



Church Street Bridge October 2012



Main Street Waterline Replacement Summer 2012

TOWN OF BELMONT

VOTER'S GUIDE

*Guide to the Second Session of the Town Meeting in
accordance with Senate Bill 2*

Belmont High School

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

You may register to vote at the polls with proper ID.

This handout has been prepared to assist you in making informed voting decisions, prior to walking into the voting booth on March 12. PLEASE BRING THE HANDOUT WITH YOU ON ELECTION DAY. BALLOT QUESTIONS READ EXACTLY AS THE BALLOT QUESTIONS IN THE HANDOUT.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call the Selectmen's Office at 267-8300, ext. 24.

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Ballot Question #1.

Selectman three-year term vote for one:

George Condodemetraky

Jon Pike

Budget Committee three-year term vote for four:

Ronald Mitchell

Albert Akerstrom

Kenneth Ellis

Tracey LeClair

Budget Committee one-year term vote for one:

Herman Martin

Cemetery Trustee three-year term vote for one:

Diane Marden

Library Trustee three-year term vote for one:

Diana Johnson

Sheila Sullivan

Planning Board three-year term vote for two:

Ward Peterson

Recardo L. Segalini Jr.

Johnathon Anstey

Ed Hawkins

Michael LeClair

Supervisor of Checklist six-year term vote for one:

Brenda Paquette

Town Clerk/Tax Collector three-year term vote for one:

Cynthia M. DeRoy

Town Treasurer three-year term vote for one:

Nikki J. Wheeler

Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term vote for one:

Gregg L. MacPherson

Zoning Board of Adjustment three-year term vote for one:

Marshall Ford

Ed Hawkins

Zoning Board of Adjustment two-year term vote for one:

Marshall Ford

John Froumy

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 follows: adopt a definition of and regulations for Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Stations and allow Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Stations only in the Industrial Zone.

Ballot Question #3. Shall the Town vote to expand the Board of Library Trustees from 3 to 5 members beginning in 2014? If approved, the 2014 Annual Town Meeting shall provide for the election of 2 additional Library Trustees, one of whom shall hold office for a 2 year term and one of whom shall hold office for a 1 year term, and thereafter, at every annual meeting, the Library Trustees shall be chosen to hold office for 3 year terms.

Ballot Question #4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$355,000) for the purpose of replacing 3,750 feet of water lines within Belmont Village (Phase II) including engineering costs, acquisition of land or interests in land

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and all other costs reasonably associated with this project. The intention is that all of this appropriation will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program, or from similar grants; however, should the appropriation not be funded in its entirety, to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in the amount of up to Two Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$242,000) 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, with the balance to be funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program, or from similar grants. Future bond payments are anticipated to be funded from Water User Fees. **(3/5 Ballot Vote Required) (The Budget Committee recommends \$355,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #5. Shall the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Ballot Question 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 \$91,945 of revenues from ambulance billings (Comstar) received during the 2013 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$91,945 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the Fire/Ambulance cost items

identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2013 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

Overtime Coverage	\$40,000
Telephone Expense	\$ 1,000
Conferences & Dues (EMS related)	\$ 500
Training Expenses	\$ 1,200
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$24,745
Comstar Billing Fees	\$12,500
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$ 5,000
Fuel	\$ 6,000

Ballot Question #6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Department Ambulance 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). This ambulance will replace two ambulances (1998, 2002) which will be used as a trade-in or sold outright against the purchase of the new ambulance. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$180,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Rescue/Fire Suppression Boat 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 (Comstar)

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previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$25,000.) This article was amended by the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 2, 2012; those present voted to amend appropriation request to \$25,000.**

Ballot Question #8. 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 4H Fair Assoc.	\$600
Belmont Baseball Organization	\$1,100
Belmont Community Girl Scouts	\$900
Belmont Heritage Committee	\$1,000
Belmont Historical Society	\$2,000
Belmont Public Library	\$650
Belmont Police Explorers	\$700
Belmont Police Relief Santa's Helpers	\$1,000
Belmont Recreation Scholarship	\$1,200
Boy Scouts Troop 65	\$1,100
Belmont Cub Scouts Pack 65	\$1,200
Charles Kilborn Post 58 American Legion	\$500
First Baptist Church Food Pantry	\$1,700
LR Girls Babe Ruth Softball	\$900
Old Home Day Committee	\$750
St. Joseph's Food Pantry	\$2,000
Jeffrey A. Marden Scholarship Fund	\$1,000

Ballot Question #9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$15,895) for the purpose of entry modifications and ADA compliance renovations in the Lower Level of the Corner Meeting House? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$15,895 and the**

Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

Ballot Question #10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and Eighty Six cents (\$16,922.86) to reimburse the Belmont Historical Society for the renovations to the Province Road Meetinghouse completed in 2012 and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing that amount from the expendable trust fund known as the Province Road Meetinghouse Fund created in 2005, and thereafter to discontinue the Province Road Meetinghouse Fund? **(The Budget Committee recommends \$16,922.86 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.) (Majority Vote required.) The funds in this account were originally set aside by the voters for renovations to the Province Road Meeting House; this article transfers the funds to the Historical Society to reimburse them for the work already completed.**

Ballot Question #11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant Ballot Questions 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 Thousand Two Hundred Six dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$7,002,206.35). Should this Ballot Question be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Thirty

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Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Seventy Nine Cents (\$7,038,456.79) 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 Ballot Question (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant Ballot Question. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$7,002,206.35 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$7,040,435.18.)**

Ballot Question #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Ninety Four Dollars and Sixty Four Cents (\$166,094.64) 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 \$166,094.64 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$491,587.98) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by Sewer user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$491,587.98 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$274,856.70) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by Water users' fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$274,856.70 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #15. 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, 2012. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #16. 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.)**

Ballot Question #17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000). **(The Budget Committee recommends**

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\$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen do not support this recommendation.)

Ballot Question #18. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) 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 \$2,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by Water user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$75,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment

Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$20,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$650,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #24. 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.)**

Ballot Question #25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Sewer Pump Station Upgrades, Replacement and Repairs Capital

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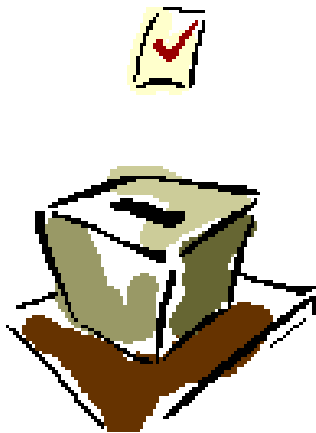
Reserve Fund previously established (2010), said sum to be offset by Sewer user's fees. **(The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Heritage Resources Fund previously established (2005). **(The Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)**

Ballot Question #27. Shall the Town vote to change the name and purpose of the BRATT Phase II Capital Reserve Fund to the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding any and all costs related to BRATT and further, to continue to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund. (2/3 vote required)

Anticipated Tax Rate impact of passage of the budget as presented for consideration:

***\$7.72 per \$1,000 of value
Proposed rate is up .30 Cents
Impact on a \$100,000 home
\$7.42 x \$100,000 = \$742.00 @
current Tax Rate
\$7.72 x \$100,000 = \$772.00 @
proposed 2013 Tax Rate***



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