Norma L. Patten

*Candidate order on the ballot is in accordance with the Secretary of States last random selection list in effect June 2016 through June 2018.

Ballot Question #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 the definition of frontage to allow alternate driveway access to a lot where conditions warrant. The current Ordinance requires a lot be accessed over that lot’s legal frontage. The amendment would allow application for a conditional use permit to access from another location under certain circumstances (e.g. environmental impacts, traffic safety).

Ballot Question #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Amend the title and content of the Accessory Apartment ordinance to comply with the new RSA 673:71-73 and amend minimum unit size, definition, and clarify method of attachment to primary unit.

Ballot Question #4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Replace in its entirety the existing Sign Ordinance to comply with the US Supreme Court decision, Reed v. Town of Gilbert Arizona. Changes relate, but are not limited to content-neutrality, purpose, definitions, general provisions and exempt, prohibited, directional and complex signs.

Ballot Question #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Map as summarized below?
At the request of the property owner, rezone all of tax lot 236/015/000/000 and part of tax lot 123/027/000/000 on Dearborn Street from Industrial to Rural leaving the entire frontage of tax lot 123/027/000/000 for a depth of approximately 230' in the Industrial Zone.

Ballot Question #6. Shall the Town vote to support the future renovation of the Belmont Mill for use as Town Offices and other community purposes? No funding is being requested for this purpose under this Ballot Question. In 2015, the Board of Selectmen presented to the voters a Warrant Ballot Question for a bond issue to renovate the Mill for use as Town Offices; the cost of the project was proposed to be $3,357,250 and the Town anticipated a bond in the amount of $2,957,250. The Ballot Question failed to pass by a significant margin. The Mill’s infrastructure i.e. brick and mortar continue to deteriorate and stabilization/repair work is needed if the building is going to remain viable. The cost for this work alone is estimated at $515k-$525K.

The Town remains obligated under the 1997 CDBG grant until 2019, the Belknap Family Health Center has identified to the Town that they do not have enough space in the existing building; use of multiple floors is not conducive to their operations and that they are seeking possible alternatives. They do wish to remain in Belmont and continue serving the community but have outgrown the Mill. The Senior Center continues as a tenant on the 2nd floor along with the Town’s Park & Recreation Department; the 4th floor is vacant and the 1st floor is being used by local community groups such as Boy Scouts, the SMART Recovery Program and Narcotics Anonymous.

Ballot Question #7. Shall the Town vote to support the future demolition of the Belmont Mill? No funding is being requested for this purpose under this Ballot Question. This fall the Board held discussions regarding the Mill and it was suggested that non-binding questions be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant; the demolition of the Mill was discussed and we did obtain cost estimates that ranged from $80k-$125K to demo the building.

Ballot Question #8. Shall the Town vote to support the future sale of the Belmont Mill? No funding is being requested for this purpose under this Ballot Question. The existing building once the grant obligations are satisfied could be sold, however the sale would only include the building; a portion of the parcel on which the Mill is located is encumbered by the Land Water Conservation Fund into perpetuity. The Town has not identified a potential sale price for this option, but would expect if it were to move forward that the potential use of the building would be looked at closely and limitations placed on the sale.

Ballot Question #9. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans’ Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be $500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans’ tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. The Town estimates that there are approximately 195 additional veterans who may qualify under the expanded “All Veterans’ Tax Credit” in Belmont which equates to approximately $97,500 in additional credits or .017 cents on the Town’s current tax rate; $1.70 additional tax on a home valued at $100,000.

Ballot Question #10. Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Ballot Question 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first $166,400 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2017 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first $166,400 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 2017 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

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<td>Bathroom Renovations – Fire Station</td>
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This Ballot Question has been included on the Town’s Meeting Warrant since 2011; funds collected for ambulance services are used to offset the operating expenditures of the department. This year’s amount is higher than prior years because work is needed to renovate the bathrooms at the Fire Station. The average monthly deposit into the fund for the past 3 months has been $25,624.

Ballot Question #11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars ($119,482) for the cost of a replacement Communications System for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two dollars from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Ballot Question 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. (The Budget Committee recommends $119,482 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) In 2016 the Town appropriated $50,000 to be placed in the Digital Ratio Equipment Capital Reserve fund in anticipation of purchasing new communication equipment for the Fire Department in 4 years. Chief Erickson has since updated the cost of the replacement equipment and it is anticipated that the new equipment will be purchased in 2017 through this Ballot Question; funding for the new equipment will come from the following sources: $50,000 Capital Reserve and $69,482 from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund. The balance in the account as of January 10, 2017 was $691,500.

Ballot Question #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars ($60,776) for the second year’s payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Ballot Question 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. (The Budget Committee recommends $60,776 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) In 2016 voters approved Ballot Question #4 of the Annual Meeting Warrant which authorized the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease for the purchase of a new pumper truck. The 2016 Ballot Question passed and the Town is obligated to the terms of the lease/purchase agreement. This Ballot Question is necessary only because the payment for the lease is to come from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund.

Ballot Question #13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Cab/Chassis Forestry Vehicle for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999).
(The Budget Committee recommends $40,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

**Ballot Question #14.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000) for the purpose of purchasing an All Terrain Vehicle for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). (The Budget Committee recommends $15,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

**Ballot Question #15.** Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

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<td>South Road Cemetery Association</td>
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<td><strong>Total Funds to be distributed</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,604.15</strong></td>
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**Ballot Question #16.** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 149-I:4-a authorizing the Town to contract with a private nongovernmental entity for the design, construction, and funding of a new sewer or sewerage system, or addition or modification thereto? This Ballot Question would authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to work with nongovernmental entities to design, construct and fund new sewer or sewerage systems; it would also allow the Town should it be deemed in the Town’s best interest to negotiate with the owners of any private sewer line to acquire the line.

**Ballot Question #17.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant Ballot Questions 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 Five Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars ($7,586,951)? Should this Ballot Question be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Dollars ($7,563,786) 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 Ballot Question (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant Ballot Question. (The Budget Committee recommends $7,586,951 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) A copy of the Operating Budget worksheet is available at Town Hall or on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org.

**Ballot Question #18.** Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2017 to March
31, 2020, which calls for the following increases and decreases in salaries and benefits:

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Year | Est. Increase (Wages) | Est. Increase (Benefits) |
2018 | $30,347             | $8,836                     |
2019 | $29,966             | $8,919                     |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars ($48,260) which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase and decrease in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Budget Committee recommends $48,260 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) The total amount to be raised and appropriated for the year one costs under this contract is $48,260 which includes wages and benefits.

Ballot Question #19. Shall the Town of Belmont, if Ballot Question #18 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Ballot Question #18 cost items only?

Ballot Question #20. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

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<td>$15,433</td>
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars ($18,415) for the current fiscal year, which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Budget Committee recommends $18,415 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) The total amount to be raised and appropriated for the year one costs under this contract is $18,415 which includes wages and benefits.

Ballot Question #22. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union Fire Unit B) for the term April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Forty Dollars ($18,040) which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase and decrease in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Budget Committee recommends $18,040 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) The total amount to be raised and appropriated for the year one costs under this contract is $18,040 which includes wages and benefits.

Ballot Question #23. Shall the Town of Belmont, if Ballot Question #22 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Ballot Question #22 cost items only?
Ballot Question #24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed in the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) (Amended 2014). (The Budget Committee recommends $30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $59,304.48. The initial phase of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail was completed in 2016 and has been well received by residents and visitors to the area. Funding is being set aside to continue the trail.

Ballot Question #25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). (The Budget Committee recommends $40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $43,394.27.

Ballot Question #26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (The Budget Committee recommends $50,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $428,646.10.

Ballot Question #27. 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, 2016. (The Board of Selectmen recommends $30,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $95,634.49; this account is used of offset employee retirements i.e. accrued vacation time at the time of retirement, accrued sick time up to 225 hours and the Town offers a retirement benefit based on years of service to the Town; 15 years $2,000 and 20 years $3,000 (this benefit is individual not cumulative).

Ballot Question #28. 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 Board of Selectmen recommends $750,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $282,903.87.

Ballot Question #29. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund already established (Created 2003). (The Budget Committee recommends $25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $48,218.13.

Ballot Question #30. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). (The Budget Committee recommends $25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $42,342.21.

Ballot Question #31. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars ($191,097) 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 $191,097 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot Question #32. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) 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). (The Budget Committee recommends $10,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $19,234.28. This year’s request was increased by the Cemetery Trustee’s as there is significant work to be done at a number of the cemeteries.

Ballot Question #33. 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 supports this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Account was $8,946.17.

Ballot Question #34. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars ($232,710) 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 Ballot Question be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars ($228,175) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends $232,710 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot Question #35. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Thirty Seven Dollars ($528,037) 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 Ballot Question be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Dollars ($526,652) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends $528,037 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot Question #36. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($4,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005). (The Budget Committee recommends $4,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot Question #37. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Village Rail Spur Trail Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2016). (The Budget Committee recommends $5,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) As of December 31, 2016 the balance in this Capital Reserve Fund was $25,000.86.

Ladd Hill Phase 3

The bid opening for Phase 3 of the Ladd Hill Road project was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 and the apparent low bidder was Busby Construction with a bid of $620,740. Our engineering firm is reviewing the bid documents and will notify the Town once the bid is certified as complete. The project is contingent upon funding of article /ballot question #28 at Town voting on Tuesday, March 14th.

Spring is near!

Please be patient as we start our spring clean up, this winter’s snow have buried trash and other things on our sidewalks and surrounding lawns, we will do our best to get out there as soon as possible to begin clean up. You can help by remembering “Please DO not Litter” and as always please pickup after your dog.
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.

Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Metrocast Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss your idea. LRPA has made significant strides to improve programming this past year and its presence in the Lakes Region; we urge you to check out their new website at http://lrpa.org.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day
A Brief History of the Bean Dam

Originally built in 1935 by the Belmont Mill, the Bean Dam (formerly the Gorman Dam) impoundment, the Duffy Reservoir, is the focal point of a conservation parcel managed by the BCC. It was built in order to impound water for generation of electricity for use in the mill during low flow periods on the Tioga River. Seen as it was nearing completion in the photo at left, the dam was a timber crib rock filled dam. As the life of the mill waned, the dam became decrepit due to neglect. The timbers all eventually rotted and the dam became a pile of rubble, as seen in the picture at left. As water ebbed and flowed, the impoundment would change from a five acre pond withheld by the base of the dam to thirty acres as flood waters would overtop the dam.

All dams that aren’t maintained will eventually fail; the question is will it fail stone by stone or in a cataclysmic event all at once endangering downstream property, infrastructure, and life and limb. Because of the threat to the public if the dam catastrophically failed, the NH Dept. of Environmental Services issued an order to breach or repair the dam in 1997. Mr. James Locke, who had purchased much of the real estate that belonged to the Belmont Mill including the land that was the Duffy Reservoir, was the responsible party.

In 2011, Mr. Locke sold the property to Belmont after completing the breeching of the dam to the satisfaction of the DES – Dam Bureau as conservation land. The breech was accomplished leaving the five acre pond and with the construction of a fish ladder to reclaim a significant stretch of free flowing river. The only remaining obstacle between the Tioga River’s headwaters and the Winnipesaukee River is the partially breeched Fellows Mill dam in the Village.

In 2014, Belmont purchased one of the lots in the Tioga Ridge subdivision to provide upland access and parking for the Tioga Ridge and Bean Dam conservation lands at the end of Wild Acres Road. It’s a quick walk in from the trailhead pictured below. There is a rough path around the pond with plenty of birds and other wildlife. Hunting and fishing are allowed on the property.

Watch this spot in the coming months for news of an exciting new conservation land purchase and a public forum to be held by the BCC, in conjunction with NHDES on the importance of testing the purity of water in private wells. Remember – all BCC managed lands are Carry In – Carry Out.
Applications

Application Review Committee

- Eversource Energy: Review to trim and/or remove certain trees and brush adjacent to and beneath some of its power lines along designated “Scenic Roads” (Jamestown, Ladd Hill & Cotton Hill) (RSA 231:158).
- Northland Group, LLC: Review for interior & exterior self-storage w/related manager’s apartment, exterior storage of boats and autos, and contractor’s yard with outside equipment and related office, 73 Daniel Webster Highway.

Planning Board

- Jennifer Hicks: Approval for Professional dog grooming under the Veterinary Clinic/Boarding Kennel use of the Permitted Use Table, 445 Laconia Road.
- Michael Drouin: Revocation of previously approved 4 lot subdivision, "Sand Circle".

Zoning Board of Adjustment

- Alfred Mitchell: Approval to expand a pre-existing nonconforming use (4 unit multi-family) to a total of 4 buildings with 16 multi-family dwelling condominium units, 40 Old State Road.
- Vault Motor Storage LLC: Approval to allow indoor climate controlled storage of vehicles and boats (warehousing/self-storage use), Higgins Drive.

Other Land Use News

Zoning Amendments: The final two of four proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance on the March 14th ballot for voter consideration are described below.

- Replace in its entirety the existing Sign Ordinance to comply with the US Supreme Court decision, Reed v. Town of Gilbert Arizona. Changes relate, but are not limited to content-neutrality, purpose, definitions, general provisions and exempt, prohibited, directional and complex signs.
  □ YES □ NO
  This amendment will bring the Town’s Ordinance into compliance with a 2015 US Supreme Court decision that sign ordinances must be “content-neutral”. If this amendment does not pass, the Ordinance may be found to be non-compliant; the being the Town may be unable to regulate signs. In answer to a concern raised at the Deliberative Session, no change to the Electronic Sign section of the Ordinance is proposed by this amendment. Electronic signs are not allowed in the Village Zone in either the current or proposed Ordinance.

- At the request of the property owner, rezone all of tax lot 236/015/000/000 and part of tax lot 123/027/000/000 on Dearborn Street from Industrial to Rural leaving the entire frontage of tax lot 123/027/000/000 for a depth of approximately 230’ in the Industrial Zone.
  □ YES □ NO
  One lot has frontage on Dearborn Street and the second is an abutting landlocked parcel behind it. All of the landlocked parcel and part of the lot fronting on Dearborn Street will be rezoned from Industrial to Rural. The entire frontage of the Dearborn Street parcel to a depth of approximately 230’ will remain in the Industrial Zone. The Board finds this request reasonable as the area being rezoned is not easily developed as industrial, the abutting rural zone line will just be relocated, and no area is spot-zoned as a result.

March 2017
Visit www.belmontnh.org/agendasminutes.asp to view agendas and minutes for all meetings. Contact LandUse@belmontnh.org or 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!

Rezoning Proposal:
March 2017

Belmont Public Library
146 Main Street
Belmontpubliclibrary.org T: 267-8331

Yarnbombing
Mondays in March

Upcoming Events
Read Across America Day
March 2

LEGO Build
March 4 10am-noon

Teen Tech Week
March 5-12

Guild of Gamers
March 11 10am

Little Bits Challenge
March 12-18

Coffee and Conversation
March 14 10:30am

Book Group
March 17 10:30am

Yarnbombing
Mondays in March 4:30pm

Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am

In the Community
Leprechaun Leap 5K
March 11

Town Meeting
March 14
Belmont High School
Selected New Books

For a complete list, see our website.

**FICTION**
- The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware (LARGE PRINT)
- Lowcountry Boneyard (Liz Talbot Mystery, #3) by Susan M. Boyer
- The Seekers (Amish Cooking Class #1) by Wanda E. Brunstetter
- A Dog's Purpose (A Dog's Purpose, #1) by W. Bruce Cameron
- My Husband's Wife by Jane Corry
- Garden of Lamentations (Duncan Kincaid & Gemma James #17) by Deborah Crombie
- The Girl Before by J. P. Delaney
- Right Behind You (Quincy & Rainie, #7) by Lisa Gardner
- Death's Mistress (Sister of Darkness: The Nicci Chronicles, #1) by Terry Goodkind
- Always Sarah Jo by Jo Reed
- Reckless Creed (Ryder Creed, #3) by Alex Kava
- Heartbreak Hotel (Alex Delaware #32) by Jonathan Kellerman
- Born of Vengeance by Sherilyn Kenyon
- Strong Cold Dead (Caitlin Strong, #8) by Jon Land
- Never Never (Detective Harriet Blue, #1) by James Patterson
- Rather Be the Devil (Inspector Rebus, #21) by Ian Rankin
- Echoes in Death (In Death, #44) by J. D. Robb
- Copycat by Kimberla Lawson Roby
- The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jennifer Ryan
- The Bertie Project by Alexander McCall Smith
- Sisters One, Two, Three by Nancy Star
- Ring of Fire (Pike Logan, #11) by Brad Taylor
- Racing the Devil (Inspector Ian Rutledge #19) by Charles Todd

**NON FICTION**
- How America Lost Its Secrets by Edward Jay Epstein
- Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman
- Talking as Fast as I Can by Lauren Graham
- Chair Yoga by Kristin McGee
- Social Security 101 by Alfred Mill
- The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden by Sally Roth
- Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
- The Finest Hours by Michael J. Tougias

**TEEN**
- Caraval (Caraval, #1) by Stephanie Garber
- The You I've Never Known by Ellen Hopkins
- Still Life with Tornado A.S. King
- We Are Okay by Nina LaCour
- Fairest (The Lunar Chronicles, #3.5) by Marissa Meyer
- All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven
- Carve the Mark (Carve the Mark, #1) by Veronica Roth

**DVDS**
- American Crime Story: the people versus OJ Simpson
- American Pastoral
- Hell or High Water
- Inferno
- Jack Reacher: Never go back
- The Light between the Oceans
- Loving
- A Man called Ove
- Sherlock Series 4
- USS Indianapolis
- Victoria Season 1

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**Book Group**

**March 17 10:30am**

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surété du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it’s a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter.

Still Life introduces not only an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces—and this series—with integrity and quiet courage, but also a winning and talented writer of traditional mysteries in the person of Louise Penny. There are now thirteen books in the series.
Greetings fellow residents of Belmont!
We are almost there... the first day of spring is upon us!
We hope this notice finds you all healthy and happy!

Our annual Town election is being held on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at Belmont High School located at 255 Seavey Rd. The polls will be open from 7 AM until 7 PM. There are voter guides available at Town Hall as well as on our town website, www.belmontnh.org. These guides are available for you to familiarize yourself with the warrant articles on the official ballot.

We can no longer accept new voter registrations in our office as of Friday, March 3, 2017. As always, you can register to vote at the polls on the day of the election. Be sure to bring your valid ID as well as proof of residency for the Town of Belmont. If you are unable to make it to the polls to vote, you may request an absentee ballot by stopping in the office and voting, mail a request to our office or email a request to TCTC@belmontnh.org. Please be sure that your signature is on which ever type of request you submit.

We will be sending out the first quarter water/sewer bills this month and they will be due in April. The first quarter bills cover the period of December 2016 through February 2017.

In January, our office sent out delinquent notices to make folks aware of any unpaid balances from the year 2016. This notice is to give you time to pay off unpaid balances before the lien takes place in April. Once balances are lienied, your credit score is affected, the interest rate increased to 18%, as well as extra fees concerned with notification of impending lien. The lien is scheduled to be executed on April 21, 2017. If you have any questions concerning this, or for a pay-off amount, please contact our office at (603) 267-8300 Ext. 2.

As a reminder, it is that time of year to renew the license(s) for the furry members of your family. You can drop in and renew the license, mail in your payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope or, as long as your pooch’s rabies vaccination is up to date, you can renew the license on our town website and we will mail the tag to you.

We hope this month does in fact go out like a lamb… Happy Spring!
Yoga Basics for Every Body

March 6-April 17, 2017
Monday Nights ~ 6 weeks
Session #1: 5:00PM-6:15PM
Session #2: 6:30 PM-7:45 PM
Parks & Recreation, 14 Mill Street

$50 per person, each session
$10 per person drop in fee, as space allows

Yoga Basics for Every Body is a six-week program designed for all levels of experience. The classes will be held on Monday evenings from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM and from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM at Parks & Recreation, 14 Mill Street. The program is led by Maya Hardcastle.

The classes will feature a variety of poses, breathing techniques, and relaxation exercises. Participants will learn how to use their breath to enhance their practice and improve their focus. The classes are designed for beginners and those who have been away from yoga for a while and want a refresher. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats and other equipment as needed.

Advance registration is required for a confirmed space. Space is limited, drop-in is based on availability at each class and is not guaranteed.

Registration forms are available on our website:
www.belmontnh.org
(603) 267-1865
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Strength & Stretch Class

March 7-30, 2017 - 4 Weeks
Tuesday & Thursday Nights
Parks & Recreation ~ Function Room
Session #1: 5:30PM-6:30PM
Session #2: 6:30PM-7:30PM
$60 per person

Strength and Stretch will incorporate a full body workout, isolating each muscle group. The exercises will vary from week to week, the intensity level will also increase. Each person works at their own capacity. The class will end with a series of yoga themed stretches. A selection of provided equipment will be used to add to the difficulty of the exercises. Please bring your own mat, a small towel and water.

Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

Registration forms are available on our website:
(603) 267-1865
www.belmontnh.org
recreation@belmontnh.org
Lace up your sneakers and join us for the 5th Annual Lakes Region Leprechaun Leap 5k Fun Run/Walk Saturday, March 11 at 10 am

Registration Form and More Information
Baby strollers & dogs on leashes welcome!

Vendors Wanted for Summer Farmers Markets

Sundays --- June 25, July 30, August 27 & September 17
At Belmont Park & Ride on Route 106

Low vendor fees… $50 for all four market days, and $15 for a single market day

Vendor Packet and More Information

Community-Wide Yard Sale Day
Saturday, May 13 9:00 am
Rent a space at the Tioga Pavilion or advertise your home yard sale. It’s the perfect time to start your spring cleaning!
Contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 603-998-3525 if interested in space.

Free Summer Concerts
Sunday, May 28  Annie & the Orphans
Saturday, July 15  Windham Swing Band
Sunday, September 3  Studio Two Beatles Tribute

Gretta Olson-Wilder, Special Events Coordinator --- events@belmontnh.org or 603.998.3525

March 2017
# Soccer Camp

Your child deserves to go to the most popular camp in the country where they will learn new skills, develop confidence, and have fun!

## Belmont Parks & Recreation

**July 31-August 4, 2017**  
Bryant Field, Route 106, Belmont, NH 03220

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REGISTER BEFORE June 16th to receive your FREE camp jersey

Register ONLINE at: [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org)

$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.

## Optional before and after camp care provided by the Belmont Parks and Recreation staff.

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Belmont Parks & Recreation  
(603) 267-1865  
[www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org)
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Preschool Playgroup

Session #1: March 16–April 20, 2017
At Belmont Rec Function Room

Session #2: May 4–June 8, 2017
At Sargent Park, Belmont

Thursdays
10:00AM—11:00AM

Residents—FREE
Nonresidents—$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. Proof of residency is required for Belmont residents. Nonresidents can participate as space allows. Advance registration is required.

Our program is canceled on Belmont School delayed entries or closures. Our Sargent Park session will be moved to the recreation function room (2nd floor of the Belmont Mill) if there is inclement weather.

Registration Forms:
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(603) 267-1865
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