The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Corner Meeting House to take public comment on a proposed bond issue in the amount of $3,500,000 to construct a new Police Station on the property at 16 Sargent Street. Plans are available for viewing at the Town Hall, Police Department and other locations in the community. Please plan to attend the bond hearing and participate in the discussion of the need for the new building.

The Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the 2020 proposed budget on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House, 16 Sargent Street. If a second hearing is needed it will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

The Town’s 2020 Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Belmont High School.
Hazards Mitigation Plan Adoption

The Belmont Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee is seeking public comment on a draft update of the town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. Led by Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Michael Newhall, the committee includes members of the Fire, Police, Public Works and Land Use departments, as well as town administration and the Board of Selectmen. The 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update documents the committee’s review of the hazards that may put the town at risk and presents a prioritized set of recommendations to mitigate those hazards and protect the people, property, and infrastructure of Belmont.

The draft plan is available for public review and comment during the next few weeks. Residents of Belmont and neighboring communities, as well as other interested parties, are encouraged to contact Chief Newhall to provide input or to discuss the Plan.

The draft Plan can be viewed at the Belmont Town Office, the Belmont Public Library, or at the Belmont Fire Department (14 Gilmanton Road). The Plan also can be accessed on the town’s website: www.belmontnh.org

The committee identified natural hazards of concern for Belmont including high wind events, severe winter weather, and flooding. The update gives municipal leaders a plan to prioritize mitigation actions that can reduce impacts to these and other hazard events and foster community-wide resilience to natural disasters.

For more information, contact Chief Newhall, Belmont Emergency Management Director, at 267-8333.

Following the review period the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing for adoption on or before the 24th of January, please stay tuned to the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org and our local papers for the date certain for the hearing.

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.

Following is a link to a video developed by our recycling vendor to help us recycle better. Better recycling leads to lower costs for trash disposal as whatever we can remove from the trash stream reduces the tonnage we pay for. Your help is needed! www.bit.ly/recyclebetter

The Casella site on Route 140 is open on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 12 noon to take your bulky and other non-trash items. Please check with the attendant regarding any fees due at the time of disposal.
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 ensure our sewers keep flowing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator’s Office at 267-8300 ext. 124.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year’s Day. We will also be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
Town Clerk’s News

We hope this month finds everyone healthy and happy! Here are a few things the Clerk’s office would like to share with you...

The time has come that we can renew dog licenses. Dog licenses must be renewed no later than April 30th to avoid penalties. Dog owners can stop by our office and renew the license. If your furry friend’s rabies information is up to date in our files, you can renew the license online, or send in a check for the license as well as a self-addressed stamped envelope and we can mail the tag to you. If you are stopping by the office, we love to see people’s well-behaved pooches and may even have a treat or two hidden under the counter.

We also process new and renewal boat registrations. Swing on in with your boat renewal notice and we will get you all set up with your new decals for 2020. Keep in mind that you can also have your renewal processed at Winnisquam Marine, our boat agent for the Town of Belmont.

The New Year also brings the opportunity to make changes, not only in ourselves but in our town. Have you ever wanted to hold a town office? Now is your time. The filing period for town offices begins Wednesday, January 22nd and runs through Friday January 31st. If you are interested in throwing your hat in the ring, stop by the Town Clerk’s office to sign up. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30AM – 4:00PM. We will remain open from 4PM – 5PM Friday, January 31st for filing purposes only. The following is the list of offices open for election:

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The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. The polls will be open for 7AM-7PM at Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road. If you will be out of town on the day of the election, you may request an absentee ballot. You can stop in the office and cast your vote before leaving for sunnier weather or you can submit, in writing, a request for us to mail you a ballot. Please remember to include where you would like your ballot mailed, along with your signature. Since it is a primary in which
the party is choosing a candidate to run, if you are registered UNDECLARED, include the party’s ballot you wish to receive. If you have any questions, please give our office a call.

Fourth issue water/sewer bills are due January 10th. These bills cover the period from September – October. You can mail in your payment, stop by the counter to pay, or pay on our town website, www.belmontnh.org. Please keep in mind that if you choose to use the website, there is an additional fee added to your total. We accept cash, check and card as payment however, if you use a card, there is an additional 2.79% convenience fee added to your total both online and over the counter.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!!
As the new year begins, we remind Belmont residents that permits for class "C" fireworks are required per Town of Belmont ordinance. This went into effect January 1, 2019. Applications and copies of the ordinance can be picked up at the station or printed from our website. For questions or concerns, please contact the station at 603-267-8333.
Due to mother nature keeping us on our toes this winter so far, the Fire Department has not made the overall determination that Belmont residents can burn without a permit as of this time. Sufficient snow coverage is needed to in order to burn without a permit. Sufficient snow coverage means that “the area within a 100’ radius from the fire edge is covered with snow or other frozen precipitation sufficient to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.” Due to very inconsistent winter weather lately, we are currently asking residents to call the station at 603-267-8333 before any burning takes place to find out whether a permit is required.
On November 30, 2019, The Belmont Fire Department, along with family and friends of the department, set up camp at the Belknap Mall for our annual Fill the Boot Drive. To benefit the Lakes Region Children’s Auction. Thanks to the generosity of many holiday shoppers that day, we were happy to present the Lakes Region Children’s Auction a check for $3,500.00. A HUGE thank you to all who donated to this cause and to those who donated their time to come out in the bitter cold and help our department raise these funds!
Firefighter Bengtson, Firefighter Cilley, Firefighter Charnley and Firefighter Mozier, along with Lieutenant McCarty, Firefighter Manville and Firefighter Latucky (not pictured) ventured down to the pavilion to share a little holiday spirit with Santa Clause, Mrs. Clause and all of the families that came out for Santa’s Workshop on Friday, December 13, 2019. Even firefighters want their picture taken with Santa!
WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

Mailboxes and Other Structures within the highway Right-of-way

Occasionally mailboxes or other devices are damaged by snow plowing operations due to poor visibility, the mailbox being buried in a snow bank or the weight/volume of the snow being plowed. This damage is not deliberate and, in most cases, unavoidable. The Town of Belmont is not responsible for damage and does not repair, replace or re-erect boxes that are located within the right-of-way. These devices are located within the highway limits and are the responsibility of the property owner. The Town of Belmont will work with the box owners to locate the box in the safest possible location and offer advice on its design to minimize potential damage.

Please note the following:
It is the property owner’s responsibility to maintain and properly locate their mailbox. The front of the mailbox should be located no closer than 2’ from the edge of the pavement and should be a minimum 46” high to the bottom of the supporting post. We recommend a height of 46” as this will accommodate the plow wings to go under and not come in contact with the mailbox or the supporting post. We also recommend a metal mailbox; plastic will not hold up in the extreme cold weather. See attached photo for a recommended installation:

A model has been installed at the Belmont Post Office for the public to view.

- Front edge 2’ from the edge of road
- 46” in height (This allows for Plow Wing to go under without hitting)
- Main post minimum 4’ back from edge of road and post should be at least 2’ in the ground
WIDENING OR PUSHING BACK SNOW BANKS

Following storms with heavy snowfall or when several storms result in substantial snow banks, the Town of Belmont will undertake a roadway widening procedure which will push back the snowbanks. This is necessary operation because it accomplishes the following:

- Provides room for future snow
- Prevents melted snow from running onto pavement creating icing
- Increases safe sight distances at intersections and driveways
- Maintains a uniform line by eliminating protrusions at driveways

Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent depositing snow in previously cleaned driveways or walkways. With thousands of driveways it is impossible to clear these individual drives as the cost would be prohibitive and would result in complaints of highway funds expended for the benefit of certain individuals.

PARKING BAN

Parking ban will be in affect starting November 15th until April 15th overnight on street parking will not be allowed during this time.

The Park and Ride has a 72-hour parking limit. If you must park there during a storm, we ask that you park in the rear of the lot. This makes it much easier for us to maintain it for other users. Thank You!

PUBLIC WINTER SAND

A new winter sand stockpile for the residents of Belmont has been completed outside of the Hurricane rd. facility. This will allow for residents to obtain sand while we maintain a secure and safe facility. A friendly reminder, if you need winter sand for your driveway, we have a three 5-gallon pail limit.
ROADSIDE TRASH PICKUP

Each year trash bags are available at the Highway garage for people interested in organizing local neighborhood trash pickup. If you or your organization would like to get bags, they can be picked up during normal business hours.

Highway Department employees, with help from the Belknap County Department of Correction, have picked up over 400 bags of roadside trash so far this year. Please be mindful of our efforts and try not to use our roadsides as a trash can!

CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS ALWAYS UPON US

Your DPW crew takes pride in maintaining our roadways to be as safe as possible. Please remember in order for them to do their job, right of way should always be given as with any emergency vehicle. It’s always wise to slow down, leave a little early and arrive to your destination safely. We thank you all for your cooperation!

Please drive cautiously (SLOW DOWN) as our crews will be out working as well as many private contractors in the area. Take note of all signage and slow down when entering a work zone. Remember to stay off your cell phone. The safety and lives of the many construction workers trying to improve your roads depends on it!!

DRIVEWAY CULVERT MAINTENANCE

Driveway culvert maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner. Not only should you keep your culvert free from debris, it is recommended that snow should not be piled up to obstruct the flow of water. This can contribute to flooding and water washing out your driveway along with entering the road which can cause a hazard to motorists.

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe. Not only is it safe, IT’S THE LAW!
Planning and Zoning Committee News

Application Review Committee (12/19/19)

Andrew Grant: Review of subdivision proposal to subdivide one lot into two lots (Minor Subdivision). Property located at 389 Province Road, Tax Lot 215-007-000-000, Rural district. #24-19R

Planning Board (12/16/19)

- Public Hearing – Pike Industries: Continuation of a request for Earth Excavation approval to increase quarry depth. Property is located at 308 Depot Street, Tax Lots 235-058-000-000, 232-031-000-000 & 236-014-000-000 in the “I” & “R” Zones. PB# 1019P. Following deliberation and public comment, the case was continued to the February 24, 2020 Planning Board meeting.

- Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Mountain Made Materials: Continuation of request for Earth Excavation approval to expand existing excavation area including blasting. Property is located at 224 Hurricane Road, Tax Lot 231-014-000-000 in the “R” Zone. PB # 2119P. Case was continued to the January 27, 2020 Planning Board meeting.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (12/18/19).

NO CASES IN DECEMBER

Belmont’s Steve Paquin Named NHBOA Code Official of the Year

The Land Use office is proud to congratulate Belmont Building Inspector Steve Paquin for being named New Hampshire’s Code Official of the Year by the NH Building Officials Association. The award, bestowed upon a single code official who has gone above and beyond his or her community responsibilities to further the ideals of building safety throughout NH, was presented to Steve during the group’s Annual Membership Meeting held on December 11th at Steele Hill Resort in Sanbornton.
In presenting the award, Association Officials recognized that Steve “has done a remarkable job of representing NHBOA and promoting [its] profession at many public events over the past year,” and that “as an instructor with [the Association’s] NHTI BIPE program [Steve] spends countless evenings developing curriculum and presenting information to those interested in code administration as profession.” McKinney also recognized that, as NHBOA’s Vice President, Steve “is also very active with our legislative affairs committee and is the point person representing NHBOA with pending legislation involving tiny homes.”

For additional Land Use Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.org
## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

**January and February 2020**

- **Monday and Wednesday**: 10am-7pm
- **Tuesday and Thursday**: 10am-5pm
- **Friday**: 10am-4pm
- **Saturday**: 9am-1pm

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Belmont Library Events, Programs, & Activities

**FAMILY**

*Storytime*
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26

*Pizza and a Movie*
January 17 *Overcomer* (PG)
February 28 *Frozen 2* (PG)

**BOOK GROUPS**

*Fiction Friday*
January 17 *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
February 21 *Crosstalk* by Connie Willis

*NonFiction Group*
January 9 *Tell Me More: Stories about the 12 hardest things I’m learning to say* by Kelly Corri-gan
February 13 *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History* by Keith O’Brien

*Belmont Senior Center*
January 21 *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim
February 18 *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

**TEEN & TWEEN**

*Middle School Madness: Marshmallow Snowmen*
January 27

*Teen Games and Snacks*
January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27

**CRAFTS**

*Marbled Paper*
February 15 (snow date February 22)
(Ages 12+ with adult)
January 2020

Senior Center News

JANUARY 2020 EVENTS

EVERY Monday @ 12:30 Free Guitar Lessons! Call 267-9867 to sign up!

EVERY Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-10:00am Bone Builders Exercise group meets

1/1 - CLOSED for New Year’s Day

1/7 - 10:00 Fit Focus Presentation

1/7 - 10:30-11:30 FREE Blood Pressure Clinic

1/8 - Foot Clinic by Appointment

1/14 - Brunch @ 10:30, Reserve your spot by 1/8 at 267-9867

1/16 - January Birthday Celebration after lunch

1/16 - BINGO @ 12:00

1/21 - Chili Cook Off, Bring a Chili -Try a Chili

1/21 - 10:30 Monthly Book Club Meeting

1/28 - Brunch @ 10:30, Reserve your spot by 1/22 at 267-9867

Need Local Transportation? Try our BELMONT SENIOR CENTER BUS!

Tues, Wed & Thurs: 8:30-1:30. We’ll pick you up and take you to your appointments, the bank, shopping, the Senior Center—you name it and we will set you up, with due consideration to the needs of all our riders! Please call 225-1989 24 hours ahead to schedule your ride. $3 roundtrip donation is appreciated.
Hello!

My name is Parker, but my family loves to call me "Parker the Wildman" or "Kitty Cat Parker"! I am two years old and I was rescued by my parents from Live and Let Live Farm. I love playing with my baby sister (she's just learning how to throw toys for me!) and chasing all the squirrels, chipmunks and birds in our yard. I literally bark up the tree in the front yard (apologies to our neighbors!). I will give kisses to everyone! Even though I have my crazy side I don't mind hanging out on the couch snuggling. I also love to lounge on the top of the couch (like a cat) and catch some rays. Life is good!

Want to make your pet the Talk of the Town? Just send a photo with a brief introduction to them to townhall@belmontnh.org.
*All meetings held in CMH (Corner Meeting House) unless otherwise noted. ↑ = upstairs  ↓ = downstairs

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| **PB** | **Planning Board** | **ZBA** | **Zoning Board of Adjustment** |
| **SOGS** | **Save Our Gale School** | **FSC** | **Facilities Strategy Committee** |