Just a reminder that Old Home Day this year will be on Saturday, August 9th, this year’s theme is “Mardi Gras”. Fireworks will once again be presented by Atlas Fireworks. We look forward to a great show again this year.

The Ladd Hill project is underway and is anticipated to be complete by early Fall; please bear with us during construction. The contractor on the project is G.W. Brooks; and comments or concerns during construction should be brought to the attention of the onsite engineer’s representative or Public Works Director Jim Fortin. Jim’s office number is 528-2677.

The Town-wide Water Meter Replacement project is underway and will be going out to bid mid-summer. Once a contractor is chosen to work with the Town, we will post notice of who was chosen and contact information. 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.

The 2014 Property Revaluation is nearing completion; data collection and data entry is winding down and soon Commerford Nieder Perkins will begin the sales analysis process which will establish new values for the Town of Belmont. In early summer, taxpayers will receive notice of their new values as well as being notified of the hearing process. The new values will be used to establish the 2014 tax rate and will be reflected in the 2nd issue bill. Any questions regarding the Revaluation process should be directed to the Assessing Office at 267-8300 Ext. 18 or to assessing@belmontnh.org.

The Town of Belmont has completed contract negotiations with Casella for our future trash collection and disposal needs. The contract will begin January 1, 2015. The new contract is anticipated to save the Town money and provide enhanced service. Curb-side collection of single stream recyclables will begin in January 2015; no special containers will be necessary, but will need to be clearly marked as recycling. Possible route and collection day changes may need to be considered, however residents will be given plenty of notice prior to any changes. Further information on the recycling program will be distributed over the next few months and will be available at Town Hall. This program will be in conjunction with our curbside collection of trash.

We would like to remind residents/taxpayers that recycling bins are available at Town Hall so if you haven’t picked up your bins (2 per household), please stop by Town Hall.

**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.

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

Your feedback is always welcome and if my office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at townadministrator@belmontnh.org.
After a two month trial period, we have decided to go ahead with the purchase of the IAMRESPONDING software program. We have also purchased a screen which has been mounted in the hallway near the kitchen. The screen will allow personnel to see who is on duty and the availability of Chief Officers. We can also post upcoming events such as meetings and trainings. When a call is received, the location of the incident and a list of off duty or call personnel who have logged in as responding will be displayed. The incident information will also be sent to your smart phone or texted to your dumb phone. The program has the capability of displaying a map with water source locations (still working on setting this up) and will even map directions to the incident. Finally, we can display the current status of all department apparatus and send out messages to all personnel when a unit is put in or out of service. All of this information is also available through the free smart phone app. We will be using the program to send out messages to all department personnel in place of previously used texting programs, so it is critical that if you have not set up your account on the IAMRESPONDING site, you do so ASAP. Remember, the system only works if you use it.

Firefighter Chris Griffin Joins BFD
FF/AEMT Chris Griffin will begin service with BFD on June 9th. Chris is currently a Firefighter with the Gilmanton Fire Department and is filling the position left vacant when Lt. Laraway retired. Join me in welcoming Chris (not actually pictured here but it’s close) to the Town of Belmont and the Belmont Fire Department.

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We drive past service stations every day where motorists are dispensing fuel into their cars or trucks from underground storage tanks. Modern motor vehicle fuel dispensing facilities use a turbine system where pumps immersed in the tanks push the fuel to the dispensers for consumer use.

In a simple description, when the dispenser nozzle is open, the turbine pump is pushing the fuel into the vehicle that is being filled. As long as the nozzle, or any part of the supply pipe, remains open, the pump will continue to operate. Likewise, if the dispensing assembly (dispenser unit, hose and nozzle) is dislodged from its mount by impact or other means, the turbine continues to pump.

In order to stop the flow when a dispenser is damaged, a listed, rigidly anchored emergency shut-off valve incorporating a fusible link or other thermally actuated device must be installed at the dispenser base. The shut-off valve is designed to close automatically in the event of severe impact or fire.

The installation shown today has several obvious deficiencies that should be corrected when discovered on inspection. This means the inspector must be prepared to internally examine all of the dispenser units where the valves exist.

Emergency shut-off valves must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and arranged so that they are rigidly mounted. The one in this illustration rises from the ground and is connected to the dispenser assembly, but is not otherwise anchored.

The automatic closing feature has been compromised by it being wired in the open position. The service station manager acknowledged that the device was closing on its own due to a weakened spring, and this was his workaround to satisfy his customers’ ability to obtain fuel.

The automatic closing feature of this valve should be tested at the time of installation and at least once a year by manually tripping the hold-open linkage. Records of the tests should be kept on the premises or available for the code official within 24 hours of a request.

If an inspector finds an older style suction-type dispensing system that includes a booster pump, or a suction-type dispensing system is supplied by a tank that produces a gravity head on the dispensing device, then a listed, vacuum-actuated shut-off valve with a shear section or equivalent-type valve should be installed directly under the dispensing device.

For additional information, consider attending the National Fire Academy’s “Hazardous Materials Code Enforcement” (R0615) course. Information can be found at: http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/
Planning and Zoning News  
July, 2014

Application Review Committee

- **Water Street Retail, LLC**: Demolish existing commercial building and redevelop lot with two commercial (retail) buildings (13,000sf and 8,400sf), septic, access and parking; 95 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 201-094

- **Sheila C. Sullivan Trust**: Subdivide one lot into two; 65 Cotton Hill Road tax lot 204-037

- **Wilder Companies/ClearChoiceMD**: Medical office use including urgent care services (3,456sf) within existing mall. 96 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 201/009.

Planning Board

- Approval for Parent Sand & Gravel LLC to relocate entrance and add scale and scale house on Shaker Road.

- Approval for Winnipesaukee Truck to construct a motor vehicle parts and repair facility at 569 Laconia Road.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

- Approval for Debbie Mansfield to allow agricultural animals (chickens) at 96 Grey Rocks Road.

Other Land Use News


- **Driveway Permits**: Just a reminder that any work done in the town road right-of-way on a driveway accessing your property requires a Driveway Permit before the work commences.

Several homeowners have recently had their driveways (re)paved or reconstructed without obtaining the required permit. Fees are doubled for any permits where the work has already been done. In addition, violations of the Regulations can result in a Violation or Misdemeanor charge. To aid property owners, a letter was sent in the spring to all paving companies asking for their cooperation in making sure that a valid permit exists before they pave. That obviously is not happening. However, the responsibility ultimately falls to the property owner.

Driveway Permit Applications can be obtained in the Land Use Office or on line. Processing applications may take 7-10 business days as the Public Works Department will view the site to make sure that no concerns related to adequate road drainage exist. Please do not hesitate to contact the Land Use Office with any questions.
What is STORMWATER (and why should I care about it)?

Stormwater is any precipitation that runs over the land surface and does not infiltrate the ground. Runoff that picks up sediments, nutrients, chemicals and pathogens pollutes surface waters. It has been estimated that 83% of the surface water quality impairments in New Hampshire are cause by stormwater. The easiest and most effective way to prevent stormwater pollution is to capture it early and infiltrate it into the ground before it has had the opportunity to pick up sediments, chemicals and nutrients from exposed earth and lawns, hydrocarbons from driveways and roads and pathogens from animal waste and . It is much more inexpensive to capture and infiltrate clean runoff than it is to treat polluted stormwater.

We, in Belmont, are fortunate to sit at the very top of our watershed and don’t experience the accumulated pollution from upstream that some at the bottom of the watershed do – think Great Bay or Chesapeake Bay. But even here, Lake Winnisquam and Silver Lake are on the state and federal “impaired waters” list for some functions such as aquatic life, fish consumption (mercury), recreation (cyanobacteria) and turbidity.

“Low Impact Development” (LID) for residential and commercial planning and design is a systematic method of managing runoff at the earliest opportunity in order to keep it clean. Rather than capturing stormwater in a curbed road and catchbasins and piping it to a detention pond, or right to a stream or lake, LID uses a number of different elements to keep runoff from becoming stormwater. Practices such as Pervious Pavement, Bio-Retention Swales and Ponds, and Gravel Wetlands capture runoff, especially in the early part of a storm to capture the “first flush” as pollutants are picked up, treated and infiltrated into the ground. Simple devices like Tree Filters and Rain Gardens between rows of vehicles in parking lots can easily capture and treat a great deal of the runoff that would normally travel unimpeded to surface water.

A Rain Garden is a simple bio-retention device that any homeowner can build to increase infiltration to groundwater and reduce pollution from stormwater from their property. Planted with native plants, a rain garden is not only attractive, but can attract songbirds and butterflies.

Another easy to implement device for a homeowner is a Rain Barrel, a simple vessel to capture the relatively clean runoff from a roof and storing it to water gardens and lawns.

1Low Impact Development – What it is and why it is important; James Houle, CPSWQ, Robert Roseen, PE, PhD, Thomas Ballestero PE PhD CGWP PG, Tim Puls, The University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center, 12/16/2011
HHW 2014 Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Saturday July 26 & Saturday August 2

Household Hazardous Waste requires proper, safe disposal

BRING IT TO THE MOST CONVENIENT COLLECTION SITE FOR YOU!

July 26:
8:30 A.M. to Noon
BELMONT -
Fire Station (Info 267-8300)
FRANKLIN - Public Works Garage (934-4103)
GILFORD - Public Works Garage (527-4778)
MEREDITH - Public Works Garage (279-6352 or 279-8480)

August 2:
8:30 A.M. to Noon
BRISTOL - NH DOT Garage (Info 744-3354)
LACONIA - Public Works Garage SWAP TABLE! (528-6379)
CENTER OSSIPEE -
Town Highway Garage (539-4121 or 539-4181)
MOULTONBOROUGH - Town Highway Garage (Info 253-7445)

Questions?
- Contact the representative at the site nearest you. Telephone numbers are listed on the back page.
- Call the Lakes Region Planning Commission at 279-8171 or visit our website at www.lakesrpc.org.
Please note:

- Residents/taxpayers of participating communities only; you may be asked to present proof of residency.
- Household products only please; no commercial waste allowed.
- Each household is limited to 10 gallons or 50 pounds.

You will be asked to participate in a brief survey, which helps us improve our collection effort. **NEW!** You can now print out the survey [www.lakesrpc.org/survey2014.pdf](http://www.lakesrpc.org/survey2014.pdf) and bring the completed survey with you to save time.

- Keep materials in original containers.
- For speedy drop-off, place containers in a sturdy cardboard box in your trunk.
- The Laconia site has a Swap Table - be sure to stop by if you are looking for usable paint, stain, or cleaners!

Do you have these wastes around your home? **Bring Them In!**

**From the House:**
- Arts & craft supplies
- Drain opener
- Dry-cleaning fluids
- Epoxies & resins
- Floor cleaner & polish
- Metal polish
- Oven cleaner
- Photo chemicals
- Roofing tar
- Spot remover
- Unbroken fluorescent bulbs (including compact fluorescents)

**From the Yard & Garden:**
- Cesspool cleaner
- Coal tar-based driveway sealer
- Muriatic acid
- Pesticides
- Herbicides & weed killers
- Pool chemicals
- Rust preventative

**From the Workbench:**
- Paint Stripper
- Paint thinner & solvents
- Oil-based paint
- Spray paint
- Stains & varnishes
- Wood preservative
- Sealants

**From the Garage:**
- Radiator cleaners
- Car wax & polish
- Carburetor cleaners & degreasers
- Gasoline & Diesel fuel
- Mixed motor oil
- Antifreeze
Finally! Good Weather is Here!!

There's nothing more refreshing than a dip in the pool. But please be aware of the safety and permitting requirements for pool ownership.

Every pool, spa, hot tub and whirlpool that requires a temporary or permanent electrical connection requires a permit from the Belmont Building Office. This includes those installed by others or purchased from a local department or discount store. It includes in-ground, above-ground, permanent, seasonal, hard and soft-sided units. Seasonal units are eligible for a one-time permit that allows the unit to be disassembled in the fall and re-erected each spring.

If you questions or concerns regarding an existing pool or a pool you hope to have installed please contact the Office of Code Enforcement, 267-8300 ext. 111

Find important safety tips below:
Backyard Pool Supervision
Swimming Pool Safety Alert
Recreational Water Illnesses
Spas, Hot Tubs & Whirlpools
(Hold the “Ctrl” key and click on link)

Have a great and safe summer,

Steven Paquin
Code Enforcement Officer

Photo by: Becky Albert
Winnisquam Scenic Trail Meeting on July 15th 7PM

Belmont Corner Meeting House (Upper Floor)

Join the BRATT Committee for a Trail Update and discussion.

Learn more about what's planned and how you can get involved.

For more information go to www.facebook.com/winni.trail7 or call 414-238-3287
Bandstand Restoration Project: Momentum & Mysteries

Work on the 1908 historic Belmont Bandstand, begun in earnest October 1 last year with stabilization and repairs by restoration contractor JR Graton, continued in May, with a $15,000 challenge grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program www.lchip.org. John Thompson and crew from JLT Painting, carefully prepared old and new surfaces, following the paint study of architectural conservator Brian Powell.

Field work with a 20X binocular microscope found evidence of original colors, followed by laboratory time, and “light bleached” under fluorescent light to reverse the darkening and yellowing of linseed oil binder components confirmed the hues, and Powell matched them with a chromameter to currently available commercial paint lines.

Colors are now restored as close as today’s science allows and feature a main paint of dark, blackish green, accent of red showcasing the decorative detail work on inner brackets, upper spindle bands, scallop-cut skirt, molding, structural posts, and the horizontal trim board over lattice-work. Thompson used Sherwin Williams “Emerald” paint and their Laconia store donated a sizable product discount to support the project.

Heritage Commission Chairman Linda Frawley, says the current restoration benefited hugely from pioneering efforts of the late Mrs. Whitman Ides to protect and repair the structure in the 19070s, the care of builder Neil Whitcher who replicated the first roof replacement and balusters, following the original design, Selectmen of that era and Town Staff, including Alan MacRae and Romeo Clairmont, among others. “We also owe a debt of gratitude to architectural historian David Ruell of Ashland and former State Architectural Historian James Garvin, now affiliated with Plymouth State University. Their research, preservation and maintenance of Mrs. Ides files and correspondence helped solve a 25 year mystery about when the Bandstand was built.” While the new roof reproduction is underway this summer, the Selectmen-appointed committee hopes to secure funding for the third phase, full updating of electrical and complete in September.

Heritage Commission members also include Wallace Rhodes (Vice Chairman), Shayne Duggan, Alyce Jewell, Priscilla Annis (Secretary) and Vicki Donovan, besides Ron Cormier, representing the Select Board.

The Heritage Commission still needs photos, memories and any information from residents and neighbors about the early Bandstand days. Call any member, or 528-5667 or email Belmonthistory@gmail.com with ideas, help or leads.
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