions about it, please don’t hesitate to contact our office.

It is that time of year to renew the licenses for our furry friends. Dog licenses are due to be renewed by April 30th every year. You can stop by our office and renew the license or mail in your payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can mail you your new tag. As long as your dog’s rabies vaccination is up to date, you can also renew the license on our town website, www.belmontnh.org and we will mail your new tag to you.

Spring is within our sights!! We hope the rest of the winter isn’t too hard on you!
APPLICATIONS

Application Review Committee
Pensco Holding LLC: Review for extension of Site Plan approval and Conditional Use Permit, 4,000sf commercial building, 8 Church Street, Tax Lot 122-030.
Gilmanton Sand & Gravel: Review for renewal of excavation permit, five-year compliance hearing and expansion of permitted quarry area, 20 Stone Road, Tax Lots 245-001 & 002.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Steven Groulx: Approved two Special Exceptions for road setbacks to replace a manufactured home, 15 Leisure Lane, Tax Lot 121-027.

OTHER

Planning Board
Zoning Amendments: Following two public hearings, the Planning Board has placed the following six proposed zoning amendments on the ballot for the March 13th Town Meeting. Full Text at:

Boat Storage: Amend Art. 5, Table 1 and Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to regulate indoor and outdoor boat storage separately in the permitted use table and create separate definitions.

Warehousing/Self-Storage: Amend Art. 5, Table 1 and Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to regulate indoor and outdoor warehousing/self-storage separately in the permitted use table and create separate definitions.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Amend Art. 8.F of the existing ADU Ordinance to prohibit ADUs as additions to manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, and where one or more single-family units are already attached such as condominium developments and duplexes. Prohibit the condominium sale of an ADU separate from the principal unit.

Subordinate Dwelling Unit allowed in conjunction with an on-site business: Amend Art. 5, Table 1, delete Article 13.F.1, and add a definition to Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to allow one subordinate dwelling unit on a lot with a primary business use in the Commercial & Industrial Zones and require a Conditional Use Permit for occupancy by other than the business owner (e.g. business manager or security person).

Aquifer: Amend Art. 7.C.14 of the existing Ordinance to clarify that a “snow dump” regulates snow brought to a lot from off-site.

Signs: Amend Art. 4.I.4 of the existing Ordinance to allow internally illuminated signs.

Visit www.belmontnh.org
Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org
Call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!
The Belmont Public Library was established in 1893. The library moved into its current home on February 4, 1928. We will be celebrating this special anniversary throughout 2018.

EVENTS

LEGO Build
Saturday February 3 10am-noon
Drop in to create with other LEGO fans!

Craft Supplies Giveaway
Saturday February 3 10am-noon
The Library and Friends share miscellaneous craft supplies.

90th Anniversary Open House
Saturday February 3 1pm
Celebrate a historic moment in the life of the town library. Refreshments will be served.

Morning Book Group
Friday February 16 10:30am

Friends of the Library
Wednesday February 16 2pm
Organizational meeting. All welcome.

Explore Creativity: Felting
Wednesday February 21 5:30-7pm
Diane Cook Johnson of Soft Touch Farm in Center Sandwich is the guest instructor. Supplies are provided. A voluntary contribution of $5 is welcome.

Simple STEM
Saturday February 17 10am-noon
Drop in to try a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math challenge aimed at grades 1-4.

Middle School Madness
Monday February 26 3:30pm-5pm
Grades 5-8 Pink Bubbles

Senior Center Book Group
Tuesday February 27 10:30am
Meet at the Senior Center to discuss books. This month’s selection is The Last Days of Ptolemy Gray by Walter Mosley.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Card Games Meet-up
Tuesdays 1-3pm February 6, 13, 20, 27
Join others to play or learn card games such as cribbage, bridge, and more.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
A program for children of all ages, featuring books, movement, music, science activities, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills

Preschool Playgroup
Thursdays 11am February 2, 8, 15, 22
For preschool children age 2-5 and their caregivers. Pre-registration required. Held at the Belmont Recreation Room. Sponsored by Belmont Parks & Rec.

Fiberarts Group
Fridays 10am February 2, 9, 23
Bring your knitting, crocheting, or needlework for a cozy visit on a cold winter day.

Papercreats
Fridays 2pm February 2, 9, 23
Bring your own project or use our supplies to create with paper.
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In last month’s newsletter, you learned that Firefighter Griffin was promoted to Lieutenant and moved to Shift 2, Firefighter Harry was moved from Day Shift to Shift 4, and Firefighter Fenn was our newest hire and would be working on the Day Shift. Since that newsletter went out, Belmont Fire has hired two more firefighters.

Most of you may remember Firefighter John Bowler from last year. He was a live in student with Belmont Fire for 2 years and graduated last May. He has been hired to fill a temporary vacancy on Shift 3. Firefighter Bowler comes to us from Amherst, NH. This is his first fulltime position as a firefighter, and he is very excited to get back and see all of his old friends here at the station as well as out in the community.

Also new to our department is Firefighter Pete Latucky. Firefighter Latucky comes to us from Gilmanton, NH, and is filling the second position of Daytime Firefighter. This is Firefighter Latucky’s first fulltime position as a firefighter, but he has worked for many years as a Special Deputy Warden for the State of NH. He is very eager to start his fulltime career, and we are very happy he chose to start it with our department.

Congratulations to our newest members, and welcome to Belmont Fire!
The Public Works Department would like to remind everyone that sand for your driveway is available at the Highway Department yard. This is untreated sand and we ask you that you limit the amount you take to three - five gallon pails. Our facility is located at 149 Hurricane Rd.

Please try to remember that your Highway Department is out trying to make the roads as safe as possible for you. Remember to slow down and give us the right of way like any other emergency vehicle. We thank you for your cooperation.

January has been a very busy month for our department. We responded to seven different winter weather events during the month of January. With the extremely low temperatures, each weather event takes more effort and more material to make the roads safe for travel. Let’s hope mother nature is kind and we see an early spring!

**Downtown Snow Removal**

Snow removal is usually conducted within a few days of an accumulating snow storm.

DPW will be installing some temporary signs to warn motorist of frost heaves ahead in the very near future. Please take notice. Thank You!
Belmont Residents Interested in Best Use of Town Buildings Urged to Attend Deliberative Session on Feb. 3rd

Belmont's February 3rd Deliberative Session provides citizens an opportunity to review proposed measures to be voted on next March. The Facility Strategy Committee urges you to attend and support Article 12, proposed by the Committee and approved by the Budget Committee and Selectmen. Since last July, the Committee has reviewed Town buildings, available building studies and reports and conducted public tours and information meetings. We found there is 16,000 square feet of unused or underused space in Town buildings, while the Police Station, Town Hall and Library need additional space.

To make informed decisions about best use of Town buildings, a citizen-driven independent analysis of space needs and feasibility of facility options is needed. The Committee recommends support of Article 12 to fund a Space and Feasibility Study using existing Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve funds (current balance is $419,161). Based on similar studies conducted in other NH communities, the request is $65,000 for this work. No new tax dollars are needed for this study.

Other NH communities have contracted for this type of study to make long term decisions on which buildings to retain, sell or lease, and project costs for building improvements to meet their future needs. Currently, Belmont spends about $330,000 annually to operate, maintain and improve Town buildings. This study will provide information to help guide investment in Town buildings needed for the future. The study will draw from existing structural studies of the Belmont Mill, Library and other Town buildings.

Citizens have suggested ideas such as adding a second story to the Police Station; repairing the 2nd floor of Town Hall; use of the Bank Building for the Police Station, some Town Hall functions or the Recreation Department; moving Town Hall to the Mill with reduced space from the 2016 proposal; and creating an addition on the Library. This proposed study would provide solid space needs figures by Department and then analyze the structural and operational feasibility and costs of facility options, to help Belmont citizens and elected officials make informed choices on best use of Town buildings.

More information about the Facility Strategy Committee findings and recommendations will be available at the Deliberative Session or by contacting dhepp3@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the Deliberative Session.

Belmont Facility Strategy Committee: Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp, Carmen Lorenz and Pret Tuthill
Conservation Committee News

In 1988, a 15-lot subdivision was proposed and approved on a 28-acre lot that stretches between Ladd Hill Road and Union Road. Probably due to general economic conditions or circumstances of the owner, the subdivision was never built, the plan was discarded and the subdivision approval was revoked by the Planning Board.

Now, in December 2017, the property that had once intended to be developed was offered as a gift to the Town. After a quick site walk & a clean environmental survey, the BCC moved forward to quickly acquire the land during 2017. As are all lands that are managed by the BCC, the parcel is open to the public for passive recreational use or simply enjoying the sensation of being in a natural place. Look for an article on shinrin-yoku or “forest bathing” in the coming months and explore the therapeutic benefits of immersing oneself in a forest environment and the documented studies of the practice and its positive effects on mood, blood pressure, stress, anxiety, immune system & sleep.

The lot has some interesting characteristics. As one travels down the lot from the Ladd Hill Road end to the Union Road end, you will cross a number of ridges and draws evenly spaced. The north, south, and easterly property lines are stone walled with a number of huge, ancient red oaks standing sentinel along the northerly side. Currently, there is not a dedicated parking area, so one will need to be careful when parking along side of Ladd Hill Road. Do not try to park along the Union Road frontage.
**6th Annual Lakes Region Leprechaun Leap 5k Fun Run/Walk**
Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 10 am
$10 Pre-registration or Day of Event.

A race for ‘the morning after’ St. Patrick’s Day!
Our course is a nice mix of flat stretches and hilly terrain to be a great challenge for the novice, as well as the avid runner! 1st 50 pre-registrations receive a commemorative water bottle. More information and registration form at [http://www.belmontnh.org/belmontLeap.asp](http://www.belmontnh.org/belmontLeap.asp).

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**Community-Wide Yard Sale Day**
**Mother’s Day Weekend**
**Saturday, May 12**

*Save The Date!*

Take advantage of the multiple yard sales around town to de-clutter your own space or hunt for treasure with your friends and family.

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**Scott Spradling Band to play at Old Home Day August 11th!**

Check them out: [https://www.facebook.com/Thescottspradlingband/](https://www.facebook.com/Thescottspradlingband/)

A band with an impressive variety of music spanning the decades... Chicago, Journey, Elton John, Chuck Berry, B-52’s, and more.
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Boston Flower Show
with a stop in the North End for lunch or shopping on your own

March 14, 2018, Wednesday

$50 Per Person

Our Boston Flower Show Trip includes luxury motor coach transportation to the Seaport World Trade Center and admission to the show. This year’s theme is Savor Spring, with 20 vibrant, idea packed gardens and displays and 250 booths full of the latest garden related products. We will depart from the Belmont Park and Ride on Route 106 in Belmont at 8:15AM. Our motor coach transportation has a restroom, and DVD player with ample storage for your purchases. We will arrive at the flower show at approximately 10:00AM and will be departing at 1:00PM. We will be stopping in Boston’s North End known as Little Italy for lunch on your own. Lunch reservations can be made at the restaurant of your choice for 1:30PM. If you would prefer you can spend the time shopping in the North End or nearby Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Reservations for lunch can be made via Open Table: www.opentable.com. Lunch is on your own, however we will be happy to assist you with making a reservation. We will depart the North End at 3:00PM and estimate arriving in Belmont at 5:00PM. We will be joined on this trip by the patrons of Moultonborough Recreation.

IMPORTANT: The makeup date for this trip is Thursday, March 15th.

We expect this trip will sell out, to secure a reservation please complete the registration form which can be found on our website and send it in with your payment. No refund will be granted for cancelled reservations unless the seats can be resold.

Registration Forms: www.belmontnh.org or call (603) 267-1865
Belmont Parks & Recreation

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February 26, 2018 ~ Monday
7:30PM

SOLD OUT $120 Loge - Lower Level Seats
$70 Balcony - Upper Level Seats

Join us to watch newly acquired Kyrie Irving, Gordon Hayward and Jason Tatum join Al Horford to take on Marc Gasol, Mike Conley and Chandler Parsons of the Memphis Grizzlies. Our trip departs from the Belmont Park & Rideshare (Route 106) at 5:15PM. Sit back and relax in our fully equipped motor coach. Our seats are in loge section #19 and balcony section #310 & 311. We will depart Boston following the game and anticipate arriving in Belmont around 11:45PM.

We will be travelling with the patrons of Gilford Parks & Recreation; Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed and accompanied by payment. Tickets are non-refundable unless the seat can be resold.

We require a minimum number of participants for this trip and will advise 45 days in advance should we need to cancel.

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