

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Cynthia M. DeRay
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMAN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than ONE</p> <p>RUTH P. MOONEY 379 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>GEORGE CONDODEMETRAKY 230 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than ONE</p> <p>SHARON A. DUNHAM 540 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than ONE</p> <p>DAVID CARON 538 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than FOUR</p> <p>PRESTON "PRET" TUTHILL 438 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TINA FLEMING 436 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RICHARD MCNAMARA 429 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARK ROBERTS 485 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than TWO</p> <p>CLAUDE B. PATTEN JR. 481 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEVEN PAQUIN 469 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not TWO YEARS more than ONE</p> <p>KAREN ANN DEMERS 525 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than ONE</p> <p>SHARON CIAMPI 538 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">Vote for not SIX YEARS more than ONE</p> <p>NIKKI J. WHEELER 536 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD</p> <p align="center">Vote for not THREE YEARS more than TWO</p> <p>DAVID DUNHAM 470 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN FROUMY 452 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

BALLOT QUESTIONS

<p>Ballot Question #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?</p> <p>Amend Setback Ordinance to exempt medically necessary handicapped ramps from setback requirements as long as the particular person has a continuing medical need to access the premises.</p> <p align="right">YES 518 NO 100</p>	<p>Ballot Question #3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,357,250) for the purpose of renovating the Belmont Mill for use as Town Offices, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,957,250 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; the balance of funding for the project (\$400,000) to come from the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve for which the Selectmen are agents to expend. A 3/5 ballot vote required. (The Budget Committee recommends \$3,357,250 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)</p> <p align="right">YES 164 NO 467</p>	<p>Ballot Question #4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of completing an Sewer Asset Management Plan, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. A 3/5 ballot vote required. If the Town's application to the State Revolving Fund is not approved, this project will not be undertaken. (The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)</p> <p align="right">YES 341 NO 283</p>
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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot Question #5. Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$85,427 of revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) received during the 2015 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$85,427 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2015 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

Overtime Coverage	\$ 15,000
Telephone Expense	\$ 500
Conferences & Dues(EMS)	\$ 500
Training Expenses	\$ 1,000
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$ 52,427
Comstar Billing Fees	\$ 9,000
Office Supplies	\$ 500
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$ 2,500
Fuel	\$ 4,000

YES 386
NO 218

Ballot Question #8. Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Belmont, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$65,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$80,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$125,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article submitted by **Petition**. (Majority vote required.)

YES 431
NO 176

BALLOT QUESTION #10 CONTINUED

budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. (The Budget Committee recommends \$7,257,691 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

YES 330
NO 275

Ballot Question #11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014. (The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

YES 335
NO 259

Ballot Question #9. Shall the Town vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

Belmont Public Library	\$ 1600.00
Belmont Penstock Park Volunteers	\$ 600.00
Belmont Conservation Commission	\$ 500.00
Lakes Region Girls Softball	\$ 1125.00
Town of Belmont, Parks & Rec	\$ 2000.00
Belmont Police Explorers	\$ 2500.00
The Friends of Belmont Football	\$ 1500.00
American Legion Post 58	\$ 500.00
Belmont Old Home Day Committee	\$ 1000.00
Belmont High School PTO	\$ 600.00
Belmont Cub Scout Pack 65	\$ 1500.00
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65	\$ 1200.00
Girl Scouts Troop 13933	\$ 600.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Community Acct	\$ 400.00
Girl Scout Troop 20532/21532	\$ 600.00
Girl Scout Troop 12117	\$ 600.00
First Baptist Church of Belmont	\$ 1700.00
Belmont Historical Society	\$ 2000.00
St. Joseph Parish	\$ 2422.83
Belmont Early Learning Center	\$ 2000.00
Belmont Heritage Comm/Bandstand Conc.	\$ 600.00

YES 485
NO 119

Ballot Question #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (The Budget Committee recommends \$125,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

YES 295
NO 307

Ballot Question #6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used Ladder Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund (Comstar) previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). (The Budget Committee recommends \$300,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

YES 286
NO 315

Ballot Question #13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund already established (Created 2003). (The Budget Committee recommends \$40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

YES 433
NO 173

Ballot Question #7. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled, to allow a \$50,000 property tax exemption for qualified taxpayers? To qualify the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

YES 399
NO 205

Ballot Question #10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Seven Million Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$7,257,691). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Dollars \$7,052,519 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating

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Ballot Question #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (The Budget Committee recommends \$750,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

YES 408
NO 204

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot Question #15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$167,450) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$167,450 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 476
NO 146**

BALLOT QUESTION #18 CONTINUED
which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$233,683 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 429
NO 195**

Ballot Question #22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 334
NO 283**

Ballot Question #16. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,450) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amounts to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997) and further to fund \$450 of said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$450 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2014, with the remainder to be raised by taxation. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$3,450 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 446
NO 179**

Ballot Question #19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$536,556) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user's fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$530,070) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$536,556 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 383
NO 237**

Ballot Question #23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades, Replacement and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010), said sum to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 399
NO 219**

Ballot Question #20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 397
NO 224**

Ballot Question #24. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a I (a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

**YES 246
NO 365**

Ballot Question #17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$2,500 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 448
NO 171**

Ballot Question #21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

**YES 296
NO 320**

Ballot Question #25. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

**YES 249
NO 362**

Ballot Question #18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$233,683) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users' fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$257,261)

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot Question #26. Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) as adopted by the Town of Belmont on March 15, 2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law? This article submitted by Petition. (A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question is required.)

YES **157**
NO **453**

Ballot Question #27. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for public purposes, as permitted by RSA 31:19 until rescinded?

YES **465**
NO **148**

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING