

Our Community Newsletter

February 2014



Town Administrator's
Monthly Report

Town Meeting Warrant - 2014

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First **(Deliberative) Session** of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on **the 1st day of February 2014, being a Saturday at 10:00 o'clock** in the forenoon. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First (Deliberative) Session, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the **11th day of March, being a Tuesday, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon**, to act upon the following:

Article #1. To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Moderator two-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Supervisor of Checklist six-year term (1), Town Treasurer three-year term (1), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Planning Board three-year term (2), Planning Board one-year term (1),

Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term (2).

Article #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by PETITION for the town Building Code as summarized below?

Adopt a Historic Demolition Review Ordinance, including all buildings fifty (50) years or older, before granting application or permit to demolish. Three members of the Heritage Commission will comprise the Historic Demolition Review Committee, and nothing in this article will prevent immediate demolition where the public safety is at stake.

The Planning Board DOES NOT support this Amendment.

YES NO

Article #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the Purposes section of the Open Space Development Ordinance to include reducing impacts and strains on public and emergency services.

YES NO

Article #4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance & Zoning Map as summarized below?

Rezone three lots located on Corriveau Way (formerly Fred Friend Road) from Commercial to Rural.

YES NO

Article #5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$375,000) for the purpose of a Town-wide Water Meter Replacement Project including engineering costs, and all other costs reasonably associated with this project and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$375,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine

the rate of interest thereon **(3/5 ballot vote required)**. Future bond payments are anticipated to be funded from Water User Fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$375,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #6. Shall the Town vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position per RSA 41:26-e. Such appointment shall be made by the Board of Selectmen in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the elected Treasurer will continue to serve until the March, 2015 annual town meeting, at which time the Treasurer shall be appointed. **[Majority Vote Required]**.

Article #7. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to Winnisquam Boats, LLC, a 0.33 (+/-) acre parcel of land with buildings situated on it at 17 Sunset Drive and more particularly referenced at Tax Map 104, Lot 025; under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may deem to be in the best interest of the Town, but in no event shall the sale price be less than two hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$240,000).

Article #8. Should Article 7 pass, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, which amount represents the proceeds from the sale of the former Winnisquam Fire Department building. Any proceeds in excess of \$240,000 will be deposited into the General Fund.

Article #9. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

Article #10. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

Article #11. Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar)

to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$93,945 of revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) received during the 2014 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$93,945 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2014 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

Overtime Coverage	\$40,000
Telephone Expense	\$ 1,000
Conferences & Dues (EMS related)	\$ 500
Training Expenses	\$ 1,200
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$26,745
Comstar Billing Fees	\$12,500
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$ 5,000
Fuel	\$ 6,000

Article #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Department Command Vehicle and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund (Comstar) previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$35,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #13. Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

Belknap County 4-H Fair Association	\$800
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 10972	\$600
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 21532	\$600
Belmont Baseball Organization/Lakes Region Girls	\$1600
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65	\$1200
Belmont Cub Scouts Pack 65	\$1500
Belmont Heritage Commission	\$500
Belmont Historical Society	\$1500
Belmont NH Heritage Website Support	\$157
Belmont Old Home Day Committee	\$1000
Belmont Parks & Recreation Scholarship	\$2000
Belmont Police Explorers	\$800
Belmont Police Relief Assn. Santa's Helpers	\$2000
Charles Kilborn Post 58 American Legion	\$500
First Baptist Church Food Pantry	\$1700

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Friends of Belmont Football	\$1000
Shaker Regional School District – Shaker Sugar Shack	\$3000
St. Joseph’s Food Pantry	\$3130

Article #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Seven Million Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Fifty Four Dollars (\$7,226,054). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven Dollars (\$7,154,411) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$7,226,053 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$142,050) for the purpose of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail, said appropriation to be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation in the amount of \$64,050, by a grant from the NH Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000 and by \$53,000 to be raised by general taxation. If Article 16 passes, there will be no money raised by general taxation. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$142,050 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #16. Shall the Town vote to change the name and purpose of the *BRATT (Belmont Recreational Alternative Transportation Team) Phase II Capital Reserve Fund* to the *BRATT Capital Reserve Fund* for the expanded purpose of funding any and all costs related to Belmont’s Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail including but not limited to engineering, construction and maintenance and further, to continue to designate the Selectmen as

agents to expend money from this fund. (2/3 vote required). This account has a balance of \$62,573.00 in it.

Article #17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing and implementing a new Town-wide Telephone System? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$35,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$750,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500) for the purpose of purchasing Radio Repeaters for the Police Department? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$14,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #20. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 **(Public Safety Employees Union which includes Police and Fire Departments)** for the term April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016, which calls for the following increases and decreases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase/Decrease Benefits
2014	\$28,889	2014 (\$24,926)
Year	Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Inc. Benefits
2015	\$24,360	2015 \$7,728
2016	\$23,971	2016 \$8,729

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars (\$3,963), which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase and decrease in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most

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recent collective bargaining agreement. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$3,963 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #21. Shall the Town of Belmont, if article #20 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #20 cost items only?

Article #22. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 for the term April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2014	\$9,918	(\$7,430)
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)		Estimated Inc. Benefits
2015	\$10,075	\$1,856
2016	\$10,380	\$1,912

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars (\$2,488) for the current fiscal year, which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$2,488 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #23. Shall the Town of Belmont, if article #22 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #22 cost items only?

Article #24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$166,138) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$166,138 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars

(\$529,775) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user's fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars (\$491,588) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$529,775 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars (\$257,548) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users' fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars (\$274,857) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$257,548 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #27. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2013. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #28. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). This appropriation is in addition to Article 8. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$125,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #29. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amounts

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to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$3,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #30. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #31. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #32. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #33. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund already established (Created 2003). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #34. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new dispatch center radio? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$45,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #35. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #36. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry

Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$2,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #37. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades, Replacement and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010), said sum to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Article #38. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$7,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**



Copies of the Town Meeting Warrant, Budget and Default Budget are available on the Town's Website at www.belmontnh.org as well as Voter Registration information. In addition, if you would like a hard copy, please feel free to stop by Town Hall and we will gladly make a copy for you. This year's Town Report will be available at Town Hall no later than Tuesday, March 4th.

The 2014 Property Revaluation is nearing completion; data collection and data entry is winding down and soon Commerford Nieder Perkins will begin the sales analysis process which will establish new values for the Town of Belmont. In early summer, taxpayers will receive notice of their new values as well as being notified of the hearing process. The new values will be used to establish the 2014 tax rate and will be reflected in the 2nd issue bill. The bill you receive in May 2014, will reflect the 2013 value and current tax rate. Any questions regarding the Revaluation process should

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be directed to the Assessing Office at 267-8300 Ext. 18 or to assessing@belmontnh.org.

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 will expire on December 31, 2013. The Consortium believes we are close to a consensus on the new agreement and we hope to schedule a public hearing on the new agreement soon.



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.



BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION



VS



MARCH 1, 2014— SATURDAY

\$90.00 PER PERSON



The Boston Celtics will take on the Indiana Pacers in this 8:00PM, Saturday night game at the TD North Garden. The trip includes round trip motor coach from Belmont and tickets to the game. We will depart from the Belmont Park & Rideshare (Route 106) at 5:15PM. Sit back and relax in our fully equipped motor coach or watch a movie. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and dinner on your own prior to the game. The seats are in section #303 rows 11-13. We will depart Boston Garden 20 minutes after the game ends.

We will be travelling with the patrons of Gilford Parks & Recreation; there will be a pick up at Gilford High School prior to our stop in Belmont. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed and accompanied by payment. Tickets are non-refundable.

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Belmont Parks & Recreation
(603) 267-1865
recreation@belmontnh.org
www.belmontnh.org

Town Clerk/Tax Collector News

Greetings citizens of Belmont! We hope that you fared well during the frigid blast we like to call January!

We would like to start by informing the residents of Belmont that we have changed over to a one check system pertaining to vehicle registrations. You read correctly!! You will no longer need to bring two checks to Town Hall to register your vehicles. We require only one check made payable to the 'Town of Belmont', which will cover your local and state fees.

As a reminder, it is that time of year to register your dogs. Keep in mind that as long as your dog's rabies certificate on file is not expired, you can go to www.belmonthnh.org and renew the registration online and we'll mail the new tag to you. Just be sure to put in the entire expiring tag number. (For example, 14-021) To all Belmont's new dog owners, feel free to come on down to Town Hall with your dog's rabies certificate and we'll get your dog registered. If your dog has passed on or you no longer own it, please give us a call at Town Hall and we will inactivate your account.

We have sent out delinquent notices pertaining to past due amounts for unpaid water/sewer and tax bills. We send these notices to make you aware of unpaid balances on your account that are in danger of being liened. In order to avoid the liening process, all balances must be paid in full by April.

Here's what we've been busy doing in the Town Clerk's Office in 2013:

Auto Registrations (10414)	\$1,098,902.91
Titles (901)	
Municipal Agent Fees	\$28,660.00
E-Log Fees (1252)	\$1,427.90
Dog Licenses, including kennels (1409)	\$9,740.00
Marriage Licenses (43 Issued)	\$1,935.00
Copy Fees	\$365.75
Boat Registration Fees	\$25,553.08
Filing Fees	\$22.17
Certified Copies of Vital Records (219)	\$3075.00
UCC Recording & Discharge Fees	\$2005.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$1,171,686.81

And in the Tax Collector's Office in 2013:

Taxes Collected	\$17,176,443.91
Sewer Fees Collected	\$590,077.56
Water Fees Collected	\$314,888.14
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$18,081,409.61

Keep warm and safe this February... and remember that our town election is March 11, 2014!

2013 in Review



2013 was a busy year for the BFD. We saw an increase in emergency responses of 3.3%. We responded to 23 building fires, treated 798 patients and transported 527. Our most challenging incident occurred on June 24th at 20:30. BFD received a call notifying the on-duty crew that 26 victims of a lightning strike were in route to the station to be checked out. The incident occurred in the Town of Gilmanton at the Boy Scout Reservation but the leaders decided to transport the victims themselves. The men and women of the Belmont Fire Department



as well as all mutual aid responders did an outstanding job and treated and transported all 26 victims in less than 90 minutes from the time of their arrival. We look forward to 2014 and remind all our personnel of our department motto. "In Omnia Paratus"(In all things ready).

The year in photos



Building Fire 149 Young Rd. in April.



Firefighters operate on the roof at a chimney fire at 94 Seavey Rd in March



Rollover with ejection on Depot St in April

Companies working a brushfire behind 194 Gilmanton Rd in May. The fire was suspected to have been started by dirt bike riders.



Fire Department News (cont.)

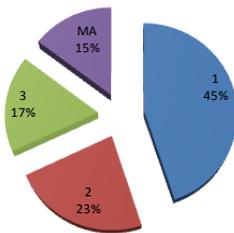


Motor Vehicle Accident "Car vs House" on Depot St in July. Miraculously there were no injuries to the occupants of the vehicle or the sole occupant of the house.

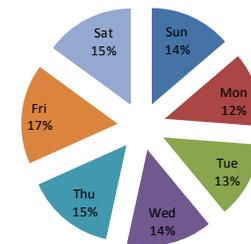


House Fire 544 Province Rd in January

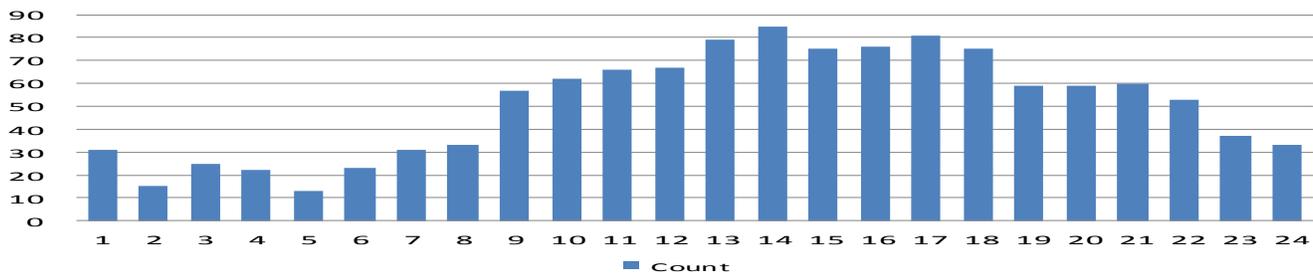
2013 Incidents by District



Incidents by Day of Week



2013 Incidents by Time of Day



Belmont Fire Department 2013 Alarms by type

Descript	Count
ALS Transport	317
ALS Non-Transport	22
ALS Med Flight	1
BLS Transport	121
BLS Non-Transport	182
Fire Response	172
Hazardous Materials Response	16
Motor Vehicle Accident ALS Transport	16
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Transport	5
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Non-Transport	7
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	35
MVA No Incident found	1
Mutual Aid Response	179
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	37
Rescue Response	1
Service Call	100
Storm Response	1
Water Rescue	4
Total	1217

Planning & Zoning News



February, 2014

The final public hearing for amendments was held on January 13th. The following Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Building Code Amendments will be on the March 11th Town Meeting Ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as **proposed by PETITION** for the town Building Code as summarized below?

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Other Planning News

January 27th Planning Board Meeting:

- Boundary Line Adjustment approval to BBE Realty, LLC to transfer 2.3 ac at Aiden Circle & 27 Forest Drive to Michael & Veronica Fournier.
- Site Plan approval to Winnisquam Marine, Inc. for interior boat storage at 95 Daniel Webster Highway.

NH DOT will hold a public hearing at 7pm on Tuesday, February 18th, at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, regarding a proposed project to reconstruct the intersection of NH 106 and Seavey Road to improve safety. The proposed reconstruction will widen the highway to provide a northbound exclusive left turn lane, a southbound exclusive right turn lane, and paved shoulders. The work on NH 106 will extend approximately 750' south and 850' north of the intersection. The reconstruction will also reconstruct a segment of Seavey Road extending approximately 300' west of its intersection with NH 106. This project will not impact historic resources. More at www.belmontnh.org/docs/TemporaryDocs/NHDOT.pdf.

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



Town of Belmont
Leprechaun Leap
5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, March 15, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Start: Belmont Mill, 14 Mill Street

***Hand Timed Race**

Entry Fees:

Pre-Registration:

Runners/walkers - \$15
Senior Citizens and kids under 14 - \$10

Day of Registration:

Runners/walkers - \$20
Senior Citizens and kids under 14 - \$15

***Payment due at time of registration**

***Pre-registrants ONLY will receive
a Leprechaun Leap gift**

**Course map and registration forms
available at www.belmontnh.org**

For more information contact:

Shana Agan, Special Event Coordinator
(603) 998-3525 or events@belmontnh.org

Costumes encouraged but not required



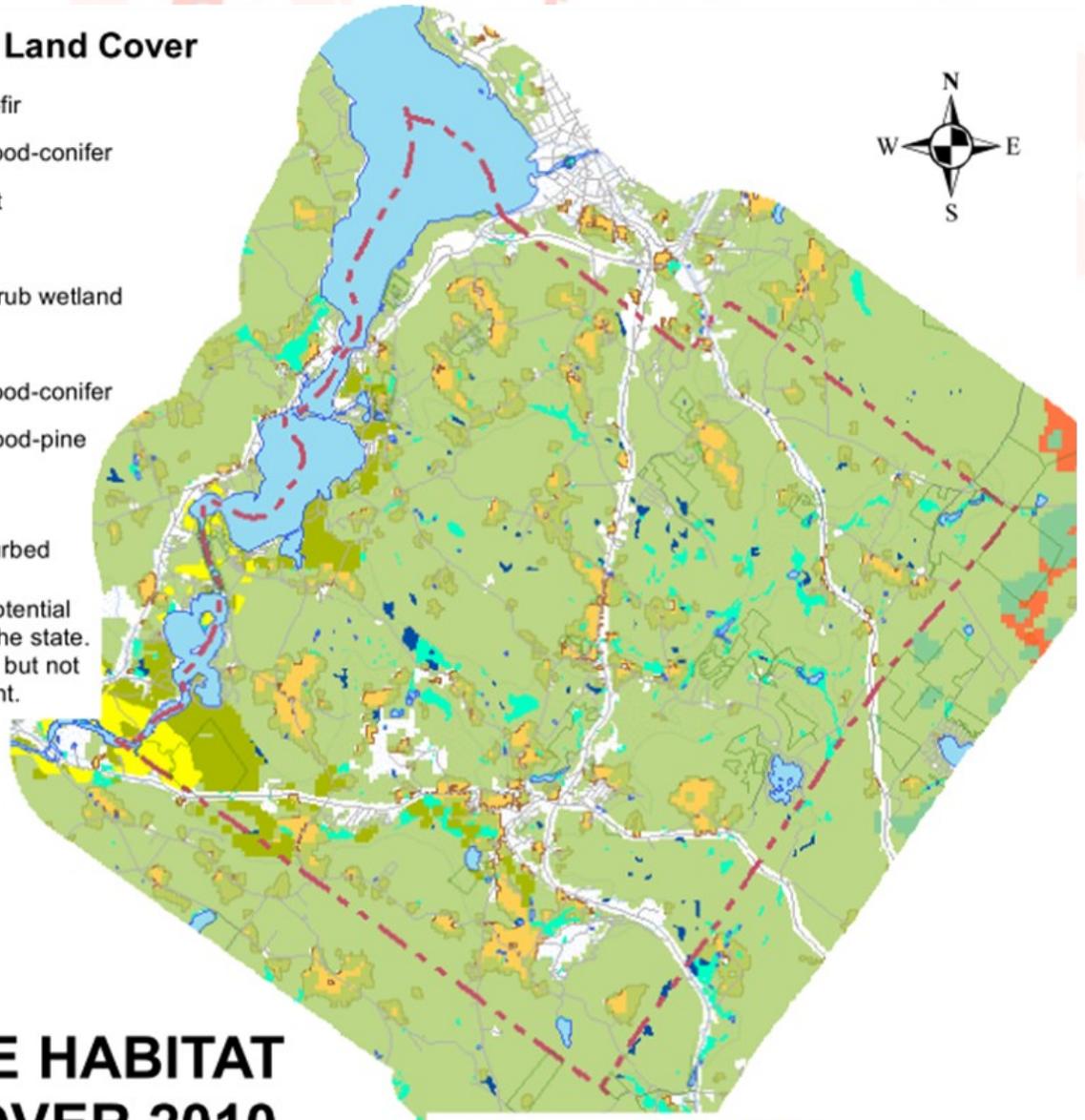
Conservation Commission News

Do you know which of New Hampshire's wildlife habitats occur in Belmont? The New Hampshire Fish & Game Department has produced the [Wildlife Action Plan \(WAP\)](#), which employs a Geographic Information System (GIS - basically a way of looking at information in a database spatially) that depict the 16 most significant habitats for the state. As your Conservation Commission works to incorporate our [Natural Resources Inventory \(NRI\)](#) and the WAP into the Master Plan, one anticipated outcome is that we will more effectively focus our land preservation efforts on those areas that contain the most critical habitats, especially those that are under the threat of development pressure.

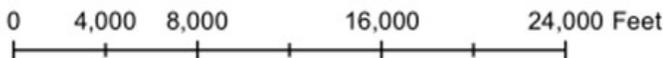
Wildlife Habitat Land Cover

-  Lowland spruce-fir
-  Northern hardwood-conifer
-  Floodplain forest
-  Pine barren*
-  Wet meadow/shrub wetland
-  Peatland
-  Northern hardwood-conifer
-  Hemlock-hardwood-pine
-  Grasslands
-  Developed/Disturbed

Location of known and potential critical wildlife habitat in the state.
* Pine Barren - Predicted but not known to occur in Belmont.

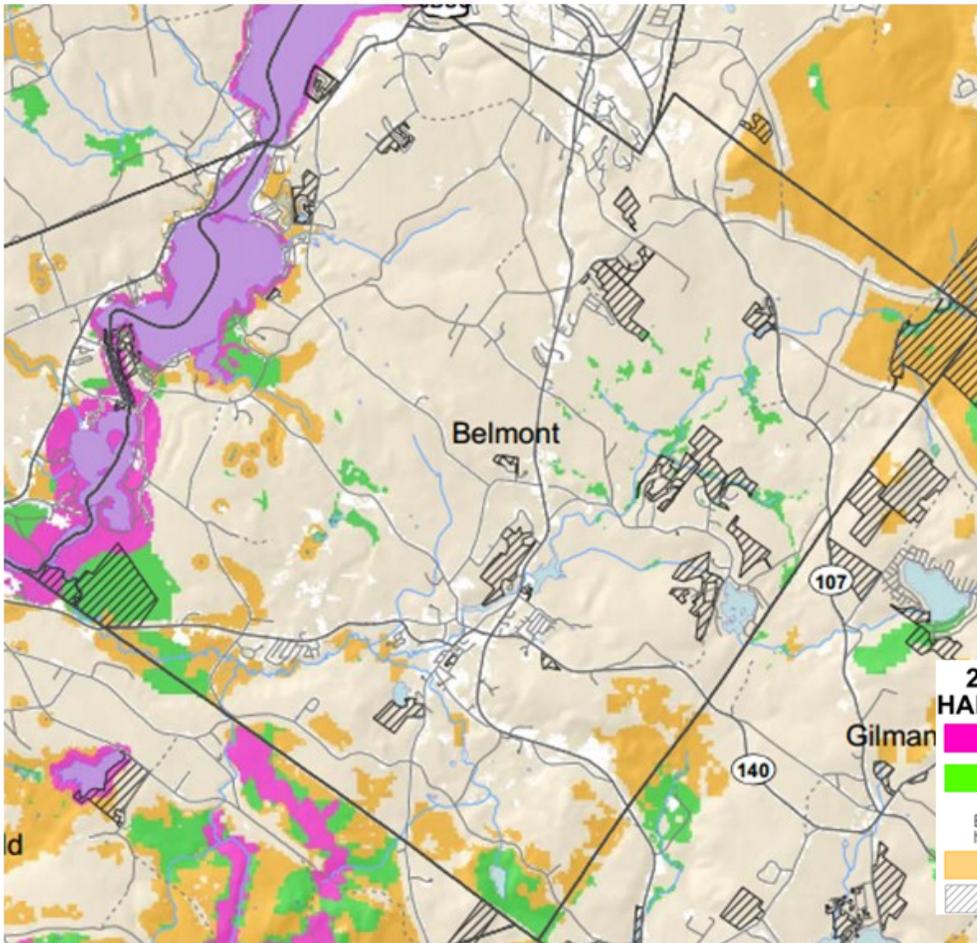


WILDLIFE HABITAT LAND COVER 2010



Most Critical Habitats - All of the land along Lake Winnisquam, Silver Lake and the Winnepesaukee River are among the highest ranking habitat of its type in the state, due to the presence of Bald Eagle and Osprey.

Conservation Commission News (cont.)



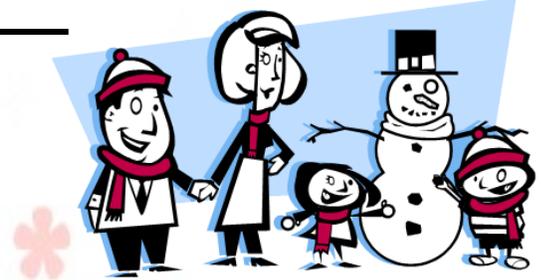
The significant [Floodplain Forest \(FF\)](#) at the Town's westerly border is among the highest ranked in our biological region, habitat for the Wood turtle and Eastern red bat. Much of this FF is preserved as part of the Tioga River Wildlife & Conservation Area, preserved by the Town in 2004.

Scattered throughout town are many [grasslands](#), mostly pastures and hayfields, important as habitat to Eastern meadowlark, Upland sandpiper and Whip-poor-will.

All three of these habitats are important to migrating and wintering-over birds.

In the coming months, look for a series of monthly newsletter articles that further describe Belmont's wildlife habitats and land protection efforts.

THE BELMONT BOOKMARK



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Newsletter of the Belmont Public Library

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Hours: Mon. 12 pm – 6 pm
Tues. 12 pm – 7 pm
Wed. 10 am – 4 pm
Thurs. 12 pm – 7 pm
Fri. 10 am – 4 pm
Sat. 9 am – 1 pm

Young Adult Books Upstairs

We have rearranged our collection so that young adult novels are now located upstairs, in the corner near the computers. While targeted at teens, many adults find YA books to be exceptionally good reading. We wanted the location of this collection to reflect the wide readership YA literature deserves.

Rug Hooking

Check our website for the date and time of Introduction to Rug Hooking, a program led by Belmont resident Kelly Rolfe. If there is enough interest we may turn this into a regular event!

New Teen Advisory Group

We are starting a new Teen Advisory Group. Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join! We look forward to your new ideas! Meeting times are not yet firm so if you are interested please drop in and let us know what times work for you. Group members will be deciding what exactly they want to do but likely activities include participating in planning programs, doing crafts, discussing books, and finding ways to improve library service to teens.

Storytimes

Storytime is on Wednesday morning at 10:30. Jenny will continue the “ABC Storytime” theme.

Each week features a different letter of the alphabet. Come join the adventure!



Family Story Time during February Vacation!

Get out of the cold and warm up at the library! Come down to the Children’s Room for a special Family Story Time with Miss Jenny on Wednesday, February 26th at 10:30am. Story and craft aimed at elementary school age children and their families!

Lego Club

The Belmont Public Library’s next Lego club meeting will be held on Saturday February 1, from 10:30 to noon. Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month’s theme: “Outer Space.” The Library will provide all children with Legos to build, and finished pieces will be put on display in the Children’s room. Sign up is not required and late arrivals are always welcome.

Library News (cont.)

Book Group

Book group is taking the rest of the winter off and will start back up in April. If you are interested, please get in touch with us to add your name to the list.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

If you like to knit or crochet and feel that you would enjoy the company of others, please come join us Thursdays 6 – 7 pm. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, we will try to help you on your way. Registration is not required. For those individuals with experience, please bring your own project to work on. Anyone new to knitting or crocheting, just stop in.

New Items

Adult

A Fool's Gold Christmas – Mallery, Susan
Accused – Scottoline, Lisa
Chose the Wrong Guy, Game Him the Wrong Finger – Harbison, Beth
Cross My Heart – Patterson, James
Dust – Cornwell, Patricia
Fear Nothing – Gardner, Lisa
King and Maxwell – Baldacci, David
Prey – Linda Howard
Quicksilver – Amanda Quick
Serendipity – Michaels, Fern
The Gods Of Guilt – Connelly, Michael

Large Print

Fear Nothing – Gardner, Lisa
Standup Guy – Woods, Stuart
The Invention of Wings – Kidd, Sue Monk

Children's

Halloween Fun – McNamara, Margaret
Moo, Baa, La La La! – Boynton, Sandra
The Luck of the Irish – McNamara, Margaret

DVDs

Croupier
Duplicity
Elizabeth: The Golden Age
In & Out
The Butler
The Wolverine
Despicable Me 2 (children's)

New Scrooge & Marley DVDs

This is a rotating collection that circulates between a number of libraries every few months.

Ali
Boogeyman
Cold Mountain
Crazy Love
De-lovely
Evening
Fahrenheit 451
The Game of Death
Hairspray
Happy Go Lucky
Jesus Christ Superstar
Kite Runner
Love Actually
Midnight in Paris
Miss Julie
North by Northwest
Patriot Games
Pocketful of Miracles
The Ranger the Cook and a Hole in the Sky
Sharpe's Justice
Sharpe's Waterloo
Supersize Me
Twilight
Wedding for Bella
Wild Hogs
Pulp Fiction
The Kids are Alright
Sharpe's Gold
Sharpe's Honor

Belmont Parks & Recreation



Boston Flower Show

March 13 , 2014, Thursday

\$50 Per Person

Our Boston Flower Show Trip includes luxury motor coach transportation to the Seaport World Trade Center and admission to the show. We will depart from the Belmont Park and Ride on Route 106 in Belmont at 8:35AM. Our motor coach transportation has a restroom, and DVD player with ample storage for your purchases. We will serve a light snack in route, arriving at 10:30AM and departing at 2:30PM. Returning from Boston we will stop at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Londonderry for an early dinner on your own. Estimated arrival back in Belmont is 5:40PM.

We will be travelling with the patrons of Moultonborough Park & Recreation; there will be a pickup in Moultonborough prior to our stop in Belmont. Seats are limited. Reservations must be accompanied by a registration form and payment. No refund will be granted for cancelled reservations unless the seats can be resold.

Reservations or additional information contact:

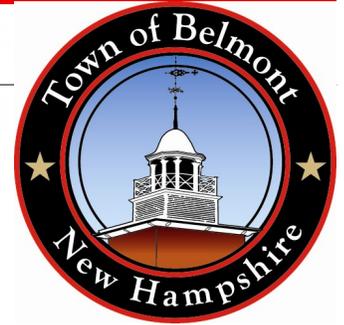
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February 2014



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Deliberative Session
 10-2 @ BHS Cafe
Lego Club 10:30
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2 <i>Ground Hog Day</i> 	3 BOS Mtg 5pm @ CMH	4 <i>Trustees of Trust Funds</i> 4-6pm @ CMH LRGS 6pm @ CMH Teen Advisory Group 4pm @ Library	5 <i>Conservation Comm</i> 6:30 @ CMH <i>Storytime</i> 10:30am @ Library	6 Knitting 6pm @ Library	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Bogie Busters</i> 7pm @ CMH Library Trustee Mtg 6:30pm @ Library	12 Belmont Baseball 6:30pm @ CMH <i>Storytime</i> 10:30am @ Library	13 Knitting 6pm @ Library	14 	15
16	17 Town Hall Closed 	18 Book Group 7pm @ Library	19 <i>Storytime</i> 10:30am @ Library	20 ARC Mtg 8am @ CMH Knitting 6pm @ Library	21	22
23	24 BOS Mtg 5pm @ CMH Planning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH	25	26 Zoning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH <i>Storytime</i> 10:30am @ Library	27 Knitting 6pm @ Library	28	

**A "YES" VOTE ON ARTICLES 15 & 16
WILL COST NOTHING IN NEW TAXES.
THE MONEY IS ALREADY RAISED.**



LAKE WINNISQUAM SCENIC TRAIL
Phase 1 1.7 Miles

By the Numbers

Design	\$174,375
Construction	\$766,372
TOTAL	\$940,737

Federal Match	\$752,590
Town Portion	\$188,147

Town Share

Taxes Phase 1	\$110,155
Phase 2	\$ 62,573
Grant	\$ 25,000
Donations	\$ 5,500

- BankNH \$5,000
- PSNH \$ 500

The Town has previously put \$62,500 in a Capital Reserve account to build Phase 2. Passing Both ARTICLE 15 & 16 will fully fund the trail with no additional money raised by taxes.

Winni Trail Warrant Articles

Deliberative Session Saturday, February 1, 2014 10 AM @ Belmont High School
Voting Day Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7 AM - 7 PM @ Belmont High School

Article #15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two thousand Fifty Dollars (\$142,050) for the purpose of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail, said appropriation to be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation in the amount of \$64,050, by a grant from the NH Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000 and by \$53,000 to be raised by general taxation. If Article 16 passes, there will be no money raised by general taxation. (The Budget Committee recommends \$142,050 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Article #16. Shall the Town vote to change the name and purpose of the BRATT (Belmont Recreational Alternative Transportation Team) Phase II Capital Reserve Fund to the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund for the expanded purpose of funding any and all costs related to Belmont's Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail including but not limited to engineering, construction and maintenance and further, to continue to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund. (2/3 vote required). This account has a balance of \$62,573.00 in it.

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