

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

**FIRST SESSION**

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont Middle School, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March next, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

**1. Election of Officers**

**The Planning Board DOES NOT SUPPORT the following PETITION Amendment:**

**2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by Petition for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Adopt Aquifer Protection Ordinance.

YES  NO

**The Planning Board SUPPORTS AND RECOMMENDS the following Amendments:**

**3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Create an Open Space Residential Development Overlay Zone. Lots within the proposed Zone consisting of 20 or more acres and to be subdivided into 3 or more lots for residential housing purposes would be required to design the subdivision as an Open Space subdivision, whereby lot sizes may be reduced, but permanently protected open space is also created. Amend the standards for Open Space Residential Development to include the addition of a density bonus for projects that are determined by the Planning Board to provide exceptional public benefits. Revise existing standards for permanently protected open spaces.

YES  NO

**4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Allow only one in-law apartment per lot in zones where in-law apartments are currently allowed.

YES  NO

**5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Adopt a Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) to regulate the timing of residential growth. Under the proposed Ordinance the Planning Board may limit building permits for new residential housing units and/or may require that new residential subdivisions and residential site plans be built out over more than one year. The restrictions would be implemented only at times when Growth Indicators, based on building permits and/or the rate of increase for the full value tax rate, are present. Under the proposed Ordinance, permits for preexisting lots of record and lots and sites approved by the Planning Board prior to the enactment of the GMO are exempt from the permit limitation.

YES  NO

**6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Define and regulate new limited Retail Store use. The proposed use would be a retail use limited in size and scope and allowed only by special exception on lots in the Rural Zone that have frontage and access on a State Highway. The use would also be allowed in zones where Retail Stores are currently allowed.

YES  NO

**7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Wetlands Ordinance as follows?**

Adopt standards for the protection of vegetated buffers within 50' of Public Waters, Prime Wetlands, Ponds, and Perennial Streams, and within 35' of Wetlands larger than 3,000sf. Amend setbacks for parking lots, fill materials and commercial earth excavation. Amend setbacks to Wetlands (any size) to be to Wetlands larger than 3,000sf. Amend wetlands data certification requirements. Amend/create definitions for Certified Wetland Scientist, Intermittent and Perennial Streams, Streams and Vegetated Buffer.

YES  NO