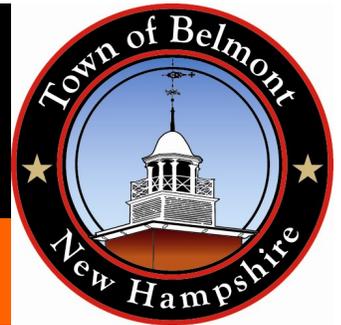


Our Community Newsletter



Town of Belmont

October 2013



Special Events



Sunday, September 29, 2013

Free!

Belmont Mill Parking Lot
Off Main Street in Belmont Village

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Come join the Town of Belmont and locally-owned businesses as an array of trucks, vehicles and heavy equipment are on display for kids and the young at heart to look at, climb on and explore.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Belmont High School Class of 2017



Town Administrator News



Town Administrator's Monthly Report



We would like to remind residents that the voters at the March 2013 Town Meeting voted in the provisions of RSA 79-E, the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive which allows the Board of Selectmen the option of granting property owners in the designated Factory Village District short-term property assessment relief to encourage substantial reinvestment in underutilized structures. Upon receipt of an application for tax abatement, the governing body will hold a public hearing to determine whether the structure is a qualifying structure, whether the proposed rehabilitation qualifies as substantial rehabilitation and whether there is a public benefit to granting the requested tax relief. This RSA gives the Selectboard another tool to encourage reinvestment in the Village area. The abatement delays the additional tax on the qualifying rehabilitations for a designated period of time. Further information and an application packet can be obtained in the Town Administrator's Office or soon online at www.belmontnh.org.

The Town of Belmont has successfully negotiated with the City of Dover to purchase a 156' covered foot bridge which the Town plans to reuse in two different locations along the Tioga River; one span will be installed behind the Belmont Mill as part of the Pavilion and Riverwalk project, and the other will span a crossing further down river. I would like to thank Woody Fogg and Ken Knowlton for their efforts in coordinating the plan to relocate the bridge, without their tireless effort, the plan would not have come together. Mark Roberts will be working with the group of Town volunteers to move the bridge to its temporary home at the Belmont Highway garage. The Conservation Commission has also lended their support to the project and will contribute some funding to the engineering work needed to determine the structural strength of the bridge once it is taken apart. The bridge should arrive in Belmont in late October, early November.

Data collection has begun for the 2014 property revaluation. The Board of Selectmen at their meeting January 7, 2013 voted to contract with Commeford, 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 Commeford, 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. It is anticipated that the Town will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed new agreement later this fall.



Water Consumer Confidence Reports have been mailed and a copy of the report has been posted on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org, and a copy is posted at Town Hall.

Preparation of the 2014 budget is underway and the Budget Committee will begin meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Corner Meeting House.





Planning & Zoning News

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Planning Board:

- ◇ Approvals granted to Parent Sand & Gravel, LLC for a 5-year compliance review on an earth excavation permit and to transfer permit to new owner, 93 Shaker Road.
- ◇ Capital Improvement Plan: The draft CIP plan along with other related information and past plans is available at www.belmontnh.org/data_cip.asp. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2014-2019 CIP at 7pm on Monday, October 28th at the Corner Meeting House.
- ◇ The Planning Board would like to welcome new member Rick Segalini, Jr.

Zoning Board:

- ◇ Approvals granted to Thomas & Kathryn Meehan for 2 special exceptions to replace a manufactured home at 46 First Street.

Land Use Staff Quick Notes:

- ◇ A new quick-link button has been added to the Town’s homepage, www.belmontnh.org, leading to a new page providing links to History, Heritage and Genealogy related information.
- ◇ Slideshows of the recent moving of the Bandstand and the Old Home Day Festivities have also been added to the Latest News section of the Homepage.
- ◇ As reported in an earlier newsletter, a Local Advisory Working Group consisting of representatives from Alton, Gilmanston, Belmont, Northfield and Tilton was formed by the Lakes Region Planning Commission to gain an understanding of current and future development impacts, safety needs, and capacity preservation needs within the Route 140 corridor. A presentation of the findings and recommendations were made to the Selectmen in each community, Belmont’s meeting being held on July 15th. After review of the recommendations contained in the final report, the Selectmen voted to accept the report as presented. Recommendations contained within the report for the Belmont section of the Route 140 corridor included:

	Intersections	Short-term Improvements	Mid/Long-term Improvements
#1	140@Main St (by Belmont Hardware)	All-way stop signs/painted stop bars Municipal Budget	Automated Traffic Signal NHDOT/Municipal cost share
#2	140@Church St (by St. Joseph’s)	Close North Main to all north-bound thru traffic (signage) Municipal Budget	All-way stop signs/painted stop bars Municipal Budget
		Extend Church St sidewalk to intersection and add crosswalk Municipal & NH DOT Trans Alt Prog Funds	Automated Traffic Signal NHDOT/ Municipal cost share
#3	140@Best St (Belmont Elementary)	Advance warning signs NH DOT betterment funds	
		Small sidewalk section along on Pleasant Valley Drive from mailboxes to crosswalk Municipal Budget	



BFD Companies Assist High School Students

On August 27th members of BFD went to the high school to work with students with a special project. Members met with students in their science class . The students were working on a unit on meteorology, satellite technology and infrared. BFD members brought all 3 thermal imaging cameras and discussed with the students how they are used in the field. Students were encouraged to try the units themselves.



I-STAIRS:

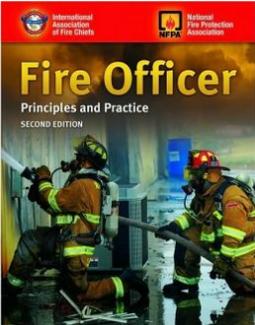
Below is info on a new type of stair construction for residential buildings, and a safety bulletin that was put out for the City of Wyoming Fire Department. The stairs are constructed using 2x4s for the main support. The triangles shown hold the stair riser and tread in place. The metal on the bottom of the tread and riser is essentially a gusset plate, similar to truss gusset plates. The inventor of the products has passing on the info below. According to him, if the stairs are on the main floor to second floor configuration, the bottom needs to have drywall. If it is coming from the basement in an unfinished area, no drywall or other protection in required. The entire stair assembly is manufactured in a factory and shipped to the jobsite.





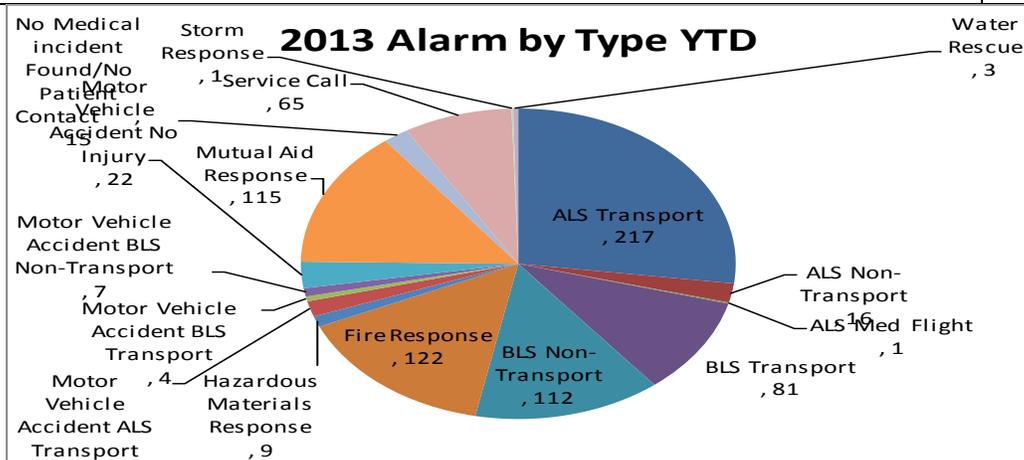
Fire Department News (cont.)

Company Officer School



In August Deputy Chief McCarty, Lieut. Newhall, and Lieut. Bavis began the arduous project of completing their Fire Officer I program. This program is an intensive four week higher education hybrid course with both online and classroom components and multiple projects to complete and submit for grading. So if you see these officers around and they look more frazzled than normal don't worry it's a perfectly normal reaction.

Belmont Fire Department Year to date 2013 Alarm by type	
Descript	Count
ALS Transport	217
ALS Non-Transport	16
ALS Med Flight	1
BLS Transport	81
BLS Non-Transport	112
Fire Response	122
Hazardous Materials Response	9
Motor Vehicle Accident ALS Transport	13
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Transport	4
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Non-Transport	7
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	22
Mutual Aid Response	115
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	15
Service Call	65
Storm Response	1
Water Rescue	3
Total	803





Happy October citizens of Belmont!!

Fall is here and we can all break our favorite, cozy sweaters out of storage ...

This is a busy time of year for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Water/Sewer payments are due, tax bills are coming out, and of course, registrations are due. Are you aware that you can make all of these payments online?? It's a convenience the town offers to help get it all done during our hectic schedules!



Just visit our town website, **Belmontnh.org** and click on the corresponding tab on the homepage. Water/sewer payments, Property Tax Payments, Auto Registration, even Dog Licensing. You will be asked to provide a working E-mail address, and can look up your account by account ID, or you can look it up by customer name or property address. You can also look up tax information and the history of your account. After you put in the information for looking up your account (ID number, owner's name, or property address) hit the continue button. When you get to the next page, if it comes up blank it means that the account has a zero balance. You will then need to hit the History button and hit the detail button, which is a magnifying glass, to get items paid or view the history of the account. You may print information at this point, or pay at this point. As far as car registration goes, you can use your plate number to access your account. You will also need your plate type and the last four digits of your VIN number which can be found on your registration. You can even use the website to get an estimate on your car registration. All online payments go through your checking account so be sure to have your account number and bank routing number handy when you get started. Unfortunately no credit or debit cards are accepted.

We hope the brisk fall air puts apples on your cheeks and that you all enjoy a happy and safe Halloween!





Belmont Senior Center



Flu Shot Clinic

On Halloween

10/31/2013 @ 10:00

provided by NH Central VNA

Open to the Public...

Please bring your Medicare Card
Call 267-9867 to reserve your vaccine

17 October—Speaker Bill York
“1950’s Trivia Quiz”

Join us for this interesting topic
and Lunch @ 12:00

Please Note the Schedule Changes at The Belmont Senior Center Beginning 7 October 2013:

- ◆ Closed on Monday
- ◆ Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-2:00
- ◆ Open Friday 8:30-12:00
- ◆ Lunch served Wednesday & Thursday @ 12:00 and Breakfast on Friday @ 10:00
- ◆ RTS Bus Service will be the same. Wednesday & Thursday
- ◆ Regular Scheduled Activities Tuesday-Friday.

- *Thank You Belmont Police, Belmont Fire and all of the Community Partners who made our Senior Picnic such a success.
- *Thank you Senator Andrew Hosmer for your Visit.
- *Thank you Betty Butler for being such a wonderful volunteer...

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267-9867

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Serving
Communities of:
Belmont
Canterbury
Gilford
Gilmanton
Loudon

Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
8:30-2:00

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

Director's Desk



The Seasons are getting ready to change. Leaves are already starting to turn to many brilliant and beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow. In September we had a wonderful Senior Community Cookout sponsored by The Belmont Senior Center, The Belmont Police Dept. and the Belmont Fire Dept. We had so many community partners who joined in with contributions of food and supplies. I'd like to try to mention them...and hope that I don't forget anyone. Belmont Parks & Rec, Dunkin Donuts on 106 & 140, Brookside Pizza, Yolk Restaurant, Country Kitchen, Vista Foods, Hannaford supermarket, CAP Central Kitchen, The Belmont Senior Center Advisory Council, The Belmont Police Dept. and the Belmont Fire Department are the main contributors of the picnic. We all hope that this was an event that you enjoyed.

During October we will be enjoying apple cider, fresh orchard picked apples and many of the tastes and smells of Autumn. We generally try to bake pies and have apple crisp along with decorations of the season. I hope that you can find some time to join in our festivities. As always, come see me and I will tell you about the wonderful happenings @ The Belmont Senior Center.

Brenda



Library News

Storytimes



Storytime is on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Jenny will be doing "ABC Storytime." Each week will feature a different letter of the alphabet! Come join the adventure!

Fall Foliage Friends



Tuesday, October 22, at 3:30 p.m. we will be doing a crafternoon turning autumn leaves into a colorful menagerie. Come show off your creativity! This activity will be appropriate for all ages, and snacks will be provided.

Lego Club

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



New Books

Adult Books

- An Amish Gathering: Life in Lancaster County* – Wiseman, Beth; Fuller, Kathleen; and Cameron, Barbara
- Bones of the Lost* – Reichs, Kathy
- Love Comes Softly* – Oke, Janette
- MaddAddam* – Atwood, Margaret
- Mistress* – Patterson, James
- Never Go Back: A Jack Reacher Novel* – Child, Lee
- Robert B. Parker's Damned If You Do* – Brandman, Michael
- Roses for Mama* – Oke, Janette
- Rules of Play* – Roberts, Nora
- The Beast* – Kellerman, Faye
- The Bone Season* – Shannon, Samantha
- The Chirstmas Pearl* – Frank, Dorothea Benton
- W is for Wasted* – Grafton, Sue
- Dick Francis's Refusal* – Francis, Felix (Large Print)
- Robert B. Parker's Damned If You Do* – Brandman, Michael (Large Print)
- W is for Wasted* – Grafton, Sue (Large Print)
- Cover-Up* – Connolly, Mark (Nonfiction)
- Hiking Through* – Stutzman, Paul (Nonfiction)

Children's Books

- Emily Windsnap and the Land of the Midnight Sun* – Kessler, Liz
- I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011* – Tarshis, Lauren
- If You Want to See a Whale* – Fogliano, Julie
- National Geographic Kids Almanac 2014*

Teen Books

- Ask the Passengers* – King, A. S.
- Siege and Storm* – Bardugo, Leigh
- The Moon and More* – Dessen, Sarah
- Where She Went* – Forman, Gayle



Conservation Commission News

The Conservation Commission has recently hired Ron Klemarczyk, Licensed Forester, to complete a Forest Management Plan (the plan) for the Andrew Sanborn Farm and Pop's Woods (ASF/PW) conservation properties in order to plan for proper stewardship of them.



A forest management plan is a site specific plan developed for a client, which addresses one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related conservation activities or practices will be planned and applied. These criteria were developed to implement Section 1240 (A) of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, which allows for the development of forest management plans as one of the purposes of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The forest management plan will:

- A. Meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) quality criteria for the identified resource concern(s).*
- B. Comply with federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements.*
- C. Meet the client's objectives.*

[UNH Cooperative Extension](#)

Mr. Klemarczyk will meet with the Commission on October 2 to discuss the findings of his field work and how to apply forestry management techniques to develop long-term goals for the property and to develop the management plan to achieve those goals for the next 10 to 50 years and beyond. The guiding documents for the ASF/PW, the transferring deeds, articulate the baseline criteria for the management plan for both of these properties, namely, to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, protect water resources, and to allow passive recreation, including hunting and fishing. The management plan consists of documents and maps that describe the existing condition of the forest and the traditional uses of the properties. The meat of the plan will outline the Town's vision for the properties and describe the methods to achieve those stated goals. The management plan will guide future generations of Conservation Commissioners to maximize the intended practices on these properties and will provide a template as goals may change over the course of time.

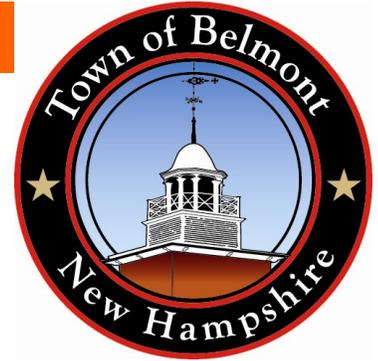


Come join the discussion at 6:30 PM, Wednesday October 2, at the Corner Meeting House as the Commission discusses Mr. Klemarczyk's findings and help plan for the long-term stewardship of these conservation properties.

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October 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 LRGSB @ CMH 6pm	2 Conservation Commission Mtg @ CMH 6pm Story time @ Library 10:30am	3 Knitting @ Library 6pm	4	5 Lego Club @ Library 10:30am
						
6	7	8 Library Trustees Mtg @ Library 6:30pm Bogie Busters @ CMH 7pm	9 BOS Mtg @ CMH 4pm Planning Board Mtg @ CMH 7pm Story time @ Library 10:30am Belmont Baseball Org @ CMH 6:30pm	10 Knitting @ Library 6pm	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Town Hall Closed	15	16 Story time @ Library 10:30am	17 Knitting @ Library 6pm	18	19
						
20	21 BOS Mtg @ CMH 5pm Planning Board Mtg @ CMH 7pm	22 Crafternoon @ Library 3:30 pm	23 Zoning Board Mtg @ CMH 7pm Story time @ Library 10:30am	24 ARC Mtg @ CMH 8am Knitting @ Library 6pm	25	26
27	28	29	30 Story time @ Library 10:30am	31 Halloween Knitting @ Library 6pm		
						