The Town-wide Water Meter Replacement project is underway and will be going out to bid late spring. Once a contractor is chosen to work with the Town, we will post notice of who was chosen and contact information. In addition, the Town is also working on an Asset Management Plan for the Water Department. 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.

The Ladd Hill Phase I project bids were opened on April 24, 2014; notice of award will take place during the week of May 5th. Work will include Diane Drive, Gove Drive and depending upon bids received, Marilyn Drive. Phase II will be engineered this summer and would be completed next year.

A new town-wide phone system will be installed in early May, please watch our next newsletter for any contact information changes. We expect the new system to minimally impact services to those contacting Town Departments.

The 2014 Property Revaluation is nearing completion; data collection and data entry is winding down and soon Commerford Nieder Perkins will begin the sales analysis process which will establish new values for the Town of Belmont. In early summer, taxpayers will receive notice of their new values as well as being notified of the hearing process. The new values will be used to establish the 2014 tax rate and will be reflected in the 2nd issue bill. The bill you receive in May 2014 will reflect the 2013 value and current tax rate. Any questions regarding the Revaluation process should be directed to the Assessing Office at 267-8300 Ext. 18 or to assessing@belmontnh.org.

The Town of Belmont has completed contract negotiations with Casella for our future trash collection and disposal needs. The contract will begin January 1, 2015. The new contract is anticipated to save the Town money and provide enhanced service. More information will be provided in a future newsletter so please stay tuned.

We would like to remind residents/taxpayers that recycling bins are available at Town Hall so if you haven’t picked up your bins (2 per household), please stop by Town Hall.

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.

Just a reminder that the parking spaces across from Town Hall on Nelson Court are designated as Town Business only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your feedback is always welcome and if my office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at townadministrator@belmontnh.org.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector News

Happy May fellow residents of Belmont!!

The time is here for our tax, water and sewer liens to be executed. The official lien date is May 12, 2014. We at the tax collector office held off a month to give residents a little extra time to get payments in. This theory succeeded handsomely as many of our residents were able to get their outstanding balances from 2013 paid off and avoid the lien process!

Per the lien letter, as of April 28th, our office can no longer accept personal checks for payments on amounts due for 2013 Taxes, Water and Sewer. All payment now must be paid with cash or a cashier's check. Feel free to call the office for the exact amount you need to pay on a given day.

Dog licenses were due to be renewed by April 30, 2014. You have a months grace period of May, if you are a little late getting this done. Just be sure to license your pooches ASAP before penalties are levied as of June 01, 2014.

Just a FYI for the tax payers of Belmont, first issue tax bills are going out very early this year. Please don’t be alarmed when the tax bill arrives the first week of May. You still have until July 01, 2014 to pay your first issue tax bill with no penalties.

We’re all hoping for sun and warmer weather and with that the 2014 Belmont Town beach stickers are available here at town hall. Just present a registration for each vehicle you need a sticker for and we’ll issue you, your beach sticker. You must have a beach sticker displayed when parked at the town beach to avoid receiving a ticket. You do not, however, need a sticker to go to the recycling center located on Rte. 140 in Belmont.

We hope the May flowers are resplendent with color and the sun shines warm upon all of our faces!
Planning Board:
Site Plan approval extension to Mark & Kristine Roberts for outdoor function facility at 87 Hackett Road.
Site Plan approval to Wolcott Construction for the parking & fueling of vehicles and equipment at 170 Depot Street.
Subdivision approval extension to LED Construction to subdivide one lot into four lots on Sand Circle.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:
Special Exception to Mark & Kristine Roberts for outdoor function facility at 87 Hackett Road.

Lyme Disease Update:
Lyme disease is an inflammatory disease spread through a tick bite. It is caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi (B. burgdorferi). Certain ticks carry these bacteria. The ticks pick up the bacteria when they bite mice or deer that are infected with Lyme disease. You can get the disease if you are bitten by an infected tick.

Lyme disease was first reported in the United States in the town of Old Lyme, Connecticut, in 1975. Cases have now been reported in most parts of the United States. Most of the cases occur in the Northeast, some parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the mid-Atlantic states, and along the Pacific coast. Lyme disease is usually seen during the late spring, summer, and early fall.

There are 3 stages of Lyme disease
Stage 1 is called primary Lyme disease.
Stage 2 is called secondary Lyme disease and early disseminated Lyme disease.
Stage 3 is called tertiary Lyme disease and chronic persistent Lyme disease.

Risk factors for Lyme disease include:
- Doing activities that increase tick exposure (for example, gardening, hunting, or hiking)
- Having a pet that may carry ticks home
- Walking in high grasses

Symptoms
Not everyone infected with these bacteria gets ill. If a person does become ill, the first symptoms resemble the flu and include:
- Chills
- Fever
- Headache
- Lethargy
- Muscle pain
There may be a "bulls eye" rash, a flat or slightly raised red spot at the site of the tick bite. Often there is a clear area in the center. It can be larger than 1 - 3 inches wide. Everyone who has been bitten by a tick should be watched closely for at least 30 days.

Most people who are bitten by a tick do NOT get Lyme disease
Deer ticks can be so small that they are almost impossible to see
Many people with Lyme disease never even saw a tick

Additional Information - Center for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov/lyme/
What is Lyme disease?
Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It was first identified in the U.S. in a cluster of children in Lyme, Connecticut in 1977, hence the name. The bacteria are transmitted to humans by the bite of infected deer ticks and cause more than 20,000 infections in the United States each year.

Who gets Lyme disease?
Lyme disease can affect people of any age. Persons who spend time in wooded or grassy areas are at greater risk of disease because of the increased exposure to ticks. This includes people who work or play in their yard, participate in recreational activities away from home, such as hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting, or who engage in outdoor occupations, such as landscaping, brush clearing, forestry, and wildlife and parks management.

When are ticks most active?
Deer ticks in the nymphal, or juvenile, stage, which are less than a tenth of an inch long (<2 mm), are active from May until August. This is the stage most likely to bite and infect people. Adult ticks, which are about an eighth of an inch in size (2-3 mm), are most active in middle to late fall. Our recent lab studies show that about 60% of the deer ticks in many parts of New Hampshire are infected with Lyme disease.

How is Lyme disease transmitted?
Lyme disease is spread in New England by the bite of the black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*). Other species transmit the bacteria in other parts of the country. Ticks feed by inserting their mouths into the skin of a host and drawing blood. If a tick feeds on an animal infected with Lyme disease and then on a person, it can transmit the bacteria to the person. There is no evidence that Lyme disease is transmitted from person to person. For example, a person cannot get infected from touching, kissing, or having sex with a person who has Lyme disease.

What are the symptoms of Lyme disease?
The illness usually occurs during the summer months. Often, but not always, people develop a large circular rash around or near the site of the tick bite. Multiple rash sites may also appear. Other symptoms such as chills, fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck, swollen glands, and muscle and/or joint pain may be present. These may last for several weeks. If Lyme disease is left untreated, complications such as meningitis, facial palsy, arthritis, and heart abnormalities may occur and other body systems may be affected. Swelling and pain in the large joints may recur over many years. These later symptoms may appear in people who did not have early symptoms or did not recognize them.
How long does it take the symptoms to appear?
Symptoms usually begin within a month of exposure, but onset can range from 3 to 32 days.

Does past infection with Lyme disease make a person immune?
Unfortunately, it is possible for someone to get Lyme disease more than once.

What is the treatment for Lyme disease?
Antibiotics are very effective for treating Lyme disease. Early diagnosis improves the outcome of treatment so it is important to contact your healthcare provider if you are feeling sick or develop a rash.

Is there a vaccine?
A vaccine was available for Lyme disease, but in February 2002, the manufacturer announced that LYMERIX would no longer be commercially available.

Is there Lyme disease in New Hampshire?
Lyme disease is most prevalent in the northeastern part of the United States. For the past few years, approximately 1,200 New Hampshire residents have been diagnosed with Lyme disease each year.

What can I do to prevent getting Lyme disease?
When in tick-infested areas:
- Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easy to see
- Tuck pants into socks and shirts into pants
- Consider using an insect repellent

Products containing >20% DEET have been shown to be effective in repelling ticks. Clothes may be treated with Permethrin. Always follow manufacturer’s instructions when applying repellents

- Check after every two or three hours of outdoor activity for ticks on clothing and skin
- A thorough check of body surfaces for attached ticks should be done at the end of the day
- Reduce the number of ticks around your home by keeping grass short, removing leaf litter, and creating a wood chips or gravel barrier where your lawn meets the woods.

- If a tick is not attached to your skin for at least 24-36 hours, your chance of getting Lyme disease is extremely small. But just to be safe, monitor your health closely after a tick bite and contact your provider if you notice any signs and symptoms of illness.

How should a tick be removed?
Grasp the mouthparts with a tweezer as close as possible to the attachment (skin) site. If tweezers are not available, use fingers shielded with tissue or rubber gloves. Do not handle a tick with bare hands. Be careful not to squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick, which may contain infectious fluids. It is important that a tick be removed as soon as it is discovered. After removing the tick, thoroughly disinfect the tick site with rubbing alcohol or an antibacterial wash and then wash hands with hot water and soap. See or call a doctor if there are concerns about incomplete tick removal. Do not attempt to remove ticks by using petroleum jelly, lit cigarettes, or other home remedies because they may actually increase the chance of contracting a tick-borne disease.

For specific concerns or questions about Lyme disease, call the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496 or 800-852-3345 x4496. For further information, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/lyme or the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services website at www.dhhs.nh.gov.

Click on the title or blue endnote to open the NH Dept. of Health and Human Services Lyme Disease website.
Planning Fizz Boom Read

The theme for the summer reading program this year will be “Fizz Boom Read!”

We are looking for donations & help. Do you have anything you can contribute to this year’s summer reading program? Ideas include prizes to give to kids as incentives; volunteering at programs; science experiment materials; or special talents to hold a program. (Are you a science teacher?)

Craft Night - May 15th at 6p.m.

Bring your own craft and meet new people! Some craft materials will be available for you to use, but feel free to bring your own as well. Please sign up at the front desk and if you have any questions don’t be shy to ask!

Storytime Themes for May

May 7 – Mother’s Day
May 14 – Gardens and Growing
May 21 – Butterflies
May 28 – Chalk & Crayons

T.A.G. Team News

Our new teen advisory group, T.A.G. Team, had a great month in April! We’ve expanded meetings so that they are every Tuesday at 4 p.m. Up to 8 teens attended meetings and enjoyed a variety of games and activities. Fabulous drawings were drawn, many books and movies were discussed, and lively games of Uno were played; we did not, however, meet much success in building a card house. Here are some of the books they recommend:

- 39 Clues
- Shadow Kissed
- Harry Potter
- The Red Pyramid
- Paint the Wind
- Warm Bodies

And also some movies:

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- The Fifth Element
- The Avengers
- The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
- Nonstop
- Insidious

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join! Snacks will be provided.

Fax Service Now Available

Our fax machine is now plugged in, working, and available for you to use. The fee is $1.00 per page. Please ask a librarian for assistance.

Come in for Coffee

We have a Keurig coffee maker available for patron use upstairs. We have a selection of coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate. The suggested donation is $1.00 or your choice.

Lego Club

The Belmont Public Library’s next Lego club meeting will be held on Saturday May 3, from 10:30 to noon. Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month’s theme: “Sports.” 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.

Teen Book Reviews

Mortal Instruments: City of Bones: “It is the greatest book. A girl Clary can see people that other people can’t. She has to save the world. I recommend it to everyone!!” – Raine

“I really like The Fault In Our Stars because it was very well written and had an amazing plot line that made you fall in love with all the characters. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who likes love stories and sarcasm.”

Book Group

Book group will be meeting Tuesday, May 27, at 6:00 pm. Meeting time is flexible so come whenever you can – don’t worry about being late!

Thank you!!

You may notice we have a lot of new items, particularly in children’s books. This is in large part because of some generous donations of like-new books from Jenny, our storytime librarian. In fact, we’d like to thank everybody who
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donates books to us – newer books in good condition are often added to our collection and this allows us to offer quite a few more new books than we could otherwise afford.

New Items

Fiction

Born to Die – Jackson, Lisa
Lady – Clark, Carol Higgins
Saving Max – Heugten, Antoinette van
Shadow Spell – Roberts, Nora
Stories for Ears to Hear – Caldwell, Tincan

Movies

August: Osage County
Hobbit: The Desolation of Smug
Philomena
The Secret Life of Walter Mitzy

Large Print

Concealed in Death – Robb, J. D.
I've Got You Under My Skin – Clark, Mary Higgins
Missing You – Cohen, Harlan
Shadow Spell – Roberts, Nora

Nonfiction

Chicken Soup for the Soul and GolfDigest Present The Golf Book
Everything Golden Retriever Book, The – Bielakiewicz, Gerilyn J. & Paul S. Bielakiewicz
Master the GED Test – Peterson's
Stanley Complete Tiling
The Lady & Sons Savannah Country Cookbook – Deen, Paula

Children's

A Fairy Tale (Tinker Bell) – Jordan, Apple
A Kiss for Little Bear – Minarik, Elise Holmelund
A Tale of Two Sisters (Disney Frozen) – Lagonegro, Melissa
Ambush (Star Wars: The Clone Wars) – Rau, Zachary
Arthur Makes the Team (Chapter Book 3) – Brown, Marc
Ben Rides On – Davies, Matt
Bombad Jedi (Star Wars: The Clone Wars) – Valois, Rob
Bookworm – Coxe, Molly
Captain Underpants and the Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Robo-Bacoer – Pilkey, Dave
Code of the Clans (Warriors) – Hunter, Erin
Count the Monkeys – Barnett, Mac
Darth Paper Strikes Back (An Origami Yoda Book) – Angleberger, Tom
Dinners at Dinnertime (Magic Tree House #20) – Osborne, Mary Pope
Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life – Russell, Rachel Renee
Fair, Brown & Trembling: An Irish Cinderella Story – Daly, Jude
Frozen – Disney Golden Book
Fun Facts About Salamanders – Bredeson, Carmen
Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghoul! – Funke, Cornelia
Greyfriars Bobby – Brown, Ruth
How It Works: The Human Body – Barnes, Kate
How to Train a Train – Eaton, Jason Carter
I Like Bags – Brown, Margaret Wise
I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes! – Davick, Linda

Young Adult

Barnes – Hopkins, Ellen
Clockwork Angel – Clare, Cassandra
Crewel – Albin, Gennifer
Game – Lyga, Barry
Grim – Johnson, Christine, ed.
Hollow City (Miss Peregrine’s Peculiar Children #2) – Riggs, Ransom
Manga Man – Lyga, Barry
Michael Vey: Rise of the Elgen – Evans, Richard Paul
Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 – Evans, Richard Paul
Monster – Myers, Walter Dean
Warm Bodies – Marion, Isaac

Audio Books

Bone Deep – White, Randy Wayne
Candlelight Christmas – Wiggs, Susan
Doomed – Palahniuk, Chuck
Melting the Ice – Burton, Jaci
Missing You – Cohen, Harlan
Moving Target – Jance, J. A.
Murder in Vegas – Connelly, Michael, ed.
Operation Paperclip – Jacobsen, Annie
Robert Ludlum's The Janson Option – Garrison, Paul
Shadow Spell – Roberts, Nora
The Accident – Pavone, Chris
The Chase – Evanovich, Janet and Golberg, Lee
The Wolves of Midwinter – Rice, Anne
Threat Vector – Clancy, Tom
Unspoken – Henderson, Dee
We Are Water – Lamb, Wally
You Can Date Boys When You're Forty – Barry, Dave

Ice Fishing for Kids – Omoth, Tyler
If I Built a House – Van Duesen, Chris
In a Blink (The Never Girls) – Thorpe, Kiki
Jump Rope – Johnstone, Chris
Just Grandma and Me – Mayer, Mercer
Just Grandpa and Me – Mayer, Mercer
Just Me and My Little Brother – Mayer, Mercer
Knock Knock Jokes – Fremont, Victoria, ed.
Letter Factory (DVD)
Little Bear's Visit – Minarik, Elise Holmelund
Locomotive – Floca, Brian
Minecraft: Essential Handbook – Milton, Stephanie
Mouse Magic (Animal Ark Pets) – Baglio, Ben M.
Paper-Mache for Kids – McGraw, Sheila
Pinkalicious: Fairy House – Kann, Victoria
Shake It Up: Born to Dance – Rosenberg, Aaron
Silly Sara: A Phonics Reader – Hays, Anna Jane
Smarty-Pants Shellee – Sutherland, T. T.
Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun – Diamondy, Maria
Swing! A Scanimation Picture Book – Seder, Rufus Butler
Teen Titans: Brain Swap – Aptekar, Devan
The Big Cheese (Ratatouille) – Jordan, Apple
The Blue Hill Meadows – Rylant, Cynthia
The Frazzle Family Finds a Way – Borwill, Ann
The Incredible Dash – Shealy, Dennis
The Little Squeegy Bag – Martin Jr., Bill
The Messy Monster – Pellowski, Michael
The Mystery of Mineral Gorge – Van Nurt, Julia
The Night Before First Grade – Wing, Natasha
The Real Thing! Scorpions – Packard, Mary
The School Story – Clements, Andrew
Winnie-the-Pooh – Milne, A. A.
Yonder – Johnston, Tony
Meet Lieutenant Brown

We have completed the promotional process to fill the position left vacant by the retirement of Lieutenant Robert Laraway. The process consisted of a written exam administrated by the New Hampshire Fire Academy, an oral board, and a chief’s interview. As a result of this process, Firefighter Ryan Brown has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant. Ryan received the second highest score on the written exam and was ranked as the top candidate in both the oral board and the chief’s interview. The effective date for the promotion to take effect was Sunday, March 30th and Ryan’s first shift as a lieutenant will be Tuesday, April 1st. Congratulations Lieutenant Brown!

Welcome Aboard Sarah Beth

On March 17, 2014 Belmont Fire Department welcomed our new Administrative Assistant, Sarah Weeks, to the station. Sarah was born and raised in the Lakes Region, starting out in Belmont, and moving to Gilford at the age of 10 years old. After graduating from Gilford High School in 2003, she went on to Franklin Pierce University where she graduated in 2007 with her BA in Social Work and Counseling.

After 18 years of being away, Sarah has chosen to come back to her roots and join our team here in Belmont. She is very excited to start her new position, and looks forward to meeting the public and assisting them in any way she can. Please join me in welcoming Sarah as the newest member of our team!
Firefighters and inspectors pay particular attention to modern lightweight construction. During a recent townhouse remodeling project, this metal plate connected floor truss was discovered to have lost the connection between the plate and lumber. These metal nailing plates sometimes are known as “gusset plates.”

Trusses are designed using sophisticated software that accurately calculates the structural load conditions in accordance with building code requirements. During construction is the best time to see how a truss roof system is configured and distributes loads.

Almost as soon as trusses are set in place, maybe even on the same day, the roof sheathing is attached. This quick construction time prevents inspectors from having a good opportunity to see the framing from outside the building. Fortunately, everything that the fire service and building inspector need to see is visible from inside the structure during the complete building framing inspection. The web and chord elements are fabricated to exact dimensions. The pieces are arranged in their final orientation, and the metal plates are applied using equipment capable of exerting high pressure to embed the metal plate teeth. Trusses are inspected for proper plate orientation and plate teeth penetration depth prior to shipment to the job site.

Metal plate connected wood trusses are the predominant type of truss used in residential construction. They are typically fabricated from 2-by-4 or 2-by-6 inch (51-by-102 or 51-by-152 millimeter) dimension lumber. Trusses are categorized as “parallel” chord for use in floor and flat-roof applications or “pitch” chord for sloped-roof applications.

Metal truss plates should be properly installed to ensure that they perform as designed. Typically, adjacent framing members are tightly fitted, and metal plates are fully embedded in the wood members. The building owner should check with the truss manufacturer to determine if remediation is needed.

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Explore the Winnisquam Trail Route on May 13th

Meet at Leslie Roberts Town Beach on Leslie Roberts Drive off the Daniel Webster Highway on May 13 at 6 pm (May 15 Rain date)

Get out your hiking shoes to explore the route of Belmont's proposed Winnisquam Scenic Trail on May 13th. Trail Committee Chairman Ron Mitchell said, “There's strong interest in seeing the “Winni” Trail route. Now that spring is here, the time is right to walk the route and talk about what's planned.” If the weather doesn't cooperate, the “rain date” is May 15th. The group will meet at 6pm at the entrance of Belmont's Leslie Roberts Town Beach off Daniel Webster Highway near the Highway 3/11 Bypass intersection and then walk the 1.8 mile route. The route is unimproved through a forested hillside above Lake Winnisquam, so sturdy shoes and ability to walk on uneven ground are required.

During an April 24 meeting, Ron Mitchell outlined the trail's history since first proposed in 2000. The Winni Trail will be a paved walking and bicycle path that in the future will link to trails across the state. With Town approval in March, Belmont's trail can now move forward. Funds are in hand for completing the trail's first 1.8 mile section. Ground-breaking is planned this fall. Public comments at the April meeting made it clear there is strong interest in using the trail, and value to youth and families for safe and healthy recreation. Representatives of Laconia's WOW Trail congratulated Belmont on its decision and shared their experience with trail benefits to the community, adjacent landowners and businesses. Construction of Phase 1 of the Winni Trail and an adjacent WOW Trail segment may be completed in the same time frame. Questions during the meeting related to the route, access to adjacent homes and businesses, parking, trail maintenance, and types of fencing where the trail parallels rail tracks. Ron Mitchell indicated that the Winnie Trail Committee is reforming and welcomes new members. For a map of the Winni Trail and more information, you can track what's happening on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/winni.trail.7

For more information, contact Donna Hepp at 603-527-9339 or 414-258-3287.
Heritage Commission News

Historic Bandstand Restoration:
Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) Grant Awarded in January
1908 Landmark is Stabilized, Repaired and Rehab Continues this Month

Work by restoration artisan JR Graton of Northfield, described in the New Hampshire Union Leader as a “labor of love” began last October, after a fourth and final move of the Bandstand on September 11th. Considered one of the best-preserved in New Hampshire, its last major spruce up was in that same decade – led by the late Mrs. Whitman “Beth” Ides – with repairs and a new roof patterned from the original design, completed with care by local builder Neil Whitcher.

News of the LCHIP matching grant of $15,000. was announced in January and will fund the second project phase. Three of the professionals helping the Heritage Commission restore the structure met in April for final research and planning. Using tools of science and surgery, Brian Powell of Building Conservation Associates, Inc. aided documentation by taking samples of remaining original features. Graton was on hand, along with John Thompson of Alexandria, who is responsible for preparation and painting – expected to begin mid-May. Vintage postcards and photographs from the collections of Alyce Jewell and the Belmont Historical Society, shared by Wallace Rhodes, provided another piece of the puzzle – answers that will be important to its historic integrity.

May is National Preservation Month:
10 Ways to Make a Difference

(With appreciation to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, ideas to “Embark, Inspire and Engage” supporting a New Age of Preservation. For further information write Belmonthistory@gmail.com or contact any Belmont Heritage Commission member: Priscilla Annis, Vicki Donovan, Shayne Duggan, Linda Frawley, Alyce Jewell, Wallace Rhodes or Selectmen’s Representative Ron Cormier)

2. Buy a Moose Plate for your vehicle(s) to help preservation and conservation.
3. Nominate people or organizations for 2014 Community Heritage Awards.
4. Help celebrate the 85th birthday of the Belmont Public Library this year.
5. Tell your stories about growing up in Belmont, working in the Mill when it was a mill – learning in a Gale School classroom or recreation on Badger Mill Dam pond.
6. Register for the May 3 Community Heritage Workshop on Painting at the Corner Meeting House - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7. Walk around the Village and read historical notes written by Town Historian Wallace Rhodes for the new signage – and don’t forget the Depot Street N.H. Historical Marker, Belmont’s first, arranged by the Heritage Commission.
8. See if your old family photo albums include Bandstand photographs, to share and add to its history – especially Sunday night concerts.
10. Learn about Barn Preservation Easements and the Community Revitalization Tax Incentive Program and see how preservation and property improvement are win-win for taxpayers and our community.

Techniques for Painting Your Historic House:
Workshop May 3 at the Corner Meeting House

House looking a bit shabby? Whether small touch ups or a whole house paint job is on your summer agenda – sign up for Saturday’s 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. presentation by John Thompson of JLT Painting – as he offers guidance and tips for painting older homes. Focus is on tricks of the trade, covering both interior and exterior issues, including removal of unwanted surface layers and preparation for applying a new finish.

Prior to JLT Painting, John was painter and plasterer for the nearby national historic landmark, Canterbury Shaker Village.

Workshop coordinated by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, with the Belmont Heritage Commission. Please call 224-2281 to register.
2014 Belmont Historical Society Programs

In May and again in September, the Historical Society, with funding from the NH Humanities Council, will be hosting two interesting and informative Humanities-to-Go Programs!

First, on **May 16th**, at 7 PM at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont, **Hal Lyon** will present “Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit”. Anyone who ever posted a Gone Fishin’ sign on the door during business hours will appreciate this native fisherman’s glimpse into the habits, rituals, and lore of some of the more colorful members/fishermen of the not-so-exclusive “Liars’ Club.” Hal Lyon shares tales, secrets, folklore, and history of fishing in New Hampshire’s big lakes -- especially Lake Winnipesaukee which translates into “Smile of the Great Spirit.” The book has become a bible for Lakes Region fishermen, "...cutting their learning curve in half." The book is in its third printing and was named the "Best Book of the Year" by the New England Outdoor Writers Association."

He's the author of 7 books and over 150 articles on eclectic subjects including military strategy, leadership, education, multimedia, psychology, research, hunting, and fishing. He's a speaker in the "Humanities To Go" Program. His book, *Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit* (deepwaterspress.com) won the New England Outdoor Writers Association "Best Book of the Year Award." The presentation is free and open to the public. (For additional information call Chris at 524-8268)

Second, on **September 19th**, at 7 PM, **Paul Wainwright** will discuss “New England’s Colonial Meeting Houses and Their Impact on American Society” at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont, NH. New England’s colonial meetinghouses embody an important yet little-known chapter in American history. Built mostly with tax money, they served as both places of worship and places for town meetings, and were the centers of life in colonial New England communities. Using photographs of the few surviving “mint condition” meetinghouses as illustrations, Paul Wainwright tells the story of the society that built and used them, and the lasting impact they have had on American culture.

In colonial New England, there was little distinction between faith and community. Meetinghouses were built by the communities, usually but not always through taxation, and these were used for both religious worship and town business. They were the central focus of the community, and were an important point of contact for all.

While most colonial meetinghouses that are still standing have been extensively renovated to meet the needs of their owners and the styles of the times, a few have not been substantially changed at all, and are fascinating glimpses into our history. The presentation is free and open to the public. (For additional information on both programs call Chris at 524-8268)
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