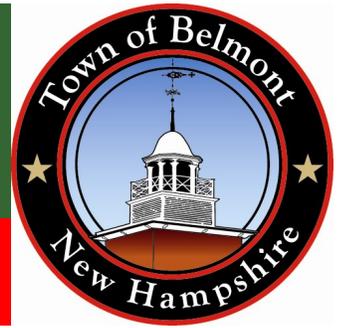


Our Community Newsletter



December 2013



Town of Belmont

Deck the Village



Sunday, December 1, 2013

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for...

Musical performances at the Village bandstand

Pictures with Santa (Belmont Library) - please bring your own camera

Crafts & card making at Santa's Workshop (Belmont Mill)

Cookie decorating at the Sweet Shop (Corner Meeting House)

Holiday Story Time (Belmont Mill)

In order to provide a magical holiday season for others, please bring a non-perishable food item for St. Josephs Food Bank and/or a new, unwrapped toy for the Belmont Police Association toy drive.



For more information or to volunteer:

WWW.BELMONTNH.ORG | EVENTS@BELMONTNH.ORG | 603.998.3525

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER, DECK THE VILLAGE WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013



Town Administrator News



**Town Administrator's
Monthly Report**

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season; just a reminder that the Town Hall will be closing on Tuesday, December 24th at 12 noon and will reopen on Thursday, December 26th at 7:30 a.m.

A reminder that this year Petition Warrant Articles are due to the Board of Selectmen by the 2nd Tuesday in January which is January 14, 2014. The first day for candidates for Town office to file declarations of candidacy with the Town Clerk is Wednesday, January 22, 2014 and the last day for filing will be January, 31, 2014, the office will be open until 5 pm on the 31st.

The Board of Selectmen has not yet set the date for the Deliberative Session but will be held between Saturday, February 1st and Saturday, February 8th. Town Meeting for ballot voting will be held on March 11th.

The Budget Committee has begun meeting regularly at the Corner Meeting House on Tuesday's, at 6:30 p.m. Their next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013.



Data collection has begun for the 2014 property revaluation. The Board of Selectmen at their meeting January 7, 2013 voted to contract with Commerford, Neider & Perkins to begin the process of Data Verification, which will include measuring & listing every property, for the 2014 State mandated revaluation. Beginning immediately employees of Commerford, Neider & Perkins will be in town for 2013/2014, for this purpose. Questions or concerns

regarding the process should be directed to Assessing@belmontnh.org or by calling 603-267-8300 Ext. 18. Your cooperation in allowing the measure and listing staff into your home will assist the Town in assuring a quality revaluation project is completed. Information collected in 2013 will not be reflected on your property record card until 2014 unless you had obtained a building permit between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013.

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. The Consortium has not yet come to a consensus on the new agreement but continues to work towards that goal. A public hearing will be held once a final agreement is worked out.



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.





Chiefly Thoughts



As the cold weather approaches my mind wanders back to an incident I was involved in as a young firefighter. I was sitting at home relaxing when a call came in for a report of a building fire with a person trapped. I responded to the station and was in time to make the second due engine. As we responded to the scene we could tell by the radio traffic that we definitely had a working fire. We arrived on scene and as I started exiting the apparatus the driver yelled over to remind me we had to handle water supply before I could “go play”. I grudgingly turned back and assisted the driver in establishing a water supply line and when we had completed the task I rushed towards the building hoping to see some action. Running in the other direction were four firefighters pushing a stretcher. In the middle of the stretcher was something that kind of looked like a person but kind of didn't. I pulled my eyes away from the sight and as I rounded the corner I saw one of my fellow firefighters on the ground gasping for air and his turnout gear was smoking. I skidded to a stop, not easy given the icy conditions, and stared down at my brother firefighter. He was being attended to by others and he looked up at me with a blank look on his face and his eyes looked different somehow. I continued on and managed to get in on a line and get some action. When things settled down I asked a firefighter from the first due crew what had happened. He told me the injured firefighter had also responded from home and arrived at the scene before any department apparatus and he had entered the building without an SCBA to pull out the victim. A few days later we found out that the victim had not survived and that the firefighter was going to be ok. The turnout coat he had been wearing had burned through to the interior liner but he had miraculously not suffered any serious injuries. Over the course of the next several months the firefighter was showered with praise and awards from numerous organizations and at every event he was asked to recount the events of that night. One night I ended up working a shift with the firefighter and I asked him what he was thinking when he went in after the victim. He looked me in the eyes and said “Dave, I was thinking I have to get this person out, everyone outside, the police and the neighbors were expecting me to succeed and I couldn't let them down”. I asked him what he thought about after the rescue and he said “By trying to not let the spectators down I almost let my family down by not making it home” His simple comment has stayed with me for the rest of my career and on several occasions when I have been tempted to take a dangerous action so I would not “let someone down” I thought back to his comment, then thought about my wife and my children and thankfully I have never done anything to let them down. We all have a job to do and yes, on occasion, we take the extra risk to save a life. But please remember we all have someone else depending on us and hoping we don't ever “let them down” . Always Remember “Everyone goes home”



Coffee Break Training - Fire Prevention and Public Education

The fire problem in the United States is an ongoing and continuous battle for the fire service and the public alike. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), 82 percent of all fire deaths and 76 percent of all fire injuries occurred in residential buildings. Each year there is an estimated 360,000 residential building fires reported to U.S. fire departments, 2,495 deaths, 13,250 injuries and \$7 billion in property loss.





Fire Department News (cont)

This is a call to action for USFA, fire and life safety partner organizations, and the American public. We must join together to help reduce the number of home fires and the resulting deaths, injuries and loss of property. We rely on the fire service to fight fires once they occur; however, the prevention of fires is up to all of us ... Fire is Everyone's Fight. Fire is Everyone's Fight is designed to unite the fire service and many others in a collaborative effort to reduce home fire injuries, deaths and property loss. It invites fire departments, safety advocates, community groups, schools and others to rally behind a common and compelling theme. USFA and its partners will communicate and reinforce key lessons across many proven fire safety and prevention initiatives and programs.

USFA recognizes the power of partnership as a critical means of marketing and delivering accurate and consistent safety messages into the community. Fire is Everyone's Fight is based on social marketing research commissioned by the grassroots Vision 20/20 fire safety consortium with funding from an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Based on partners' resources, they may implement a number of strategies, such as sharing information with staff, member organizations, community groups, and other stakeholders. USFA is asking partners to use the Fire is Everyone's Fight tagline. Partners may incorporate the theme Fire is Everyone's Fight into their existing fire prevention materials or create new fire prevention and safety materials with the theme.

USFA will lead an effort to determine what resources are already available to the public as well as fire and life safety organizations, highlighting those that have been evaluated for effectiveness. USFA will include a Fire is Everyone's Fight Web page and a range of trademarked graphics for use on partners' materials. Other resources for partners' discussion and sharing will also be available via the Fire is Everyone's Fight Web page.

Learn how your organization can support the development of this exciting initiative and share your ideas with USFA about ways to help it grow in communities across America.

For more information, contact Teresa Neal at 301-447-1024, teresa.neal@fema.dhs.gov, or visit the Web page at www.usfa.fema.gov/

Belmont Fire Department Year to date 2013 Alarm by type

Descript	Count
ALS Transport	274
ALS Non-Transport	17
ALS Med Flight	1
BLS Transport	99
BLS Non-Transport	154
Fire Response	142
Hazardous Materials Response	13
Motor Vehicle Accident ALS Transport	15
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Transport	4
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Non-Transport	7
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	25
MVA No Incident found	1
Mutual Aid Response	148
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	27
Rescue Response	1
Service Call	83
Storm Response	1
Water Rescue	3
Total	1015



Town Clerk/Tax Collector News



Happy Holidays citizens of Belmont!!

We here in the Town Clerk's office hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the bustle of the Holiday season!



Just a friendly reminder, that the second issue tax bills are due on December 9th. You may drop them in the mail, stop in and pay them, or use our website www.belmontnh.org to pay them online. And we'd like to give a big "WAY TO GO" to Belmont residents for all the tax payments that have been pouring in!!

The 4th issue water/sewer bills will be generated this month as well. The 4th issue covers the months of September, October, and November. As with the tax bills, you may also drop these payments in the mail, stop in and pay them, or use our website to pay them online.



For registrations sake, please take note that Town hall is closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve, closed all day Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas and will re-open at 7:30AM Friday December 26th.

We can't believe how this year has flown by!!
It's already time for us to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year!!





Planning & Zoning News



Planning Board:

Amendments: At their November 25th meeting the Board continued consideration of possible zoning and building amendments. They will hold a public hearing on the following proposals at 7pm, Monday, December 16th, to receive comments and questions prior to a decision on whether each will be placed before the voters in March.

- Expand the stated Purposes of Open Space Development to include reducing impacts on public services.
- Rezone three lots located on Corriveau Way (formerly Fred Friend Road) from Commercial to Rural.
- Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code – 2009 edition with revisions, applicable town-wide. Regulate and govern the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use.

Public Hearings:

The Board granted further approvals to Terra Firma Real Estate, Upper Parish Settlement Drive, currently approved for a 36-lot open space subdivision for:

- A one-year approval extension to 11/22/14;
- Construct project in two phases.

Land Use Staff Quick Notes:

Brady-Sullivan Properties Co will be moving forward with the development of the 60-home Lilac Valley Estates in Laconia along the Belmont Town Line. Although all of the homes will be located in Laconia, traffic from the westerly section of the project will access over Old Prescott Hill Road. Because the Laconia intersection of Old Prescott Hill and Rte 106 will be restricted to only right turns in and out as a result of this project, the Belmont intersection of Old Prescott Hill Rd and Rte 106 will see a substantial increase in traffic. To increase visibility and safety, this intersection will receive some upgrades funded by Brady-Sullivan. Prior to beginning construction of the westerly portion of their project (anticipated in 2014) additional signage, pavement markings and a raised island will be added.

Website - The annual Town Meeting section has been added under the Latest News section of the website. The article is intended to provide information of interest to residents during the budget and voting season. Additional information will be added as available.

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





Wildlife Around Belmont



Owl on Cotton Hill Road

Milk Snake Behind the Belmont Mill



Osprey Near Lake Winnisquam



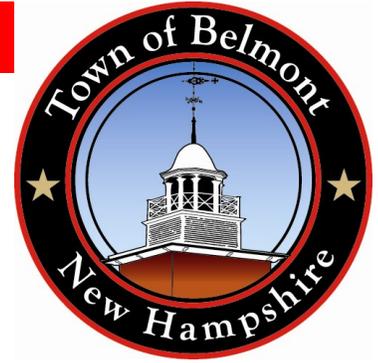
Bear (?) Attack on a Culvert Pipe
To Get a Hornets' Nest



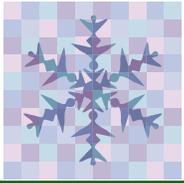
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Deck the Village 12p.m. to 2p.m.	2	3 Budget Comm @ CMH 6:30 pm Lakes Region Girl Softball @ CMH 6pm- 9 pm	4 Conservation Comm @ CMH 6 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 Budget Comm @ CMH 6:30 pm Bogie Busters @ CMH 7 pm	11 Belmont Baseball Org @ CMH 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16 Board of Selectmen @ CMH 5 pm Planning Board @ CMH 7 pm	17 Budget Comm @ CMH 6:30 pm	18 Zoning Board @ CMH 7 pm	19 ARC @ CMH 8 am	20	21 Winter Begins 
22	23	24 Town Hall Closing @ Noon	25 Christmas- Town Hall Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Merry Christmas