Town Administrator’s
Monthly Report

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.

Hurricane Road Reconstruction
The contract has been signed with Busby Construction, they will begin preliminary work in 2018 with project completion in 2019.

Upcoming
Fall tax bills should be issued by mid-October with an early December due date. Based on current revenue projections and an increase in assessed value from the 2017-18 construction season, we anticipate that the Town’s portion of the tax rate will see a slight decrease. More information on the projected tax rate will be available in our October Newsletter.

The 2019 Town of Belmont budget is under construction, detailed worksheets have been distributed to all departments and the Board of Selectmen will begin their review of the submittals in late September/early October. We anticipate the Budget Committee will begin working on the budget in early November. Meetings will be live on https://livestream.com/belmontnh.

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

Laconia Fire Chief Ken Erickson has announced his retirement effective September 28th, 2018. For the past 2 ½ years the Town of Belmont has shared administrative service of the Belmont Fire Department with the City of Laconia. The Town of Belmont will continue to work closely with the City over the next few months regarding the existing shared service agreement and expect no impact on the excellent service provided to the Belmont community by our Fire Department. We would like to wish Chief Erickson well in his future plans.
Job Opening

The Town of Belmont continues to seek a qualified individual for the position of Highway Department Truck Driver/Laborer reporting to the Public Works Director. The successful candidate will perform a variety of routine skilled and unskilled manual laboring duties. The position requires a NH CDL “B” license with airbrake endorsement. The individual chosen for this position must possess a willingness to work with others including the general public. High School Diploma or equivalent is required; experience with the operation of heavy trucks necessary. Driver’s License and Criminal record check required, mandatory participation in the department’s Drug/Alcohol Screening Program as required by federal law. This is a full-time Union position subject to a 6-month probationary period. Applications and a copy of the complete job description are available at the Belmont Town Hall, or send a resume and letter of interest to DPW Director, PO Box 310, Belmont, New Hampshire 03220. The position will remain open until filled. The Town...

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.

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.

We would like to urge you to encourage your friends and family to sign up for the Town’s monthly newsletter by sending your contact information to townhall@belmontnh.org. Your help in spreading the word about our newsletter would be greatly appreciated.

IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II ©

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.
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!!

The month of September also brings us the New Hampshire State Primary. In this election voters choose which candidate they want to represent their party in the General Election in November. The offices that are on the ballot are: Governor, Congressional Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representatives for Districts 6 and 9, County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Register of Probate. Voting will take place at Belmont High School on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The polls will be open from 7 AM – 7 PM. If you are in need of an absentee ballot you can stop by the Town Clerk’s office and cast your vote, or request that a ballot be mailed to you. If you have any questions please give us a call.

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.

REMINDER: Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day. Please keep your eyes peeled when driving... the kiddos are back in school. Enjoy the long weekend!!
Going back to school is an exciting time for children as they look forward to entering the next grade level, seeing their friends and meeting new people. Yet it can also be a time of unforeseen dangers. By teaching children basic back to school rules and tips regarding their safety, they enter this exciting time with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe while enjoying this special time and throughout the school year.

School Travel Safety Tips

Whether your child walks to school, rides a bike, takes a bus, or you drive them in a car, reviewing the following safety tips makes traveling to and from school a safer experience.

Walking to School - Tips for Parents

- If you feel your child does not have adequate pedestrian skills to walk to school, either walk with him until you are confident in his ability or make alternate arrangements for getting him to and from school.
- Practice the route with your child to be sure they know it.
- Make sure the route your child takes is safe.

Walking to School - Tips for Children

- Never take a shortcut through a wooded area. Stay on the route you practiced with your parents.
- Walk to school with a friend or a group of friends.
- Wearing light or brightly colored clothing makes it easier for drivers to see you

Traveling by School Bus

- Never step off the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Always use seat belts if the bus is equipped with them.
• Do not move around in the bus. Sit quietly in your seat.
• When leaving the school bus, stay in view of the driver and always cross the street in front of the bus.
• Even though traffic is supposed to stop for a school bus, always check both ways before crossing the street.

Riding a Bike to School

• Always wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle.
• Wearing clothing that is bright and colorful makes it easier for drivers to see you.
• Learn hand signals and use them.
• Ride a bike on the right-hand side of the road traveling in the same direction as the traffic.
• Always stop for stop signs and follow the rules of traffic lights.
• Learn and follow the rules of the road.
• Do not listen to music on your smartphone or another device. Always pay attention to the traffic and listen to what's going on around you.

Riding to School in a Car

• Whether you are driving your children or carpooling, make sure each child is securely strapped into their seatbelt. Younger children need the appropriate car seat or booster seat for their age or size.
• Have each child exit the car using the door on the curbside so he or she isn't stepping out of the car into traffic.
• Do not leave the school until your child, or all those in the carpool, are safely inside the school building.

Backpack Safety

• Backpacks have become a staple of back to school accessories. They are great for carrying books and other essential school items and are available in a wide variety of sizes, colors, designs and styles. Yet these useful bags are potentially harmful if not used correctly and can cause shoulder or neck injuries, back pain, and muscle and joint strains. The following tips on backpack safety help reduce the chance of injury.
• When a backpack is fully loaded, it should not weigh more than 15 to 20 percent of the child's body weight.
• Never carry a backpack over one shoulder using only one strap. Always wear a backpack using both shoulder straps.
• If a backpack has a waist strap, use it.
• Choose a backpack with wide straps. The best choice is a backpack with a padded back and padded straps
• Use all the compartments in the backpack to distribute the weight of the contents evenly.

The following are a few general back to school safety tips:
• Talk to your children and reinforce the rules of stranger danger.
• Make sure not to pack foods for lunch or snacks that spoil quickly.
• Talk to your child about bullies and bullying. Explain to them what to do if a situation arises.

Have a Safe School Year

By being aware of their surroundings and following these tips, kids have a better chance of making it through the year safely. Take the time to talk about safety with your children so they're better prepared for whatever may come their way.

INTRODUCING NEW FEATURE - BELMONT PET OF THE MONTH

We are proud to announce a new feature to the Town Newsletter featuring the Pets of Belmont. Each month a resident or Town employee’s pet will be featured in the newsletter with a short blurb about them. Please send a photo (pet only please) to townhall@belmontnh.org for consideration. We will do our best to feature every pet submitted. Remember - always put your best paw forward.

PET OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2018 - Millie DeRoy

This is Millie DeRoy. She always puts her best paw forward by wearing her seat belt in the car. Millie is 5 months old and at 5 lbs. 2 oz. she has managed to train her owner VERY well! Her favorite activity is to run in the field.

Millie of course is registered with the Town and reminds all good dog owners to do the same.
BFD Times

BFD out in the Community

It's been a very busy month for the Belmont Fire Department so far. On August 7th we helped celebrate Belmont's National Night Out. Despite the rain, it was a great night filled with music, food, and fun events. Children and parents both got to explore the fire trucks, police cars and a plow truck, as well as a tow truck from Rusty’s Towing and a command trailer from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid! Belmont Fire was able to do auto extrication demos throughout the evening thanks to Belmont Salvage, who was kind enough to donate two vehicles. Vendors were set up, a DJ was rockin’ the top off of the gazebo, and food was served by Belmont Rotary. Belmont National Night Out finished the evening events with Vito and Gilford Police Department’s new K-9 showing off their skills and their surprise special guest, McGruff! What a way to end the night!
If you missed the opportunity to meet some cool people from your town departments at Belmont’s National Night Out, you had a second chance at Belmont Old Home Day on August 11th. The day started off with the Road Race, which Firefighter Huestis ran in, followed by the Belmont Old Home Day Parade, which Lieutenant Murphy MCed. Luckily, the rain held off and the parade went off without a hitch! Before and after the parade you could go and see all of the vendors that set up shop for the day. Firefighter Siegel, Firefighter Bengtson and extended members of our Fire Department family manned the fried dough and french fry booth. As the day progressed, you could see members of our department out by the pavilion getting the chicken cookin’ for our famous Chicken BBQ. If you haven’t been to one of our Chicken BBQ’s, you are definitely missing out on a feast! Once the BBQ was over and cleanup was done, we headed to the fireworks at Bryant Field that evening. We thank those who came out, rain or shine, to attend the festivities and those who attended our Chicken BBQ. It’s the people and the spirit of this town that makes these events so great!
Highway Department News

In the last month the Highway Department has been contending with the effects of all the recent heavy rains. Repairing roadside washouts due to the severity and frequency of the storms has been a daily task. We ask that as a homeowner, if you have a driveway culvert to please maintain it to the best of your ability. We do our best, but driveway culverts are the property owners’ responsibility to maintain. Try to keep it clean and clear if possible.

Preparing for Winter?

Winter sand is being stockpiled and nearly complete. Roadside mowing has been going on for the last few weeks and is also nearly completed for the season. A friendly reminder, if you need winter sand for your driveway we have a three 5 gallon pail limit. Sand can be picked up during normal business hours at 149 Hurricane Rd.

Don’t forget winter is right around the corner! SORRY

Busby Construction and Hurricane Road

Busby construction has completed the South Rd. drainage improvement project and will be soon moving on to Hurricane Rd. to begin the reconstruction. We would like to thank the public for their continued cooperation and understanding through the construction process.
Wildlife Blvd. and South Road Work

Wildlife Blvd. and South Rd. have received a shim coat of asphalt in the previous month. We are anticipation a further layer of asphalt to be applied sometime next year.

As always, please be aware of the road construction and men working signs. Please! take appropriate caution to slow down when entering a work zone! Thank You!

Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe.

Not only is it safe, IT’S THE LAW!

New driveway regulations have been adopted by the Planning Department. They can be reviewed on the Towns website.

Driveway Permits can be obtained at the town offices or online at www.belmontnh.org

Thank you to the Belknap County Department of Corrections residents for their continued support. They have been providing us with workers, helping out with various tasks around town and at the garage. Your hard work is very much appreciated!
Planning Board

**Mountain Lake Village**: Approval for a one-year extension (8/24/19) of 18-lot open space single-family subdivision approval and previously granted waivers with internal roads and open space (Zoning Use Open Space Residential Subdivision), Rural & Residential Single-Family Zones, Mile Hill Road, Tax Lots 202-012-000-000, 202-012-001-000, 202-015-000-000 & 202-015-001-000.

**Ward & Cynthia Peterson**: Subdivision approval to subdivide one lot into three lots (Minor Subdivision). Property is located in the Rural Zone, 661 Province Road, Tax Lot 226-074-000-000.

**Richard W. Dubois**: Review of site plan and a conditional use permit for lot coverage to construct one 9,900sf five-unit structure with associated lot development for lease to individual commercial/industrial tenants for uses allowed in the Industrial Zone. Property is located on Depot Street, Tax Lot 235-032-000-000 in the “I” Zone.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Pike Industries, Inc.**: Approval for a Variance for relief from requirement for 4’ separation to seasonal highwater table to deepen excavation within defined quarry footprint; Industrial & Rural Zones, 308 Depot Street, Tax Lots 232-031-000-000, 235-058-000-000, 236-014-000-000.

Land Use Notes

**Capital Improvements Plan**: The Planning Board held a work session on August 27th. Representatives of Departments, Boards and Commissions having requests in the upcoming six-year period provided input as requested. The Board will hold a public hearing commencing at 6pm on Monday, September 24, 2018, at the Belmont Corner Meeting House, 16 Sargent Street, concerning amendments to the Capital Improvements Program Schedule for the years 2019-2024. Copies of the proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and Land Use Office located in the Town Hall and at the Belmont Library and on the Town’s web site at www.belmontnh.org.

For additional Land Use Information:
Visit www.belmontnh.org
Contact LandUse@BelmontNH.org
Call 267-8300 x 119 for assistance!
On June 2nd, the Conservation Commission dedicated a memorial to Peter Pierce in the meadow on the Andrew Sanborn Farm Conservation Land off of Durrell Mountain Road. Peter, who died on February 21, 2017 was a long-time resident of the neighborhood and worked to create the meadow where his memorial now rests overlooking Whiteface Mountain.

Two white oaks are placed flanking the memorial and will offer a place for quiet contemplation. Special thanks go out to Keith Bennett, Howard Warren and Gary Gilbert for helping to make the monument a reality.

The CC spent the morning before the memorial dedication to planting habitat improvement plants at the opposite end of the meadow. Planted were Blueberries, American highbush cranberries, Bayberry, American hazelnut, Grapes, Gray dogwood, Beach plum & Elderberry.
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EVENTS

LEGO Build
Saturday September 1 10am-noon
Drop in to create with other LEGO fans!

CLOSED - Labor Day
Monday September 3

Friends of the Library Meeting
Monday September 10 10am

Middle School Madness
Monday September 10 3:15pm
Making stress balls for back-to-school. Creative after school activities for grades 5-8.

Non-Fiction Book Group
Thursday September 13 1pm
This new group will be trying an eclectic variety of non-fiction. This month’s selection is *Massacre on the Merrimack: Hannah Duston’s Captivity and Revenge in Colonial America* by Jay Atkinson.

Explore Creativity
Wednesday September 19 5:30-7pm
Welcome fall with a book wreath! Limit 8, sign-up requested. 12+ welcome with adult.

Senior Center Book Group
Tuesday September 18 10:30am
Meet at the Senior Center to discuss this month’s book: *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder. Copies are available at the Belmont Senior Center.

Digging into Native History in New Hampshire
Tuesday September 18 6pm
Corner Meeting House
Abenaki history has been reduced to near-invisibility as a result of conquest, a conquering culture that placed little value on the Indian experience, and a strategy of self-preservation that required many Abenaki to go "underground," concealing their true identities for generations to avoid discrimination and persecution. Robert Goodby reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence here, inches below the earth's surface. A NH Humanities presentation.

Fiction Book Group
Friday September 21 10:30am
This month’s selection is *Before we visit the goddess* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Card Games Meet-up
Tuesdays 1-3pm September 4, 11, 18, 25
Join others to play or learn card games such as cribbage, bridge, and more.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays 10:30am September 5, 12, 19, 26
A program for children of all ages, featuring books, movement, music, science activities, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills.
Rebecca Rule, a New Hampshire Humanities audience favorite, will be presenting, “Moved and Seconded: Town Meetings in New Hampshire” on Tuesday, September 11th at 7pm at the Corner Meeting House (CMH) in Belmont.

Drawing on research from her book, Rebecca Rule regales audiences with interesting as well as humorous stories of the rituals, traditions, and history of town meeting, including the perennial characters, the literature, the humor, and the wisdom of the uniquely New England institution of town meetings. While Rebecca has been a guest presenter in Belmont on several occasions over the years, this is the first time she will be presenting her program on town meetings in New Hampshire, which she promises will delight the audience as much as her other programs. We have all been to town meetings at one time or other, and sometimes come away shaking our heads, so it should be very interesting and enjoyable to hear a “humorist’s” take on town meetings and their participants.

Rebecca Rule, a Northwood, NH resident, is a consummate storyteller who gathers and tells tales of New England, mostly of which are about New Hampshire. She is the author of eleven books, including N is for New Hampshire out in the fall of 2016 with Islandport Press. Her other titles include: Headin’ for the Rhubarb: a NH Dictionary (well kinda) and Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire as well as the children’s picture book, The Iciest Diciest Scariest Sled Ride Ever. For ten years she hosted "The New Hampshire Authors Series" on NHPTV. She currently hosts "Our Hometown" also on NHPTV.

Funding for this program is provided by NH Humanities & the Sargent Fund. It is free and open to the public. Handicapped parking is available. For more information, contact Christine Fogg at 524-8268.

Remember to vote early on September 11th so you have time to take in this program and enjoy something a little more lighthearted.
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