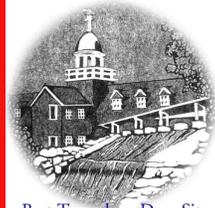


Our Community Newsletter



Best Town by a Dam Site
Belmont, New Hampshire



Town of Belmont

December 2012

Fire Department News

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Coffee Break Training - Hazardous Materials

Vapor Pressure, Boiling Point and Vapor Density

No. HM-2012-3 November 5, 2012

Learning Objective: The student shall be able to explain vapor pressure, boiling point and vapor density.

Approximately 90 percent of hazardous materials (hazmat) injuries are due to inhalation. In general, although some solids are very hazardous (on physical contact with skin or if ingested into the body), gases and liquids with high vapor pressures pose the highest risks to responders. These chemicals are more dangerous because they have the capability to become airborne, to disperse and travel through the atmosphere and to be inhaled.

Vapor pressure (Vp), boiling point (BP) and vapor density (Vd) are three physical properties that are significant in determining risk.

All liquids give off some vapor at their surface. The amount of vapor given off by a liquid at a given temperature and pressure is measured as that chemical's Vp. Vp is the force exerted by a vapor against the sides of a container or against atmospheric pressure. Chemicals that have high Vps have a greater tendency to vaporize than those with lower Vps. A chemical is said to be more volatile if it has a greater tendency of a chemical to vaporize.

The following are some important facts about Vp:

- The higher the temperature, the higher the Vp.
- The higher the Vp, the faster a liquid evaporates.
- The faster the evaporation, the more vapor in the air.
- The higher the Vp, the higher the pressure inside a container.

The BP is the temperature at which Vp equals atmospheric pressure. As temperature increases, Vp increases. Physical state change occurs as temperature and Vp increase. Liquids at normal atmospheric pressure that have high Vps also will have low BPs.

Vd is a comparison of the weight of a vapor to the weight of dry air. It is determined by computing the sum of the atomic weights of the atoms in a molecule and is measured in atomic mass units (AMUs). Dry air has a molecular weight of 29 AMUs. Vapors with a molecular weight above 29 are heavier than air, and vapors with a molecular weight less than 29 are lighter than air.



The product inside these liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) containers has a vapor pressure (Vp) and vapor density (Vd) greater than air.



Fire Department News Cont.



"In Omnia Paratus" (In all things ready)

BFD 2012 Year to date Request For Service

Table with 6 columns: MONTH, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITIES, NON-EMERGENCY, PERMIT, Total. Rows for months January through October.



Updates from Bootcamp: We received a letter from Ryan who is enjoying bootcamp. Anyone interested in writing to Ryan can reach him at. RCT Brown 2nd RTBN GCO PLT 2005 MCRD Parris Island SC 29905

Please no care packages.

October Run Statistics table with 2 columns: Description, Count. Lists various emergency and non-emergency services.



BFD's newest member: Colin Patrick McCarty October 26th 2012 9lbs and 19.5"



BFD Mission Statement

The Mission of the Belmont Fire Department is to provide fire, emergency medical, and fire prevention services in a caring and compassionate manner. To be prepared to respond to any request for assistance and to ensure that every member of the department returns home safely.

BFD Vision Statement

The Belmont Fire Department will continuously work to meet the changing needs of our community by striving to be the premiere fire department in the Lakes Region. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

OUR CORE VALUES

All members of the Belmont Fire Department adhere to the following values:

- Service - We strive for excellence in the service we deliver through on-going evaluation and involvement.
Teamwork - We embrace the concept of teamwork through skillful communication and personal cooperation to achieve our common goal.
Accountability - We are responsible, as professionals and individuals for our actions.
Integrity - We act ethically, we expect honesty, loyalty and dedication.
Respect - We practice mutual respect by setting a personal example of trust and fairness.



Fire Department News Cont.

Keep Your Holidays From Going Up in Flames! The Belmont Fire Department Offers Fire Prevention Tips for a Safe *and* Festive Holiday Season

(November 28, 2012) – For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer. What few of us consider is that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires. According to the Belmont Fire Department, many households engage in holiday activities that serve as some of the leading causes of U.S. home fires, including cooking. Christmas trees, candle usage and holiday decorations also significantly contribute to the seasonal causes of home fires. Add to that the hectic nature of the holidays, when people are trying to accomplish multiple tasks at one time, and the chance for home fires grows even further.

“As everyone gets busier during the holidays, we often become rushed, distracted or tired,” says Chief David Parenti of the Belmont Fire Department. “That’s when home fires are more likely to occur.”

Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive *and* safe for everybody. “By taking some preventative steps and following simple rules of thumb, most home fires can be prevented,” says Chief Parenti.

With unattended cooking as the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries, Chief Parenti says to stay in the kitchen while you’re frying, grilling or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep anything that can catch fire away from it, and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it’s for a short period of time. If you’re simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you’re cooking. The Belmont Fire Department also suggests creating a “kid-free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) statistics show that more than half of all candle fires start because the candles had been too close to things that could catch fire. The Belmont Fire Department encourages Belmont residents to consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. However, if you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12” away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, won’t tip over and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where two of five U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments annually respond to an average of 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Nearly half of them are caused by electrical problems, and one in four resulted from a heat source that’s too close to the tree. The Belmont Fire Department offers the following advice for picking, placing and lighting the tree:

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it’s labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- If you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don’t fall off when touched; before placing it in the stand, cut 1-2” from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand, and be sure to water it daily.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit, and is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, candles and heat vents or lights.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory, and make sure you know whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.
- [Include information on your community Christmas tree recycling program.](#)
- After Christmas, get rid of the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside the home.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

By following these fire prevention tips and measure, The Belmont Fire Department says you can greatly reduce the risk of fire in your home, and enjoy a safe holiday season. “The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic when a fire occurs,” says Chief Parenti, “By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards, and make this time of year a healthy and happy one.”

Visit www.nfpa.org/holiday for more information and safety tips.



Town Administrator's Monthly Report



Town Administrator's Monthly Report December 2012

The Village Revitalization project will be winding down for the winter by the first week of December. We would like to thank the community for their patience in dealing with traffic disruption in the Village. Notice of spring start will be sent out early so that everyone is prepared for the project to resume. Plans for Phase II which will include utility and road reconstruction on Gale, Spring, School, Nelson Court and Lawrence Court are underway. Funding opportunities are being researched and we anticipate an application to the Community Development Block Grant Program will be submitted in early January. The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on the grant application on December 17th beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Repairs to the Church Street Bridge are complete and the bridge reopened to traffic on Wednesday, November 21st.

The Sewer Pump Station Replacement project continues to move along as planned and is anticipated to be complete by summer 2013. We appreciate the patience of those impacted by the project as it moves forward.

The 2012 tax rate has been set and bills were issued in early November and are due by Friday, December 7th. Abatement applications can be picked up at Town Hall or they are available online at the link below for those wishing to appeal their 2012 property tax assessment. We anticipate work to begin on a revaluation in 2013 with a completion date of April 2014. <http://www.nh.gov/btla/forms/documents/2012abatement.pdf>

The 2013 budget process has begun and the Budget Committee began meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House. The Committee will continue meeting through the month of December and it is anticipated that the public hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at the Corner Meeting House. A copy of the proposed budget will be posted on the Town's website in mid-December and the Deliberative Session Warrant will be included in the January Newsletter.

The Town of Belmont is a member of the Lakes Region Cable Television Consortium which has been meeting since early summer 2011 relative to our Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Metrocast which is due to expire in December 2013. We have been meeting monthly and Consortium minutes are available on the Town's website, www.belmontnh.org. As more information becomes available it will be posted to the site. Please send any comments regarding the renewal process to jbeaudin@belmontnh.org.



We would remind everyone of the winter parking bans which typically are in place from mid-November through mid-April; your cooperation is as always greatly appreciated.



Town Hall will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.



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.





Belmont Senior Center



December 2012

Brenda Stark Fortier,
Director
267-9867

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Belmont, NH 03220
Email:

bfortier@bm-cap.org

Serving Communities of:
Belmont
Canterbury
Gilford
Gilmanton
Loudon
Hours:

Mondays 10:00-2:00
Tuesday-Friday
8:00-2:00

Community Dining
M-W-Th
12:00

Breakfast—Friday
10:00 a.m.

Door-To-Door
Transportation
Wed. & Thur.
8:30—1:30

Service Link Resource Center
1-866-634-9412
528-6945



Traditional Holiday Dinners

Served @ 11:30 on
13 December, 2012

Chicken Breast w/cranberry stuffing, Mashed Red Bliss Potatoes, Wheat Roll, Peas & Onions, Wheat Roll, Winter Squash and Pie

Reservations are Required
Call 267-9867 by 4 December
Served @ 12:00 noon on 28
December—No Breakfast

Lunch of Baked Honey Ham w/ cloves or Roast Turkey w/chutney gravy

Red Bliss Garlic Mashed potato, Stuffing, Harvest Blend Vegetables, Roll
Cheese cake dessert

Reservations Required by 18
December 2012

A \$2.00 donation is
suggested for Lunch

Thank you goes to Mrs. Blake and BMS JNHS Students for coming to serve our Thanksgiving Meal. It is always a pleasure to have you with us. Thank you Chief Baiocchetti, Sergeant Mann and Officer Belanger for helping clean-up and serve dessert. Thank you Richard for running the kitchen and Patrick for baking the pies...it was such a lovely day!

From all of us here at The Belmont Senior Center, we wish you the very Happiest of Holidays, Christmas and a very Happy New Year. If you have time to join us, we would love to share our time with you. We have so many special events in December. Drop by sometime. Brenda

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. 3rd:** AM Cards
- Tues. 4th:** 9:00 Bone Builders, 12:30 Art Class
- Wed. 5th:** 10:00 Wii Bowling Diner's Club—Hart's Turkey Farm & Lights 12:00 Café Bienvenue
- Thur. 6th:** 9:00 Bone Builders 12:30: Holiday Bingo
- Fri. 7th: 9:00—Coffee social:** Café Bon Appetite is open
- Mon. 10th: AM Cards**
- Tue. 11th:** 9:00 Bone Builders 12:30—Art Class
- Wed. 12th:** 10:00 Wii Bowling: 12:00 Café Bienvenue; 11:00 am Karaoke Christmas
- Thur. 13th:** 9:00 Bone Builders 11:30--Begin serving Holiday Meal followed @ 12:30 by Jen Shaw and The Belmont elementary Select Chorus
- Fri. 14th:** Café Bon Appetite is open @ 10:00am
10:00 ACOA Meeting @ Wesley Woods
- Mon. 17th:** AM Cards—Bill Roberts @ 11:00 and our Yankee Swap Christmas Party is after lunch.
- Tue. 18th:** 9:00 Bone Builders 12:30—Art Class
- Wed. 19th:** 10:00 Wii Bowling
- Thu. 20th:** 9:00 Bone Builders
- Fri. 21st:** Café Bon Appetite is open 10:00am.
- Mon. 24th:** AM Cards
- Tue. 25th: Closed for the Holiday!!**
- Wed. 26th** Wii Bowling 10:00am:
- Thu. 27th:** 9:00 Bone Builders
- Fri. 28th:** No Breakfast! Lunch will be @ noon. See front page.
- Mon. 31st: AM Cards**
- Tuesday 1 January, closed For the New Year's Holiday!!! Happy New Year Everyone!!!**



Land Use News

Planning Board:

Approved Site Plan for Winnisquam Storage to construct an additional 20,050sf of self-storage at their Daniel Webster Highway facility including 9,600sf of climate controlled space.

Board continues to review a proposed 3-lot subdivision on Church Street due to concerns related to steep slopes and the adjacent Tioga River.

Board has begun consideration of possible zoning amendments to be placed before the 2013 Town Meeting.

Land Use Staff Quick Notes:

Plans have been approved for Spears Bros. to accommodate an area of filling.

With some minor outstanding site work, the Speedy Wash N Go Laundromat expansion has been completed.

Reminder letters have been sent to owners who have annual Open Space or annual Excavation Reports outstanding.

Work has begun on a Trails and Open Space page to be included on the Town's website to provide convenient access for residents and visitors to identify local trails and open space lands.

Contact the Land Use Office at landuse@belmontnh.org or 267-8300x19 for additional information on these or any land use related topics.

Tilton Winter Farmers' Market
67 East Main St (Rte 3)
In the old Agway building
TILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Saturdays & Sundays 10AM-2PM
from January until the end of March

A photograph showing a large pile of various pumpkins and gourds, including orange pumpkins, striped gourds, and green gourds, arranged in a market display.



Library News

Happy Holidays from the Library

As the Holidays approach, everyone looks forward to celebrations and sharing. As a way of sharing with the community, during November and December the Library offers a fine free option: donate food or a nonperishable item if you owe overdue fines. If you owe for materials you kept a little too long, when you return them bring in an item that can be donated to the local food pantry and your fine will disappear!! You may even make a donation if you DON'T owe money!! How good is that??!!

Looking for paperback books to take travelling or "like-new" books to give as a gift? The Library has an ongoing book sale. Driving to visit family and spending a lot of time in the car? Check out audio books on CD. They are fun for everyone to listen to!!

The Library will be closed for special holidays as follows:

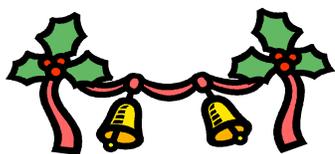
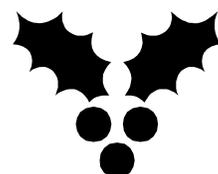
Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) **CLOSED**

Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day) **CLOSED**

Monday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) **CLOSED**

Tuesday, January 1st (New Year's Day) we will be **CLOSED**

In case of stormy weather we sometimes must close early or do not open at all. Check on our status by watching WMUR Channel 9 television or web page, or visit our web page; www.belmontpubliclibrary.org. We try to post it as far ahead of time as we can. If travelling is dangerous due to storm conditions, be safe and stay at home.



The staff at Belmont Public Library (Jackie, Loraine, Katherine, Annie, Jane, and Jill) wish everyone a safe and joyful Holiday Season!!

Food for Fines

During November & December, Belmont Public Library is accepting food donations for local Food Pantries as payment of overdue fines for late books or movies.

If you owe the Library money, donate food or non-food grocery items when you return your overdue materials and your fine will disappear! And you will help the community! What a deal!

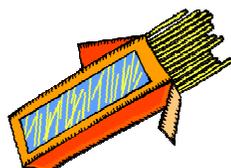
Donations must be:

- ~non-perishable
- ~unopened
- ~not government surplus



Especially needed are:

- ~boxes of macaroni & cheese
- ~cereal
- ~mixes
- ~peanut butter
- ~soap
- ~shampoo
- ~paper towels
- ~tissues
- ~toilet paper
- ~detergent



Hurry while this offer lasts!

Happy Holidays from the Staff at Belmont Public Library!



Other Community News - Penstock Discovery

The following information provided by Wallace P. Rhodes (Town Historian, Charter member founder - Belmont Historical Society), Linda Frawley (Chairman, Belmont Heritage Commission) and others.



Penstock Installation (circa 1910)

This photo from Belmont Mill records, preserved by the Belmont Historical Society, shows the installation of metal penstocks, replacing wood, and the last stop of a delivery system bringing millions of gallons annually to the Village for commercial manufacturing and residential use. Town historian Wallace Rhodes believes there are "very likely several more sections of the nearly one third mile long penstock still buried along its path from Fellows Dam to the Belmont Mill." The gentleman on the left has been identified as the late Joe Frasier, and others are currently unknown.



Rusty Drewer & Peter Harris (photo: Linda Frawley)

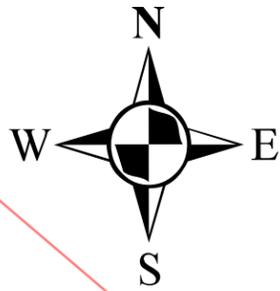


Penstock Removal November 9, 2012

Under the shadow of Belmont's iconic 1833 mill, Rusty Drew (right) of Tilton and Rusty's & Son Towing & Recovery, oversees safe transport of the first of two century-old penstocks, unearthed by contractors working in the Factory Village District. Peter Harris, longtime Planning Board chairman, (left), helped the Town Heritage Commission pull together a team of generous area businesses, for the project last Friday. The full cast of community-spirited experts donating their time and services included artist Tom Sleeper, a juried member of the New Hampshire League of Craftsman and owner of Sleeper Ornamental Welding, Frank Blaney and son Alex of Blaney Auto Crushing and with Brian Guyotte, both Belmont businesses and Jeremy Perkins, driving for Rusty's, based in Tilton. (photo - Linda Frawley)



Penstock in front of mill (photo: Shayne Duggan)

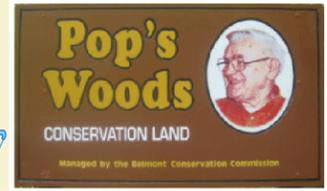
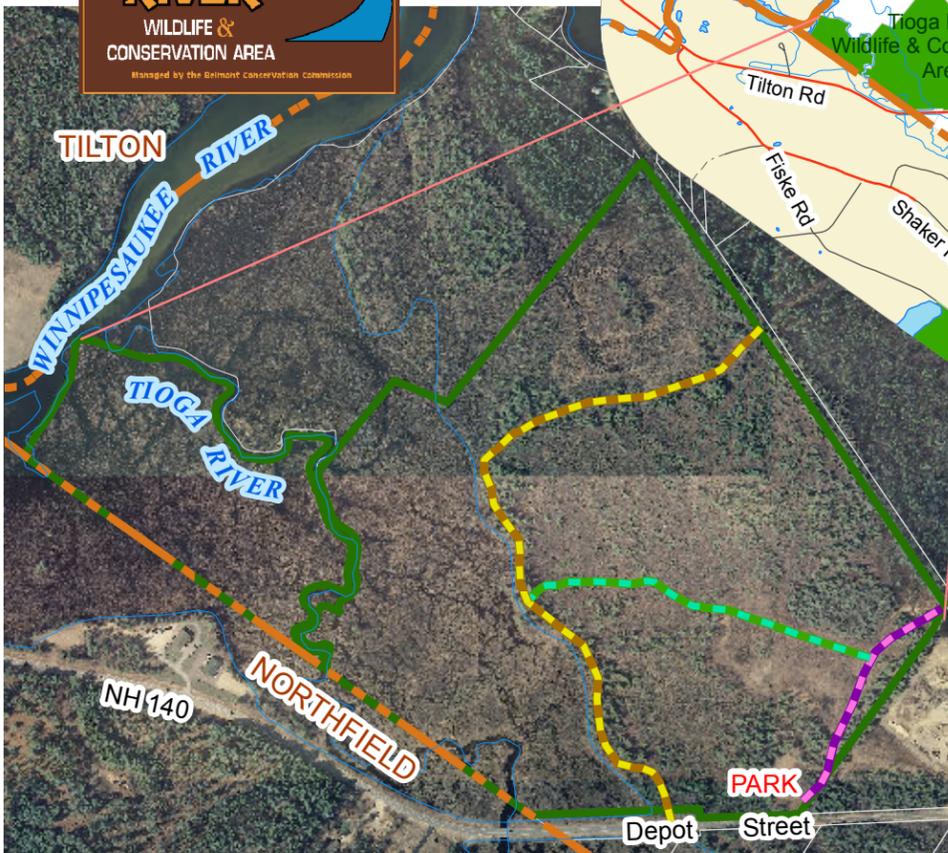


Conservation Commission News

Belmont Conservation Lands
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**TODAY'S
CONSERVATION
STEWARDS FOR
TOMORROW'S
GENERATION**

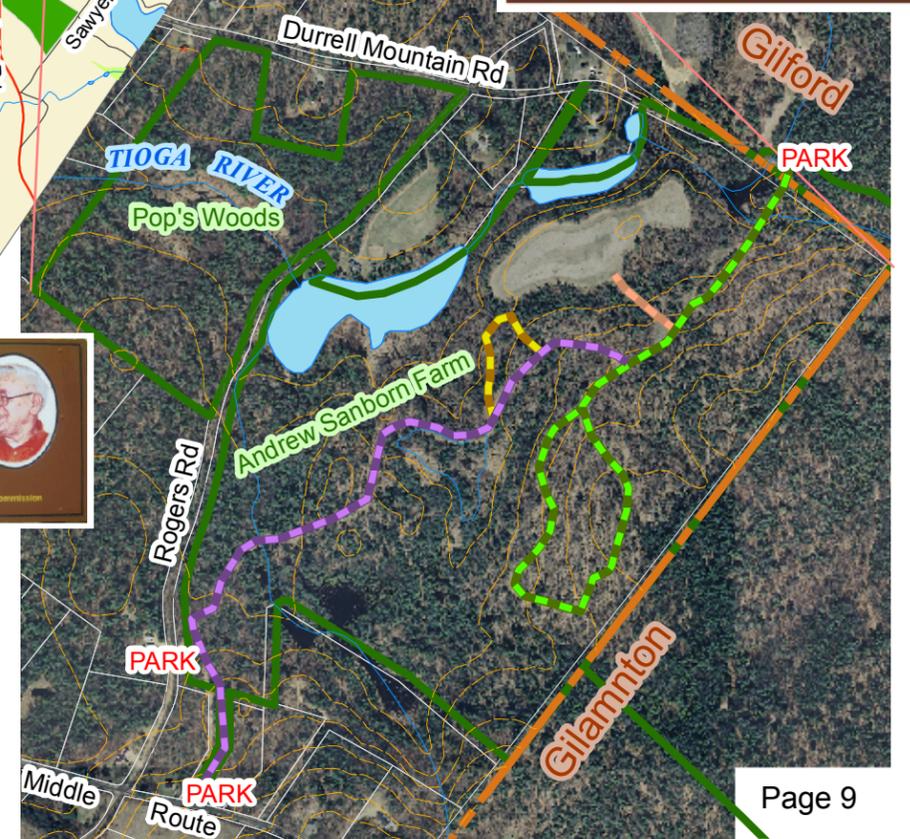
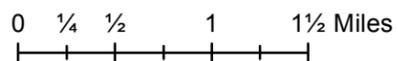
All Properties Are "Carry In - Carry Out"
Trail Insets Scaled at 1"=1000'



- NH Conserved Lands
Public Access Level**
- Access Allowed
 - Restricted Access
 - Access Not Permitted
 - Unknown Access



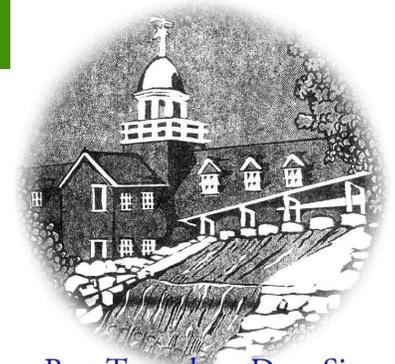
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Lego Club 10:30am @ Library
2	3 BOS Mtg 5pm at CMH	4 LR Girls Softball 6:30pm at CMH (downstairs) Story time 3:30pm @ Library	5 Con Com Mtg 6pm Preschool Story time 10:30pm @ Library	6 Explorers Mtg at CMH (downstairs) Knitting 6:00pm @ Library	7	8
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