

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

Cynthia M. DeGray
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.

SELECTMAN

Vote for not more than ONE

THREE YEARS

RONALD CORMIER 94 ○

CLAUDE "SONNY" PATTEN 335 ○

RICHARD C. PICKWICK 24 ○

BRIAN WATTERSON 252 ○

Ron Mitchell 1 ○

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not more than ONE

THREE YEARS

KAREN A. JAMESON 403 ○

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

THREE YEARS

NORMA L. PATTEN 598 ○

David Garrett 2 ○

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than FOUR

THREE YEARS

CRAIG CLAIRMONT 492 ○

SUSAN HARRIS 497 ○

NORMA L. PATTEN 488 ○

FRED WELLS 462 ○

Ron Mitchell 1 ○

Mark Mooney 1 (Write-in) ○

Pret Tuttle 1 (Write-in) ○

Ed Hawkins 1 (Write-in) ○

Ken Knowlton 1 (Write-in) ○

Brian Watterson 1

David Garrett 2

Diana Lacey 1

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

THREE YEARS

MARY-LOUISE CHARNLEY 591 ○

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not more than TWO

THREE YEARS

KEVIN STURGEON 402 ○

PETER HARRIS 463 ○

RECARDO SEGALINI 283 ○

Ron Mitchell 1 ○

Mark Mooney 1 (Write-in) ○

Ken Knowlton 1 (Write-in) ○

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than ONE

ONE YEAR

GAIL THOMAS 607 ○

K. Henderson 1 ○

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vote for not more than TWO

THREE YEARS

PETER HARRIS 553 ○

NORMA L. PATTEN 478 ○

Ron Mitchell 1 Pret Tuttle 1

Fred Wells 1 (Write-in) ○

William LaFlam 1 (Write-in)

Brian Watterson 1

David Garrett 2

BALLOT QUESTIONS

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?

Amend the definition of frontage to allow alternate driveway access to a lot where conditions warrant. The current Ordinance requires a lot be accessed over that lot's legal frontage. The amendment would allow application for a conditional use permit to access from another location under certain circumstances (e.g. environmental impacts, traffic safety).

551 YES ○
146 NO ○

Ballot Question #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?

Amend the title and content of the Accessory Apartment ordinance to comply with the new RSA 673:71-73 and amend minimum unit size, definition, and clarify method of attachment to primary unit.

515 YES ○
169 NO ○

Ballot Question #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?

Replace in its entirety the existing Sign Ordinance to comply with the US Supreme Court decision, Reed v. Town of Gilbert Arizona. Changes relate, but are not limited to content-neutrality, purpose, definitions, general provisions and exempt, prohibited, directional and complex signs.

458 YES ○
218 NO ○

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot Question #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Map as summarized below?

At the request of the property owner, rezone all of tax lot 236/015/000/000 and part of tax lot 123/027/000/000 on Dearborn Street from Industrial to Rural leaving the entire frontage of tax lot 123/027/000/000 for a depth of approximately 230' in the Industrial Zone.

472 YES
181 NO

Ballot Question #6. Shall the Town vote to support the future renovation of the Belmont Mill for use as Town Offices and other community purposes? No funding is being requested for this purpose under this article.

440 YES
267 NO

Ballot Question #7. Shall the Town vote to support the future demolition of the Belmont Mill? No funding is being requested for this purpose under this article.

170 YES
522 NO

Ballot Question #8. Shall the Town vote to support the future sale of the Belmont Mill? No funding is being requested for this purpose under this article.

383 YES
320 NO

Ballot Question #9. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

600 YES
106 NO

Ballot Question #10. 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 \$166,400 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2017 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$166,400 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 2017 budgetary year (Majority Ballot Vote).

Training Expenses	\$3,000
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$26,000
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$17,000
Overtime	\$40,000
Telephone	\$2,000
Conferences & Dues	\$1,000
Office Expense	\$12,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$8,000
Fuel	\$7,400
Bathroom Renovations	\$50,000

478 YES
213 NO

Ballot Question #11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$119,482) for the cost of a replacement Communications System for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two dollars (\$69,482) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95, c; the balance of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Account established in 2005 for the purpose of Digital Radio Equipment. (Majority ballot vote required.) (The Budget Committee recommends \$119,482 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

490 YES
217 NO

Ballot Question #12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars (\$60,776) for the second 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 \$60,776 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

554 YES
155 NO

Ballot Question #13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Cab/Chassis Forestry Vehicle 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 Budget Committee recommends \$40,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

416 YES
294 NO

Ballot Question #14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of purchasing an All Terrain Vehicle 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 Budget Committee recommends \$15,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

419 YES
289 NO

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Ballot Question #15. 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	\$ 500.00
Belmont Baseball Organization	\$ 1,000.00
Belmont Conservation Commission	\$ 250.00
Belmont Early Learning Center	\$ 500.00
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 10972	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65	\$ 750.00
Belmont Cub Scouts Pack 65	\$ 850.00
Belmont Heritage Commission	\$ 250.00
Belmont High School PTO	\$ 500.00
Belmont Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Belmont Middle School Nature's Classroom	\$ 3,325.00
Belmont Old Home Day Committee	\$ 500.00
Belmont Parks & Recreation Scholarship	\$ 1,500.00
Belmont Police Explorers	\$ 1,275.00
Belmont Public Library	\$ 1,520.00
First Baptist Church Food Pantry	\$ 734.15
Friends of Belmont Football	\$ 500.00
St. Joseph's Food Pantry	\$ 2,400.00
South Road Cemetery Association	\$ 1,500.00
Total Funds to be distributed	\$20,604.15

423 YES
96 NO

Ballot Question #17. 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 Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$7,586,951)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$7,563,786) 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 \$7,586,951 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

453 YES
237 NO

Ballot Question #19. Shall the Town of Belmont, if Ballot Question #18 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Ballot Question #18 cost items only?

378 YES
324 NO

Ballot Question #20. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (**Public Safety Employees Union Fire Unit B**) for the term April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, which calls for the following increases and decreases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase (Benefits)
2017	\$13,620	\$4,420
Year	Est. Increase (Wages)	Est. Increase (Benefits)
2018	\$16,591	\$5,606
2019	\$14,695	\$4,960

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Forty Dollars (\$18,040) which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase and decrease in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Budget Committee recommends \$18,040 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

436 YES
273 NO

Ballot Question #16. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 149-I:4-a authorizing the Town to contract with a private nongovernmental entity for the design, construction, and funding of a new sewer or sewerage system, or addition or modification thereto?

443 YES
252 NO

Ballot Question #18. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (**Public Safety Employees Union Police Unit A**) for the term April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, which calls for the following increases and decreases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase (Benefits)
2017	\$37,540	\$10,720
Year	Est. Increase (Wages)	Est. Increase (Benefits)
2018	\$30,347	\$8,836
2019	\$29,966	\$8,919

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$48,260) which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase and decrease in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Budget Committee recommends \$48,260 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

423 YES
283 NO

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot Question #21. Shall the Town of Belmont, if Ballot Question #20 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Ballot Question #20 cost items only?

335 YES
334 NO

Ballot Question #22. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (**Public Works Employees Union**) for the term April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Increase (Wages)	Increase (Benefits)
2017	\$15,433	\$2,982
Year	Est. Increase (Wages)	Est. Increase (Benefits)
2018	\$8,010	\$1,577
2019	\$10,254	\$2,012

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$18,415) for the current fiscal year, which represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Budget Committee recommends \$18,415 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

398 YES
279 NO

Ballot Question #23. Shall the Town of Belmont, if Ballot Question #22 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Ballot Question #22 cost items only?

325 YES
337 NO

Ballot Question #24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) (Amended 2014). (The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

387 YES
282 NO

Ballot Question #25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). (The Budget Committee recommends \$40,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

452 YES
224 NO

Ballot Question #26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (The Budget Committee recommends \$50,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

367 YES
289 NO

Ballot Question #27. 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, 2016. (The Budget Committee recommends \$30,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

372 YES
289 NO

Ballot Question #28. 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.)

431 YES
235 NO

Ballot Question #29. 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.)

494 YES
179 NO

Ballot Question #30. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). (The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)

346 YES
324 NO

Ballot Question #31. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars (\$191,097) 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 \$191,097 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

500 YES
169 NO

Ballot Question #32. 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.)

494 YES
178 NO

Ballot Question #33. 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.)

528 YES
149 NO

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Ballot Question #34. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$232,710) 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 \$232,710 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

480 YES
217 NO

Ballot Question #35. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Thirty Seven Dollars (\$528,037) 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 Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$526,652) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. (The Budget Committee recommends \$528,037 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

469 YES
228 NO

Ballot Question #36. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2005). (The Budget Committee recommends \$4,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

414 YES
277 NO

Ballot Question #37. 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.)

438 YES
256 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING