

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## BELMONT, NH — Historic Bandstand Preservation Project

The Town of Belmont, New Hampshire, assisted by its Selectmen-appointed Heritage Commission, seeks interest, bids and qualifications for the **Historic Bandstand Preservation Project**.

Work is anticipated to begin in spring 2013. **Officials will provide project inspection and walk-through opportunity at the Bandstand on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Attendance is strongly encouraged.** Current and temporary location is Belmont Village next to the Mill (14 Mill Street) off Main Street. Bids are welcome for total project or any of the major tasks required.

### First Phase Goals

1. Stabilize structure on permanent masonry foundation
2. Install setup for future electrical service
3. Replace undercarriage and exterior lattice, replicating original materials and design following *Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Historic Structures*. Repair damaged decorative, original features below the roof
4. Preparation, prime coat and painting (brush-stroked) of completed work

### SPECIFICATIONS:

#### Stabilization

- New masonry foundation, installed above dug gravel bed (16 inch depth)
- Floating concrete slab (3000 psi with fiberglass)
- System of concrete blocks, mortared in place
- Vents
- Allocated space for utility box placement and access
- Interim temporary piers
- Completion within four weeks of start

#### Electrical

Install 12 X 12 junction box, (6 inch depth) with 40 feet of 2 inch pipe (before foundation pour) for future installation of electrical circuits, to be left accessible for pulling in these circuits at a later project phase.

#### Construction & Carpentry

- Install new sills and replace existing wood under posts with welded supports – at the sill and under posts
- Replace lattice with square, wood product matching dimensions of original design and providing utility access
- Repair damaged turned spindles in the overhang and spear point dentil molding, providing exact details matching original dimensions

- Assess existing fir deck for repair, replacement and replication along with floor joists. As required, replace with 1 inch X 4 inch square edge fir decking, with at least 1/8 inch space between boards for drainage and duplicating original design. Repair floor joists as needed before any new decking installed.
- Remove existing benches to determine age and condition
- Replace existing pressed wood gingerbread balusters and top and bottom railings with new wood — replicating original design, copied as current template in 1977
- Install new pressure treated stairs with railings in appropriate design and wood

### **Preparation and Painting**

- All new materials should be back-primed and installed, applying a finish coat of quality paint (colors to be determined by Heritage Commission after paint analysis)
- Clean, scrape and paint repaired features appropriately

### **Bid Information**

Please include the following in a sealed envelope marked **Historic Bandstand Preservation Project**:

- Business name, address, telephone number and email address
- Contact name and telephone number
- Years in business
- Three project references – contact names and telephone numbers
- Examples of experience with other historic preservation projects and/or familiarity with *Guidelines for Historic Structures, U.S. Secretary of the Interior*
- Certificate of Insurance
- Names of any subcontractors and their anticipated project role

Historic and contemporary photographs of the Bandstand can be viewed at [www.belmontnh.org](http://www.belmontnh.org) along with links to the *Guidelines for Historic Structures* and historical notes.

**Deadline:** Friday, December 21, 2012 - 11:00 AM

**Deliver to:** Town Hall, Town Administrator's Office, 143 Main Street, Belmont NH

**Mail to:** Town Hall, Town Administrator's Office, PO Box 310, Belmont NH 03220-0310

**Questions:** Jeanne Beaudin, Town Administrator (603) 267-8300 ext. 24 and Belmont Heritage Commission (603) 528-5667

*The Town of Belmont reserves the right to reject any and all bids and any portion thereof and to accept the bid which best serves community interests.*

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Historic Belmont Village Bandstand, 2011



**BELMONT BANDSTAND** restoration is well under way as a belated Bicentennial project. The structure, dating back almost a century, has many unusual features, including gingerbread railing and trim, and a sloping floor, to facilitate runoff of melted snow. State Rep. Wilson Mansfield, on ladder, member of the restoration committee, checks progress

with the workmen, Edward Farmer, left, and Contractor Neil Witcher. At the left by railing are Mrs. Lois Toal, secretary of the Belmont Bicentennial committee, her two-year-old grandson, Patrick Kidney of Cork City, Ireland, and Mrs. Beth Ide, committee chairman.

(Photo by Five Star)

Historic Belmont Village Bandstand, 1977 (courtesy of *The Citizen*, Laconia, NH)



Historic Belmont Village Bandstand, early 1900s (courtesy Belmont Historical Society)