Your Cooperation is Needed!

The **Belmont Water Meter Replacement and AMR Upgrade project** began several weeks ago and letters were mailed to those property owners affected by the project. Response has been slow and the deadline for the completion of the project is nearing; we need your help. **If you received a notice from New England Backflow, Inc. or a door knocker from the Town of Belmont, please call the number listed and schedule an appointment to have your water meter replaced.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Water bills for the 1st quarter of 2015 will be delayed as a result of the project, you should expect a bill by mid-April. 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](http://www.belmontnh.org).

**Reminders**

Just a reminder that the frost line is deep this year so keeping a close watch on your water service is important whether you are on Town water or a well. Freeze ups are possible.

While the calendar indicates we are closing in on Spring; more snow is likely in the next few weeks so keep a close eye on the roofs of your homes and outbuildings.

**SECOND SESSION ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First (Deliberative) Session, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on **the 10th day of March, being a Tuesday, between the hours of 7:00 o’clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o’clock in the afternoon**, to act upon the following:

**Article #1.** To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Supervisor of Checklist six-year term (1), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Planning Board three-year term (2), Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term (2).

**Article #2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Amend Setback Ordinance to exempt medically necessary handicapped ramps from setback requirements as long as the particular person has a continuing medical need to access the premises.

**Article #3.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($3,357,250) for the purpose of renovating the Belmont Mill for use as Town Offices, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $2,957,250 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; the balance of funding for the project ($400,000) to come from the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve for which
the Selectmen are agents to expend. A 3/5 ballot vote required.

(The Budget Committee recommends $3,357,250 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #4.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) for the purpose of completing an Sewer Asset Management Plan, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $30,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. A 3/5 ballot vote required. If the Town’s application to the State Revolving Fund is not approved, this project will not be undertaken.

(The Budget Committee recommends $30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #5.** Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first $85,427 of revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) received during the 2015 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first $85,427 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town’s General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2015 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

- Overtime Coverage: $15,000
- Telephone Expense: $500
- Conferences & Dues (EMS related): $500
- Training Expenses: $1,000
- Medical & Supply Expenses: $52,427
- Comstar Billing Fees: $9,000
- Office Supplies: $500
- Vehicle Repair & Parts: $2,500
- Fuel: $4,000

**Article #6.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equiping a used Ladder Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund (Comstar) previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999).

(The Budget Committee recommends $300,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

**Article #7.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled, to allow a $50,000 property tax exemption for qualified taxpayers? To qualify the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $25,000) or if married, a combined net income of not more than $35,000, and own net assets not in excess of $100,000 excluding the value of the person’s residence. (Majority vote required)

**Article #8.** Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Belmont, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $65,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $80,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $125,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $35,000; and own net assets not in excess of $150,000 excluding the value of the person’s
Article #9. Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

Article #10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Seven Million Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars ($7,257,691).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Dollars $7,052,519 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

(The Budget Committee recommends $7,257,691 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of $30,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014.

(The Budget Committee recommends $30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($125,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Budget Committee recommends $125,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund already established (Created 2003).

(The Budget Committee recommends $40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Budget Committee recommends $750,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars ($167,450) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire?

(The Budget Committee recommends $167,450 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #16. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($3,450) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amounts to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997) and further to fund $450 of said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of $450 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014, with the remainder to be raised by taxation.
Article #17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010).

(The Budget Committee recommends $2,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Dollars ($233,683) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users’ fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Dollars ($257,261) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends $233,683 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six Dollars ($536,556) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user’s fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Seventy Dollars ($530,070) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends $536,556 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by user’s fees.

(The Budget Committee recommends $20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

(The Budget Committee recommends $10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005), said sum to be offset by user’s fees.

(The Budget Committee recommends $5,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades, Replacement and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010), said sum to be offset by user’s fees.

(The Budget Committee recommends $10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #24. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

Article #25. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating
transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

**Article #26.** Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) as adopted by the Town of Belmont on March 15, 2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law? This article submitted by Petition. (A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question is required.)

**Article #27.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for public purposes, as permitted by RSA 31:19 until rescinded?

Belmont Mill Renovation Project

Plans for the building can be viewed at Town Hall and are available on our website at [www.belmontnh.org/projectsbelmintonmill.asp](http://www.belmontnh.org/projectsbelmintonmill.asp).

Just a reminder that your trash and recycling will be collected every week on your current collection day, initially the contractor may run separate trucks for collection however both trash and recycling will be collected the same day. 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.

**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 townadministor@belmontnh.org.
March, 2015

Planning Board

**Proposed Zoning Amendment:** Exempt medically necessary handicapped ramps from setback requirements as long as the particular person has a continuing medical need to access the premises.

**Vote** - **Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 7am to 7pm,** [Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road](#).

Zoning Board

**Philip & Nadia Morrison for Winnisquam Beach Campground Association:** Allow a shed and deck closer to Grey Rocks Road than allowed. 3 Berkshire Drive.

**Chris Cleveland:** Replace one nonconforming use (motor vehicle services, sales & repairs) with another nonconforming use (contractor's yard & woodworking shop). 752 Union Road.

Application Review Committee

**Chris A. Cleveland:** Contractor’s Yard with related woodworking shop, 752 Union Road.

**LED Construction, LLC:** Approval extension - four-lot subdivision with internal road, Sand Circle.

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

Other Land Use News

**Penguin Fuels:** The Planning Board welcomes Penguin Fuels as the new owner/operator at 916 Laconia Road, formerly D&D Market.

**Property Tax (Assessment) Maps:** It’s that time of year when staff gathers property change information to be added to the 2015 Tax Maps. Changes can include property subdivisions, mergers, new survey plans as well as structure changes including new buildings, additions and demolitions. These maps are valuable tools to assist in determining the assessed value of your property, to provide information for the review of new permits and to assist in Current Land Use evaluations and other mapping projects. You can view tax maps by clicking on the appropriate map from [www.belmontnh.org/taxmaps/TaxMapIndex.pdf](http://www.belmontnh.org/taxmaps/TaxMapIndex.pdf). You can also use the interactive GIS version of the maps from [www.caigisonline.com/BelmontNH](http://www.caigisonline.com/BelmontNH). The GIS system can produce printable maps at different scales, including aerials. If you have a survey of your property that is not shown on the maps, please provide a copy of the survey to the Land Use Office for inclusion.

Board Vacancies:
The following vacancies exist. The Boards encourage residents to consider volunteering to serve in these positions. Contact the **Land Use** office for further information or submit a [request to serve](#).

- **Planning Board:** 3 Alternate Member positions
- **Zoning Board:** 4 Alternate Member positions
- **Conservation Commission:** 3 Alternate Member positions
The Conservation Commission (CC) is proposing two Warrant Articles for this year’s Town Meeting ballot. Voting will be held on March 10 from 7AM to 7PM at Belmont High School. Passage of each will enable the CC to actively participate in land conservation in ways that have been historically allowed until recent changes in the law. The statutory language of the two ballot questions is recited as it will appear on the ballot as required by statute. Each question is then described in plain language and illustrated in maps.

The two Warrant Articles as they will appear on the Official Ballot:

- **Ballot Question 25** – Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

- **Ballot Question 26** – Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

**Ballot Question 25 purpose:**

1. In 2008 the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, purchased the 168 ac Andrew Sanborn Farm conservation lot on Durrell Mountain Road. Although only one lot, two small portions were located across the Gilford and Gilmanton Town lines (see attached map); the existing road into the lot being over the section location in Gilford. Such action complied with State law at that time. Due to a change in State law, Town meeting must now authorize the Commission, again only with the approval of the Selectmen, to make any purchase in the future where a portion of the lot similarly straddles a Town line or where the lot abuts a parcel in Belmont and provides an ecologically significant resource that is vital to the parcel in Belmont.
Ballot Question 25 purpose:

1. This article will allow the Conservation Commission to contribute to a qualified organization such as NH Audubon, the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) or 5 Rivers Conservation Trust towards their purchase of property that Belmont will have no title to. This would be a multi-Town/Organization effort to protect a parcel of local and/or regional importance. A great example of this would be the recent fund raising drive, “Everybody Hikes Mt. Major” by the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, SPNHF and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The parcels that were conserved by this project, while not specifically abutting Belmont, are part of a collection of conservation properties running from Belmont to Alton that make up the Belknap Range which does extend into Belmont and is an important recreational area for Belmont residents. Again due to a change in State law, Town meeting must now authorize the Commission to make such contributions in the future to similar important endeavors.
BFD Goes Green

Lt. Murphy has arranged for a 2 yard recycling bin to be placed next to our current trash dumpster. All department recycling will be emptied into this bin on a daily basis or as need. We currently have two paper recycling bins, one in the front room by the copier and one in the Chief’s office. Please use these for all non-confidential recycling. Confidential papers shall be shredded prior to placing in the recycling bin. These do not include the files being handled by Sarah. We are also in the process of re-writing our Energy consumption and conservation SOG (ADM 15-016 Green Living) and want to remind all personnel that if you are not in a room, to please turn out the lights. We have installed automatic devices in both bathrooms to reduce the instances of lights being left on. Please make sure that if you manually turn on the lights in these rooms, to turn them off when you leave. Please be careful when placing items in the dumpsters to keep the trash and the recyclables separate.

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The majority of cases identified by a youth fire setting intervention program will be classified as “some risk.” Curiosity or experimentation is the prime motive for fire setting as defined in the “some risk” category. “Definite or extreme risk” fire setting situations also require educational intervention. However, sometimes the education will follow a referral for other types of interventions, such as clinical support or juvenile justice.

The goal of fire safety education in a youth fire setting intervention program is to give children and adolescents information to make the right decisions so that future fire setting incidents do not occur.

Educating the child and parents or caregivers is essential for the success of a youth fire setting intervention program. Youth fire setting intervention specialists must not assume that all children, adolescents, and parents or caregivers know the basics about fire safety and fire science. All three groups can be educated to make good decisions through structured, age-appropriate classes.

Remember to consider the four common factors that influence fire setting behavior:

- Easy access to ignition materials.
- Lack of adequate supervision.
- Lack of fire safety practice in the home.
- Easy access to information on fire setting and explosives construction on the Internet.

Messages, methods and materials should be broad-based, without bias, educationally sound and age-appropriate. Considerations need to be given to the age and developmental level of the youth, the ability of the parents or caregivers to understand the educational intervention, and the language spoken and understood by the youth and family.

Setting fires oftentimes indicates that youths are seeking attention. You can make a difference by providing appropriate education about fire science, safety, and the consequences of fire setting behavior to youths and their families so that future firesetting incidents do not occur. Learn more about youth fire setting prevention and intervention by taking a six-day resident course or by taking two-day courses offered across the country. More information can be found at [http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/search](http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/search)
T.A.G. Team on hold until April
Please note that our teen advisory group will not be meeting in the month of March. If you have a teen who may be interested in joining us in helping the library, please contact us and let us know what days and times would be best for you.

New Director
The library is pleased to announce that it has found a new director! Eileen Gilbert, previously the library director in Boscawen for ten years, will be joining us on March 2. Please stop by and give her a warm welcome!

Storytimes

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Come join us for stories, songs, snacks, and crafts!

March 4 – Pancakes and Syrup!
March 11 – Leprechauns
March 18 – Rainbows
March 25 – TBA

Craft Night
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
We’ve been doing great things at craft night! Many weeks we have a crafter teach us something special! Learn a new craft and share a fun hour with friends! Some craft materials will be available for you to use, but feel free to bring your own as well. Some supplies we have available include collage materials, quilling supplies, watercolors, yarn, and string for braided bracelets. No need to sign up, just drop by. Check the website for more details about this month’s crafts.

Lego Club
Saturday, March 7, 10:30 to noon
Lego club is always the first Saturday of every month! Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month’s theme: “Treasure.” 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!
Goofy to Jill
We bid another sad goodbye at the library to J’Lillian Duclos. Jill has been with us for five years. She started here as a teen summer volunteer and was later offered a job. This was her first job, and she will always remember us fondly. Jill has worked on many projects that have helped the library. Many of the recent improvements to the arrangement of the library were Jill’s idea, and she has also been leading our wonderful weekly craft night. Last fall, she became engaged to Nathan Mello; they will be married next winter. Jill has accepted a permanent position at the Laconia Public Library, so if you are ever there, make sure to stop and say hello to her. We at Belmont Public Library wish her every happiness in her future endeavors.

Book Group
Tuesday, March 31, at 6 pm
Book group will meet on the last Tuesday this month, March 31, at 6 pm. We will be discussing Eileen Hopkin’s Triangles. Copies will be available soon.

Three female friends face midlife crises in Ellen Hopkins’s no-holds-barred exploration of sex, marriage, and the fragility of life. Holly is filled with regret after eighteen years at home with her three children. She sheds sixty pounds and loses herself in the world of extramarital sex. Andrea is a single mom watching her friend Holly’s meltdown with a mixture of concern and contempt. Holly is throwing away what Andrea has spent her whole life searching for. So what if she picks up Holly’s castaway husband? Marissa has more than her fair share of challenges—a gay, rebellious teenage son; a terminally ill daughter; and a husband who buries himself in his work. As one woman’s marriage unravels, another’s rekindles. As one woman’s family comes apart at the seams, another’s reconfigures into something bigger and better. In this story of connections and disconnections, one woman’s up is another one’s down, and all of them will learn the meaning of friendship, betrayal, and forgiveness. Triangles is the ultimate page-turner, told in gorgeous, expertly honed poetic verse that perfectly captures the inner lives of Hopkins’s unforgettable characters.

—description from Amazon
Heritage Commission News

Keeping Belmont Rural by Preserving Old New Hampshire Barns:
State law RSA 79-D offers tax incentive to owners

Our community has a rich agricultural tradition through generations like the Weeks and Ellis families, and healthy potential with agritourism ventures on Route 106 and keen interest in locally grown food. Twelve years ago the State of New Hampshire crafted legislation recognizing the heritage and scenic value of old barns and other agricultural buildings. According to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, these landmarks help tell the story of the importance of farming in our history.

Eligibility
For this program “historical agricultural structure” is defined as a barn or other structure, including the land on which it is built, which currently or formerly was used for agricultural purposes, and is at least 75 years old. Demonstrated public benefit is met by one or more of the following conditions:

1. Provides scenic enjoyment to the general public from a public road or waterway
2. Historically important on a local, regional, state or national level
3. Contributes to the historic or cultural integrity of a property listed on or eligible for the New Hampshire State or National Registers of Historic Places, or is in a locally designated historic district

Joseph and Cindy Rolfe received Community Heritage Award recognition from the Heritage Commission and Selectmen in 2013, for preserving agricultural traditions on their visible landmark property. The barn and stone walls have been carefully renewed along with reopening of the field for expansive apple orchards.

Opportunity & Applying
RSA 79-D authorizes towns and cities to grant property tax relief to barn owners who can show public benefit, and agree to maintain their structures throughout a minimum 10-year preservation easement. Application on a form of the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration, available at www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/2013/documents/pa-36-a.pdf is due on or before April 15, to go into effect in the coming tax year. Submission also needs a map with location of the structure. Selectmen have 60 days to act on applications and hold a public hearing if the municipality determines, in exercising its discretion, that the proposed preservation is consistent with the law’s purpose, it may acquire an easement for at least 10 years and grant tax relief within a range of a 25% to 75% reduction of the structure’s full assessed value.

Further Information
Town of Belmont, Cary Lagace assessing@belmontnh.org (603) 267-8300 ext. 118
N.H. Department of Revenue Administration, Property Appraisal Division (603) 230-9050
N.H. Division of Historical Resources www.nh.gov
New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, www.nhpreservation.org (603) 224-2281

Online NHPA resources include a copy of the statute, sample discretionary preservation easement and a guide for applicants and local officials. The Belmont Heritage Commission is a member of the Alliance and gratefully acknowledges their assistance for this presentation.
Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

Sunday June 7th 2015 1:35pm

TICKETS ARE ONLY $14

To Order Tickets Contact
Officer Joe Marcello at the Belmont Police Department 603-267-8351

Benefits Belmont Police Explorers trip to the National Conference
3rd Annual Lakes Region Leprechaun Leap 5k Run/Walk

With the current weather conditions, it might be hard to picture yourself running in a 5k in less than a month. However, getting out and enjoying the first signs of spring is exactly what you should be thinking about. On Saturday, March 14 at 10 am, runners and walkers of all ages will be participating in the 3rd Annual Lakes Region Leprechaun Leap 5k in Belmont. It’s a fun way to spend a Saturday morning. Just when you can’t imagine one more week of winter, the sun starts to get brighter and the days a bit warmer -- sure signs that spring is on its way.

The Leprechaun Leap is a nice end-of-winter/early spring 5k which consists of relatively flat paved and unpaved roads. The event is held as a fun way to celebrate the St. Patrick’s Day holiday and to promote a healthy lifestyle in the Lakes Region. Fun-loving participants take this opportunity to sport their many shades of green, orange and gold by wearing costumes (encouraged, but not necessary), their favorite Celtics attire, or jazzy exercise gear. Take the baby out for a stroll in the jogger or bring the family dog on a leash with a little winter vest. Recruit the spouse, friend, children or pooch, and join us for our annual 5k Run/Walk.

Commemorative fleece headbands will be given to the first 50 pre-registrations that are received at Town Hall by Tuesday, March 10. Entry fee for pre-registrations, as well as day-of event registrations, is $10. Course map and registration forms can be picked up at Belmont Town Hall or Belmont Library. They can also be printed from the Town of Belmont’s website at www.belmontnh.org. Questions regarding this event can be directed to events@belmontnh.org or call Gretta Olson-Wilder at 603-998-3525. Get out and enjoy some fresh air and exercise!

BELMONT COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Save the date! Saturday, May 16th at 9 am

Join other yard sale enthusiasts and rent space near the Belmont Mill and Pavilion, or choose to advertise a yard sale at your home on our map. Either way, this will be a great community event that will attract treasure seekers from near and far. Watch for further details in April!

New for 2015! Belmont Farmers Markets

Plans are underway for community Farmers Markets for the summer months. Enjoy Sundays shopping for local products, watching a demonstration, and listening to live music! Complete details will be available in April. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Gretta, Special Events Coordinator, at 998-3525. Market days will be June 28, July 26, August 30, and September 20.
Spring is in the air…. We just have to find it under all the snow!!  Happy March!

Our Town Election is fast approaching.  It will be held on Tuesday March 10, 2015, at Belmont High School, which is located at 255 Seavey Road.  Polls will be open from 7AM to 7PM.  If you are unable to vote at the high school on March 10, absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerks office.  You may mail, or email (tctc@belmontnh.org) a request and we will send you a ballot, or you may stop in the office and fill out your ballot.  If you email your request for a ballot, please remember that is must include your signature.  If you wish to register to vote, you will have to do so at the polls on Tuesday March 10th.

The first issue Water/Sewer bills for 2015 will be sent out this month.  They cover the months of December, January, and February.  As always, for your convenience, you may pay your bill on our town website, www.belmontnh.org.

It is the time of year to get your dogs’ licenses renewed.  They must be renewed by April 30th, 2015. Just bring in your pooch’s up to date rabies certificate and you’ll walk out with some new bling for your furry friend.  As long as your dog’s rabies shot is current in our files, you may renew the license online on our town website, www.belmontnh.org, and we’ll mail it out to you.  We are a dog friendly office, so bring your sidekick down for a visit… we just may have a secret stash of treats for well behaved four legged visitors...

In January, we sent out delinquent notices to make you aware of any unpaid balances from 2014.  We do this to give you the opportunity to clean up your account before the lien process happens in April or early May.  We will be sending out certified letters in late March or early April giving anyone with unpaid balances thirty days to pay before the liens are executed.

As they say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb… I think we can all agree that we are ready for warmer temperatures and bright sunshine!
3rd Annual Lakes Region Leprechaun Leap 5k Fun Run/Walk

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 AT 10 AM

START/FINISH LINE AT BELMONT MILL PARKING LOT, MILL ST., BELMONT

Get out and get some fresh air!
Join us for a 5k, that is unique in every way!
It has a St. Patrick’s Day theme, so get out your green!
Costumes encouraged, but not required.

$10 Pre-registration* or Day of Event

1st 50 pre-registrations receive a commemorative fleece headband!

Please note – This is a hand timed race.

www.belmontnh.org/603.998.3525/events@belmontnh.org
Boston Flower Show
March 11, 2015 - Wednesday
$50 Per Person

Our Boston Flower Show Trip includes luxury motor coach transportation to the Seaport World Trade Center and admission to the show. We will depart from the Belmont Park and Ride on Route 106 in Belmont at 8:30AM. Our motor coach transportation has a restroom, and DVD player with ample storage for your purchases. We will arrive at the flower show at 10:30AM and will be departing at 2:30PM. There are a number of vendors at the show where you can purchase lunch and snacks. On our return trip we will stop at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Londonderry for an early dinner on your own. Estimated arrival back in Belmont is 5:40PM.

IMPORTANT: The makeup date for this trip is Thursday, March 12th.

This trip is very popular and we expect to sell out. To secure a reservation please complete the registration form and send it in with your payment. No refund will be granted for cancelled reservations unless the seats can be resold.

Reservations or additional information:
Belmont Parks & Recreation
PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220
Phone (603) 267-1865
www.belmontnh.org
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Basketball

for Kindergarteners

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015
Monday Nights
Belmont Elementary School
5:30PM-6:15PM
$10 per player

Our program is limited to Belmont children who are currently enrolled in kindergarten. Stephanie Derosier will show players simple ball skills through fun interactive games. Players need to wear sneakers and comfortable clothes for playing. Our program is cancelled on early release days, no school or when afternoon activities are cancelled by the school.

The program has a limited number of spaces, advanced registration is required. Call the recreation office to reserve a spot for your child.

Information and Registration:

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Belmont, NH 03220
Phone: (603) 267-1865
Website: www.belmontnh.org
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CROSS TRAINING
with Janine Page

March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 2015
Tuesday & Thursday Nights
Belmont Parks & Recreation Function Room
6:00 PM—6:45 PM
2 Night Program Fee: $50 per person
1 Night Program Fee: $25 per person

Personal Trainer Janine Page instructs a 45 minute program for both men and women that challenges all of your major muscle groups. The class combines cardio with strength training while shaping and toning muscles all over your body. One of the great aspects of this program, everyone can work at their own pace with added resistance or not. This program allows you the opportunity to push yourself and increase your resistance throughout the session. With great music, the energy you’ll feel in the small group setting will inspire you to get the results you want. The program is modified to fit with your personal level of fitness. Choose between one or two workouts per week or combine this with the Personal Training Strength Training class. Space is very limited for 1 night per week. The class is limited to 9 participants with Belmont residents given priority.

Registration forms are available on the website or from the recreation office.

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Preschool Playgroup
March 12–April 16, 2015
THURSDAYS
10:00AM–11:00AM
Parks & Rec Function Room
Residents—FREE
Non Residents—$2 per day

Preschool children ages 2-5 years old will enjoy a fun filled hour playing games and interacting with other children. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun. Activities will be organized by our instructor Nicole Sturgeon who has an associates degree in early childhood education. Children should bring a parent or guardian, sneakers and something to drink. This program is free to residents of Belmont with proof of residency required. Non residents can participate as space allows. Program is held at the Belmont Parks & Recreation Function Room, 2nd floor of the Belmont Mill. Our program is canceled if there is a school delayed entry or Belmont schools are closed for the day.

Advanced registration is required and space is limited with preference given to Belmont residents.

Belmont Parks & Recreation
(603) 267-1865
www.belmontnh.org
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**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**Election Day**

**Planning Board Mtg 7p @CMH**

**Zoning Board Mtg 7p @CMH**

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