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BELMONT — Voters yesterday overwhelmingly chose against spending $3,357,250 on restoring the Belmont Mill and converting it to town offices. In an election that saw 631 people go to the polls, 467 of them voted against the mill warrant article while 164 supported it. It needed a 60-percent majority to pass because a borrowing was involved.

After doing a year of research on restoring and converting the old mill, selectmen presented their final findings to the town and voted unanimously to support the project.

The Budget Committee also voted unanimously to support the renovation and conversion.

In other election news, incumbent Selectman Ruth Mooney beat challenger George Condodemetrakis by a vote of 379 votes to 270.

A petitioned warrant article to rescind the SB-2 (Official Ballot Act) form of town government failed by a vote of 157 for returning to traditional town meeting to 453 who voted against returning. The vote needed a 60-percent majority to pass.