Town Administrator’s Monthly Report

Property Revaluation

Just a reminder that KRT Appraisals staff is in the community conducting a measure and list of residential and commercial property. Their staff have identification badges and carry letters from the Town explaining the Measure and List project. Any questions regarding the process can be directed to Alicia Jipson, Assistant Town Administrator/Assessing Administrator at 267-8300 Ext. 118.

Spring tax bills have been mailed and will be due July 2, 2018. As a reminder the bills are a prepayment based on the prior year’s tax rate and in most instances the prior year’s assessed value. We have added value this spring for new construction so if you have any questions regarding your property assessment, please be certain to stop by Town Hall and request a copy of your Assessment Record Card.

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.

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. We would like to urge you to encourage your friends and family to sign up for the Town’s monthly newsletter by sending your contact information to town-hall@belmontnh.org. Your help in spreading the word about our newsletter would be greatly appreciated.

What’s Flushable or Not

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. Recently the Town in conjunction with the Winnipesaukee River Basin Program staff had to clean out the siphon pump located on Route 140 and found a significant amount of debris, primarily “wipes”; while the label may say it is ok, they do not dissolve and they can clog the system and cause damage. Please read the brochure we have included in this month’s newsletter or check the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org. We need your help to insure our sewers keep flowing.
June, the month for summer living... We welcome the warmer, sunnier weather with open arms!

**Property Tax Bills**  It is that time of year again! The first issue property tax bills were mailed out in May, these bills cover the time period from April 1\textsuperscript{st} through September 30\textsuperscript{th}. The amount of the first issue tax bill is one half of the total taxes paid in the previous year (2017). The taxes are due July 2, 2018. You can mail your check in with your payment stub, stop by the office with your payment, or pay on our town website, at www.belmontnh.org using either your checking account or a credit card. Please keep in mind that there are extra fees associated with using the online option as well as if you use a credit card. We will assume that you consider your returned check your receipt unless you bring in the top portion of your bill for us to stamp “PAID” in the office. If you are mailing in your payment and want a stamped receipt, please include the top half of your bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope, we will stamp the top half “PAID” and return it to you.

Residents with town water and sewer service can also look toward the mailbox for the 2018 second issue bills to be mailed out in June, due in July. The second issue bills cover the time period of March, April and May.

**Dog Licenses**  Dog Licenses are due to be renewed by April 30\textsuperscript{th} every year. Sometimes this task is overlooked so we send out reminder postcards the first week of May in case it slipped your mind. In the month of June, a letter will be sent out to owners of unlicensed dogs by the Belmont Police Department mandating that we apply a $25.00 civil forfeiture fee to each dog license that has not been renewed, per NH State law (RSA 466:13). There is also a late fee of one dollar per month (starting in June) that is added to the cost of the license. You can mail in your payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, stop by the office, or renew the license on our town website www.belmontnh.org. Let’s get those dogs licensed as soon as possible!

**State Election**  2018 is a state election year. Our office will be accepting candidacy filings for State Representative for the Republican, Democratic or Libertarian primaries OR for the Delegate to the Republican State Convention. The filing period is from June 6 – 15, 2018. An individual can stop by our office and fill out the proper paperwork and submit the filing fee of $2.00. If you have any questions, please contact the New Hampshire Secretary of State’s Office or our office.

**Marriage Licenses**  For those of you who are planning a summer wedding, we at the Town Clerk’s office can provide your Marriage License. The license costs $50.00 and is valid for 90 days. Both parties must be present at the time of application. If either party has been married previously, you must provide the official, sealed document pertaining to how the marriage ended (divorce decree, death certificate, etc.) as well as your state issued identification. Couples also have the option of pre-paying for the marriage certificate, which is used to change your name, insurance paperwork, etc. The cost of the certificate is an additional $15.00 and when we receive the completed marriage license back, we will print out the certificate and mail it to you. If you have any questions, feel free to call our office.

*Welcome back summertime! We’ve missed you!!*
Americans are increasingly bicycling to commute, for exercise, or just for fun. The focus on bicycle safety in Belmont starts when our students are young, (we try to bring the message that being aware of traffic and wearing a helmet are biking essentials). To highlight our commitment to your child’s safety please attend our Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday June 2nd from 3pm-6pm at the Belmont Mill downtown. At the Rodeo your child can play games, get a maintenance check by a bike mechanic, learn about safety and show their skills on a bike course. Officers will check for proper helmet fit and give your child a new helmet if needed. There will be an agility course, refreshments, the Belmont Rotary will be cooking hot dogs for free, and you can register your bicycle serial number with us in case it is ever stolen. Having a serial number helps identify the owner very quickly.

Helmets

Every bike ride begins with putting on a helmet. But it’s equally important that you ensure a proper fit so your helmet can best protect you. Size can vary between manufacturers. A helmet properly fit is key to your safety. It’s usually easier to look in the mirror or have someone else adjust the straps. For the most comprehensive list of helmet sizes according to manufacturers, go the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute (BHSI) Web site at www.bhsi.org. A helmet involved in a crash needs to be replaced because the impact resistant material inside has been compromised. Bicycle helmets are not a one and done item.

Decreasing Risk of Crashes

Ride your bike responsibly. All States require bicyclists on the roadway to follow the same rules and responsibilities as motorists. There are two main types of crashes: the most common (falls), and the most serious (the ones with vehicles). Regardless of the reason for the crash, prevention is the name of the game.

Be Prepared Before Heading Out

Ride a bike that fits you—if it’s too big, it’s harder to control the bike. Ride a bike that works—it really doesn’t matter how well you ride if the brakes don’t work. Wear bike equipment to protect you and make you more visible to others. Wear bright clothing (during the day), reflective gear, and a white front light and red rear light and reflectors on your bike (at night, or when visibility is poor). Ride one per seat, with both hands on the handlebars, unless signaling a turn. Carry all items in a backpack or strapped to the back of the bike. Tuck and tie your shoe laces and pant legs so they don’t get caught in your bike chain. Plan your route as if you were driving as a vehicle on the road. Choose routes with less traffic and slower speeds. Your safest route may be away from traffic altogether, in a bike lane or on a bike path. Be focused and alert to the road and all traffic around you; anticipate what others may do, before they do it. This is defensive riding the quicker you notice a potential conflict, the quicker you can act to avoid a potential crash. Ride with the flow, in the same direction as traffic. Obey street signs, signals, and road markings, just like a car. Assume drivers don’t see you; look ahead for hazards or situations to avoid that may cause you to fall, like toys, pebbles, potholes, grates, train tracks, and sand

When driving a vehicle give cyclists room. Do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it’s safe to move over into an adjacent lane. Ride Safely, Arrive Alive!
Belmont Police Department’s Annual Bike Skills and Safety Day

2018 Bike Rodeo

Hey Kids, you’re invited! Bring your friends and families to join us for a bike skills and agility course, games, bike and helmet safety checks, obstacle courses, food, bike registration, helmet giveaways, and more!

For questions about the event, contact: Officer Vito Marcello

CALL
603.267.8351

EMAIL
vmarcello@belmontnh.org

Saturday June 2, 2018 3p-6p
At the Belmont Mill

Thank you to our local sponsors
Review of Firms to Conduct Facility Space and Feasibility Study

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify potential contractors for the Belmont Town Facility Space Needs and Feasibility Study was issued in April. Responses from interested firms were submitted by May 21st. Eight responses were received from well-respected New England architecture and engineering firms. The Belmont Facility Strategy Committee reviewed the responses from design firms and was very impressed their experience with similar projects and interest in our study. The Committee will help identify a top group of candidates to interview working with the Selectmen and staff.

The Committee will update the Selectmen at their June 18th meeting and make recommendations on next steps for the study. Existing Municipal Facilities Reserve Funds will be used to conduct the Space and Feasibility Study.

For more information on the Belmont Town Facility Strategy, contact dhepp3@gmail.com. Committee members include: Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp, Carmen Lorentz, and Pret Tuthill.
Planning and Zoning Board Committee News

Planning and Zoning News

June, 2018
National Trails Day – June 2nd

Application Review Committee

James P. Cunningham: Review for Site Plan to operate a Contractor’s Yard (specifically Interior and Exterior storage of property maintenance equipment, storage vehicles and trailers) on developed lot with garage. Property located in the Commercial Zone, 121 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 205-069-000-000.

Barbara Greenwell & Michael Rutherford: Review for Site Plan to operate a motor vehicle & Trailer Services, Sales, Repair, Gas Stations and Parts Sales (specifically a service & repair of motorcycles and snowmobiles) on single-family residentially developed lot. Property located in the Rural Zone, 334 Dutille Road, Tax Lot 218-038-000-000.

Crazynight LLC: Review for Subdivision Plan to subdivide one lot into two commercial lots (Minor Subdivision). Property located in the Commercial Zone, 223 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 101-028-000-000.

Barton & McDonald Company: Review for Earth Excavation, reopen former gravel pit (Zoning Use-Activity related to the removal of sand, gravel, loam or stone for commercial purposes). Properties are located in the Commercial Zone, Laconia Road, Tax Lots 122-076-000-000 and 125-047-000-000.

Planning Board

Ripley ODM, LLC: Approval for Site Plan to permit Light Manufacturing use (circuit boards & misc telecom test equipment/assembly operation) on developed lot with other approved uses. Property located in the Commercial Zone, 171 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont Landing, Tax Lots 101-022-000-001 & 101-022-000-012 (condominium units).

SK McDonald Co. LLC: Review of Subdivision Plan to subdivide one lot into ten single-family residential lots. Property located in the Residential Single-Family Zone, on Leavitt & Plummer Hill Roads, Tax Lot 211-006-000-000.

Terra Firma Real Estate: Administrative Decision finding that conditional Subdivision approval granted on 11/22/10 to Terra Firma Real Estate for an open-space subdivision consisting of 36 single-family building lots, open space, interior roads and other amenities, and most recently extended to 11/22/17 has expired in accordance with the conditions of approvals and the Subdivision Regulations. Any further proposal for this property shall require a new application conforming with all then current requirements. Property located in the Rural Zone, on Upper Parish Settlement, Coventry Lane, Bennington Drive and Province Road, Tax Lots 229-053-000-000, 229-053-001-000, 229-055-000-000, 226-012-000-000, 226-012-001-000 & 226-112-002-000.

For additional Land Use Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.org
Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org
Call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!
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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.

SUMMER READING STARTS JUNE 25th

EVENTS

LEGO Build
Saturday June 2 10am-noon
Drop in to create with other LEGO fans!

Morning Book Group
Friday June 15 10:30am
Booklovers meet to discuss an exciting variety of fiction and nonfiction. This month’s selection is *The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress* by Ariel Lawhon.

Friends of the Library
Friday June 15 2pm
Create hoop art for the Old Home Day craft exchange.

EXPLORE CREATIVITY
Wednesday June 20 5:30-7pm
Make your own wine charms! These fun, easy charms fit around wine glass stems and both identify and decorate your drink. All supplies are included, including wineglass! Please sign up either from our website or by giving us a call. Limit 8, sign-up requested. 12+ welcome with adult.

Senior Center Book Group
Tuesday June 26 11:30am
Meet at the Senior Center to discuss this month’s book: *The Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes. Copies are available at the Belmont Senior Center.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Card Games Meet-up
Tuesdays 1-3pm June 5, 12, 19, 26
Join others to play or learn card games such as cribbage, bridge, and more.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am June 6, 13, 20, 27
A program for children of all ages, featuring books, movement, music, science activities, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills.

Paper Crafts
Fridays 2pm June 1, 8, 22, 29
Bring your own project or use our supplies to create with paper.
As another year of road construction is upon us, please be aware of the road construction and “Men Working” signs. Please, take appropriate caution to slow down when entering a work zone! Thank You!

NOTE: Driveway Permits can be obtained at the town offices or online at www.belmontnh.org

Before you dig, please remember to call Dig Safe.

It’s the Law!

We would like to thank the NH Department of Corrections and Officer Johnson for the work they have been doing in town. You have probably noticed their participation in the downtown cleanup efforts. The C-2 inmates involved in this Give Back community effort are in the process of making positive changes in their lives. We as a department along with Parks and Recreation, feel that giving them the opportunity to do the right thing teaches them life skills that will be helpful in the future. Again, thank you!

WOLCOTT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Thank you to the Wolcott Construction Company for the terrific job on paving the Slippery Rock Trail!
Special Events News

HOBBY/DEMO DAY Saturday, June 23
At the Tioga Pavilion on Mill Street
Space available for woodworking, yarn spinning, gymnastics, tap dancing, stamp collecting, fishing, & more! Share your enthusiasm, and introduce a new hobby to the community. Come listen to live music and watch a demonstration.

Free Concert Saturday, July 21
B Street Bombers Band

Bring your dancing shoes or just relax & listen to the band, celebrating 35+ years & still going strong!
Check out the band and their play list at https://www.thebstreetbombers.com/

Belmont Old Home Day is Saturday, August 11
Pancake Breakfast, Children’s Games, Live Entertainment, Parade, Fireworks, Etc. Questions? Contact Gretta Olson-Wilder, Special Events Coordinator, 998-3525
Belmont Parks & Recreation

British Soccer Camp

July 30-August 3, 2018
Bryant Field, Belmont

Mini Soccer: Ages 3-5
6:00PM-7:00PM
$77

Half Day Camp: Ages 6-16
4:00PM-7:00PM
$127

Make-up date if needed:
August 4 - Saturday
starting at 9AM

SIGN UP NOW!
for the most popular soccer program in North America

REGISTER BEFORE June 15th to receive your FREE camp jersey

$40 Cancellation Fee - at least 10 days prior to camp
No refunds for cancellations within 10 days of camp.
If signing up less than 10 days prior to camper there is a $10 late fee.

Register ONLINE at:
www.belmontnh.org

(603) 267-1865
recreation@belmontnh.org
Belmont Parks & Recreation
Swim Lessons

July 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 2018
Tuesday & Friday
6 classes (3 weeks)
$30.00 per person

Beginner: 1:00 PM
Intermediate: 12:30 PM
Advanced: 12:00 PM

Our instructor Jeannine Beckett will not be teaching the entire Red Cross course in the time we have allotted so certificates will not be issued at the end of the lessons. Lessons will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather, all efforts will be made to reschedule lessons if time allows. The lessons will be taught at the Leslie Roberts Town Beach on Lake Winnisquam. There is no minimum age for the lessons but children should be comfortable swimming in water that is constantly moving. Make-up classes if needed will be July 31 and August 3, 2018.

IMPORTANT: A Belmont beach sticker is required for admission and parking at the town beach.

Please utilize the following swim lesson categories to assist you in deciding which class is appropriate for your child.

Beginner – This class is 30 minutes long for non-swimmers or swimmers who need the support of a bubble or noodle. Provides students with the opportunity to get acclimated to the water by learning how to put their heads under water and includes basic kicking, pulling, and floating skills.

Intermediate – This class is 30 minutes long for beginner swimmers who can swim without the support of a bubble or noodle. Provides students with the opportunity to move from the basic “doggie paddle” stroke to other strokes such as the front and back crawl.

Advanced – This class is 30 minutes long for swimmers who can swim the front crawl stroke either with their head in or out of the water. Provides students with the opportunity to fine-tune their front crawl, as well as learn additional strokes such as the back crawl, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke, as well as to build swimming endurance.

Space is limited advance registration is required.

Registration forms: www.belmontnh.org ~ (603) 267-1865
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