June 2015

Our Community Newsletter

Town Administrator’s Monthly Report

The Belmont Board of Selectmen are on Facebook, look for us at Belmont NH Selectmen; we will be posting information about our upcoming meetings, minutes of meetings, general notices about happenings in Town and we are looking for “friends”.

The engineering for the second Phase of Ladd Hill is underway and the project will soon be going out to bid. Stay tuned for more information.

Just a reminder that Permits for Work in a Public Way are needed for any work impacting a Town owned road. Please visit www.belmontnh.org or stop by Town Hall for the required application form.

The Board of Selectmen has received the draft report from Castagna Consulting relative to the public meeting held on May 4th to discuss the future of the Belmont Mill. Once the Board has completed their review, a copy will be posted on the Town’s website. We anticipate the report will be posted by mid-June. Again we would like to thank those who attended the meeting for your input.

Tax bills were mailed at the end of May and are due by July 7th. Tax Exemptions and Veteran’s Credits were inadvertently left off the bills; those individuals receiving exemptions or credits were mailed a revised bill. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We are in the process of completing the site improvements at the Pavilion which will include pavement and new lighting. A copy of the Town’s Facility Use Policy governing the Pavilion can be obtained at Town Hall or on the web at www.belmontnh.org.

Please continue to place your trash and recycling curbside by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Recycling containers should be clearly marked with a recycling decal which will be available at Town Hall for free. Please stop by the Town Clerk’s office to pick up your decal (sample below). Please place your recycling sticker prominently on the side of your barrel or mark the barrel with permanent marker “RECYCLING”, this will help the driver’s identify who is recycling and improve efficiency. Thank you for your help.

A brochure outlining frequently asked questions regarding recycling and the specific do’s and don’ts will be mailed to each residential property. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator’s office at 603-267-8300 Ext. 124 or Casella Customer Service at 603-524-5881.

The Bestway/Casella Facility located on Route 140 in Belmont will no longer be accepting residential drop off recycling mid-week beginning Saturday, May 9th. Drop off recycling and bulky items will be accepted from Belmont residents at the facility on Saturday’s beginning May 9th from 8 am to 12 noon. There will be a per item charge only for the bulky items, electronics and appliances. Bulky, electronics and appliances include such things as mattresses, TV’s, stoves, refrigerators, couches, chairs, etc. Only checks will be accepted as payment for your bulky items, NO cash or credit cards on Saturdays. Construction demolition debris will be accepted at the facility as in the past, Monday – Friday and WILL NOT be accepted on Saturdays.

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.

Your feedback is always welcome and if my office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at townadministrator@belmontnh.org.
EVERY HERO HAS A STORY
Summer reading begins June 13

There’s something for everyone this summer! The Belmont Public Library encourages all ages to be a super reader this summer. School age children and teens can earn prizes ranging from movie tickets to amusement park passes. Little ones and adults can also join in with age-appropriate activities.

The Library is offering a number of activities to spur interest in reading and related fun. There’ll be musicians, puppeteers, fire trucks, and pizza. (See the schedule for details.)

Summer reading can help kids avoid the dreaded “summer slump” and retain their enthusiasm and reading skills. If parents and other role models join in, that adds to their motivation. We have print books, magazines, audio books, downloadable content, special events... be a hero this summer at the library!

Thanks to our sponsors and partners, especially Brookside Pizza, NH Motor Speedway, the Portland Sea Dogs, Funspot, and Canobie Lake Park. Thanks also to the Town of Belmont Public Works, Police, Fire, and Parks and Recreation Departments.

EVERYONE WHO REGISTERS FOR SUMMER READING BY JUNE 30 IS ELIGIBLE TO WIN TICKETS TO THE NASCAR XFINITY SERIES JULY 18, AT THE NH MOTOR SPEEDWAY

SAVING CECCE HONEYCUTT
This month’s book group pick is the story of twelve year old CeeCee Honeycutt, whose whole world changes under the tutelage of her great aunt, Tootie Caldwell, in one amazing summer. Copies are available at the desk or through NH Downloadable Books. Tuesday June 23 6pm

ADULT CRAFTERS’ NIGHT
We’re getting busy with some fun papercraft this June. We’re starting with making our own stencils (6/4), which we can use on DIY gift bags (6/11) and paper-covered boxes (6/18). Then, we’ll be making paper flowers, which can be used as gift tags (6/25). Thursdays 5:30pm

GAME NIGHT
Everyone is invited to enjoy a relaxing evening playing games with friends old and new. All ages welcome! Tuesdays 6/2, 6/9, 6/16 5:30pm

THE ORIGINAL DYNAMIC DUO
Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley Perform 6/30 6pm

Two NH artists who never really grew up—one a popular children’s musician and the other a beloved author/illustrator—team up for a unique library show with lots of music and laughs. Steve & Marty play fun songs on a variety of musical instruments—and Marty reads a few of his books aloud, with projected illustrations. This program includes Steve’s special compositions for summer reading 2015, “Every Hero Has a Story” and “Super Reading Man,” as well as Marty’s latest title, A CAPE—which
NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Audio
Patriot Threat Berry, Steve
The Road McCarthy, Cormac
Mary Mary Patterson, James
Sundays at Tiffany’s Patterson, James
Every Fifteen Minutes Scottoline, Lisa
Hot Pursuit Woods, Stuart

Children
No Summit Out of Sight Romero, Jordan
Dragons Beware Aguirre, Jorge
The Prince of Ferway Park Baggott, Julianna
Sea Bones Barner, Bob
Skunk Barnett, Mac
Bad Kitty Makes Comics and You Can Too! Bruel, Nick
Misadventures of Salem Hyde: Dinosaur Dilemma
Cammuso, Frank
Iqbal D’Adamo, Francesco
Good Night Yoga: a pose-by-pose bedtime story
Gates, Mariam
Babymouse: Bad Babysitter Holm, Jennifer L. & Matthew

Teen
The Crossover Alexander, Kwame
Saint Anything Dessen, Sarah
Fantasy League Lupica, Mike
Touching Spirit Bear Mikaelson, Ben
Shadow Hero Yang, Gene Luen

Adult
God in Ruins Atkinson, Kate
The Injurious who counted the spoons Block, Lawrence
The Forgotten Room Child, Lincoln
The Royal We Cocks, Heather & Jessica Morgan
Solitude Creek Deaver, Jeffrey
The Girl Lescroart, John
Jack of Spades Daites, Joyce Carol
14th Deadly Sin Patterson, James
Gathering Prey Sandford, John
Early Warning Smiley, Jane
The Host Cottage Thayer, Nancy
Death Wears a Beauty Mask Clark, Mary Higgins
Your Next Breath Johansen, Iris
Gathering Prey Sandford, John
Bibliotech: why libraries matter more than ever in the
Age of Google Palley, John
Design Mom: how to live with kids, a room by room
guide Blair, Gabrielle
Quartet: Orchestrating the second American
Revolution, 1783-1789 Ellis, Joseph
From Cover to Cover: Evaluating and Reviewing
Children’s Books Horning, Kathleen
When to Rob a Bank Levitt, Steven D. & Dubner,
Stephen J
Wright Brothers McCullough, David

DVD
Paddington
Wild Kratts Shark-tastic!
2 Fast 2 Furious (#3)
Bletchley Circle (Season 2)
Fast & Furious (#4)
Fast & Furious 5 (#5)
Fast and the Furious, The (#1)
Fast and the Furious, Tokyo Drift (#3)
Fifty Shades of Grey
Foxcatcher
Foyle’s War Series 8
Great Gatsby, The
Mr. Selfridge Season 3
Orphan Black Season 2
Selma
Still Alice
Wolf Hall

JUNE IS AUDIOBOOK MONTH

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Brush Fires Galore

Brush season has started off with a bang. Belmont Fire has responded to 19 brush-related incidents since April 1st, and things don’t appear to be slowing down. These incidents include a first alarm brush fire off of Depot Street that spread rapidly and destroyed several hundred feet of forestry hose, and a brush fire off Union Road caused by illegal burning that damaged several pieces of outdoor equipment and came within inches of a home. We have also responded to numerous illegal burns. It is important for all citizens to remember that they need to obtain a permit from BFD before beginning any burning and that they must follow all state and local regulations.

Belmont Fire Department’s 2015 YTD Statistics

**2015 Alarms by Type**
- BLS Alpha or Bravo: 106
- ALS Charlie: 39
- ALS Delta: 33
- ALS Echo: 13
- MVA Alpha or Bravo: 20
- MVA Delta: 5
- MVA With Extrication: 2
- Fire Response: 57
- Hazardous Materials Response: 13
- Mutual Aid Response: 58
- Service Call: 21
- Storm Response: 1
- Total: 368

**2015 Request For Service**
- PERMIT: 28%
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE: 28%
- FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITIES: 24%
- NON-EMERGENCY: 20%
Of the approximately 105.5 credit points in the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), 50 are based on the fire department evaluation. The three items that receive the largest amount of available credit are company personnel, distribution or deployment analysis, and training. People are important. The number of personnel available for response, their amount of training, and the time it takes to get the right equipment in place for fire suppression activities all largely affect the reduction of loss associated with protected risk.

**Engine companies:** The Insurance Services Office compares the number of in-service pumpers and the equipment carried with the number of needed pumpers and the equipment identified in the FSRS. The number of needed engines depends on the basic fire flow, the size of the area served, and the method of operation.

**Reserve pumpers:** The Insurance Services Office evaluates the number of reserve pumpers and their pump capacity; other factors include hose and equipment carried.

**Pump capacity:** The Insurance Services Office compares the pump capacity of the in-service and reserve pumpers (and pumps on other apparatus) with the basic fire flow. The Insurance Services Office considers a maximum basic fire flow of 3,500 gallons per minute for the community evaluation.

**Ladder/Service companies:** Communities use ladders, tools and equipment for ladder operations, as well as for forcible entry, utility shut-off, ventilation, salvage, overhaul and lighting. The number and type of apparatus depend on the height of the buildings, needed fire flow, and size of the area served.

**Reserve ladder/service trucks:** The Insurance Services Office evaluates the number of reserve ladder/service trucks and the equipment they carry.

**Deployment analysis:** The Insurance Services Office credits the percentage of a community within a specified response distance of pumpers (1.5 miles) and ladder/service apparatus (2.5 miles). As an alternative, a Fire Protection Area may use the results of a systemic performance evaluation. That type of evaluation analyzes computer-aided dispatch history to demonstrate that, with its current deployment of companies, the fire department meets the time constraints for initial-arriving engine and initial full-alarm assignment. The timing is in accordance with the general criteria in National Fire Protection Association 1710, *Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments*.

**Personnel:** The Insurance Services Office credits the personnel available to respond to first alarms for structure fires. For personnel not normally in the fire station (on-call and off-duty members), the Insurance Services Office reduces credit for the responding members to reflect the time needed for notification, travel and assembly on the fireground. The Insurance Services Office then applies an upper limit to the credit for personnel because it is impractical for a very large number of personnel to operate a piece of apparatus.

**Training:** Trained personnel are vital to a competent fire suppression force. The Insurance Services Office evaluates training facilities and their use; company training at fire stations; training and certification of fire officers; driver/operator, hazardous materials and recruit training; and building familiarization and pre-incident planning inspections.

**Operational considerations:** The Insurance Services Office credits the standard operating procedures for structure firefighting and the establishment of an Incident Management System.

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**Two New Fire Instructor II/III**

In April, Lieutenant Mike Newhall and FF/Para Kelly Marsh completed their Fire Instructor II and III Training. In addition, Lieutenant Newhall became certified as an Instructor Coordinator. Please join me in congratulating Lieutenant Newhall and FF/Para Marsh of this accomplishment.
to all who participated or shopped our Community Yard Sale on May 16th. It was a complete success! Several people asked if we could hold another day in the fall. If you are interested in participating in mid-September, please email me at events@belmontnh.org. Feedback is always welcome!

Farmer’s Market Days This Summer!

Sundays – June 28, July 26, August 30, and September 20

Get ready for our first Farmer’s Market on Sunday, June 28. Come to shop, listen to music, and watch a demonstration by Everett Bailey, maker of Shaker style brooms. Vendors will be set up at the Belmont Mill and Tioga Pavilion area at 18 Mill Street. Watch the kids play while you shop! Help support this new initiative. Interested in joining us as a vendor, follow the link below Farmer’s Market Vendor Information Packet

Belmont Old Home Day Saturday, August 1

Enjoy the sounds of Annie & The Orphans, and the Rockin Daddios!

Road, Relay and Fun Competition Day Saturday, August 8

Belmont 10-Miler, Cow Pie (10-Mile) Relay Race, 5k and Other

Fun, Competitive Activities!
Planning Board

- **Chris A Cleveland**: Contractor's yard with accessory woodworking shop, 752B Union Road - Tabled.

Zoning Board

- **Sinclair Construction**: Construct a porch closer to front property line than allowed, 67 Plummer Hill Road – approved.
- **Sinclair Construction**: Construct a swimming pool/pool service area closer to the rear property line than allowed, 67 Plummer Hill Road - denied.

Application Review Committee

- **Foley Oil & Propane**: Site Plan Review for Propane Gas Bulk Storage, 39 Old State Road.
- **Laconia-Best Warehousing & Distribution Corp**: Site Plan Review for Warehousing & Distribution, 48 Dearborn Street.
- **BMFGN Development LLC**: Subdivision Review to subdivide 1 lot into 5 lots, 211 Farrarville Road.

Visit [www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp](http://www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp) to view agendas and minutes for all meetings.

Other Land Use News

Have you considered assisting the Community by serving as a Land Use Board Member?

If you…..

- have an interest in your community
- have a willingness to serve
- have the ability to act in an impartial manner
- support an open and transparent process
- enjoy meaningful dialogue

…..do we have a job for you!

Alternate Member positions are currently available on the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. These Boards meet monthly and provide a very necessary service to the community. No prior Land Use experience is necessary. Please contact the Land Use Office (267-8300x119) for further information or submit your Statement of Interest to Land Use, P.O. Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please do not hesitate to contact the Land Use Office with any questions.
Bandstand Restoration Honored by NH Preservation Alliance

Belmont community volunteers, all Heritage Commission members, were thrilled to learn of a major statewide distinction for the Bandstand project – announced at the historic Concord Civic Auditorium on May 12.

The community landmark was distinguished as the fifth recipient of the Elizabeth Durfee Hengen Award, recognizing outstanding preservation achievement. NH Preservation Alliance executive director Jennifer Goodman – who visited Belmont as a speaker for the September Bandstand “Community Salute” Bandstand, and as a panelist at last year’s Community Heritage Workshop – said “The high quality of planning and execution, combined with Belmont’s commitment to public education and advocacy, make the Village Bandstand project a perfect fit for this honor.”

Besides the Selectmen-appointed Commission, citations were presented to major restoration partners, contractors JR Graton, John Thompson and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).

Fourteen projects were recognized, including Town Hall restorations in Amherst and Nelson, a $26 million Cotton Mill Square adaptive reuse rehabilitation and partnership – led by The Stabile Companies, Binnie Media/NH1 for reuse of the historic Walker School in Concord, and the Blair Covered Bridge, including Arnold M. Graton as a principal partner. Three generations of Gratons received awards, including JR for the 1908 Victorian-era Bandstand.

For Belmont, the Hengen award is the third major preservation recognition by the Alliance. In 2000 Wallace Rhodes, Historical Society president, accepted an achievement award for the Belmont Mill. In April 2011 the Belmont Mill was among a prominent list of the Alliance’s 25 of New Hampshire’s greatest preservation challenges of the past 25 years.

Compiled by Priscilla Annis, Secretary, Belmont Heritage Commission

The Belmont Heritage Commission was founded by citizens at the 2004 Town Meeting.
Under New Hampshire law RSA 674:44-b as a Land Use Board, we promote the proper recognition, use and protection of the unique historic and cultural resources of Belmont, and also integrate preservation planning as a partnership with individuals, businesses, Town boards and other appropriate groups.

Heritage Series at the Belmont Village Bandstand: Save the Dates

Versatility – through a range of programs June through September - is the hallmark of the Heritage Series, offering free programs at the newly restored Bandstand.

Songs of the Civil War featuring uniformed musicians playing vintage instruments opens the series on June 6th at 6:15 p.m. The 12th N.H. Regiment Serenade Band has just performed in Washington, D.C. as participants in the Grand Review Parade, marking the 150th – Sesquicentennial – anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

Launching the first summer holiday weekend, on July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. “Red, White & Blues” showcases an All-American program led by Jon Lorentz’s Soul Revival Band and featuring Miss Sharon “Sugar” Jones.

The Newmont Military Band visits on August 15th at 6:30 p.m. and songwriter Don Watson of Gilford and Jackie Lee of Belmont, along with special guests, are the musical talent on September 13th at 1:00 p.m. celebrating Grandparents Day.
Heritage Commission News

The Heritage Series is gratefully dedicated to a caring community and citizens that made the next century of this special place possible.

Please bring your lawn chair or blanket.
Programs are rain or shine. (Indoor location is the Corner Meeting House, Fuller and Sargent Streets)
Sponsored by the Belmont Heritage Commission, John M. Sargent Fund & Friends of the Bandstand.

Learn more:

www.historicbelmontbandstand.org

The Belmont Heritage Commission welcomes comments, ideas and volunteers: Belmonthistory@gmail.com or 528-5667.
Selectmen-appointed members include officers Linda Frawley, Wallace Rhodes and Priscilla Annis, and Shayne Duggan, Alyce Jewell and Vicki Donovan. Ron Cormier represents Selectmen.

Other Community News

Shaker Regional School District Visioning Event

The Shaker Regional School District will host a two day visioning event on June 19th and 20th which will be held at Belmont High School. The event will include staff, students and community members who are committed to establishing a vision for the future of Shaker Regional School District students.
During this two day event, participants will engage in establishing a Vision, Mission and Guiding Principals for our district.
If you are a resident or business owner in the community and are interested in participating, we invite you to register on our district website at: wwwsau80.org

Please contact us with questions at 267-9223 ext.5300
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Fathers Day