

Our Community Newsletter

January 2014

Town Administrator's Monthly Report



As 2013 fades into a new year, we reflect on the past year and the many projects that have been completed and we look forward to 2014 and the challenges it may bring.

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 set the date for the First Session of Town Meeting known as the Deliberative Session, it will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Belmont High School in the Café. Town Meeting for ballot voting will be held on March 11th. A copy of the proposed budget and meeting warrant will be posted on the Town's website by January 27th and copies will be available at Town Hall. Articles of interest this year will include requesting the voters to approve the sale of the Winnisquam Fire Station to Winnisquam Marine for \$240,000. The property is currently under a short term lease agreement to the marina and we hope the sale can be completed by mid-April following a positive vote of Town Meeting. Also this year voter's will be asked to change the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund originally designated for Phase II of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail to simply the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund so that the Town can move forward with the project. The Town and numerous volunteers have worked diligently to bring this trail to fruition and we finally have a full set of engineering plans ready to go out to bid however the final funding requirements need to be met to insure receipt of the grant funds designated by the State of NH Department of Transportation for the trail. Further information will be available in the Voter's Guide and during the Deliberative Session.



The Budget Committee will hold a final meeting on the budget on Tuesday, January 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m. and a Public Hearing will be held on the budget on Tuesday, January 14th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner

Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 pm has been set aside if needed.

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 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.



Kitchen Fire on Haven Lane



On November 14th at 20:04 Belmont fire along with Laconia were toned for a building fire 19 Haven Ln Unit 1. LRMFA Dispatchers advised responding units that the caller stated there was a fire on top of the stove and he though it may have gotten in the wall. Engine one arrived on scene and reported nothing showing. All four units in the building were evacuated. When entering the unit crews observed a light smoke condition and area of the stove had been burned. Laconia Fire companies were cancelled and all Belmont companies were continued to the scene. The occupant had used a fire extinguisher, which initially caused the fire to grow in size but eventually extinguished the fire. The stove and vent had been burned and had heavy damage. They were removed to the outside of the building and a thermal imaging camera was used to check for extension into the walls and the area over the stove and fortunately the fire had not extended. There was a lot of smoke damage to the kitchen area and fire damage to the wall and cabinets around the stove. Companies noted that the smoke detectors were not working in this unit. The tenant Jason advised they were cooking French fries on the stove in cooking oil. They had left the kitchen for a few minutes and when they returned there was a fire on the stove about 8" high. The tenant

stated that when he sprayed the extinguisher on the fire the oil went every where and the fire "got real big" that's when they called 911 and evacuated the building. Given the lack of working smoke detectors we were fortunate there were no serious injuries and that the fire was contained the to area of origin.



Belmont Fire Department Year to date 2013 Alarm by type

Descript	Count
ALS Transport	291
ALS Non-Transport	21
ALS Med Flight	1
BLS Transport	110
BLS Non-Transport	166
Fire Response	153
Hazardous Materials Response	14
Motor Vehicle Accident ALS Transport	15
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Transport	5
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Non-Transport	7
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	33
MVA No Incident found	1
Mutual Aid Response	166
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	32
Rescue Response	1
Service Call	94
Storm Response	1
Water Rescue	3
Total	1114

Fire Department News (cont.)



Coffee Break Training - Executive Development Series

Learning Objective: *The student will be able to identify eight elements of an ethical test.*

On a regular basis during our careers, we are faced with ethical tests. These may come in small situations, like covering something for a friend, or big issues, like financial and moral decisions. Ethics continues to be a challenge for all of us, regardless of our beliefs and foundations. The challenge is often how to look at the issue in light of how others may see it as much as how we view the issue itself.

In a recent book called "Ethics 4 Everyone" by Eric Harvey and Scott Airitam, the authors pose eight hard questions that are worth considering whenever you are faced with an ethical challenge in your life. How could you use the following questions to guide you when you face your next ethical challenge?

- 1. Is it legal?** This one seems simple, but is it? In today's society, laws and legal rulings change daily. Have you checked with a legal expert first, such as your city or county attorney?
- 2. Does it comply with our rules and regulations?** Again, this issue seems so simple, but we have to be concerned with fire department, city and often state rules. Check into this next!
- 3. Is it in synch with our organizational guidelines?** This should be easy! Maybe! Look at your mission and value statements. You should have them already in place.
- 4. Will I be comfortable and guilt-free if I do it?** This is a deep question that must reflect your values and personal beliefs. It should be a very simple question to answer.
- 5. Does it match our organization's stated commitments and values?** Again, have you matched your question to your organization's values and mission? They should already be hanging on your wall. If not, you need to address this in your organization.
- 6. Would I do it to my family and friends?** Another important question! Would you hurt your loved ones with such an action?
- 7. Would it be perfectly okay if someone did this to me?** Another way to ask this question: What would you feel like if the same thing happened to you? Would you feel bad?
- 8. Would the most ethical person I know do it?** A final test for everyone. Take someone you respect and admire. Would he or she do this? If so, you can move forward. If not, maybe you could discuss it with that person.

Simply stated, ethics affects us all. It is not a decision you can make in a second, and often you must take the time to consider these questions and others before making your final decision.

For more information on this book, look at <http://www.walkthetalk.com>.

For information on a class on this topic at the National Fire Academy, look at the website for "Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Ethically" (ESS:ELE) (F0523) at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10512>

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.

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Belmont Fire Department



Police Department News



The members of the Belmont Police Department wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We look forward to continuing our support to the community and to make sure we not only provide a high degree of law enforcement services but that we take an active role in caring and being a part of our residents lives.

We have participated in a number of programs that we feel contributed to the overall well being and safety of our residents and we look forward to bringing them back in 2014.

- Host and assist with Senior Luncheons and Holiday Meals*
- Conduct a Bicycle Safety Check & Rodeo*
- Brought Belmont's First National Night Out to our Park*
- Neighborhood Watch Programs*
- Touch a Truck*
- Instructed the D.A.R.E. program and Stranger Danger information to the children at our schools*
- Participated in the Santa's Little Helpers program*
- The Lt. is a member of the Belmont Senior Center Advisory Board*
- The Chief is the President of the local Rotary*
- Public Safety Lectures (Active Shooter, Internet Safety and Anti Bullying Campaign)*
- Special Olympics (Fueling for Dreams, Summer and Winter Olympics attendance)*
- WLNH Children's Christmas Auction*
- Elementary School Readings/Cops in the classroom program*
- Host The Belmont Police Explorers Post*
- Attend Morning Social at Great Brook Village*
- Provide training by our certified instructors to outside Police Agencies (Taser, Rifle, handgun, Use Of Force)*
- Offer our Drug Recognition Expert to assist neighboring Towns to help determine if a driver is under the influence of a narcotic*
- Support the Historical Society*
- Honor Guard attended Funeral / Community Service Programs*
- Rendered Traffic Assistance to Old Home Day and Memorial Day Parades*
- Participate at the Belknap County Safety Day Event*
- Set up a Halloween Table at the Mall to hand out reflective candy bags to children*
- Attend First Day at Elementary School Greeting the children with pencils*
- Officers as Guest speakers at Drivers Education Classes*
- Hosted AAA Senior Driving Safety programs "Keeping the Keys" & "Safe Driving for Mature Drivers"*
- Supported Deck the Village Ceremony*

The police department encourages you to contact us to fill out a property check request if you are going to be away on vacation. Once we have your information Officers will keep an eye on your home and along with your neighbors can be alert for suspicious activity while you are away.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector News

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year fellow citizens of Belmont!!

We hope you had a happy and safe holiday season. We closed 2013 with a BANG!! We are very pleased to announce that we collected 92% of the taxes for the second issue! Way to go!!



Just as a reminder, it's that time of year to start thinking about licensing the furry friends that are part of your household. You may renew your dog's license any time after the 1st of January. Keep in mind that as long as your dog's rabies certificate on file is not expired, you can go to www.belmontnh.org and renew the registration online and we'll mail the new tag to you. 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.



By now you should have received your 2013 4th issue water/sewer bills that are due January 17, 2014.

We also have the beach stickers for the 2014 season!! Bring your auto registration to Town Hall and we can issue you one... or if your auto registration renewal is due in the beginning of the year we can issue one at that time. If you renew your registration online, just type us a note in the comment section and we can mail one with your registration. Just remember... every day of winter is one day closer to summer!



There are a few elections coming up this year. The first public hearing on the Town of Belmont's proposed 2014 budget will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Corner Meeting House. This is the time for discussion about the articles we'll be voting on in March. The Town of Belmont's 2014 Deliberative Session date has been set for Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the Belmont High School cafeteria. Our town election will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2014. There is also the state primary, September 9, 2014, which determines the candidates for each party that will run for state office in the general election held on November 4, 2014. So come on down and register to vote! If you can't make it to Town Hall to register, you are able to register at the polls. Keep in mind that per the new state law, you must present your valid picture ID to vote, and your valid picture ID and proof of residency when registering to vote. All voting takes place at the Belmont High School gymnasium. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us!

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!



The Belmont Conservation Commission urges support for the following two warrant articles

Article 1*. Allows the Conservation Commission to expend funds outside the boundary of Belmont.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, 1 (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of Belmont, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

The Conservation Commission supports this article because it will help protect the largest block of unfragmented wildlife habitat in the region. When the Town purchased the Andrew Sanborn Farm in 2007, parts of the property were in Gilford and Gilmanton. This purchase, along with the abutting Pop's Woods, is contiguous to the Belknap Range. Other important natural resources such as our drinking water supply wellhead protection area and aquifer cross town boundaries. It is important to retain the flexibility to purchase interest in land outside our boundaries to help protect critical resources such as drinking water.

KEY POINTS

- These warrant articles simply clarify that it is permissible for the Conservation Commission to direct money from the Conservation Fund to support land protection projects that are either outside of Belmont or are acquired by a conservation organization other than the town.
- Any acquisition of property by the town, whether inside or outside of Belmont, requires a public hearing and approval by the Board of Selectmen.
- These articles will not require any new funds from the taxpayer.

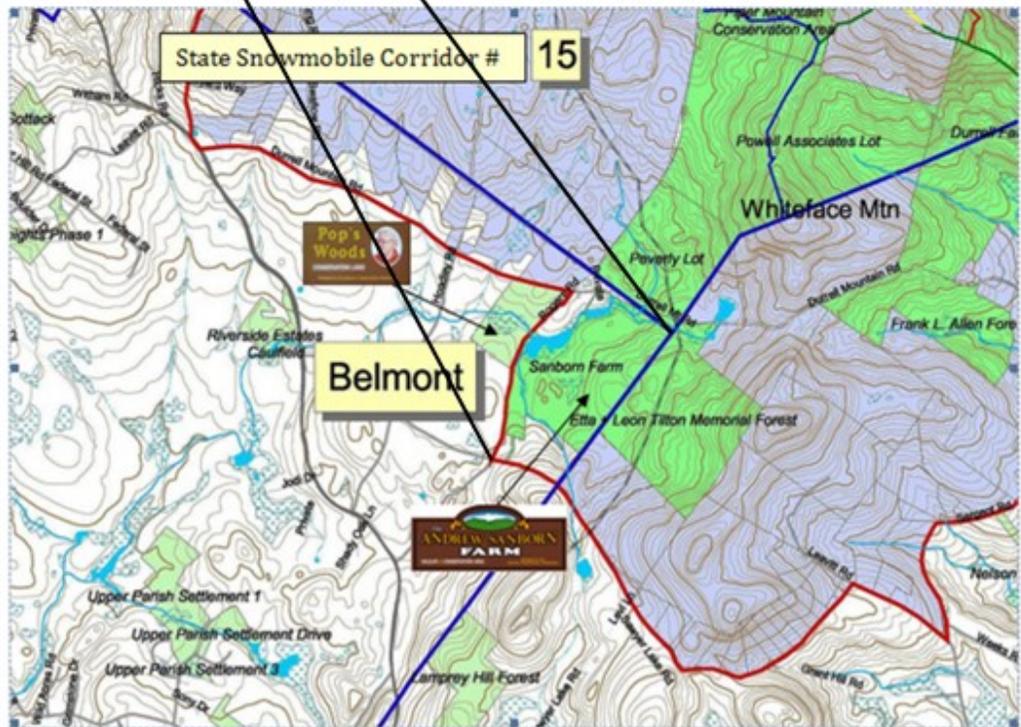
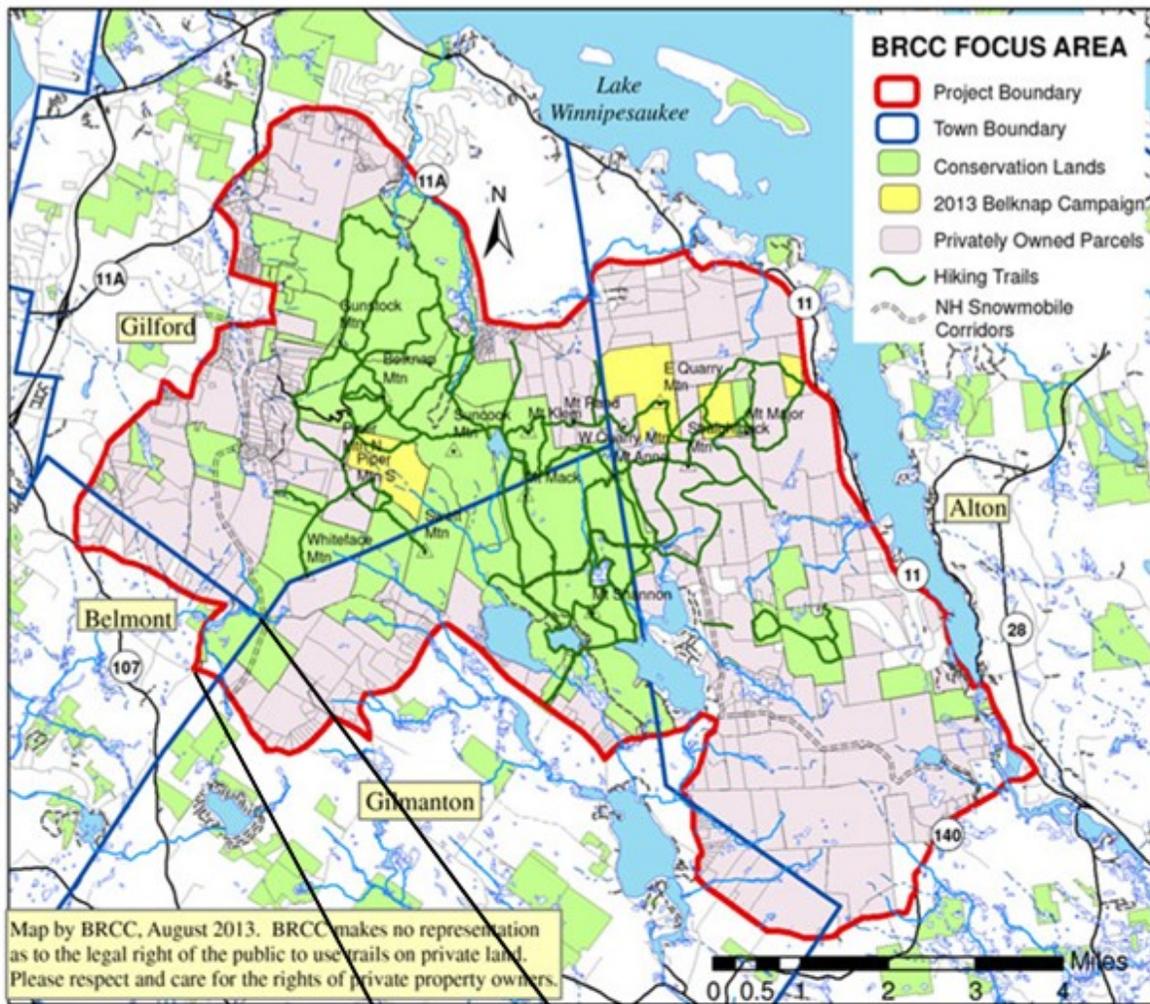
These articles affect only the Conservation Fund, which is administered by the Conservation Commission.

Article 2. Allow Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests where Belmont will retain no interest in the property.

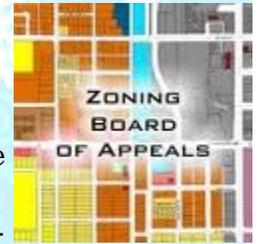
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, 1 (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

The Conservation Commission supports this article because it leverages town conservation funds while protecting our town's natural resources. This article would allow the Conservation Commission to expend funds on projects that protect Belmont's natural resources, where a group other than the town such as the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition (BRCC), the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, or other land trust, holds the legal interest in the property. Sometimes this is the most efficient use of our conservation funds. It leverages the funds, is fiscally responsible, and ensures that the long-term maintenance of a property rests with an organization focused on that mission. The CC recently planned to give a donation to the Society of the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to aid its "Everyone Hikes Mt. Major" campaign to purchase over 300 acres. The parcels to be purchased in Gilford and Alton, although not contiguous to Belmont, are part of the 35,000+ acres that constitute the Belknap Range and, as shown on the following map, connect protected land in Belmont to this important conservation area.

**Article numbers will surely change as the Warrant is crafted.*



Belknap Range Conservation Coalition Map with Belmont Portion Detail



Zoning and Building Code Amendments:

On December 16th the Planning Board held a Public Hearing on three possible amendments:

- A. Expand the stated Purposes of Open Space Development to include reducing impacts on public services.
- B. Rezone three lots located on Corriveau Way (formerly Fred Friend Road) from Commercial to Rural at the request of the property owners.
- C. 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.

On January 13th the Board will hold a Final Public Hearing on the following two amendments:

- C. Continue the discussion on the International Property Maintenance Code – 2009 edition (with no changes from the December 16th proposal).
- D. 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. This amendment is by Petition.

At the close of the final public hearing, the Board may not make any changes to the proposed amendments and must vote whether to place items A, B, & C, as posted, before the voters on the March 11th Town Meeting Ballot. Item D, being a Petitioned Amendment, will be placed before the Voters as written by the petitioner and the Board must include on the ballot a statement of the Board's approval or disapproval of the petitioned amendment. Unlike warrant articles, no changes to these amendments can be made at the SB2 Deliberative Session.

Other Planning Board Action:

Site Plan approval to Winnisquam Marine for interior boat storage at 17 Sunset Drive.

Site Plan approval to McKrunch LLC for an optometric practice with rehabilitation and visual training center including 6,000sf of new construction at 320 Daniel Webster Highway.

In June the Planning Board instituted an Application Review Committee (ARC) process requiring applicants meet with a selection of staff members prior to making formal application to the Board. This process was intended to assist in producing a technically complete application resulting in an efficient and effective review of the application reducing unnecessary costs and delays. Recognizing early in the design process what codes and regulations apply and what options are available to reduce cost and improve the overall project is instrumental in designing the proposal and in submitting a complete and compliant application. The Board has revisited the process as intended, found that the process has received high marks from applicants and authorized the continued use of the ARC as a valuable tool to assist applicants and the community.

Contact landuse@belmontnh.org or 267-8300x19 for additional information or assistance

Deck the Village 2013

Special visitors at the 2013 Deck the Village event.



Belmont High School March Band performed at the Deck the Village event.



Even the Grinch showed up for a little holiday fun!

Library News

Year in Review

A lot happened for Belmont Public Library in 2013! Our first highlight is probably the success of our summer reading program with the theme “Dig Deep into Reading!” 84 children participated throughout the summer. They earned prizes every week and attended a variety of programs: a puppet show, a comic mime, a science program, a variety of crafters, and a musical show with Steve Blunt.

Jenny joined our staff in August and has been doing great with our children’s programming. Her ABC Storytime has been met with great enthusiasm and she has continued doing outreach to local daycares.

In October, Becky Albert, our new director, joined us and has been helping get us organized and is facilitating many small changes that are helping the library to run more smoothly, as well as planning for some bigger changes and a great year in 2014. One thing you might have noticed so far is reorganization of furniture and books... we think it looks a lot better!

We’ve gotten a few pieces of new equipment: a color printer for patron use and a high quality photocopier.

December brought “Deck the Village” to Belmont and over 100 people came to the library for stories and pictures with Santa.

We joined a local library DVD cooperative. Every 2 months we will receive a new collection of 12-15 DVDs to enhance our own collection.

New Teen Advisory Group

We are starting a new teen advisory group. Members ages 12 – 18 are invited to join. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, January 7, at 4 pm. Meeting times are not yet firm so if you are interested please contact Katherine and let her 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.

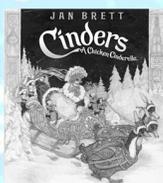
Director Featured in Winnesquam Echo

The December 26 edition of the *Winnesquam Echo*, a local newspaper, featured a front page article titled “New director takes the reins at Belmont Public Library.” The article highlights many details of Becky’s professional experience and her passion for public libraries.

Looking Forward to 2014

We are upgrading our library automation system to its newest, web-based version. This change will make our system more user-friendly for us as well as our patrons.

We are looking for new programming ideas. Two possibilities are rug hooking and sharing works by local artists. If anybody else has suggestions, please talk to Becky.



Thank you

Belmont Public Library would like to extend a sincere thank you to long time patron Julie Gales, who entered us into a contest to win a signed copy of *Cinders* by Jan Brett – which we won!

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!



Library News (cont.)

Lego Club

The Belmont Public Library's next Lego club meeting will be held on Saturday January 4, from 10:30 to noon. Children ages 5 and up are encouraged to bring their imagination and build on this month's theme: "Fun in the Snow." 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.

Book Group

We're doing something a little different this month: Choose your own book! Book group meets Tuesday, January 21, at 7 pm. Also, we're looking for new members and new ideas.

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 Books

Adult Books

- The White Princess* - Gregory, Philippa (Audio Book)
- Devin and Shane* (The McKade Brothers) – Roberts, Nora
- Merry Ex-Mas* – Roberts, Sheila
- Mirage* – Cussler, Clive
- Mr. and Miss Anonymous* – Michaels, Fern
- Mr. Perfect* – Howard, Linda
- Rafe and Jared* (The McKade Brothers) – Roberts, Nora
- Starry Night* – Macomber, Debbie
- Take Me Home for Christmas* (A Whiskey Creek Novel) – Novak, Brenda
- Takedown Twenty* – Evanovich, Janet
- The Art Forger* – Shapiro, B. A.
- The Bridge* – Kingsbury, Karen
- The Final Cut* – Coulter, Catherine & Ellington, J.T.
- The Husband's Secret* – Moriarty, Liane
- The Last Kiss Goodbye* – Robards, Karen
- The Longest Ride* – Sparks, Nicholas
- The Mayan Secrets* – Cussler, Clive & Perry, Thomas
- The Spymistress* – Chiaverini, Jennifer
- The Touch of Fire* – Howard, Linda
- The Valley of Amazement* – Tan, Amy
- Three Can Keep a Secret* – Mayor, Archer
- Whispered Promises* – Roberts, Nora

Large Print

- Command Authority* – Clancy, Tom
- Dust* – Cornwell, Patricia
- Innocence* – Koontz, Dean

Nonfiction

- David and Goliath* – Gladwell, Malcolm
- Killing Jesus* – O'Reilly, Bill
- The Bully Pulpit* – Goodwin, Doris Kearns

Library Staff

- Becky Albert, Director
- Loraine Murray
- Katherine Bollenbach
- J'Lillian Duclos
- Jenny Stevens

Children's Books

- A Rose by Any Other Name* (The English Roses) – Madonna
- Big Sister Blue* (The English Roses) – Madonna
- Fishing* (The Great Outdoors) - Weingarten, E. T.
- Fortunately, the Milk* – Gaiman, Neil
- Friends for Life!* (The English Roses) – Madonna
- Hunting* (The Great Outdoors) – Shea, Robert Kennedy
- Kitchen Princess 1* – Kobayashi, Miyuki; manga by Natsumi Ando
- Kitchen Princess 2* – Kobayashi, Miyuki; manga by Natsumi Ando
- Life on a Commercial Fishing Boat* – Sylvester, Oscar
- Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism* – Byng, Georgia
- One Guinea Pig Is Not Enough* – Duke, Kate
- Runway Rose* (The English Roses) – Madonna
- The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth* – The EarthWorks Group
- What's in Your Chicken Nugget?* – Sullivan, Jaclyn
- What's In Your Hamburger?* – Sullivan, Jaclyn
- What's In Your Hot Dog?* – Sullivan, Jaclyn

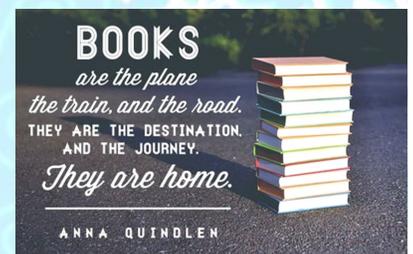


DVDs

- Being Julia*
- Call the Midwife, Season 1*
- Seabiscuit*
- Star Trek: Into Darkness*
- The Emperor's Club*
- The Great Gatsby*
- The Phantom of the Opera*
- World War Z*

Children's DVDs

- Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*
- Epic*
- Monsters University*
- Planes*



Build The Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail

Belmont Recreational Alternative Transportation Team (BRATT)

The Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail (Winni Trail) as envisioned and pursued by BRATT and the voters of Belmont since 2001 is on schedule to go out to bid and to be constructed in Spring 2014! BRATT proposes that two warrant articles be placed on the 2014 ballot in March. **Approval of both will move the project forward without adding another penny to the tax rate.**



This 1.7 mile long trail, along with the anticipated construction of the next phase of the WOW Trail in Laconia, will provide a safe bicycle and pedestrian route from Winnisquam to Lakeport through downtown Laconia – about 7 miles of connected, dedicated trail for exercise, recreation and an alternative to hopping in your car. This is the first phase of a three phase plan to connect the Winnepesaukee River Trail in Tilton to the WOW Trail, someday providing a continuous bike path from Meredith through the Weirs, Lakeport and downtown Laconia, continuing through Belmont, Tilton, Northfield, and Franklin to connect with the Northern Trail that travels from Concord to Lebanon. We anticipate that, like the WOW Trail, the Winni Trail will be used by citizens and visitors of all ages to get out and enjoy one of the most scenic areas of Belmont along Lake Winnisquam and through dedicated conservation land that was once intended to be the extension of the Laconia By-Pass.

That's the dream – the reality is that right now Belmont has in hand an approved final design and will begin building the first phase in 2014. To take care of the final funding issues, two warrant articles are proposed to appear on this year's ballot. One will allow the use of already appropriated and raised capital reserve funds for this phase of the project, the other will gross appropriate money to complete the funding for this project, 80% of which will be reimbursed by DOT. A portion of Belmont's 20% match is offset by a grant from the New Hampshire Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program for \$25,000 and corporate donations.

Wording of the proposed warrant articles would be similar to this:

***Article #X1.** Shall the Town vote to change the name and purpose of the existing BRATT (Belmont Recreational Alternative Transportation Team) Phase II Capital Reserve Fund to the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding any and all costs related to Belmont's Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail and further, to continue to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund.*

(This article does not raise any additional money, but simply allows existing money to be used for the 2014 construction.)

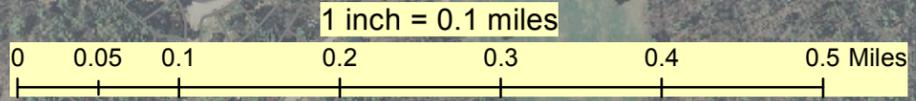
***Article #X2.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$142,050) for the purpose of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail, said appropriation to be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation in the amount of \$64,050, by a grant from Private Donors in the amount of \$30,500 and by \$47,500 to be raised by general taxation. If Article #X1 is approved there will be no tax money raised by this article.*

This project depends on an affirmative vote on these articles. **A "YES" vote on these two articles will build the Winni Trail without raising any additional money.** This project has been in the works for many years and we are finally in a position to see the finish line. Now is the time to seize the moment and complete this long-awaited project!

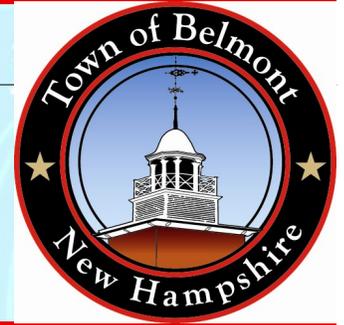




Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail
Phase 1



January 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years Day Town Hall & Library Closed 	2	3	4 Lego Club 10:30 am - noon @ Li- brary
5	6 BOS Mtg 5pm @ CMH	7 LRGS 6pm @ CMH Budget Comm 6:30pm @ CMH Teen Advisory Group 4pm @ Library	8 Belmont Baseball 6:30pm @ CMH Conservation Comm 6:30 @ CMH Storytime 10:30am @ Library	9 Knitting 6pm @ Library	10 Heritage Comm Mtg 8am @ CMH	11
12	13 Planning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH	14 Bogie Busters 7pm @ CMH Budget Comm 6:30pm @ CMH Library Trustee Mtg 6:30pm @ Library	15 Dispatchers Mtg 10am @ CMH Storytime 10:30am @ Library	16 Knitting 6pm @ Library	17	18
19	20  Martin Luther King Day - Town Hall & Library Closed	21 Book Group 7pm @ Library	22 Zoning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH Storytime 10:30am @ Library	23 ARC Mtg 8am @ CMH Knitting 6pm @ Library	24	25
26	27 BOS Mtg 5pm @ CMH Planning Board Mtg 7pm @ CMH	28	29 Storytime 10:30am @ Library	30 Knitting 6pm @ Library	31	

Happy New Year!