

Belmont Revitalization Project Update – 2/13/2012

On Friday, January 6, 2012, the Town of Belmont submitted a grant application to the 2012 Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program, (TCSP). The grant application was completed with the assistance of the Hoyle Tanner Design Team and Town staff. We have applied for \$3.26 Million in funds through the program to assist with traffic calming bump outs on Main Street, plantings and trees, sidewalks throughout the Village area, street lighting, replacement of water main, upgrade and revise overhead electrical wires by installing new underground electrical for Main Street, relocated historical bandstand, create satellite parking areas and redefine traffic patterns.

In addition, we have applied to the Community Development Block Grant program for a grant in the amount of \$202,377 to assist with water line replacement in the Village. We have been informed by the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that our application for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund has also been approved contingent upon Town Meeting approval of the bond article and our final application.

We have just completed a pre-application to the 2013 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program in the amount of \$242,756.80 for water line replacement on Spring Street, Gale Street and Nelson Court during the 2013 construction season. We look forward to scoring favorably with DES on this 2nd phase of the village water line replacement project.

Each of the approved grant applications represents many hours of work by our Engineering firm, Grant Writer and Town staff. We hope to have good news to pass along soon on our applications.

Just a reminder that we will be holding the second in our series of Public Meetings on the proposed Village Revitalization project; the meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House. Please plan to attend.