The Town-wide Water Meter Replacement project is underway and will be going out to bid late spring. 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 on line at www.belmontnh.org.

The Ladd Hill Phase I project bids were opened on April 24, 2014; notice of award was issued on May 19th and a Pre-Construction meeting was held on Friday, May 30th. The project was awarded to G.W. Brooks. Work will include Diane Drive, Gove Drive and Marilyn Drive. Phase II will be engineered this summer and would be completed next year.

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. The bill you receive in May 2014 will reflect the 2013 value and current tax rate. 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. Curbside 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.
Awards Night

The Belmont Fire Department held an Awards Night on April 24th to recognize the efforts of all of our personnel. Several awards were given along with some “special” awards. Below is a series of photos from the night. A special thanks to Lieut. Brown for coordinating the event.

Lt. Newhall receives the Chef Boyardee Award.

Retired Chief Davis (pictured) Ret. Chief Akerstrom, and Ret. Division Chief Lawrence all received Lifetime Membership Awards.

Senior Student Mafee is recognized for graduating from the Student Program.

FF Rob Frame is presented with the Firefighter of the Year Award.

We clean up nice!

Barn Fire at 37 Depot Street

On Sunday, April 6th, at 11:35 AM, Belmont Fire was dispatched to a reported building fire at 41 Depot St. The actual address was the barn at 37 Depot St. Engine 1 arrived on scene and immediately requested a second alarm due to the large volume of fire. Companies concentrated all initial efforts on protecting the small house located approximately 20ft from the barn, and as a result the house sustained no damage. Above, Tower 1 operates an elevated stream onto the fire. To the right, incoming M/A companies staged on Depot St.
It is 0400 hours, and you just returned to the station from running back-to-back alarms. You think to yourself, “The medical report won’t take too long, but the car fire report is going to take at least 30 minutes, so maybe if I cut a few corners on these, I can get an hour and a half of sleep.” Two months later, you are called into the Chief’s office. The insurance company handling that 4 a.m. car fire has requested a copy of your fire report. The report was littered with errors and not completely filled out. You have just embarrassed your department and lost your integrity as a fire officer. Was that extra hour and a half of sleep worth it?

If anyone has had this experience, you are not alone. More than 22 million incidents each year are reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), the world’s largest fire incident reporting database. How many of these reports do you think are requested each day by stakeholders such as insurance companies, lawyers, and others? Is your report error-free, concise, and in a logical order? This Coffee Break Training focuses on fire and medical calls.

Characteristics of a Good Report
Accurate and Specific: Accuracy applies to dates, times, names, addresses, phone numbers, medications and so on. These reports are reviewed by other agencies and professions. A bad report can make your organization look unprofessional. Reports must be accurate according to your department’s standard operating procedures (SOPs) or medical protocols. When additional information becomes available after the initial reports are submitted (e.g., Cause of Ignition, Fire Dollar Loss, and Casualties), the reports should be updated. If you deviate from SOPs or protocols, you must state why you deviated from them. Avoid using technical jargon. Write the report so anyone can understand it. Use normal sentence capitalization; DO NOT WRITE IN ALL CAPS! Fire service reports are written in standard business format.

Well-Organized: After you have collected your notes, you can mentally organize your report. On complex incidents, write in logical order, develop templates, and include useful headings.

Written in Logical Order: The type of alarm will determine logical order. Common forms of logic include chronological, general to specific, more important to less important, problem/solution, spatial, and cause and effect.

Use Templates and Headings: When a writer uses a template as a standard writing style, reports are completed quickly and contain more accurate information. Well-written reports are complete reports that allow readers to recall specific details many years later. Finished reports provide the following: who, what, where, when, how and sometimes why. Below are useful template headings:

- Dispatch information
- En route and arrival information
- On-scene information
- Command information
- Crew assignments
- Actions taken
- Results of actions taken
- Investigation
- Disposition

In Summary
Follow your headings, avoid using technical jargon, avoid acronyms, and use a business format. We always train with our feet hitting the street, but we must remember that everything ends with the written document. When submitting reports in NFIRS, carefully choose codes to aptly describe the incident in detail and update your reports as more information is obtained.

### Belmont Fire Department 2014 Year to Date Alarms by Type

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Planning and Zoning News

June, 2014

Application Review Committee

Review Mama Mia’s LLC: Renovations on a restaurant and lounge. 223 Daniel Webster Highway tax lot 101-028. 10-14R

Review Winnipesaukee Truck: Construct a new parts and repair facility. Laconia Road tax lot 240-040. 11-14R

Review Penso Holdings: Construct a 4000sf commercial building. 8 Church Street tax lot 122-030. 12-14R

Review Parent Sand and Gravel: Relocate entrance to excavation site. Shaker Road tax lots 242-004 and 242-008. 13-14R

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Variance to Brian Butler to construct a single family dwelling. Sunset Drive, tax lot 107-127.

Variances (2) to DWB Property LLC to construct a single family dwelling. 17 High Street, tax lot 122-109.

Other Land Use News:

Please note that the Town Hall telephone extensions have been changed by the addition of a "1" in front of the existing extension numbers; for Land Use:

Elaine Murphy ext. 119  Steven Paquin ext. 111
Richard Ball ext. 125   Candace Daigle ext. 113

The Planning and Zoning Boards remind residents that Alternate Member seats are available. Contact the Land Use office at landuse@belmontnh.org or 267-8300 x 119 for assistance or information on any land use matter.
The Conservation Commission (CC) in New Hampshire is a locally appointed board authorized under RSA 36-A to 1) conduct researches into its local land and water areas, 2) seek to coordinate the activity of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and 3) keep an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas ... all marshlands, swamps and other wetlands. It may also advise the Selectmen on purchasing conservation lands. CC’s are authorized by statute to oversee Town Forests. In Belmont, the Town has purchased a number of significant parcels to help maintain Belmont’s rural quality. In order to do so, the CC has a dedicated Conservation Fund to aid in the purchase and management of these conservation parcels. A focus of your CC has been on parcels that border the Tioga River.

Belmont’s CC is made up of seven members, with three alternates. There currently is one open full member slot and all three alternate positions. If you have ever wondered what you could do to promote wildlife habitat, water quality, or outdoor recreation in town, why not join this dedicated bunch of folks who meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 6:30 in the evening at the Corner Meeting House?

Recent and on-going projects that have been accomplished by the CC include construction of a universally accessible trail and a beaver device to stabilize the pond level in the Jeff Marden Town Forest, working with Boy Scout Eagle candidates on a number of projects throughout town, bringing the Dover covered pedestrian bridge to Belmont for placement along the old railroad bed running from the Village to South Road, beginning to eradicate Glossy buckthorn on the Tioga River Wildlife and Conservation Area on Depot Street at the Northfield town line, awarding an annual scholarship to a deserving student graduating from Belmont High School and pursuing college studies in a natural resources discipline.

There is plenty to do, we need your help and we can see you fitting right in with our laid back group with a wide diversity of backgrounds! Feel free to talk with one of our members – Chairman Ken Knowlton, Vice Chairman Laurel Day, Denise Naiva, Scott Rolfe and Keith Bennett and find out how easily that you will fit in.
Our annual Summer Reading Program starts Monday, July 7! We have many great events lined up, including performances by Peter Boie, Magician for Non-Believers, the NH Children’s Museum and Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals. A special thank you shout-out to Brookside Pizza for sponsoring one of our performers, providing pizza for our closing party, and free pizza coupons for all registered participants! Thank you also to Coca-Cola, Canobic Lake Park, Water Country, Santa’s Village, Funspot, the Portland Sea Dogs, Subway, Market Basket and Big Lots for their generous donations of prizes and supplies. Registration starts Monday, June 23rd.

Craft Night – Thursdays at 6p.m.

Bring your own craft and share a fun hour with new friends! Some craft materials will be available for you to use, but feel free to bring your own as well. No need to sign up, just drop by!

SAVE THE DATE!

On July 7th, the Library will host a special celebration to mark its 85th year, to welcome new director Becky Albert, and to unveil the National Register of Historic Places plaque donated by the Heritage Commission. A unique gift will also be presented at the event.

Storytime Themes for June

June 4 – Lightning Bugs/Fireflies
Jun 11 – Father’s Day
June 18 – Summertime

Note: There will be no storytime June 25 and July 2 (while we prepare for our summer reading activities)
T.A.G. Team
Our new teen advisory group, T.A.G. Team, meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join! Snacks will be provided. The group determines its own activities, but past meetings have included book discussions, picking out new books and movies for the library, playing Apples to Apples, and doing crafts.

Lego Club
The Belmont Public Library’s next Lego club meeting will be held on Saturday June 7, from 10:30 to noon. Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month’s theme: “Oceans and Ships.” 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.

For a list of new books and DVDs, and to learn about other services offered at the library, visit our website www.belmontpubliclibrary.org

Book Group
Book group will meet on Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 pm. This month’s book is Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland. “It’s 1893, and at the Chicago World’s Fair, Louis Comfort Tiffany makes his debut with a exhibition of stained-glass windows that he hopes will earn him a place on the international artistic stage. But behind the scenes in his New York studio is the freethinking Clara Driscoll, head of his women’s division, who conceives of and designs nearly all of the iconic leaded-glass lamps for which Tiffany will long be remembered. Never publicly acknowledged, Clara struggles with her desire for artistic recognition and the seemingly insurmountable challenges that she faces as a professional woman. Ultimately, Clara must decide what makes her happiest—the professional world of her hands or the personal world of her heart.” (Description from Amazon.com)
Happy June residents of Belmont!

We hope this month finds you all well and happy! We at the tax collector’s office are very pleased to report that we have already collected $906,824.00 in current tax payments and the bills aren’t even due until July 1, 2014!! Way to go Belmont-ians!! As a reminder, for your convenience, you may go on our town website, www.belmontnh.org and pay your tax bills.

You can also expect your second issue water and sewer bills, covering March, April and May, to show up in your mailbox around the middle of the month. They will be due mid July. You can also go on our town website to pay utility bills from the comfort of your own home.

We have had a great rush on dog registrations, unfortunately, as of June 1st registrations are considered late and penalties will be levied. Be sure to get in and register your pooches ASAP to avoid further fees and possible legal action.

Belmont town beach passes are now available. Bring in your car registration, and we will issue you one.

We are entering the countdown to our New Hampshire state primary, which will be held September 9, 2014. Some dates to remember are: June 3, 2014 is the last day for voters to change your party affiliation prior to the state primary election, and the filing period for running for State Representative is June 4th – June 13th 2014.

We would also like to give a big shout out to all our Belmont graduates of the 4th, 8th, and 12th grades… Way to go kids!!! Best of luck to each and every one of you!!

We hope June offers us all lots of sunshine and good times!
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