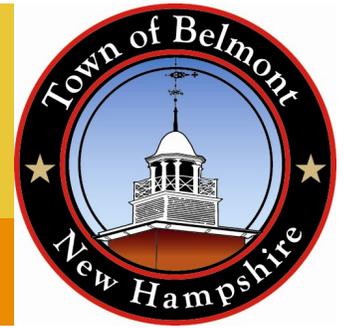


Our Community Newsletter

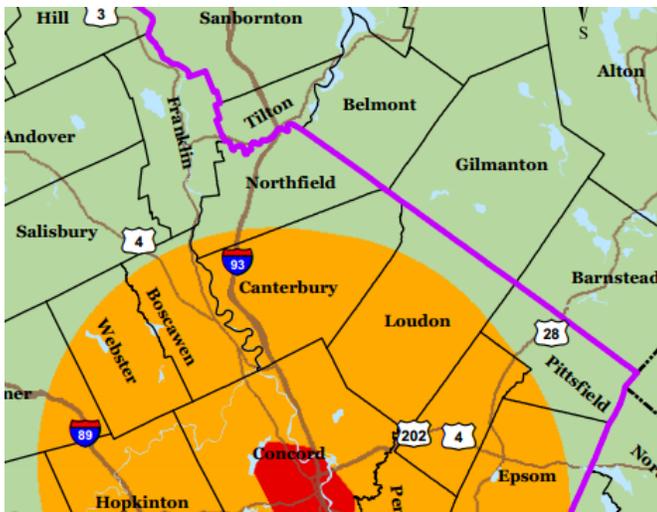


Town of Belmont

Conservation Commission News

September 2013

In March, 2013, the discovery of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), was confirmed in Concord. The emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) is an invasive beetle that attacks and kills North American species of true ash (*Fraxinus* spp.). The discovery triggered the state's EAB response plan by multiple state agencies to map and determine the extent of the infestation. Testing was done at 195 sites in Concord and surrounding towns and EAB was found at 12 of the sites ([Testing sites](#)).



The accompanying map shows the northern part of the Generally Infested Area and the 10 mile surrounding Potential Expansion Area. While Belmont is not within those delimited zones, we are in the Alert Area and it will well be worth the effort to monitor ash trees. **It is illegal to transport untreated ash, ash products and hardwood firewood from Merrimack County** ([Quarantine](#)).

-  EAB Generally Infested Area
-  EAB Potential Expansion Area (10 Miles)
-  EAB Alert Area (>10 Miles)
-  Merrimack Co. Quarantine

Recommendations for Land Owners

Alert area for urban landscape:

1. Inventory your trees by species, size and value.
2. Evaluate ash trees for signs of EAB infestation. Report a suspect tree or insect or call 1-800-444-8978.
3. Consider removing low-value ash trees while they're still healthy.
4. Identify large sentinel ash trees and monitor every year.



Alert area for forest landscape:

1. Inventory your trees by species, size, location and value.
2. Evaluate ash trees for signs of EAB infestation. Report a suspect tree or insect or call 1-800-444-8978.
3. Identify high-value ash that warrant future protection or harvest.
4. Identify highly susceptible sentinel ash trees and monitor every year.
5. Create two trap trees in each stand containing more than 5% ash stocking.



Tens of millions of ash trees have been lost in the infested areas of the US and Canada resulting in tens of millions of dollars in damage to municipalities, nurseries and the forest products industry.

[Learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer.](#)



Town Clerk/Tax Collector News



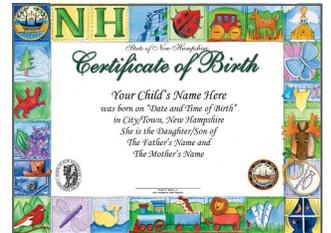
Greetings from the Town Clerk’s Office!! We’d like to provide you with some information on Vital Records. A Vital Record is a certificate or report of a “Vital Event”. The state of New Hampshire defines vital events to be: Birth, Adoption, Death, Marriage, Divorce, Legal Separation or Civil Annulment.



New Hampshire vital records are considered to be private, and access to them is restricted by statute to those individuals who have a "direct and tangible interest" in the record. This statute includes Parents, children, husbands, wives, grandparents, grandchildren, step-parents, step-children, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces. However, birth records that are more than 100 years old and death, marriage and/or divorce records that are more than 50 years old are considered “public domain”.

The Town Clerk’s office can issue certified copies of vital records only. We are not able to make photo copies, fax, or email vital records. When requesting a vital record, you must present valid identification and complete our application for the record. The cost of a vital record is \$15 for the first copy and \$10 for any additional copies requested at the same time. The exception is a marriage license which costs \$45. The Marriage license is valid for use immediately and is valid up to 90 days from issuance. In the past, it was required that you go to the clerk’s office of the town or city where the “vital” event occurred, however in this technological age, you may go to your local clerk’s office to obtain:

- Birth Records: 1983 – present
- Death Records: 1990 – present
- Marriage Records: 1989 – present
- Divorce Records: 1990 – within 6 months from the present search date.



If you require a record older than what is indicated you must go to the clerk’s office in the town or city where the event occurred.

We wish you all a happy and safe Labor Day!!





Library News



Belmont Public Library Says Good Bye to Summer! And Another Great Summer Reading Program



More than 85 kids signed up to read at the library this summer. Between July 1st and August 16th, nearly 800 books were read by participants in the 2013 Summer Reading Program, "Dig Into Reading". Kids and families came to see performers that the library hosted at several locations. Craft enthusiasts tooled jewelry out of metal hardware and ribbons, made (and danced in) gnome shoes, and created elegant houses for fairies and toads!! Now as everyone gets back in the school routine, we will be re-introducing Wednesday morning story times with Miss Jenny. Preschool attendees will enjoy learning about letters of the alphabet with picture books, easy craft projects and songs and activities. Once a month, Miss Katherine will be holding a "crafternoon" for kids to come in after school to create a nifty project. Lego Club has met throughout the summer, and will continue in the fall, on the first Saturday of each month. Check our web-site (www.belmontpubliclibrary.org) for times and details or call the library if you have questions (267-8331).

We are interested in program ideas that would appeal to adults in the community. If there is something you are interested in learning about or a special skill/knowledge you would like to share, let the library know. In the past there have been a few art programs and book discussions, but we are looking for something new!



New Books for Everyone!

Here are some of our favorite reads that have just come in:

1. The Obituary Writer by Ann Hood-2 women's lives, a generation apart, meet in an unexpected way due to a crisis.

(cont.)



Library News (cont.)

2. Light of the World by James Lee Burke – Dave Robicheaux and Clete with their families are on vacation in Montana. It is not restful as violence and mystery follow them up from the Bayou to cowboy country
3. The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith – The secret is out: J.K.Rowling is writing disguised as a man and a mystery writer. Far from her Harry Potter series, this new novel presents an interesting detective and a very twisted mystery!
4. Life After Life by Kate Atkinson – What if she didn't die at birth? What if she didn't drown at the family beach house? Wasn't raped? In Germany? Injured in the London blitz? This intriguing novel takes all kinds of loopy turns!!!
5. The Light in the Ruins by Chris Bohjalian – Horrible murders, a history of the evils that prevailed in Italy during Mussolini, and a badly scarred investigator are all tangled together in a yarn by a wonderful storyteller

Audio Books (on CD!!) Be sure to check out

- ◇ Maya's Notebook by Isabel Allende-sad narrative of teenage turbulence on an island in Chile
- ◇ Inferno by Dan Brown – another adventure for Robert Langdon, symbologist.
- ◇ Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey by Eben Alexander M.D. – When is dead really not dead?? Good question!!

And for kids: "I Survived..." a series by Lauren Tarshis – what was it like to live through the Titanic sinking, manage during Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana? Witness the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11? These interesting new titles give a good account!!

Be sure to check out some of these great books today!!

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September



Town Administrator News



Town Administrator's Monthly Report

School's Open – Please watch carefully for school buses and children walking and riding their bikes to and from our schools.

Work in the Village is complete, the new kiosk signs and banners have been installed, the sidewalks and crosswalks have been painted and new line markings highlight the travel lane on Main Street. It has been an exciting project and positive comments continue to flow regarding the final product. One of the important items that the Board of Selectmen would like to remind residents of is 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.

Phase II of the Village Revitalization Project has been awarded to Busby Construction and it is anticipated that work will begin this fall. Work on School Street will take place once school is out next year so as not to interfere with bus and parent traffic.

Data collection continues 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 we will be posting upcoming meeting schedules in mid-September.

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.





Coffee Break Training - Management Science Program

Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid for the Street

No. MS-2013-4 June 5, 2013

Learning Objective: The student shall be able to explain how Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid for the Street can be used to assist the citizens whom fire and rescue organizations serve, and to identify each of the five core principles.

Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid for the Street is a series of simple, supportive actions that can be used when assisting distressed or disoriented individuals and families.

These actions should be integrated into your duties in a natural, seamless way and used only when they do not interfere with your primary responsibilities and actions. They involve only a small amount of effort on your part, but these actions can make a huge difference in how the citizens you serve recover from the stress of what has happened to them.

Curbside Manner is based on five principles to help accident and disaster survivors recover from those experiences.

1. **Cover** means helping people to regain a sense of safety after a traumatic event. This can involve removing them from the scene, protecting them from onlookers, or simply letting them know that you are there to help them.
2. **Calm** implies helping people return to a calm equilibrium quickly. Responders can assist by staying calm themselves, showing understanding for their situation, and coaching affected individuals in ways to calm themselves.
3. **Connect** means helping people gain access to sources of social support. This can involve reconnecting people with their family and pets, or enlisting neighbors or friends to assist.
4. **Competence** implies helping people to meet their own needs by promoting their access to resources. This can be done by helping people secure basic needs such as water or blankets, or transferring them to social service agencies that can assist.
5. **Confidence** involves supporting affected individuals in ways that will help them to regain a sense of hope and confidence about themselves and the future. Helping them to reduce self-blame and guilt can help, as can letting them know that you might have made the same choices in a similar situation.



Taking just a few moments to help those who have suffered an emergency can go a long way toward defusing their anxiety.

The principles taught in Curbside Manner are also the core principles of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Stress First Aid for Fire and EMS Personnel course. SFA was initially developed as a peer support model for use in military operational settings as Combat and Operational Stress First Aid. SFA was adapted from the military support model to be used by fire and rescue organizations; it was intended to help firefighters and their leadership care for their own in times of acute distress such as following a line-of-duty death, a multiple fatality incident or another potentially traumatic event. Both Curbside Manner and SFA support **Firefighter Life Safety Initiative 13**, which states that firefighters and EMS personnel must have access to behavioral support.

Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid for the Street is available as a one-hour continuing education course at www.fireherolearningnetwork.com.

This Coffee Break Training item was submitted by the NFFF.



Fire Department News (cont.)

BFD Companies respond to a car into a house

On July 16th at 00:43 BFD companies were dispatched to 49 Depot St for a report of a car into a building. Upon arrival Lt. Greene and FF Murphy spoke with the homes sole occupant and determined she was not injured. The occupants of



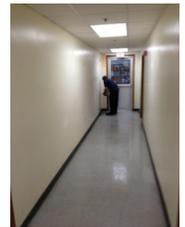
the car had left the scene on foot and were located by BPD walking on Main Street. 3A1 responded to that location and both occupants refused treatment. Additional compa-

nies were requested to the scene due to the extent of damage to the home. The vehicle was removed from the home and the area was taped of to prevent entry.

Station Project Update



Crews are making great progress on the various station projects underway. Lt. Newhall has assumed the position of General Contractor is cracking the whip to ensure completion of the projects before our resident students return. All of the major construction has been completed and crews are working on taping and sanding. We have also begun painting the hallway in the station. A tranquil blue color was chosen for both the hallway and the student rooms.



Belmont Fire Department Year to date 2013 Alarm by type

Descript	Count
ALS Transport	182
ALS Non-Transport	14
ALS Med Flight	1
BLS Transport	72
BLS Non-Transport	90
Fire Response	111
Hazardous Materials Response	8
Motor Vehicle Accident ALS Transport	11
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Transport	3
Motor Vehicle Accident BLS Non-Transport	6
Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury	22
Mutual Aid Response	102
No Medical incident Found/No Patient Contact	15
Service Call	56
Water Rescue	1
Total	694



Land Use News



Planning and Zoning News
September, 2013

Planning Board:

Approval granted to Blue Sky Enterprises for a 5-year compliance review on an earth excavation permit at 224 Hurricane Road.

Approval granted to Gistis Belmont Realty LLC to extend for one year a 43-lot open space subdivision on Province & Hoadley Roads and Middle Route.

Capital Improvement Plan: The Planning Board has begun their annual review and update of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) which is a multi-year schedule for capital expenditures defined as projects costing in excess of \$25,000 with a useful life of at least one year. The CIP, originally adopted in 2004, is updated annually in response to the actual budget appropriated by the voters at the previous Town Meeting and requests for new or amended capital projects for the upcoming six years.

During this annual update the Board will review capital requests from municipal departments on September 11th and hold a public hearing on September 23rd. Once adopted, the CIP is provided to the Selectmen and Budget Committee for their consideration during the upcoming 2014 budget season.

The CIP is a budgeting tool linking Community Vision from the Master Plan with the implementation of capital projects. The CIP assists the Selectmen and Budget Committee in developing and presenting to the voters a budget which avoids unanticipated expenditures by scheduling capital projects over the term of the CIP. Historic and projected trends in revenues, expenditures and growth are evaluated along with the community's ability to fund the cost of improvements. The projects are prioritized by their placement over the term of the 6-year plan resulting in a more level tax rate impact. CIP information is available in the Land Use Office and in the Data Center at http://www.belmontnh.org/data_cip.asp.

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



Belmont Parks & Recreation



Soccer

3-5 Year Olds

September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2013—Monday Nights
Sargent Park, Downtown Belmont

3 year olds: 5:30PM-6:00PM

4 year olds: 6:00PM-6:30PM

5 year olds: 6:30PM-7:15PM

\$5.00 per player

This program is for Belmont children who are 3-5 years old by September 30, 2013. Stephanie Derosier will show the players simple ball skills through fun interactive games. Players need to wear sneakers and shin pads.

The registration fee is \$5.00 per child. A Belmont Parks & Recreation Soccer t-shirt is **optional** for an additional \$8.00 per child. Space is limited for this program registration form and payment are required to hold a space.

Information and Registration:

Belmont Parks & Recreation

PO Box 310

Belmont, NH 03220

Phone: (603) 524-4350

Website: www.belmontnh.org/depts_recreation.asp

E-mail: recreation@belmontnh.org



Other Community News



NH HISTORICAL HIGHWAY
MARKER #235
Location: BELMONT - Route 140/
Depot Street - Factory Village District

SAVING THE BELMONT MILL -
Mostly abandoned in the 1970s, the mill suffered a devastating 1992 fire. In 1995, the mill was on the verge of demolition when citizens fought to explore re-use options. After a charrette conducted by Plan NH, federal funding restored the roof to its 1830s design, and helped rehabilitate façade and interiors. Press re-dedication reports in 1998 called the new era as town and community center the “Miracle on Main Street.”

BELMONT MILL HONORED WITH N.H. HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKER

The 1833 Belmont Mill and saga of its 1990s preservation and reuse has been honored with a New Hampshire Historical Highway Marker, through a 60 year-old statewide program managed jointly by the N.H. Division of Historical Resources and N.H. Department of Transportation.

The marker is #235 and cites “Saving the Belmont Mill” on a Route 140/Depot Street location just before Main Street in the community’s National Register of Historic Places eligible Factory Village District. The cast iron sign features the State seal and descriptive text, and was presented to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) today by the Belmont Heritage Commission, who successfully petitioned and applied for the marker.

Last year marked the 20th anniversary of the devastating August 14, 1992 fire which most thought was the end for the Mill. Belmont Historical Society president Wallace Rhodes, who led the effort to save the mill – and acquire the marker, said “Gratitude is due Belmont residents for preserving this strong emblem of pride in community heritage for those that follow.”

Since its 1998 rededication, the Belmont Mill has been honored with over a dozen regional and statewide awards. The *New Hampshire Preservation Alliance* cited it as one of New Hampshire’s most significant and challenging preservation projects of the last quarter century. The Mill was most recently distinguished with an award from the *Victorian Society in America, New England Chapter* two years ago.

At the unveiling, Belmont Heritage Commission chairman Linda Frawley recognized the efforts of current Selectmen, and long-standing help from the N.H. Division of Historical Resources and Department of Transportation in protecting Village sites including the Mill, Bandstand and Library as
“special treasures that still define Belmont.”

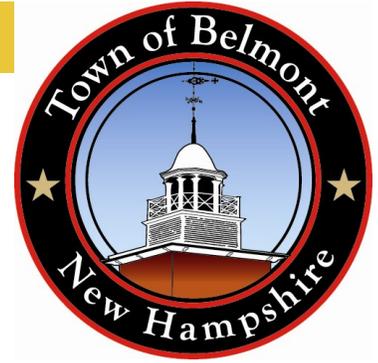
Chairman of Belmont Selectmen, Ronald Cormier, in formally accepting the new sign, pointed out that the Board valued the Mill as the community’s “most visible icon of its past” and had recently commissioned an updated Town logo featuring its 1833 cupola. Cormier also serves as Selectmen’s representative to the Heritage Commission, and was joined at the unveiling with Selectmen Jon Pike and Ruth Mooney.

Over the next months, the new marker will be added to a statewide map highlighting all historical markers and shown by Town and GPS coordinates. For more information about the program visit www.nh.gov

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September 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day Town Hall Closed Library Closed	3	4 Conservation Commission Mtg @ CMH 6pm Story time @ Library 10:30am	5	6	7
8 Grandparents' Day	9 BOS Mtg @ CMH 5pm	10	11 Planning Board Mtg @ CMH 7pm Story time @ Library 10:30am	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Story time @ Library 10:30am	19	20	21
22	23 Planning Board Mtg @ CMH 7pm	24	25 Zoning Board Mtg @ CMH 7pm Story time @ Library 10:30am	26 ARC Mtg 8am	27	28
29	30					

