

Town of Belmont 2018 Deliberative Session

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

10:00 A.M.

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Note Articles 2 -7 Cannot be amended by the Deliberative Session – they are for information only

Article #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?

Boat Storage-Amend Art. 5, Table 1 and Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to regulate indoor and outdoor boat storage separately in the permitted use table and create separate definitions.

Article #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Warehousing/Self-Storage-Amend Art 5, Table 1 and Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to regulate indoor and outdoor warehousing/self-storage separately in the permitted use table and create separate definitions.

Article #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Accessory Dwelling Unit-Amend Art. 8.F of the existing Ordinance to prohibit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as additions to manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, and where one or more single-family units are already attached such as condominium developments and duplexes. Prohibit the condominium sale of an ADU separate from the principal unit.

Article #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Subordinate Dwelling Unit-Amend Art. 5, Table 1, delete Art. 13.F.1, and add a definition to Art. 15 of the existing Ordinance to allow one subordinate dwelling unit on a lot with a primary business use in the Commercial & Industrial Zones and require a Conditional Use Permit for occupancy by other than the business owner (e.g. business manager or security person).

Article #6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Snow Dump-Amend Art. 7.C.14 of the existing Ordinance to clarify that a “snow dump” regulates snow brought to a lot from off-site.

Article #7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Signs-Amend Art. 4.1.4 of the existing Ordinance to allow internally illuminated signs.

Article #8

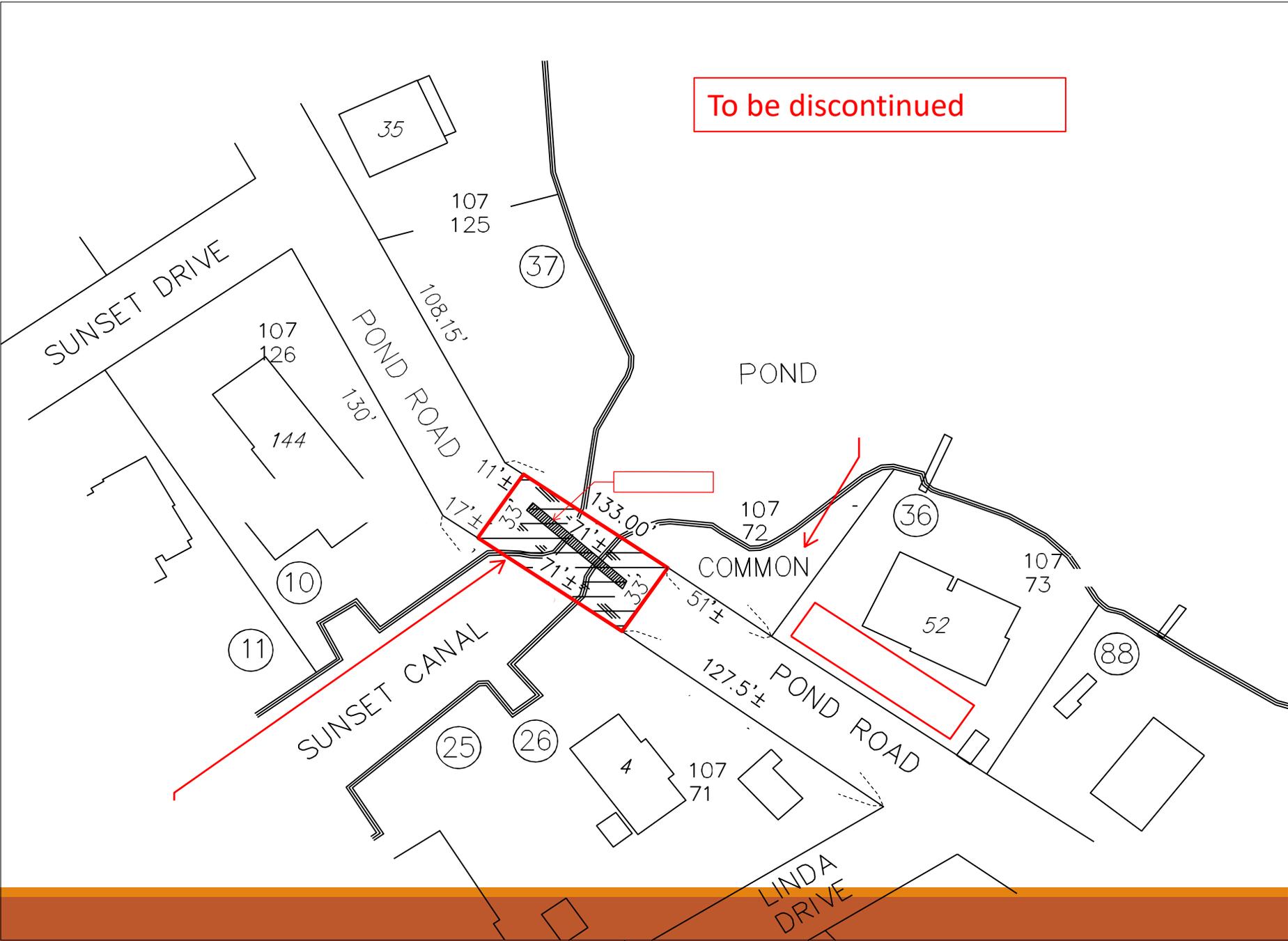
Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:81 to allow a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses as defined in Article 5 Table 1 of the Town of Belmont Zoning Ordinance last amended March 16, 2017. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality and shall exclude state education property taxes and county taxes. The exemption shall be as follows: 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to construction of new structures, and additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures and shall run for a maximum period of 6 years following the new construction. If adopted by the Town, the percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted uniformly within the Town to all projects for which a proper application is filed. This vote adopting RSA 72:81 shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years; provided, however, that for any application which has already been granted prior to expiration of such 5-year tax period, the exemption shall continue to apply at the rate and for the duration in effect at the time it was granted.

The purpose of this article is to encourage commercial and industrial property owners to develop or improve their properties. An application form will be developed for use with this program.

Article #9

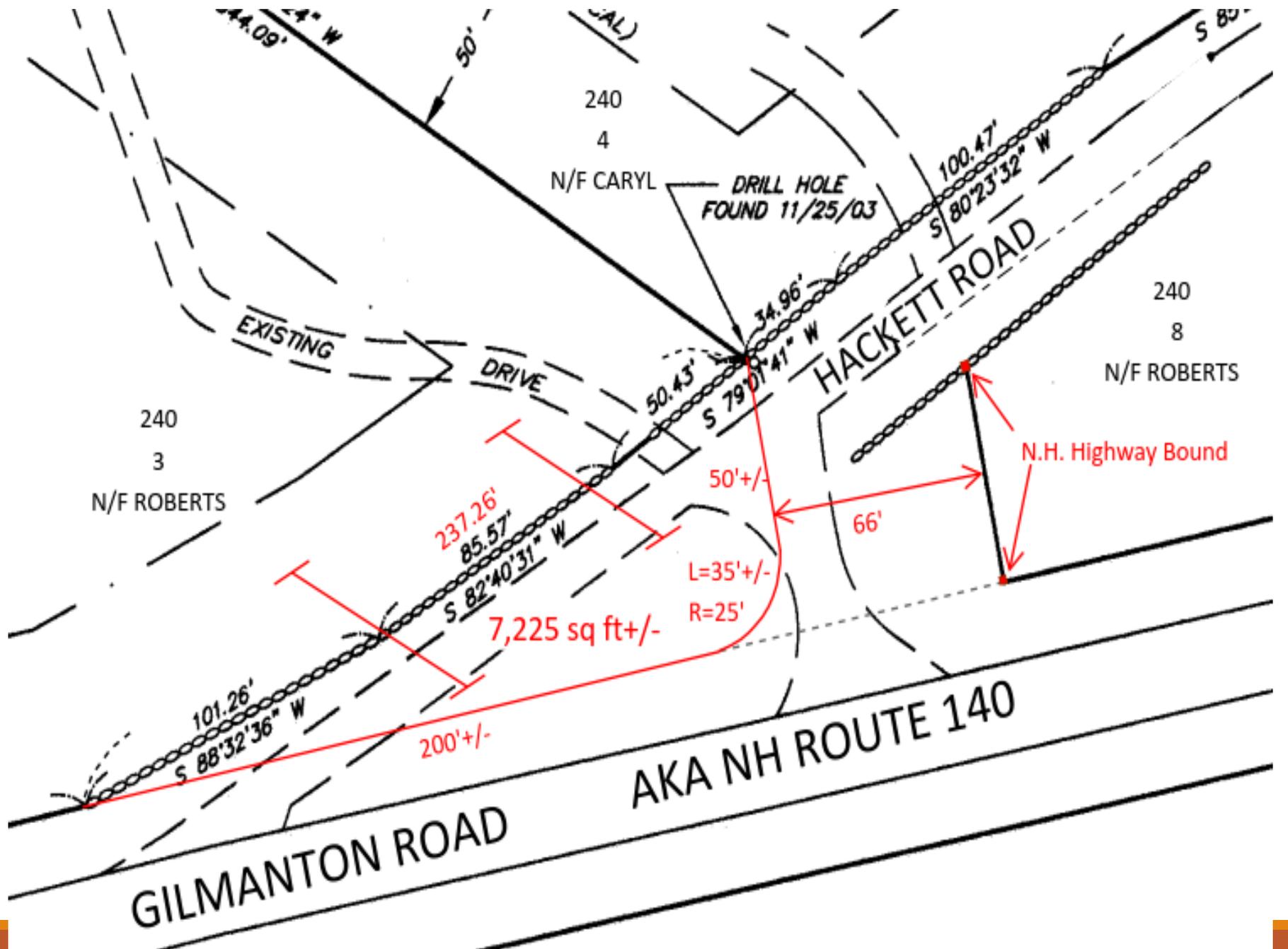
Shall the Town vote to discontinue completely, a portion of Pond Road, so called, in Belmont with the title in the land to revert to the Sunray Shores Water District. The portion to be discontinued is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Pond Road, so-called, and the land now or formerly of Butler Family Realty Trust, 17'± southeasterly from the angle point of said Pond Road; thence turning and running southeasterly along said Pond Road 71'±, crossing over the Sunset Canal, so-called, and along land now or formerly of Shawna Collarullo to a point 127.5'± from the intersection of said Pond Road and Linda Drive, so-called; thence turning at right angle northeasterly 33' to a point on the sideline of Common Land of the Sunray Shores Water District; thence turning and running northwesterly and parallel with the first course 71'± along the Common Land, crossing over said Sunset Canal, and along land now or formerly of Gerald and Beatrix Clark to a point 11'± southeasterly of an angle point in said Pond Road; thence turning at a right angle running southwestly 33' to the point of beginning. Said portion of Pond Road containing a footbridge to be completely discontinued with ownership reverting to the Sunray Shores Water District.

To be discontinued



Article #10

Shall the Town vote to discontinue completely, a portion of Hackett Road, so-called, in Belmont with the title in the land to revert to the abutting property. The portion to be discontinued is described as follows: Beginning at a point on a stonewall at the southeasterly corner of land of Clive and Alison Roberts on the sideline of Hackett Road, so-called; Thence running along the stonewall and said Hackett Road, in a southwesterly direction $237' \pm$ to a rebar set in the ground at the end of the wall at the sideline of Gilmanton Road (also known as NH Route 140), so-called; Thence turning and running along said Gilmanton Road in a southeasterly direction $233' \pm$ to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the left having a radius of 25' a distance of $39' \pm$ to a point; Thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction $48' \pm$ to the point of beginning. Meaning and intending to describe a roughly triangular parcel $7,180 \pm \text{ft}^2$ in area, a portion of Hackett Road to be discontinued and attached to the land of Clive and Alison Roberts and to become a part of Tax Lot 240/003.



Article #11

Shall the Town vote to rescind the following bond authorizations approved but not issued, a 3/5 majority vote is required.

March 15, 2008	Pleasant Valley Roadway, Water and Drainage	\$40,982
March 13, 2012	Sewer Pump Station (5) Replacement	\$179,196
March 13, 2012	Belmont Village Water Line Replacement	\$76,679
March 12, 2013	Belmont Village Phase II Water Line Replacement	\$14,939

(The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)

The purpose of this article is to clear unissued bond authorizations from our Balance Sheet. The amounts resulted from lower project costs therefore less funds were borrowed.

Article #12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of a Space Needs and Feasibility Study; funding for this article is to come from the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2006. No amount of money will be raised by taxation under this article.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$65,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) **The current balance in the account is \$419,096.34.**

A citizen group, the Belmont Facility Strategy Committee reviewed Town buildings, available building studies and reports. They found there is 16,000 square feet of unused or underused space, while several buildings including the Police Station, Town Hall and Library need additional space.

Article #12 (cont.)

To make informed decisions about best use of Town buildings, a citizen-driven independent analysis of space needs and feasibility of facility options is needed. Other NH communities have contracted for this type of study to make long term decisions on which buildings to retain, sell or lease, and project costs for building improvements to meet their future needs. Currently, Belmont spends about \$330,000 in building operations, maintenance and improvements annually. This study will provide information to help guide future investment in Town buildings. The study will draw from existing structural studies of the Mill and other Town buildings.



Article #13

Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$171,400 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2018 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$171,400 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 2018 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

This article has been included on the Town's Meeting Warrant since 2011; funds collected for ambulance services are used to offset the operating expenditures of the department.

Training Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$ 26,000.00
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$ 22,000.00
Overtime	\$ 40,000.00
Telephone	\$ 2,000.00
Conferences & Dues	\$ 1,000.00
Office Expense	\$ 12,000.00
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$ 8,000.00
Fuel	\$ 7,400.00
Kitchen Renovations	\$ 50,000.00

Article #14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) for the cost of a Quint Fire Truck for the Fire Department **and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c; the balance of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) is to come from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. In the event the Town does not receive the grant; this appropriation will not be funded.** (Majority ballot vote required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$950,000** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$62,117) for the third year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). **The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments.**

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$62,117** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #16

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

This year's John M. Sargent Fund Committee met on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont to review the applications received. Members of the Committee are Chairman B.J. Eckardt, Ruth Mooney, Alison Bryant, Shayne Duggan and Grant Sigsworth. This year's distribution list follows on the next slide.

Belknap County 4-H Fair Association	\$600.00
Belmont Baseball Organization	\$2,000.00
Belmont Conservation Commission	\$250.00
Belmont Early Learning Center	\$700.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 10972	\$300.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117	\$400.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 20431	\$250.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 20532/21532	\$300.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Community Account	\$300.00
Lake Region Girls Softball	\$1,000.00
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65	\$700.00
Belmont High School PTO	\$500.00
Belmont Historical Society	\$300.00
Belmont Middle School Nature's Classroom	\$3,000.00
Belmont Middle School PTO	\$1,000.00
Belmont Old Home Day Committee	\$600.00
Belmont Parks & Recreation Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Belmont Police Explorers	\$1,000.00
Belmont Police DARE Program	\$500.00
Belmont Public Library	\$1,300.00
First Baptist Church of Belmont Mission	\$2,000.00
St. Joseph's Food Pantry	\$2,691.11
Friends of Belmont Football	\$1,000.00
Total Funds to be distributed	\$22,191.11

Article #17

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Belmont?

This new law allows businesses that hold liquor licenses to operate keno games upon obtaining a license from the liquor commission. Funding from the games will be provided to school districts for full-day kindergarten. Districts will receive a minimum of \$1,100 per full-time student beginning in FY 2019.

Article #18

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 Five Hundred Ninety-Three Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$7,593,919)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$7,776,548) 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 budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$7,593,919** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) (Amended 2014).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$25,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) **The current balance in the account is \$89,855.37.**

Article #20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$25,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) **The current balance in the account is \$28,637.71.**

Article #21

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$75,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) **The current balance in the account is \$419,096.34.**

Article #22

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, 2017.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$30,000** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) **The current balance in the account is \$87,388.69. The Town's anticipated liability is \$358,963.**

Article #23

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 supports this recommendation.) **The current balance in the account is \$386,602.29.**

The 2007 Road Assessment Report was updated in 2017 and copies are available at Town Hall and on the Town's website at <http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/PWD/2017FinalUEIRoadAssessment.pdf>

Article #24

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve fund already established (Created 2003).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$25,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) **The current balance in this account is \$73,666.04.**

Article #25

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$40,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) **The Town is undergoing a full measure and list this year; our equalization ratio has declined to 89.7%. New property values will be established for April 1, 2019. The current balance in this account is \$51,833.53.**

Article #26

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$195,849) 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 **\$195,849** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #27

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) 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).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$10,000** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) **The current balance in this account is \$6,946.52.**

Article #28

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 supports this recommendation.) **The current balance in this account is \$11,353.01.**

Article #29

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Fifty-Five Dollars (\$230,055) 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 Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$228,175) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$230,055** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #30

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$515,942) 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 Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Seven (\$518,397) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$515,942** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article #31

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 supports this recommendation.)

The current balance in the Heritage Fund as of December 31, 2017 is **\$33,552.07**.

Article #32

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Village Rail Spur Trail Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2016).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$5,000** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) **Work is ongoing to place the 2nd bridge along the trail. The current balance in this account is \$30,233.10.**



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Article #33

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen do not support this recommendation.) **The balance in this account is \$270,270.16.**

Overview of grants and low interest borrowing



CDBG/CDFA and Other Grants				Year	Project	Funding Agency	Amount
Year	Project	Funding Agency	Amount	2016	Library Books	Children's Literacy Foundation	\$2,000
2007	PV Feasibility	CDBG/CDFA	\$12,000				
2009	PV Infrastructure	CDBG/CDFA	\$500,000	Total CDBG & Other Grant Awards			\$1,757,809
2010	Energy Lighting	ARRA	\$95,199	Fire Act Grants through FEMA and Division of Forest and Lands and others (Awarded)			
2010	PLAN NH Charrette	PLAN NH & Donations	\$20,000	Year	Project	Funding Agency	Amount
2012	Riverwalk & Pavilion	LWCF	\$89,180	2009	Station Sprinkler System & Full Fire Alarm	FEMA	\$95,000
2012	PH 1 Waterline	CDBG/CDFA	\$202,000				
2012	LRMHPC Feasibility	CDBG/CDFA	\$12,000	2011	Forestry Pump	NH Forest & Lands	\$2,000
2013	PH 2 Waterline	CDBG/CDFA	\$355,000				
2014	PH 1 Tioga Bridge & Trail	Recreational Trails Program	\$30,000	2012	Fire Investigation Camera	Global Grant	\$1,450
2014	Bandstand Restoration	LCHIP	\$15,000	2013	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	FEMA	\$206,100
2015	Solar Village Feasibility	CDBG/CDFA	\$12,000				
2016	Municipal Buildings – Heating Upgrades	USDA	\$6,667	2014	20 Sets of Fire Gear and EMS Coats for non-FF	FEMA	\$49,524
2016	Solar Village Infrastructure	CDBG/CDFA	\$327,373				
2016	PH 2 Tioga Bridge & Trail	Recreational Trails Program	\$73,440	2015	LEOP Update	Homeland Security	\$2,500
2016	Library Building Study	LCHIP	\$12,000	2016	Floating Pump	NH Forest & Lands	\$2,000

Fire Act Grants through FEMA and Division of Forest and Lands and others (Awarded)				Grants received on behalf of the Conservation Commission			
Year	Project	Funding Agency	Amount	Year	Project	Funding Agency	Amount
2016	Gear Washer & Dryer	FEMA	\$18,843	2008	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	USDA NRCS	\$14,481
2017	EMS in the Warm Zone	State of NH	\$6,000	2009	Accessible Trails	NH DRED Bureau of Trails	\$1,332
2017	Forestry Equipment	State of NH Division of Forest & Land	\$975	2011	Aquatic Resources Mitigation	NH DES Wetlands Bureau	\$30,000
Total			\$384,392	2016	Sanborn Trust Conservation Parcels Project	NHDES Wetlands Bureau – Aquatic Resources Mitigation	\$42,496
State Revolving Fund				2016	Sanborn Trust Conservation Parcels Project	LCHIP	\$57,227
Year	Project	Interest Rate/Forgiveness	Amount	2016	Sanborn Trust Conservation Parcels Project	Conservation Moose Plate Grant – State NH	\$7,500
2012	Sewer Pump Station Repl.	1.7%	\$1,300,000	Total			\$45,813
2012	PH 1 Waterline	1.7%	\$148,000				
2015	Water Meter Replacement	1.64%/40%	\$336,000				
Total Low Interest Borrowing			\$1,784,000				

2018 Proposed Tax Rate

Proposed Budget	\$10,630,382
Projected Revenue	\$(4,719,747)
Reserved for Abatements	\$ 25,000
War Service Credits	\$ 246,700
Unexpended Fund Bal.	\$ (425,000)
Assessed Value used to Calculate	605,602,000/1000
Estimated Tax Rate Town Portion	\$ 9.51

Town Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.