Town of Belmont
Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2019
7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Belmont High School Gym

SECOND SESSION
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 12th 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), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Supervisor of the Checklist six-year term (1), Planning Board three-year term (2), Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term (2), Town Clerk/Tax Collector three-year term (1) and Treasurer two-

Article #2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,100,000) for the purpose of construction of an Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility including engineering costs, acquisition of land or interests in land and all other costs reasonably associated with this project. This appropriation is to be funded by a grant in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000) from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, and further to authorize the issuance of a bond or note in the amount of up to One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,600,000) from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Future bond payments are anticipated to be funded through Water User Fees and Taxation by inclusion in the budget. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required) (The Budget Committee recommends $3,100,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #3. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following bond authorizations approved but not issued, March 11, 2014 Town-wide Water Meter Replacement Project, $76,145.46. A 3/5 majority vote is required.
(The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)

**Article #4.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 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 $131,000 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2019 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first $131,000 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 2019 budgetary year (A 2/3 Ballot Vote Required).

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**Article #5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000) for the cost of an Ambulance for the Fire Department and further 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 Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. (The Budget Committee recommends $400,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

**Article #6.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

- Belknap County 4-H Fair Association $1,000
- Belmont Baseball Organization $1,200
- Belmont Early Learning Center $500
- Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 10972 $75
- Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 $275
- Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 20431 $125
- Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 21532 $150
- Belmont Heritage Commission $200
- Lake Region Girls Softball $500
- Belmont Cub Scouts Pack 65 $275
- Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65 $400
- Belmont High School PTO $400
- Belmont Historical Society $290
- Belmont Middle School Nature’s Classroom $3,000
- Belmont Middle School PTO $400
- Belmont 150th Celebration $5,000
- Belmont Parks & Recreation Scholarship $1,500
- Belmont Public Library $869
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Charles Kilborn American Legion Post 58 $200
First Baptist Church of Belmont Mission $2,000
St. Joseph’s Food Pantry $3,000.88
Friends of Belmont Football $500
Save Our Gale School $200
Total Funds to be distributed $22,059.88

Article #8. To see if the Town will 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 Six Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars ($7,696,456)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Six Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars ($7,622,678) 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 $7,696,456 and the Board of Selectmen recommend $7,694,456.)

Article #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).
(The Board of Selectmen recommends $60,000 and the Budget Committee support this recommendation.)

Article #10. To see if the Town will 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, 2018.
(The Board of Selectmen recommends $30,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #11. To see if the Town will 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.)

Article #12. To see if the Town will 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 previously established (2003).
(The Board of Selectmen recommends $25,000 and the Budget Committee support this recommendation.)

Article #13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars ($85,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).
(The Board of Selectmen recommends $85,000 and the Budget Committee support this recommendation.)

Article #14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars ($198,248) for the reconstruction of highways, said funds provided by the State of New Hampshire?
(The Board of Selectmen recommends $198,248 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Eighty-One Dollars ($27,081) 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 said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of $2,081 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2018.
(The Board of Selectmen recommends $27,081 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #16. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends $2,500 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars ($239,418) 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 Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars ($235,482) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.
(The Budget Committee recommends $239,418 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars ($504,585) 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 Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars ($505,482) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.
(The Budget Committee recommends $504,585 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #20. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends $5,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article #21. To see if the Town vote to discontinue completely, with ownership reverting to the abutting land owner(s), a portion of Hicks Road, so-called. The portion to be discontinued, currently a Class VI public highway, is described as follows: Beginning at a point at the centerline of Hicks Road, so-called, 90’ northwesterly of an iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of Lot 2, now or formerly owned by Marjorie Wooley, as depicted on a Subdivision of Land Owned by Robert P. & Shirley Coyne, Marsh Hill, Belmont, New Hampshire, by Ronald M. Mitchell Associates, dated March 11,1977, and recorded at the Belknap County Reg-
Tistry of Deeds in Plan Book 62 Plan 21, said point being near the existing gate;

Thence running along the centerline of said Hicks Road in a generally northwesterly direction, 1230’± to a point on the property line of land now or formerly of James T. Lynch and James Lynch at the end of said Hicks Road as it was discontinued by vote of Town Meeting, March 15, 2003. (Article 24).


Property Revaluation

Just a reminder that KRT Appraisals staff is in the community conducting a measure and list of residential and commercial property. Their staff have identification badges and carry letters from the Town explaining the Measure and List project. Any questions regarding the process can be directed to Alicia Jipson, Assistant Town Administrator/Assessing Administrator at 267-8300 Ext. 118. The Revaluation is scheduled to be complete in 2019. New property values will be established and notification will be sent to every property owner regarding their new values.

Following is a link to a video developed by our recycling vendor to help us recycle better. Better recycling leads to lower costs for trash disposal as whatever we can remove from the trash stream reduces the tonnage we pay for. Your help is needed! www.bit.ly/RecycleBetter

The Casella site on Route 140 is open on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 12 noon to take your bulky and other non-trash items. Please check with the attendant regarding any fees due at the time of disposal.

What’s Flushable or Not

We continue to stress the importance of the “Not everything is flushable”, please check out the “Do Not Flush!” list to protect your sewer and septic system. A “Flushable” label does not mean it is SAFE for your septic system or the Town’s sewer. Please read the brochure we have included on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org. We need your help to insure our sewers keep flowing.

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 website at http://lrpa.org.

**Selectmen’s Meeting Schedule**

Our meeting agendas are posted on the Town’s website at www.belmontnh.org, and on Facebook. We encourage you to attend our meetings or watch us live on https://livestream.com/belmontnh.

**Spring is just around the corner!**

Just a reminder that we “spring” our clocks ahead on Sunday, March 10th. Warmer days and spring showers are just ahead.
Spring is in the air.... Somewhere!

Our annual Town election will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Belmont High School located at 255 Seavey Rd. The polls will be open from 7AM – 7 PM. Voter guides regarding the articles we will be voting on, are available on our town website, www.belmontnh.org, or at Town Hall. If you are going to be absent on the day of the election and are in need of an absentee ballot we have them here in our office. You can stop by the Clerk’s office and cast your vote, or submit a request and we can mail your ballot to you. You can also mail or email a request for a ballot. Please keep in mind that every request must include your signature and the address you need your ballot mailed to.

We cannot accept any new voter registrations in our office as of March 2, 2019. After this date, you must register to vote at the polls on Election Day. Be sure to bring your valid State or Government issued ID (driver’s license, passport, military ID, etc...) as well as proof of residency. If you have any questions please give our office a call.

There is new legislation that states in the event of an impending weather emergency and the National Weather Service has issued a severe storm warning for the date of the election, you may vote by absentee ballot on the Monday immediately prior to the election. If the following pertains to you, you are considered an absentee voter:

1. You are elderly, infirm or have a physical disability, and you would otherwise have voted in person, but have concerns for your safety if you were to travel in the storm.
2. You care for children or infirm adults and reasonably anticipate that school, child or adult care will be cancelled, and you would otherwise have voted in person but are deterred from voting by the need to care for children or infirm adults.

If you have any questions about this, you may contact the NH Secretary of State’s office or give our office a call for clarification.
Our first issue water/sewer bills for 2019 will be coming out this month. These bills cover the months of December through February and will be due in April. Keep your eyes on those mailboxes.

The time has come to renew the licenses for the furry, canine members of our families. That’s right, dog licenses are due for renewal by April 30th. You can stop by our office and renew the license as well as on our town website, www.belmontnh.org. You can also mail in a check for the amount of your license along with a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can send your dog’s tag to you.

Keep in mind that in April, our office will be sending out notices of impending lien for unpaid amounts from 2018. Once these notices are mailed, there will be extra fees added to your account to cover the expense of mailing and research. Not sure if you owe any outstanding charges from last year? Give us a call and we would be happy to help.

First day of spring is March 20th... Let’s hope this month truly turns into a lamb!
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPERTY RETURN EFFORT

Captain Richard Mann, Belmont Police

We will be looking to reunite property owners with found or recovered property we have in our possession.

Our evidence technician has been working diligently on a 100%, top to bottom evaluation of every single piece of property in our evidence holding room.

Our goal is to identify items that we sincerely hope to return to the rightful owners. Victims move to other Towns or States, change phone numbers, and change last names which make reuniting property a very difficult task.

We will start announcing a general type of property we are looking to find the owner of in March on our department face book page.
Yes ladies and gentlemen the Tax Scam season is upon us. The log shows the scammers are actively working our zip code.

Please note simple software and apps are out there to make your outgoing caller ID say anything you want, like “I.R.S. Bureau of Enforcement, Washington, D.C.” “I.R.S. Special Collections Unit.”

Since tax season presents plenty of opportunity for would be identity thieves, the best way to protect against these IRS scam calls and other tax scams — especially potential identity theft — is to file your tax return as soon as possible, after you receive your tax forms from your employer in January.

The IRS says the fastest way to get your tax refund is the method already used by most taxpayers: filing electronically and selecting direct deposit as the method for receiving your refund.
They also say, direct deposit — which the government also uses for Social Security and Veterans Affairs payments — is "simple, safe, and secure."

Thieves play on your emotions.

*Phrases like - "Time sensitive and urgent ... we found that there was a fraud and misconduct on your tax which you are hiding from federal government. This needs to be rectified immediately, so please return the call as soon as you receive the message."

Never return a phone call from someone claiming to be with the IRS. Instead, individuals should call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040, and businesses should call 800-829-4933.

We kindly request you let us know about a tax scam call if you receive one especially the number the call is being made from and what they are calling themselves.

We love to call these people back. Our outgoing caller ID says it all.

The number to your Belmont Police Department is 267-8350.
Congratulations Lieutenant Huestis!

After being away for two weeks for his training with the Army Reserves, Firefighter Huestis came back to Belmont with big news... While he was gone, he was offered the position of Lieutenant for Shift 1, which has been vacant since Lt. Bavis retired last month. It did not take him very long to accept the offer. His first official shift was February 5, 2019, and he handled that 24 hour shift like a pro! Keep up the good work and congratulations Lieutenant Huestis!
With Lieutenant Huestis coming off of Shift 3 and moving to Shift 1, there was a vacancy on Shift 3. Firefighter Latucky is now moving from the day shift, where he has been working four 12 hour days on, and then had four days off, to Shift 3, where he will do 24 hour shifts on a four day rotation. We are sure Firefighter Latucky is very excited to move to shift and start working his 24 hour shifts. Congratulations Firefighter Latucky!
PSA from your Friendly Firefighters

Carbon monoxide (CO) issues tend to arise more in the winter than any other time of the year. Because this is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas (also known as the “invisible killer”) shows no signs when present, it is extremely important to have working CO detectors in your home. At least one CO detector with a battery backup should be placed on every floor outside the sleeping areas. Those batteries should be replaced annually. Fuel burning heating systems should be inspected and serviced annually, and heating vents should be cleared of snow and ice. If there is a power outage, gas powered generators should never be run in an enclosed area such as a home or garage, and gas fueled range and ovens should never be used to heat your home. For more information on carbon monoxide, including symptoms of CO poisoning, visit [http://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm). As always, if your alarm sounds, we are just a phone call away.
Road Weight Limits Coming Soon:

Each spring the Town of Belmont posts all Town roads to a maximum weight limit of 6 tons during the spring thaw per RSA 231:190-191. Local roads are especially vulnerable to damage in the spring due to the water freeze-thaw cycle. Imposing temporary weight limits can help to protect the roads during this time. Contractors, construction companies, parcel services, fuel services and solid waste haulers are asked to observe the posting by staying off soft road shoulders and reducing load weights.

Special permission may be given for "practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship" depending upon weather conditions and time of day. However, Prior approval is required and a bond for the cost of restoring the road may also be required for any exceptions.

The following vehicles are exempt: firefighting equipment, winter maintenance equipment that is owned, leased or rented by state or any political subdivision of the state, and farm equipment. Violators may be charged with a "violation" under RSA 231:191,VI resulting in a fine of up to $1,000 along with restitution for damages and civil liability. Call the Public Works Department at 603-528-2677 with any questions.

Please take note of the frost heaves signs we have placed throughout the town. Frost heaves can pop up anytime this time of year. We try to warn motorist of the ones we feel are the worst but cannot mark them all.

Please Use caution!

Winter Parking Ban:

A winter parking ban is in affect until April 2019. Please do not park overnight on any town road. Overnight parking presents a problem for our crews during our plowing operations. Vehicles that are parked interrupting snow removal are subject to a ticket and a tow.

The park and Ride has a 72-hours parking limit. We ask if you must park there during a storm that you park at the rear of the lot and try to consolidate your vehicle next to others. This makes it much easier for our crews when conducting snow removal operations.

Snow Obstruction and removal:

Throwing, snowplowing, shoveling snow onto or plowing snow across Town or State roads leaving snow on the roadway is prohibited. If your plow driver plows across the
Highway Department News (Cont.)

Town road he must then take necessary steps to clean and make sure there are no snow humps or obstructions in the road. The Town ordinance regarding these actions can be reviewed on the Towns website. Fines are listed for violations of the ordinances.

Putting snow back on the surface that the Town has cleaned poses an unnecessary hazard for others and runs up the cost to the Town when we must revisit and possibly retreat the area already cleaned.

If you hire a private snow removal contractor to clean your property, please make sure that they are aware of the ordinance.

Driveway Culvert Maintenance:

Driveway culvert maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner. Not only should you keep your culvert free from debris, it is recommended that snow should not be piled up to obstruct the flow of water. This can contribute to flooding and water washing out your driveway along with entering the road which can cause a hazard to motorists.

Winter Sand:

For your convenience winter sand will be available at the highway garage located at 149 Hurricane Rd. during our normal hours of operation. Please try to plan ahead as our facility will be closed otherwise.

Monday – Thursday 6:30 – 4:00  Friday 6:30 -10:30
We have a 3 - five-gallon pail limit and appreciate your cooperation.
Our public sand pile is located near the entrance to avoid interference with our day to day operation. If you have a large driveway and are in need a large quantity of sand, many local vendors can accommodate you. Thank you for your understanding!

Mailbox Location and Homeowner Responsibility:

It is the property owner’s responsibility to maintain and properly locate their mailbox. The front of the mailbox should be located no closer then 2’ from the edge of the pavement and should be a minimum 42” high to the bottom of the supporting post. We recommend a height of 46” as this will accommodate the wing of our plows to go under and not come in contact with the mailbox or the supporting post. We also recommend a metal mailbox, plastic will not hold up in the cold weather. If for some reason your mailbox is
damaged, the postmaster for the Town of Belmont should be contacted to verify proper installation was performed before contacting the DPW. See attached photo for a recommended installation:

Metal USPS approved mailbox
Front edge 2” from the edge of road
42” to 46” in height
Main post 3’ back from edge of road
Planning and Zoning Committee News

Application Review Committee
Matthew T. Gault: Review of site plan proposal to convert residential 6-bay garage into 3-bay welding shop (Light Manufacturing), 1-bay landscaping company (Contractor’s Yard), and 2-bay commercial construction materials storage (Warehousing/self-storage-Interior). Property located at 682 Laconia Road, Commercial Zone, Tax Lot 230-043-000-000.

LBWD/Rateliner: Review of site plan proposal to convert existing Light Manufacturing with Accessory Storage to satellite truck terminal (Truck Terminal) and warehouse fulfillment/storage (Warehousing/self-storage-Interior). Property located at 48 Dearborn Street, Industrial Zone, Tax Lot 123-028-000-000.

C&R Realty Trust & IDH Realty: Review of site plan proposal to establish Contractor’s Yard (Tax Lot 210-005-000-000) and Satellite Sales Lot (205-001-000-000). Properties located at and adjacent to 140 Laconia Road, Commercial Zone.

Planning Board
Jason Drouin Custom Homes LLC: Tabled continuation of request for Site Plan approval to construct a second story on part of existing structure (40’ x 80’) permitted as Contractor’s Yard (building contractor with cabinet shop) on property located at 15 Durrell Mountain Road, Tax Lot 212-008-000-000, Rural Zone.

Mammoth Acquisition Company LLC for Northland Group LLC: Approved subdivision to subdivide one lot into two. Property is located at 73 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 201-029-000-000, Commercial Zone.

Mammoth Acquisition Company LLC for Northland Group LLC: Approved site plan for a 5,300sf commercial medical office building (clinic). Property is located at 73 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lot 201-029-000-000, Commercial Zone.

Foley Oil Company Inc.: Approved site plan to add Propane Gas bulk storage to existing bulk storage facility. Property is located at 39 Old State Road, Tax Lot 201-002-000-000, Commercial Zone.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Groesser Family Revoc. Trust: Approved Special Exception to allow a dog grooming salon (Veterinary Clinic/Boarding Kennel). Property is located at 194 Hurricane Road, Tax Lot 231-014-002-000, Rural Zone.

Foley Oil Company Inc.: Approved Special Exception to allow Propane Gas bulk storage (three 30,000gal propane tanks). Property is located at 39 Old State Road, Tax Lot 201-002-000-000, Commercial Zone.

Land Use News
Since 1999 (our 20th year!), the Land Use office has maintained a list of community businesses that wish to be included in the Belmont Business Directory. The Directory is available in the Land Use Office and also on the Town webpage. The list promotes local businesses and is often requested by people wishing to do business with Belmont companies and those new to the community. Recently the Planning Board distributed over 275 letters to local businesses and home occupations requesting updates to the business contact and other information so that they can be reached by potential customers. The mailing is also available in Land Use office for anyone who did not receive a letter.

For additional Land Use Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.org
Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org
Call 267-8300 x 119
Community Meeting on Space and Feasibility Study Report Set for April 11th

Based on community feedback at our January 10th public meeting*, the Facility Committee moved forward with the final phase of the Space and Feasibility Study. Lavalle/Brensinger Architects, our contractor, will finish their report by the end of March. A Community Meeting is planned on April 11th at 6:30pm at Belmont High School to share the final report with Belmont residents.

This final report will include the 20-year projection of Town Hall and Police Department space needs already shared and additional conceptual design and cost estimates. Community feedback on the Study led to further study of these options:

- **Town Hall**
  - Refine Option C - Move Town Hall to the Belmont Mill with a shift of community programs (Recreation and community meeting rooms to the first floor).

- **Police Department**
  - Add an Option which includes the Corner Meeting House and Police Department site with a new two-story building. This allows PD to remain in existing building until construction is completed and then the old PD building could be removed or converted into a garage and storage area.
  - Retain Option A - Add second story to existing Police Station

Community feedback favored the option of moving Town Hall functions to the Belmont Mill and expanding the existing Police Station by adding a second story to the building. Other suggestions made regarding these preferred options included shifting which programs were on the first floor of the Mill and a suggestion to consider the entire Corner Meeting House and Police Department site for long-range use of the Police Department. Both Police Department options will be conceptual with basic design for use of space and cost estimates to allow comparison by the community and Committee. These designs will be less detailed than those for Town Hall. The Town Hall in the Belmont Mill will include a more detailed design concept and cost estimate.

The Facility Committee plans to continue to work closely with the community to complete a Facility Strategy for all town buildings by this Fall. One of the important considerations of this effort is how to phase recommended changes over time. The Facility Committee welcomes participation in this effort and will be providing notice of key meetings and opportunities for community discussion and feedback.

Facility Committee: Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp, Carmen Lorentz, and Pret Tuthill

* 1/10/19 Community Meeting video: https://livestream.com/belmontnh/live/videos/185747983
### Library News

Looking for a new read?

You can get five recommendations from library staff by answering a few simple questions. Forms on the website or at the desk.

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**March 2019**

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**146 Main Street – Beltmonpubliclibrary.org – (603) 267-8331**
LEGO Build
Saturday March 2 from 10am-noon
Drop in to create with other LEGO fans!

Middle School Madness
Wednesday March 13 3:30pm
Create your own touch screen gloves.

Movie and Munchies
Tuesday March 12 11am
The 2015 movie
The Big Short (rated R)

NonFiction Book Group
Thursday March 14 1pm
This month’s selection is The Big Short by Michael Lewis. Copies at the library.

Fiction Book Group
Friday March 15 10:30am
February’s selection is Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie. Copies at the library.

Senior Center Book Group
Tuesday March 19 10:30am
Meet at the Senior Center to discuss this month’s book In the Woods by Tana French. Copies are available at the Belmont Senior Center and at the library.

Explore Creativity
Wednesday March 20 5:30pm
Hands-on demos and exploration on the library’s DIY kits.

Family Popcorn and Trivia Night
Wednesday March 27 6pm
Test your financial and literary savvy against friends and neighbors. Teams welcome.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30 am March 6, 13, 20, 27

How to celebrate National Reading Month?
1. Take your kid to a library.
2. Read aloud in the morning.
3. Let your child see you reading.
4. Place books everywhere in your home.
5. Rediscover Dr. Seuss books and quotes.
6. Consider using a device to read ebooks.
7. Turn your smartphone into an audiobook player.
8. Rearrange your bookshelf
9. Donate used books

FAMILY POPCORN AND TRIVIA NIGHT
Wednesday March 27 6:00 pm
Can you win in a battle of the brains against your neighbors?
Come test your Financial Literacy and Literary Savvy.
Popcorn will be served!
In celebration of Money Smart Week and National Library Week, March 4-10 pm
Please RSVP.
Teams are welcome and encouraged

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS
DIY Touch Screen Gloves
Wednesday March 13 at 3:30 pm
RSVP requested bpl@belmontnh.org
267-8331
This month we are featuring Granite Ridge Farm, home to our selectman Ruth Mooney and her husband.

Notice the heart on the lamb backside!!!!

Ms. America (the cat) playing with a garter snake

Cooper trying to make friends with the cows

Lambing soon to start
Our Furry Friends (Cont.)

Hobbit and Sam want in for the night

Granite Ridge Farm at sunrise

Bill one of the barn cats

Would you like to see your pet here? Just send a picture to Kathy at townhall@belmontnh.org along with their name and yours, as well as a brief description of your pet and their favorite pastime. They will be posted in the order received.
Sunday, March 24 at 2 pm at the Corner Meeting House
12th NH Regiment Serenade Band
Music, History, and Dessert!

Celebrating
150 Years

Saturday Evening, June 1
Live Bands, Stilt Walkers, and more!

Come enjoy music and relaxation next to the Tioga River and Belmont Mill. Catch up with old friends at this inter-generational, family-friendly event to celebrate our town’s 150 years. A little something for everyone!

Belmont Old Home Day is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in August. Start planning now to enter a float in the parade to showcase your club or business. This year’s theme is the town’s milestone of 150 years.

ORAL HISTORIES - The recording of oral histories is planned for the spring and summer months. We would love to hear stories about Belmont 30+ years ago. If you have stories that you would like to share, please contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 998-3525.

More information regarding the town’s 150th can be found at http://belmontnh.org/belmontanniversary.asp
Community Lights of Belmont
Lighting up the Night Together, As One Community

Celebrating 150 years
Artist in Residence: Gowri Savoor
March 18-22, 2019

Events:
March 18-22 Belmont Elementary School, work beside students to create a lantern, contact kvancura@sau80.org if interested
March 20, 4-6 pm Community Lantern Making workshop at the Belmont Mill Building
March 22, Belmont Middle School 6:45pm, ALL ARE WELCOME Meet at BMS gym to begin parade route with lanterns, 7 pm parade through Main Street to the Tioga Pavilion for music, s’mores and hot cocoa

Volunteer and join us! http://signup.com/go/ENRoRhoQ

**Check the Shaker Regional School District Facebook page or BEST PTO Facebook page for updated information regarding events

A special thank you to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Tilton and the NH State Council on the Arts!
As part of the ongoing celebration of Belmont’s 150th anniversary in 2019, enjoy an afternoon of music from the Civil War Era.

During this free performance, the 12th NH Regiment Serenade Band will weave in commentary to highlight the instruments and importance of military bands during this significant time in history.
Belmont Senior Center Newsletter
Your Resource for Healthy Aging

Come Join Us For the "March Madness",

Tuesday, March 5, 11:30am  Mardi Gras Celebration, Which is also know as Fat Tuesday—"Kings Day". Come and join the fun in Celebrating of New Orleans’s traditions.

Thursday, March 7, 10:30 am National Nutritional Day Celebration. Test your nutrition savvy and join us for fun and games!

Tuesday, March 12 & March 26th 10:30am: Delicious Brunch! One of our most popular events. Great food, good company, bring a friend!

Tuesday, March 19th 11:30—1:30pm St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon & Party. Wear your best green, bring your Irish smiles, and your big appetites! And join us for a special meal and a celebration of the Emerald Isle!

Tuesday, March 19, 10:30–11:30 am: BSC Bookworms Book Club Meeting: This month’s book will be announced. Limited books available, please see Linda.

Thursday, March 28, 12:30– 2:00pm: Karaoke Sing Along hosted by Miss Jenny Lee. Dust off your vocal chords and join us! Loads of fun!

Just a reminder the Belmont Senior Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday @ 11:30 for delicious community dining, great food and lots of laughing.

Please call 267-9867 to sign up for lunch or any special activities. Suggested lunch donation for those over 60 is $2.00. Under 60, there is a $6.00 charge.

We NEED your help!!

Community Champions Week (March 18-22)

For the last 17 years, the Meals on Wheels network has claimed the month of March as its time to join forces to strengthen the impact of our program by gathering members of our community to raise awareness. During the month we have collectively raised money in support of our local programs at CAPBMCI and recruited thousands of volunteers and supporters.

During the week of March 18-22nd we are inviting local, state and federal officials, local celebrities and other prominent community figures to deliver meals, speak out for seniors and help raise awareness of the importance of Meals on Wheels. By volunteering, donating or speaking out, we can ensure the seniors in our neighborhood can live healthier, happier and more independent lives at home.

Save this date for our local fundraiser March for Meals Walkathon which will be held May 4th at the TRIP Center in Franklin this year.

Please contact your local Senior Center for more information.
**ONGOING EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Come in and participate in any of our activities and have lunch. All Seniors are WELCOME!!!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all our March celebrants! If you have a birthday this month, let us know in advance! We will celebrate on Wednesday, March 13th. Please reserve your place by Thursday, March 7th for a delicious meal with a yummy cake for dessert at 11:30am. Hope to see you!

**Daily**

Delicious community dining. Also available are games, crafts, and our extensive library of books and puzzles for your use and enjoyment.

**Tuesdays**

9:00-10:00am: Bone Builders Exercise Group taught by trained senior leaders to help build bone strength. Join the fun! (Donation based)

10:00-11:30am: Blood Pressure Clinic held on Tuesday, March 5th.

10:30am-12:00pm: Art Class.

12:30-3:00pm: Card games.

1:30-2:30pm: Beginner Guitar Lessons — call if interested. Free!

**Wednesdays**

9:00 – 11:30am: Foot Care Clinic held on the second Wed of the month in odd-numbered months—times will vary. Call to schedule your appointment: 267-9867—$15 suggested donation. Next one is March 13th.

10:00—Cribbage! Come join us for a friendly game.

All are welcome!

12:30 Open Mike Please come join us every Wednesday for a group discussion group. Topics will be determined by the group.

**Thursday**

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**Tuesday, March 26, 10:30am:** Brunch II!

Join us for round two of our twice monthly Brunches!

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**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:**

First Tuesday of every month from 10:30-11:30am. Free! Just show up. Next Blood Pressure Clinic will be March 5th.

**BI-MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC:**

Our bi-monthly Foot Care Clinic is held in odd numbered months on the second Wednesday of the month. Next clinic will be held on March 13th, 9:00-11:30am. Advance registration is required and a $15 donation is suggested. Please call the Center at 267-9867 to register.

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Everyone’s Irish On March 17th.
Belmont’s American Legion Post 58 and Girl Scout Troop 20532 team up to support the Pease Greeters mission.

Belmont's Girl Scouts found a partner right in town for their Cookies for Troops campaign. American Legion Post 58 offered to buy several cases of the Girl Scout cookies to donate to the Pease Greeters for distribution to troops deploying through Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. In addition to the cookies the Legion bought, the Girl Scout Troop donated the cookies they had not sold and some of their popcorn as well. For a couple of years now, Post 58 has been making monthly trips down to Pease to join the Greeters in welcoming troops on flights either deploying to or returning from overseas missions.

The Girl Scout cookies are highly appreciated by the troops, along with all the other snacks, comfort packs, mementoes, phone bank and fellowship and the moving ceremony the Greeters provide to every single flight going through Pease, day or night, 24 x 7. Over the last 13 years, the Greeters have met 1642 flights to date, no matter the time of day or night or the weather -- every single flight. Post Commander Rich Stanley said, as he presented the Greeters with a $500 donation from the Post, "It is an awesome privilege just to be a part of this."

Belmont American Legion Post 58 continues to grow.

"Belmont's American Legion Post 58 continues to grow. They have welcomed a number of new members in the past few months and this enables them to continue their public service projects and support for many organizations and programs which serve veterans, military, schools and the community."

Belmont’s American Legion Post 58 Commander Rich Stanley (on left) presents Dave Dinsmoor with his initiation certificate.
Belmont American Legion Post 58 Continues To Grow (continued from previous page)

Legion Post 58 Vice Commander Russ Fabian (on left) presents his brother, Fred, with his certificate of initiation.

Post Commander Rich Stanley (on left) presents Tom Fee with his certificate of initiation.

Belmont’s American Legion Post 58 Commander Rich Stanley (on left) presents Dave Dinsmoor with his initiation certificate.

American Legion Post 58 Commander Rich Stanley (on right) presents J. Peter Christensen with his certificate of initiation.

Congratulations All and Thank You For Your Service!
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- Heritage: Heritage Commission
- ARC: Application Review Committee
- ZBA: Zoning Board of Adjustment