Town Administrator’s Monthly Report

**Employee of the Year Award**

It has been several years since the Town of Belmont recognized an Employee of the Year; we are pleased to announce that the award will again be given out this year. We will be holding a luncheon for the Town’s employees on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Tioga Pavilion where we will honor the employee chosen for this year’s award; stay tuned to October’s newsletter to learn who was chosen!

**2018 Budget Preparations Underway**

The 2018 budget worksheets have been distributed and are due back to the Board of Selectmen for consideration by September 11th. They will be meeting with department heads to discuss their proposed budgets during the remainder of September and early October so that the budget can be ready for distribution to the Budget Committee by early November. Please watch the budget discussions live on [https://livestream.com/belmontnh](https://livestream.com/belmontnh).

**2017 Tax Bills**

We anticipated the 2017 Fall tax bills to be mailed by mid-October with a due date in early December. Please stay tuned to our website and October’s newsletter for information pertaining to the rate. As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator’s office.

**Thank you!**

We would like to thank the Belknap County Department of Corrections for providing residents from their facility to work with the Public Works Department on a number of projects. The individuals assigned to the Town have done an excellent job and we really appreciate the assistance from the Department of Corrections.

**Heritage Commission and Other Vacancies**

We currently have 3 vacant positions on the Heritage Commission. If you would be interested in serving on the Commission, please submit your letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

“Since 1992, heritage commissions have offered a valuable means for municipal governments in New Hampshire to manage, recognize, and protect historical and cultural resources. Their range of activities is broad but non-regulatory, and determined by each individual municipality to meet their particular needs and wants. A heritage commission is often described as analogous to a conservation commission. It advises and assists other local boards and commissions; conducts inventories; educates the public on matters relating to historic preservation; provides information on historical resources; and serves as a resource for revitalization efforts. A heritage commission can also accept and expend funds for a non-lapsing heritage fund, acquire and manage property, and hold preservation easements.” (Excerpted from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance website)

In addition to the vacancies on the Heritage Commission, we have one opening on the Budget Committee. Please submit your letter of interest to the Budget Committee for consideration at their first meeting in early November. Your willingness to volunteer and dedication to the community is greatly appreciated.

**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.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that smoking is not allowed on Town Property as stated in Section VII of our Town Property Ordinance. We respectfully ask that you comply with the ordinance when visiting or attending functions on Town owned properties.

SMOKING
In order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the town and all other persons also attending activities at any Town of Belmont facility or recreational park, no person shall, at any time, smoke any tobacco, tobacco related product, filter or other plant or weed except in such areas as are specifically designated for smoking by the Director and/or the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

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. Our next regular meeting is on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Just a reminder that school is open, we urge you to be aware and please drive carefully.

Lakes Region Public Access
community empowered by media

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.
Members from the Belmont Highway Department participated in the Old Home Day parade this August. The members of the department had help with the cleaning of the vehicles from inmates of the Belknap County Department of Corrections. It was great to see our equipment out there along with the other departments.

Ladd Hill Road - Final Phase of construction is under way. Workers from Busby Construction are shown here installing Triax Geogrid Stabilization Fabric on a section of the roadway. Wolcott Construction has applied the base coat of asphalt. Ditching and cleanup work is continuing and the top coat of asphalt will be going on within the next two to three weeks.
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Interested in an **EVENING BOOK GROUP**? On October 2, we’ll meet to discuss *Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin in preparation for her majesty’s visit later in the month.

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146 Main Street Belmont NH ★ 267-8331 ★ Belmontpubliclibrary.org
Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am September 6, 13, 20, 27
A program for children of all ages, featuring books, movement, music, science activities, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills

LEGO Build
Saturday September 2 10am-noon
Drop in to create with other LEGO fans!

Simple STEM
Saturday September 16 10am-noon
Drop in to try a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math challenge aimed at grades 1-4.

Paper Plate Pinball

Middle School Madness
Thursday September 21 3:30pm-5pm
Grades 5-8: Painting with acrylics

Kids’ Movie
Monday September 25 4pm-6pm
Snacks and DisneyNature: Born in China.

Card Games Meet-up
Tuesdays 2-5pm September 5, 12, 19, 26
Join others to play or learn card games such as cribbage, bridge, and more.

Craft & Laugh
Wednesdays 5-6:30pm
September 6 – Watercolor
September 13 – Mandalas
September 20 – Paper Beads
September 27 – Painting with acrylics
A small group of adults meets weekly to try new crafts and share old favorites. An ever changing array of craft projects are offered.

Papercrafts
Fridays 2-3pm September 8, 15, 22, 29
Bring your own project or use our supplies to create with paper.

Morning Book Group
Friday September 15 10:30am
Booklovers meet to discuss an exciting variety of fiction and nonfiction. This month’s selection is Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan.

Book Talk
Monday September 25 11am
Coffee and conversation. The librarian will share interesting new and upcoming titles with suggestions from participants.

Senior Center Book Group
Wednesday September 27 12:30pm
Meet at the Senior Center to discuss books. This month’s selection is The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley.
Well fellow residents of Belmont!!
It appears Fall is upon us and the time of year parents cheer and children lament… School is back in session!!

This month we are having a special election for State Representative for Belknap County District 9. The election will be held on Tuesday September 12, 2017 at the Corner Meeting House located on the corner of Sargent and Fuller Streets (right next to the police station). The polls will be open from 7AM – 7PM and absentee ballots are currently available through the Town Clerk’s office. If you cannot make it to the polls to vote due to work, disability, or you are going to be out of town on the day of the election, you can either stop by the Clerk’s office and cast your vote or submit a request by mail or email. Please be sure that either type of request includes your signature. You can email your absentee ballot requests to TCTC@Belmontnh.org. The candidates are as follows:

Republican: Steven R. Whalley
Democratic: Charlie St. Clair

We will see you at the polls!

Keep an eye on those mailboxes as the third issue water/sewer bills will be sent out this month. The third issue covers the months of June, July and August. As always, you can mail a check in with your payment stub, stop by the office with your payment, or pay on our town website, www.belmontnh.org. If you pay on the website, please remember that there is an extra charge to use this form of payment. You can pay by using check or card on the website, there is an additional fee for using a card and we cannot accept Visa for utility payments only.

Planning a fabulous Fall wedding?? We can help! You can come on down to the Town Clerk’s office and get your marriage license. The license costs $50.00 and is good for 90 days. Both parties getting married MUST be present. If you were previously married you must bring in the official sealed document as to how the marriage ended (Sealed Divorce decree or death certificate). It takes about a half hour or so to fill out the application and process the license so we ask that you come in no later than 3:30 PM. As long as you are getting married in the state of New Hampshire and if our office hours don’t work for your schedule, you can go to any Town or City Hall in the state (for Marriage Licenses and copies of Vital Records only) who may have evening and/or weekend hours.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.

Please keep your eyes peeled when driving… the kiddos are back in school.

Enjoy the long weekend!!

Happy Labor Day Weekend
PRESS RELEASE
NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
TO CLOSE OFFICES FOR TWO-DAYS DURING SOFTWARE UPGRADE

CONCORD, NH – The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement a new driver licensing system in October to replace the current system originally implemented in the 1980s. Implementation of the new system will require the closure of all DMV offices on Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th and will temporarily limit some services. “Although temporarily closing DMV offices is required during this transition time, we are aware of how the closure will impact our customers,” said DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki. “Hopefully, by providing advanced notice, we will minimize the inconvenience this closure will cause.” Read Full Press Release

Belmont Town Hall Services Impacted

October 6th and October 10th:

- Only the Town portion of vehicle registrations, titles or plate transfers can be processed at the Town Hall on these two days.
- If you choose to come in to do only the Town portion on either of these two days, you will then have to come back to the Town Hall or go to a State DMV office to complete your transaction after October 10th. Your transaction will not be complete until both the Town and State portions are finished.

The Town appreciates your patience as NH DMV completes this software upgrade to implement the new driver licensing system (VISION).
Thank you to everyone that attended Belmont Old Home Day! We appreciate the support we receive year after year to continue this wonderful community tradition.

Free Concert on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 6 pm
Studio Two on the Bandstand

Belmont Summer Farmers Market
Last Market Day of 2017 is Sunday, Sept. 17
At Belmont Park & Ride on Route 106
Shop Local and Help Our Economy
For More Information, contact Gretta Olson-Wilder at 603-998-3525
3 Week BEGINNER Class: October 16, 23, 30, 2017
Monday Nights ~ 5:30PM-6:30PM
$25 per person

6 Week Class: September 11, 18, October 2, 16, 23, 30, 2017
Monday Nights ~ 6:30 PM-7:45 PM
$50 per person

Parks & Recreation Function Room, 14 Mill Street

A calming, stress-relieving yoga class to stretch and strengthen the body gradually. Emphasis on breath awareness and the body, asanas, postures, are practiced at a gentle to moderate pace with attention to alignment and detail. The 6 week class is recommended for students with some yoga experience. The 3 week beginner class is for students with little to no yoga experience. This class series will introduce you to the benefits of yoga and give you tools to use it daily. Learn basic postures, techniques for breathing, reducing stress and increasing focus and some philosophies of yoga - practice for body and mind. Each class offers Asana (poses), balance work, breath work (pranayama) and relaxation. The classes are co-ed and appropriate for patrons 12 years and older, youth must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should bring a yoga mat. Yoga blocks and other equipment will be provided.

Advance registration is required and space is limited.

Registration forms are available on our website:
www.belmontnh.org
(603) 267-1865
Belmont Historical Society
September 2017 Program

On Tuesday, September 19th, at 7PM at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont the local historical society is sponsoring a program on the Salem Witchcraft Trials. The program is titled: The Capital Crime of Witchcraft: What Primary Sources Tell Us. With Halloween coming up in October, this should be both and interesting and timely program.

On first impression, the witchcraft trials of the Colonial era may seem to have been nothing but a free-for-all, fraught with hysterics. Margo Burns, of Manchester, NH, explores an array of prosecutions in seventeenth century New England, using facsimiles of primary source manuscripts, from first formal complaints to arrest warrants, indictments of formal charges to death warrants, and the reversals of attainder and rescinding of excommunications years after the fact; demonstrating how methodically and logically the Salem Court worked. This program focuses on the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692 and 1693, when nineteen people were hanged and one crushed to death, but also examines a variety of other colonial witchcraft cases in New Hampshire and Connecticut. Margo is a descendent of Rebecca Nurse, who was also hanged in 1692.

Margo Burns is the Project Manager and Associate Editor of Records of the Salem Witch-Hunt, published in 2009 by Cambridge University Press, the definitive collection of transcriptions of the legal records of the episode. Burns has appeared in a variety of documentaries about the trials. This past summer, she spoke at Salem’s Trials: Lessons and Legacy of 1692, A Symposium Commemorating the 325th Anniversary of the Salem Witch Trials at Salem State University.

Funding support for the program has been provided by the NH Humanities Council and the Belmont Sargent Fund. The program is free and open to the public. Handicapped parking is available. For additional information call Chris at 603-524-8268.
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Boston Theatre & Shopping Trip

December 2, 2017 ~ Saturday

Orchestra ~ $102
Balcony ~ $83
Shopping Only ~ $38

Our shopping and theatre trip this year includes everyone’s favorite Elf making his return to Boston with ELF The Musical at the Boch Center Wang Theatre! ELF The Musical is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy’s enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa’s permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. This modern day Christmas classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner ELF. The trip includes time to shop, sightsee or dine on your own. We also offer a shopping only option that does not include the show should you prefer to spend the day shopping, and taking in the sights on your own.

Our trip to Boston is via a luxury motor coach with restroom facilities. Please note this is an active trip and requires walking from central drop off points to the various venues. We depart the Belmont Park and Ride on route 106 at 8:30 AM, our first stop will be the Prudential Center and Copley Place Shops. Next stop the Theatre District for lunch on your own or shopping in Chinatown and Downtown Crossing. Our last stop of the day will be Faneuil Hall Marketplace for a leisurely dinner on your own or shopping and sightseeing. You will be within walking distance of all the fabulous North End Restaurants. We recommend you make dinner reservations any time after 5:45 PM, allowing walking time to the restaurant of your choice. We will depart Faneuil Hall Marketplace at 7:30 PM for arrival in Belmont approximately 9:00PM.

Space is limited, full payment and a registration form are required at the time of booking. Registration forms are located on our website or by contacting the recreation office.

Non-refundable unless your seat can be resold.

(603) 267-1865
www.belmontnh.org
Applications

Application Review Committee

- **Pike Industries, Inc.**: Review of Earth Excavation Compliance Hearing, 310 Depot Street, Tax Lot 231/011.

- **Mountain Lake Village, LLC**: Review of 1-year extension of 18-lot open space single family subdivision, Mile Hill Road, tax lots 202/012, 202-012-001, 202/015 & 202-015-001.

- **Lawrence & Julie Dulac**: Review of equine community condominium with the addition of four single family dwellings and common equine-related amenities, 515 Union Road, Tax Lot 222-072.

Planning Board

- **John O'Connor Sand & Gravel LLC**: Earth Excavation Compliance Hearing, 590 Province Road (Laconia), Tax Lots 204/027 & 029.

- **Jon Rich/Tracey Benoit & Andrew Grant/Meagan Benoit**: Boundary Line Adjustment approved to transfer 10 acres, 389 & 333 Province Road, Tax Lots 215/007 & 212/067/003.

- **Mallards Landing**: Site Plan approved to close seasonal dwelling site #406 in exchange for developing year round dwelling site #305, 200 Union Road, Tax Lot 110-002.

- **213 Daniel Webster Highway LLC & Broadway North School of Dance LLC**: Lot merger and site plan approved to expand on-site new and used agricultural, construction and industrial vehicles and trailer sales and storm water modifications, 213 & 217 Daniel Webster Highway, Tax Lots 101-026 & 101-027.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

- **Tony & Linda Desroches for Winnisquam Beach Campground Association**: Approved three Variances of road and structure setbacks for living space and shed, 9 Eagle Drive, Tax Lot 117-015-000-070.

- **Alfred Mitchell**: Approved Special Exception to expand an approved 16-unit multi-family condominium development with 5 units and 2.5 acres, 40 & 74 Old State Road, Tax Lots 201-003.

Projects:

- **Amendments**: The Board continues their consideration of Zoning, Subdivision, Site Plan Review, Driveway and Earth Excavation Regulations.

- **Capital Improvements Program**: The Planning Board has begun their annual review of the Capital Improvements Program. The CIP is a multi-year schedule for capital expenditures (projects costing in excess of $25,000 with a useful life of at least one year). The CIP is updated annually in response to the actual budget appropriated by the voters at the previous Town Meeting and requests for capital projects for the upcoming six years. The CIP is a budgeting tool linking Community Vision from the Master Plan with the implementation of capital projects. It assists the Selectmen and Budget Committee in developing and presenting to the voters an overall budget which avoids unanticipated expenditures by scheduling capital projects over the term of the CIP. Historic and projected trends in revenues, expenditures and growth are evaluated along with the community’s ability to fund the cost of improvements. The projects are prioritized by their placement over the term of the 6-year plan resulting in a more level tax rate impact. Information on the current plan and past budgets, as well as a capital funding request form can be viewed at www.belmontnh.org/datacip.asp.

Visit www.belmontnh.org, contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org or call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!
Belmont Facility Strategy:  
A Proposed Approach to Guide Future Investment in Town Buildings

During Old Home Day, the Belmont Town Facility Strategy Committee had an information table and asked local residents for their ideas. The Committee is continuing to seek suggestions and adding people to a mailing list for regular updates. The Facility Strategy Committee's goal is to develop information for the Selectmen and citizens on how best to house Town community services and programs and staff in the future. Committee members include Tom Garfield, Donna Hepp, Carmen Lorentz, and Pret Tuthill. Others have volunteered to serve on a Resource Group to the Committee.

The Belmont Facility Strategy Committee includes members with engineering, finance, design, planning, and community development experience to review Town facility needs in a comprehensive fashion. Next steps for the Committee are to review past Community surveys and Town building studies, and to begin to develop options for public discussion of future use of Town buildings. The Committee's next meeting is September 19th at 6pm in the Corner Meeting House's first floor.

On October 11th, the Town Facility Strategy Committee plans to hold an Open House and Listening Session on at Belmont High School from 4-7:30 pm. Save that date if you'd like to learn more about Town Buildings and help develop options for their future use. There will be information tables and an overview provided with photos of some Town facility issues like tight office space in the Police Station and first floor of Town Hall, shelf space and accessibility challenges in the Library and other public buildings, limited storage space in many existing buildings, interest in expanding the library and creating an indoor space for youth and community recreation. There are opportunities for better use of existing buildings, as well as options for leasing or sale of buildings. The Committee would like to invite local residents to join in and help create a range of options for Town buildings.

If you are interested in learning more about this Town Facility Open House in October and want to get involved, contact Donna Hepp at dhepp3@gmail.com to get on the mailing/email list. Information updates will be also shared on the Town website and newsletter.
Belmont Parks & Recreation

Soccer
3-5 Years Old
Sargent Park
September 5-28, 2017

3 Year Olds-5:30PM-6:00PM
4 Year Olds-6:00PM-6:30PM
5 Year Olds-6:30PM-7:15PM

Choose one:
Session #1 - Tuesday Nights
Session #2 - Thursday Nights

Registration Fee: $10 per player
Optional T-Shirt: $10 each

Our program is limited to Belmont children only. Choose the session you prefer. Children will be placed in groups based on their age as of September 30, 2017. Stephanie Derosier will show the players simple ball skills through fun interactive games. Players need to wear sneakers, shin pads are recommended but not required.

The program has a limited number of spaces, payment and a completed registration form are required to confirm a space. Belmont Parks & Recreation soccer shirts are optional and an additional $10 per player.

Registration Forms are on our website at: www.belmontnh.org
Contact Information: (603) 267-1865 or recreation@belmontnh.org
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