

Annual Meeting Warrant 2018

Town of Belmont, 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:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 3rd day of February 2018, being a Saturday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First (Deliberative) Session, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 13th day of March, being a Tuesday, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following:

Article #1. To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Budget Committee two-year term (2), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Planning Board three-year term (2), Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term (2) and Town Moderator two-year term (1).

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.

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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.I.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.

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

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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 southwesterly 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.

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'± 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'± to a point; Thence turning and running along a curve to the left having a radius of 25' a distance of 39'± to a point; Thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction 48'± to the point of beginning. Meaning and intending to describe a roughly triangular parcel 7,180± ft² 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.)

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

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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.)

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 Required).

Training Expenses	\$3,000
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$26,000
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$22,000
Overtime	\$40,000
Telephone	\$2,000
Conferences & Dues	\$1,000
Office Expense	\$12,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$8,000
Fuel	\$7,400
Kitchen Renovations – Fire Station	\$50,000

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.)

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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?

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

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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?

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.)

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.)

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).

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(The Budget Committee recommends **\$75,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

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.)

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.)

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 previously established (2003).

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$25,000** and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

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.)

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.)

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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.)

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.)

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).

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(The Budget Committee recommends **\$5,000** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)


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.)

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.)

Given under our hands and seal this the 22nd day of January in the year of our lord two thousand and eighteen.


Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr.

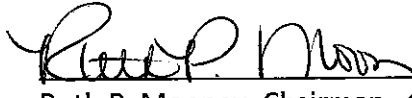
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A True Copy of Warrant – Attest
Ruth P. Mooney
Jon Pike
Claude B. Patten, Jr.

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We hereby certify that on the 29th day January, 2018, we posted an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting named herein and posted a like copy at the Belmont Town Hall, the Belmont Post Office and the Lochmere Post Office, all being public places in said Town.


Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr.