

Our Community Newsletter

BELMONT



2022

This is my last newsletter as Town Administrator for the Town of Belmont. It has been such a great pleasure working for the community for the past 23 years and I will always treasure the friendships I shared with many in the community. I am excited to be retiring after 31 years in municipal government, it has been a great career and there are many aspects of it that I will miss, but I do look forward to having more time with my family and new puppy, Molly, who is a very friendly, food motivated yellow lab.

As many of you know, Alicia Jipson has been appointed to fill the position of Town Administrator effective June 1, 2022. Her email contact is administration@belmontnh.org and her contact number 603-267-8300 Ext. 124. Please stop by Town Hall and welcome her in her new role.

Statistical Property Value Update

The Town will be working with KRT Appraisal over the next few months to update property values; these new values will be reflected in the Fall tax bill issued sometime in early November.

LED Lighting Project to begin!

The Town of Belmont in conjunction with Affinity LED Lighting will be replacing 43 Street Lights in the Town of Belmont with LED lights. The Town received an energy grant through Eversource to assist with funding this project and we obtained lease financing for the project through Franklin Savings Bank. We look forward to the completion of this project in early summer.

Road Construction 2022



The Town anticipates reconstructing the portion of Seavey Road from Wildlife Boulevard to Church Street this year. This section of road was not part of last year's construction on Seavey. We will continue our annual shim and overlay process this year; a schedule of the roads has not yet been established but should be available shortly.

Town Administrator's News (Cont.)



IT is the LAW! (RSA 466:31 II (c))

Our message to all Dog Owners is to remind you of the importance of picking up your dog's waste from property not your own. The town installed at three 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.



What's Flushable or Not

We continue to stress the importance of the "Not everything is flushable", **please check out the "Do Not Flush!" list to protect your sewer and septic system.** A "Flushable" label does not mean it is SAFE for your septic system or the Town's sewer. Please read the brochure we have included on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org. We need your help to ensure our sewers keep flowing. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator's Office at 267-8300 ext. 124.

Bulky Waste Disposal



Beginning Wednesday, September 2, 2020, and on the 1st Wednesday of each month following, Casella Waste will collect your bulky items curbside. Please note this is for Town of Belmont Residential Customers only; service is not available to commercial property owners.

Piles of debris, trash, yard waste or a single item too large for one person to collect WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A request for pickup must be made in advance by calling Town Hall at 267-8300, Extension 118 or 124 only. You will be asked to list the items you want picked up, you will be advised what the cost is, and you will need to drop off a check made payable to the Town of Belmont prior to the collection day. Please visit the Town's website at www.belmontnh.org for the full details on the new program and a price.



Just a reminder that the Town of Belmont is an active member of Lakes Region Public Access Television which can be seen locally on Atlantic Broadband Channels 24, 25, and 26. If you are a camera buff and you have an interest in producing a show to be shown on LRPA, please contact the station at 528-3070 to discuss your idea. LRPA has made significant strides to improve programming this past year and its presence in the Lakes Region; we urge you to check out their website at <http://lrpa.org>.



BELMONT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MAY 30, 2022



Town Clerk's Corner



It's that time of year again! The first issue property tax bills were mailed out May 20, 2022, this bill covers the time period from April 1st through September 30th. The amount of the first issue tax bill is one half of the total taxes paid in the previous year (2021). The taxes are due July 6th, 2022. You can mail your check in with your payment stub, stop by the office with your payment, or pay on our town website, www.belmontnh.org using either your checking account or a credit card. Please keep in mind that there are extra fees associated with using the online option as well as if you use a credit card. We will assume that you consider your returned check your receipt unless you bring in the top portion of your bill for us to stamp "PAID" in the office. If you are mailing in your payment and want a stamped receipt, please include the top half of your bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope, we will

stamp the top half "PAID" and return it to you.

Residents with town water and sewer service will also soon see the 2nd issue Water/Sewer bills. The second issue bills cover the time period of March, April and May.

Dog licenses are due to be renewed by April 30th every year. Sometimes this task is overlooked so we send out reminder postcards in case it slipped your mind. In the month of June, a letter will be sent out to owners of unlicensed dogs by the Belmont Police Department mandating that we apply a \$25.00 civil forfeiture fee to each dog license that has not been renewed, per NH State law (RSA 466:13). There is also a late fee of one dollar per month (starting in June) that is added to the cost of the license. You can mail in your payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, stop by the office, or renew the license on our town website www.belmontnh.org. Let's get those dogs licensed as soon as possible!

2022 is a State Election year. Our office will be accepting candidacy filings for State Representative for the Republican or Democratic primaries OR for the Delegate to the **Republican** State Convention. The filing period is from June 1 – 10, 2022. **You must be a registered voter in the party for which you wish to be a candidate for.** An individual can stop by our office and fill out the proper paperwork and submit the filing fee of \$2.00. If you have any questions, please contact the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office or our office.

Some important dates to remember:

- September 13, 2022 is the State Primary Election. This will take place at Belmont High School from 7 AM to 7 PM.
- November 8, 2022 is the General Election. This will take place at Belmont High School from 7 AM to 7 PM.

For those of you who are planning a summer wedding, we at the Town Clerk's office can provide your marriage license. The license costs \$50.00 and is valid for 90 days. Both parties must be present at the time of application. If either party has been married previously, you must provide the official, sealed document pertaining to how the marriage ended (divorce decree, death certificate, etc.) as well as your state issued identification. Couples also have the option of pre-paying for the marriage certificate, which is used to change your name, insurance paperwork, etc. The cost of the certificate is an additional \$15.00 and when we receive the completed marriage license back, we will print out the certificate and mail it to you. If you have any questions, feel free to call our office.

Town Clerk's Corner (Cont.)

Have you ever wondered how we spend our day here at the Town Clerk's Office?

Below represents the amount of transactions and fees that we process here in Town Clerk's Office on a monthly bases. Boats, Dog Licenses, Motor Vehicle Registrations and any miscellaneous transactions (Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, Marriage certificates, Marriage Licenses, Copy and mailing fees).

Month of:	Boats:	Dog License:	Motor Vehicle	Misc Fees:	Total:
	159 Registered Boats	1,033 Dog's Registered	5,390 Motor Vehicles Processed	86 Transaction.	6,668 Transactions
Total Monies collected:	\$3,102.46	\$2,176.70	\$265,165.04	\$6,030.24	Total Collected: \$276,474.44

Hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and taking time to spend it with your love ones! Cynthia, Jeanne and Jennifer

Police Department

Captain Steve Akerstrom



Drug Take Back

We again took part in the DEA's National Drug Take Back on April 30th. DEA reported back to us that we turned over 114.4 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs. We want to thank the community for their part in turning in this amount of unwanted prescriptions, which makes our community safer and keeps the drugs out of the hands of those that should not have them.



Retirement

We want to thank Nikki Wheeler on her nearly 17 years as a dispatcher for the Belmont Police Department. Nikki retired at the end of April and we wish her well in her well-deserved retirement.



Welcome

We are excited to announce that we have hired three new employees.

In March, we hired Officer Brendan Sica, who will be attending the New Hampshire Police Academy for 16 weeks starting in June. Once his training is done you will see him on the streets handling calls.

In May, we hired Detective Valentina Gigli, who came to us from the Barnstead Police Department. After she is finished with her training here, she will be assisting the Detectives with investigations.

We also hired a new police dispatcher, Tricia Currier. Ms. Currier was hired after Dispatcher Nikki Wheeler retired at the end of April.

**WELCOME
TO THE
BEST
TEAM
EVER**



BFD Times



Say hello to our newest member of BFD, Firefighter Jennifer Sole! Her first official 24 hour shift was on Monday, May 23rd, and she passed with flying colors. She has been assigned to Shift 4 with Lt. McCarty and FF Ryan. Welcome to BFD Firefighter Sole! We can't wait to see you grow as a firefighter with our department!

DPW News in June

Paving and Patching



The paving program for this summer is still in the planning process but since Hot Top plants have opened, your Public Works Department has been out patching and hand shimming some of the worst spots in town. There is more prep work involved in using hot mix than conventional cold patch but the finished product is greatly improved and has a longer lasting effect. Please pay attention to advanced warning signs and traffic control while traveling our roadways. Your crews are out there working every day. When you see them, say hi and let them know how they're doing.

Driveway Permits

Construction season is in full swing and The Department would like to remind everyone to acquire proper permitting, before having work done on your driveway. Starting a new construction, just grading and adding new material to a gravel driveway, paving for the first time or having an existing driveway repaved this permit must be completed and returned before you begin. The purpose of a driveway permit is simply to provide safe access to and from any town-maintained road in Belmont and protect the road itself. The permit process is usually quick, easy and has minimal fees attached. For any new construction, the department looks for a few things. First is Adequate sight distance in both directions, this is based on an equation that takes roadway speed into consideration. Second, is Proper drainage. The driveway may need a culvert pipe to carry water in any roadside ditches or swales past the driveway without interrupting flow. Size would be determined by topographical layout and existing drainage up and downstream. A pipe is not always necessary if everything on the property slopes away from the roadway. This determined on a case by case basis. The last piece to these permits is the apron. A typical driveway is 20 feet wide and as you approach the road the last few feet flare out about 5 feet on each side of the driveway creating a 30-foot access that touches the road. If the road is paved, we request that apron portion that stretches over any required culvert (usually 5 feet) is paved to protect the roadway edge from breaking away. Upon completion, a department representative will come out and sign off if all requested conditions have been met. Permits can be found on the town website and submitted to town hall.



Before you dig, remember to call DigSafe
Not only is it safe, **IT'S THE LAW!**



Code Enforcement News

From your Friendly Code Enforcement Officer:

I hope you're having a wonderful spring and you are taking the time to take a look around your yard.

It's June! RVs are in use now! Please remember the following regarding RVs and your property.

- All RVs must maintain registration and inspection while parked on your property.
- You are allowed only one RV on your property. If you have taken delivery of a new one, make sure you are figuring out what to do with the old one.
- Vacant property cannot house RVs indefinitely. You are allowed 45 days on a vacant lot within a calendar year.
- ♦ If you have an abundance of scrap metal or junk on your property, there are numerous locally owned companies who will be willing to come get it. If you have junk, scrap metal, or a house cleanout to do, and need help finding someone to do it, I will be providing a monthly contact for local junk removal companies.

This month our featured Junk Removal Company is NH Junk Couple. They are a Veteran owned, husband-and-wife team, local to the Lakes Region and family orientated. Give Isiah and Natasha a call. No job to big or small.



- ♦ If you are zoned in Rural, or Residential areas, using cars, trucks, or vans as a storage container is not permitted. These vehicles need to maintain registration and inspection.
- ♦ If you are going to be doing spring clean-up, house renovation, or property clean-out, and require a storage container, make sure to get it permitted. Storage containers can not be permanent to your property and need an end date for them.
- ♦ I am still trying to track down new Belmont Businesses for Aquifer Inspection participation. If you are a new business, please reach out to me and we can get the process started. If you are an established business and have not had your inspection done, we need to talk.
- ♦ If you would like me to include your junk removal business in my monthly newsletter, please let me know. I am not advocating for any one company. I am simply giving property owners options and information.

From your Friendly Code Enforcement Officer

Mark Ekberg

Conservation Commission

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Who are your Conservation Commission Members?

Denise Naiva, Chair

Ed Stephenson, Vice Chair

Jane Jordan

Keith Bennett

Ruth Mooney, Ex Officio

Pauline Tessier



Conservation Commission is Looking for Members!

There are currently two openings for alternate members of the Conservation Commission.

The Commission consists of seven members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Commission encourages anyone interested in conservation to consider applying for vacancies on the board.

For more information on the Conservation Commission, please visit the Town of Belmont Website at:

Come visit the Conservation Commission Booth at Belmont Old Home Day on Saturday August 13, 2022.

Information will be available about water testing available to Belmont residents.



Conservation Commission:
Next meeting June 8, 2022
6:00 PM
Meetings are held at the
Belmont Mill.

As summer arrives here in Belmont along with swimming and other water related activities it is important to watch for cyanobacteria.

What are Cyanobacteria?

Cyanobacteria (formerly known as blue-green algae) are photosynthetic bacteria that utilize the sun's energy but also behave as bacteria.

If you Observe a Cyanobacteria Bloom or Scum, please call NHDES at (603) 848-8094.

- * Do not wade or swim in the water, especially near surface blooms.
- * Do not drink the water; avoid drawing lake water.
- * Do not let pets or livestock into or near the water; dogs are especially vulnerable to toxic cyanobacteria.
- * Call NHDES to report a cyanobacteria bloom sighting.

Where to Find Current Cyanobacteria Advisories and Warnings:

Please visit <https://www.des.nh.gov/> and click "Beach Advisory" under the ALERTS banner on the left sidebar to access the currently posted advisories and lake warnings for elevated bacteria and cyanobacteria blooms. These advisories and warnings will be

June 2022

Conservation Commission (Cont.)



Land Use

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A Monthly Insight into the happenings in Belmont Land Use

Land Use

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- Zoning

May Meetings >>>

Your Land Use Staff

Elaine Murphy

Administrative Assistant

Karen Santoro

Land Use Technician

Dawn Eastman

Land Use Clerk

Sarah Whearty

Town Planner

For additional Land Use
Information:

Visit www.belmontnh.org

Contact landuse@belmontnh.org

Call 267-8300 x 119



Application Review Committee (5/26/2022)

Tradz LLC: Request for Site Plan Review to run a Contractor's Yard. Property is located in the Rural Zone, at 194 Gilmanton Road, Tax Lot 241-019-000-000, #12-22R

>>> Next Meeting: June 23, 2022, 8:00AM

Planning Board (5/23/2022)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – Paul Zuzgo for Raed Hertel Family Trust: Request for Subdivision Plan approval to subdivide one lot into seven. Property is located on Jamestown Road, Tax Lot 118-016-000-000 in the "RS" Zone. PB #1122P. (Applicant requested a continuation to 6/27/2022)

Public Hearing – Route 106 Realty Trust:

- Continuation of a request for: Site Plan approval for Contractor's Yard, commercial building (motor vehicle & trailer service, professional offices, light manufacturing, retail stores and service business). PB # 0622P
 - Conditional Use Permit for a subordinate dwelling unit. PB #1522P
- Property is located on Laconia Road & 28 Corriveau Way, Tax Lot 217-114-000-000 in the "C" Zone. (Applicant requested a continuation to 6/27/2022)

Plan Submission Meeting and Public Hearing – 46 Horne Road LLC: Request for Subdivision approval to subdivide one lot into nine. Property is located at 46 Horne Road, Tax Lot 218-119-000-000 in the "R" Zone. PB #1922P.

Public Hearing – Mammoth Acquisition Company LLC: Compliance hearing to discuss the alternative slope stabilization treatment (approved 9/28/20) on the southeasterly sideline of lot 201-029-001-000 and the southwesterly sideline of lot 201-029-000-000 that failed. Property is located at 73 Daniel Webster Highway, in the "C" Zone. PB # 1722P

>>> Next Meeting: June 27, 2022, 6:00PM

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Land Use (Cont.)

Zoning Board of Adjustment (5/25/2022)

Abutters' Hearing – JCCO Holdings LLC: Request for a Special Exception of Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a Contractor's Yard in the Commercial Zone. Property is located at 631 Laconia Road, Tax Lot 230-094-000-000, ZBA # 1522Z.

Abutters' Hearing – Trad Z LLC: Request for Special Exception of Article 5 Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow motor vehicles sales and repairs in the Rural Zone. Property is located at 194 Gilmanton Road, Tax Lot 241-019-000-000, ZBA # 1622Z.

Abutters' Hearing – Lakeview at Belmont, LLC: Request for two Variances of the Zoning Ordinance to construct single-family residences:

- A. Article 6 Table 3 without the required minimum lot size, maximum lot size, and road frontage. ZBA # 1722Z.

Lakes Region Planning Commission has Launched a Housing Project to Assess Needs, Recommend Solutions

The Lakes Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) project has two surveys available:

- **a community survey**, that encourages those living and working in the region to share what impact the housing situation has had on them; what has worked, and what changes might be beneficial to communities and residents, and
- **an employer survey**, that seeks to find out the impact that housing may have had on employers in the Lakes Region along with any suggestions that they have for addressing it.

The link to the Lakes Region's Housing Needs Survey is available at <https://arcg.is/0jrjfx> or scan the QR code.



A separate Housing Needs Survey is available for Employers at <https://arcg.is/1ufaz1> or scan the 2nd QR code.

Visit the Town's
website:

www.belmontnh.org

to view the exciting
employment
opportunities

JOIN OUR TEAM





June 18 – August 6. Check the website for full details.

Book Groups

The Data Detective: 10 easy rules to make sense of statistics by Tim Harford

June 9 1pm

Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

June 17 10:30am

Summer Pass information

Free and discounted admission to local educational and cultural attractions.

Canterbury Shaker Village (anonymous donation)

Castle in the Clouds (donated by BEST PTO)

Children's Museum of NH (donated by BEST PTO)

Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum (donated by BEST PTO)

NH State Parks (donated by the Friends of the Library)

Petals in the Pines (donated by BEST PTO)

Seacoast Science Center (donated by BEST PTO)

Squam Lake Science Center (donated by BEST PTO)

Strawbery Banke (donated by BEST PTO)

Tarbin Gardens (donated by BEST PTO)



We are
packing up
the wagon to
head to you!

KICK OFF SUMMER READING WITH
DROPS IN THE OCEAN

BY LITTLE RED WAGON

SAT JUNE 18TH

1:00 PM

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUMMER READING, SCAN
THE QR CODE!



Parks and Recreation

Belmont Old Home Day

August 14th 2022

"The Magic Starts With Us"

Our community had to face so many challenges in the last few years. 2022 has been a year of healing and a reinvigorated sense of unity. In Belmont we have had new committees form to work together on common purposes, new positions filled, department changes and people bringing their ideas and their time to make a difference in our community. For these reasons we have chosen the theme to be "The Magic Starts with Us".

Belmont Old Home Day offers various activities for all ages throughout the day and evening. We will be keeping with tradition while also adding some new fun events for your families to enjoy. Be on the look out for updates as the planning comes along. Forms for vendors, Parade entries, the 10-Mile Road Race, Tioga fun run, Program advertising and various other activities are available on the Town of Belmont website.

Good Citizens Award Reception

Each spring, the Old Home Day Committee holds a reception for graduating seniors of Belmont High School that are residents of Belmont. These students are nominated by school district staff or residents of the community and elect to participate in the Good Citizen Reception where they deliver speeches and are selected for potential monetary awards for their academics and community involvement. Good Citizen participants will be recognized during our Old Home Day Parade and assist with activities throughout the event. The reception will be held on Sunday June 5th at 5:00pm at the Tioga Pavilion.

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes numerous volunteers to keep this annual celebration going. We will be holding a committee meeting on Sunday June 12th at 11:00am at the Tioga Pavilion. If you can't make this meeting, but would like to contribute to the event, please reach out to me at 603-267-1865. I look forward to working with the community to make this a successful event.

Summer Camp Update

Belmont Summer Camp is coming back! I am very excited to be able to provide such a needed program for our town. The years camp will be offered July 11th – August 19th. The camp may not be exactly how it was in the past, but we will have fun and adapt to the changes to make it be a memorable summer for our youth. More information and registration forms will be available on the Town of Belmont Website. We are still looking to fill some positions. The more we are able to fill, the better and bigger it will be! If you know anyone looking for a great summer job, please send them my way!

HELP WANTED

Belmont Parks & Recreation

Is seeking qualified candidates to fill anticipated seasonal openings. Job descriptions and applications are available on the town website.

Camp Counselors

Certified Lifeguards

Sargent Park Attendant

Danielle StOnge
Recreation Director
Town of Belmont
PO Box 310
Belmont, NH 03220-0310



53rd Belmont Ten Mile Road Race

Belmont, NH - Saturday August 13, 2022

8:30 am SHARP Start Time

\$18.00 Registration Fee includes Race & T-shirt

(Request for a specific t-shirt size must be received by July 22)

Registration at Belmont Middle School. Arrive by 8:00 am for final registration and number.

Make checks payable to "Belmont Old Home Day"

Certified Distance & #: Ten miles - #NH13006RF - Sanctioned by USA Track and Field

Awards/Presentations: Division prizes, race results, and remaining awards presented as soon as possible once the last runner crosses the finish line and places are official. Ceremony will be held near finish line.

An Open Race: Start on Concord Street, Finish near Town Hall on Main Street

For More Information: Contact Jeff Roberts (603) 491-0979 or Courtney Roberts (603) 707-0517

Email questions to events@belmontnh.org or csrjar@gmail.com

Directions to Race: Belmont is located on Rte.140, just west of Rte.106 & five miles east of Exit 20 off Interstate 93

Computer Timing: By Yankee Timing Company

Detach and mail entry form below to: Jeff Roberts, Belmont Road Races, PO Box 922, Belmont NH 03220

IN CONSIDERATION OF YOU ACCEPTING THIS ENTRY, I HEREBY FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS, WAIVE AND RELEASE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS AND CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES I MAY HAVE AGAINST THE SPONSOR, BELMONT OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION, USA TRACK AND FIELD, OR THE TOWN OF BELMONT, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES SUFFERED BY ME IN SAID MEET. I UNDERSTAND THAT ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMPETITION MAY BE SUBJECT TO FORMAL DRUG TESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH USATF RULES AND IAAF RULE 144.

NAME (Print) _____ NAME (Signature) _____ AGE _____

TELEPHONE # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ RUNNER (Circle) Male or Female

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB/SCHOOL/TEAM: _____ T-SHIRT Size S M L XL XXL (If ordered prior to July 22)

USATF # _____

PLEASE ENTER ME IN THE RACE BY THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUP (Check appropriate category)

____ HIGH SCHOOL through 18 ____ 19 through 29 ____ 30 through 39 ____ 40 through 49 ____ 50 through 59

____ 60 through 69 ____ 70 +

Young Cemetery

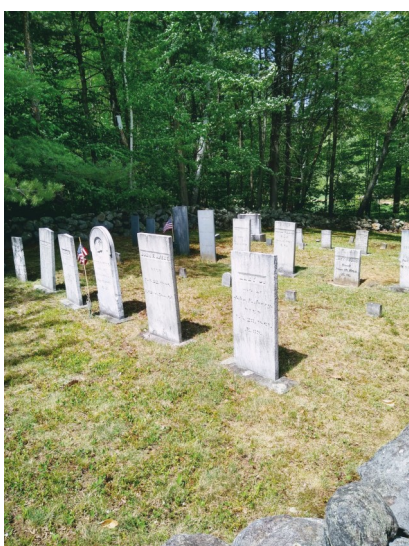
Memorial Day being just days ago we wanted to highlight Young Cemetery, located on Leavitt Road, across the street from Smith's Orchard it is the back half of the double rock walled area in the back yard of the White house. Under the beautiful canopy of trees around the perimeter several members of the Young family are laid to rest here.

The first being Andrew Young in 1805 age 10. Son of Eleazer Young who was a Revolutionary War Soldier. The last being Ann Marie Young in 1923.

A citizen of note buried here that we should mention is a young man named Ansel F. Young buried in 1863. Registered with the GAR as a Union Soldier with 15 NH Vol. Co. A enlisting on September 13, 1862. The 15th New Hampshire Infantry was organized in [Concord, New Hampshire](#), October 6–16, 1862, and mustered in for nine months' service under the command of [Colonel](#) John W. Kingman. The regiment lost a total of 161 men during service; 27 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded; 134 enlisted men died of disease. Ansel Young died from disease on May 14, 1863 in Carrollton Louisiana and returned home for burial. Believed to be Typhoid. We Honor him for his service.

There are 24 people buried here.

(15th NH Infantry information compiled from Ancestry.com)





Belmont Historical Society

7 Sawicki Lane

Belmont, NH 03220

May 2022

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

The BHS is back from hibernation!

We returned to our pre-Covid schedule of presenting 2 historical programs- "Barns" with John Porter in September and, in October, "Banjos, Bones and Ballads" with Jeff Warner.

We have begun to inventory and catalog the historical artifacts and papers that have been gifted to the Society over the years so we can display them to help deepen the interest in our Town's history.

At the Province Road Meetinghouse we had the help of students from the Holderness School to scrape peeling paint and to burn brush. We also did touch up painting on the building's exterior and maintained the landscaping.

We are looking to the future as there is still much to be done to continue these projects and to reach the point where we can begin to rehab the interior of the Province Road Meetinghouse.

Since COVID hit, we did not ask our friends for donations or to renew their memberships. This year we once again ask for your membership and your donations so we can continue to work to make Belmont's history more accessible to the community.

Additionally, we invite you to become more involved with the BHS. We expect to present 2 programs this season, and we anticipate vacancies on our Board and certainly welcome you to participate in our ongoing projects.

And finally, a reminder that we would consider your donation of historical artifacts or papers that apply to Belmont's history.

Remember- many hands make light work! It's your Town too!

Thanks in advance,

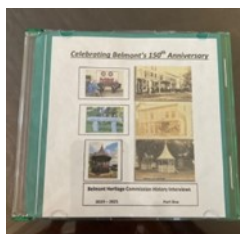
Bill Naughton, President
(billsland@aol.com)

Heritage Commission



News from the Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission is pleased to announce that a special DVD is *NOW* available at the Belmont Library. Featured in the DVD are "Belmontonians" who shared stories about growing up in Belmont, what Main Street looked like and even highlights a school presentation about the history of Belmont from the late Wallace Rhodes. Some of the interviewees who were quite entertaining were former Fire Chief Akerstrom and everyone's beloved farmer Everett Weeks. Heart-warming information came from the Leroux sisters of Main Street and the Bickfords who spoke about restoring their family home from the 1700's. The Heritage Commission felt that while there is historical documentation about town buildings such as the Belmont Mill and the Belmont Bandstand, not much is documented about the people and their families who grew up and helped form the town. The project evolved from celebrating the town's 150th anniversary! We hope to have the DVD available for viewing during Old Home Day.



After the disappointment to end the taped interviews due to Covid-19 we came up with another format and sent out questionnaires to gain information from townspeople. We thank those who turned in their questionnaires especially Mr. Foss, Mr. & Mrs. Atherton and Mr. Chapman. We are presently compiling the information obtained from the questionnaires. Extra questionnaire forms will also be available during Old Home Day.

Be safe, be well and take care everyone!

Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan (Chair), Claire Bickford (Vice-Chair), Ben Rolfe (Secretary) Priscilla Annis, JackDonovan, Jill Rolfe, Sonny Patten (Selectman ex-officio) and Victoria Riberio (B.H.S. Representative)

General Assistance

For more information on programs and to see
if you qualify contact Donna Cilley General
Assistance Director at 603-267-8313



NEW HAMPSHIRE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND FACT SHEET

Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided for the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF). The US Department of Treasury awarded the State of New Hampshire \$50 million to fund the New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund (NH HAF). The State of New Hampshire, through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR), has contracted with New Hampshire Housing to administer the program.
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program provides aid to eligible residents of New Hampshire who are struggling to pay their mortgage, property taxes, utility bills, and other housing costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
NH HAF Assistance Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH HAF program offers three types of assistance, with maximum benefit per property of \$20,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortgage Loan Reinstatement – funds for delinquent mortgage payments (maximum benefit - \$20,000) Property Charges Default Resolution – funds for delinquent property taxes, homeowner insurance, homeowner association or condominium fees/dues, and co-op maintenance or lot rents (maximum benefit - \$20,000) Utility / Internet Payment Assistance – funds for delinquent utility (electricity, gas, heating fuel costs, water & sewer, and internet payments (maximum benefit - \$3,000)
Loss Mitigation Requirement for Mortgage Loan Reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible homeowners applying for the Mortgage Loan Reinstatement Program will be required to complete loss mitigation efforts with their servicer prior to receiving NH HAF funds. An exception clause is in place for those: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whose servicer has not been timely and responsive with homeowner's loss mitigation efforts; or Who have demonstrated imminent threat of losing their home, which makes it unlikely that loss mitigation can be completed in time; or Who for other good cause when other extenuating circumstances outside of the homeowner's control prevent completion of loss mitigation.
Form of Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumulative assistance less than \$5,000 will be structured as a non-recourse grant. Cumulative assistance equal to or more than \$5,000 will be structured as a two-year, non-interest bearing, non-amortizing, forgivable grant with recorded note and mortgage. The grant is due in full upon sale, cash-out refinance, or transfer of ownership. If none of these events occur within two years, the grant will be fully forgiven, and the note and mortgage released.
Eligible Homeowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have experienced a coronavirus pandemic-related reduction in income or increase in expenses that occurred after January 21, 2020 or began prior to but continued after that date; Must currently own and occupy the New Hampshire property as their primary residence; If a tax deed has occurred, homeowner must have an equitable, statutory, or other right to reclaim legal ownership and must still occupy the property as their primary residence; Must have income(s) of equal to or less than 125% of Area Median Income.
Eligible Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be owner occupied, or in the case of a land contract or contract for deed, occupied by the documented buyer, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-family (attached or detached) properties; Condominium units; 1 – 4 unit properties where one of the units is homeowner's primary residence; Manufactured/modular homes permanently affixed to real property and taxed as real estate; Manufactured homes not permanently affixed to real property but with a Title Certificate or Statement of Ownership in the homeowner's name. Ineligible: Vacant or abandoned properties, second homes and investment properties.
Resources & Program Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit HomeHelpNH.org for information and to apply for assistance from NH HAF program For assistance with application, financial counseling, and other resources, contact: AHEAD - (800) 974-1377 x1014 HomesAhead.org For assistance due to immediate threat of foreclosure, tax deed, or sheriff's sale, contact: 603 Legal Aid – (603) 224-3333 NHLegalAid.org

General Assistance (Cont.)



HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR® Moderate-Income Program

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR - Moderate-Income (HPWES-MI) program is open to qualifying customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, Unitil, and NH Electric Cooperative. The HPWES-MI looks to support those NH residents that are over income for Home Energy Assistance (income eligible weatherization program) yet may struggle to cover the customer co-pays in our market rate Home Performance program. HPWES-MI offers higher incentives on weatherization measures and 0% finance options to help cover the customer co-pay.

The program rebate structure is as follows:

Measure Type	Incentive Level	Customer Co-Pay
Air Conditioning	80%	20%
Air Sealing	100%	0%
Appliance Timers	100%	0%
Door Replacements	80%	20%
Duct Sealing	80%	20%
Health & Safety	80%	20%
Heating System Clean & Tune	80%	20%
Heating System Replacements	80%	20%
Insulation	80%	20%
LED Bulbs	100%	0%
LED Fixtures	100%	0%
Low Flows	100%	0%
Pipe Insulation	80%	20%
Refrigerators/Freezers	100%	0%
Tank Wrap	80%	20%
Thermostats	100%	0%
Water Heater Setback	80%	20%
Window Replacements	80%	20%

Program Requirements:

- Income eligibility qualified by the Community Action Agency
- Open to customers who do not qualify for fuel assistance (over income for fuel assistance) but fall within the 80% state median income or 300% federal policy guidelines

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:

Margaux.levesque@eversource.com or 603-490-3506

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OPEN HOUSE AT BELKNAP HOUSE FAMILY SHELTER - July 17th, 1-4PM

Belknap House is a non-profit LLC, located at 200 Court St and Union Avenue, Laconia and provides a temporary shelter for families in Belknap County facing homelessness. In addition to providing emergency shelter, it's mission includes empowering families to become self-sufficient, giving them a helping hand-up with customized resource referrals (social services, employment) and education (parenting skills, budgeting, etc.). This approach encourages struggling parents to work at developing needed life-changing skills and confidence and to find a permanent place in the community.

Belknap House was first organized from a community coalition in 2014 out of concern for homeless families in Belknap County. It opened in 2017 as a cold weather family-centered shelter but, when there was a 43% increase in family homelessness in the As of March 11th this year, Belknap House reached its fifth year of operation. The shelter has seen constant and extraordinary use in these five years and has providing 19,044 total bed nights of which 10,271 were for children, all supported by volunteers and generous donations from local communities and organizations.

To celebrate it's 5th year, Belknap House will conduct an Open House on July 17th from 1 PM - 4 PM.

To learn more about Belknap House, please stop by our Open House for a tour and refreshments and meet some of the staff and families that make up our effective organization.

If you have a need for shelter or you are interested in how to volunteer or support the shelter in various ways, you can contact the Belknap House Manager, Mr. Tom Sica at 603 527-8097, or you can visit the website at: www.belknaphouse.org.



Newsletter

Do you know someone new to Town or know someone in Town who would love to see our Newsletter. Please have them email Alicia Jipson at administration@belmontnh.org to get on our distribution list. We also will occasionally send out other important information via email when necessary.



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