



Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Belmont High School

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Town of Belmont Voter's Guide

Dear Belmont Residents:

This year marks the Town of Belmont's 13th experience with the Official Ballot Voting process that is commonly known as "SB2". The first session of the annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, January 30th. At the Deliberative Session, the voters in attendance were presented with the articles on the warrant as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Each of the articles was discussed and only one article was amended by those present. All other articles will remain in their original format and will be placed on the official ballot. You may cast your ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 7 am to 7 pm in the Belmont High School Gym, 265 Seavey Road. All registered voters are eligible to participate in the process. A picture ID is required to vote. Unregistered voters may register at the polls with proof of residency and picture ID.

We realize that sometimes lengthy legal language required by law to write various warrant articles can be confusing to voters who have not been actively involved in the debate that created the article. To help voters, we have prepared the ensuing Voter's Guide for your use. This guide will be available at Town Hall and online via the Town's website (www.belmontnh.org) Should you have any questions, regarding the information contained in the guide, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin (267-8300, ext. 124) for further information.

Tax impact information listed in the guide will not be listed on the ballot. We have provided this information here to give voters an idea of what the individual items will cost if voters approve the item. The tax impact information listed in the voter's guide is simply an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. The actual tax rate will be set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDR) in September or October, using actual information that is available including any new value attributed to new construction.

In closing, we would like to "Thank you" for the opportunity to represent you, and we appreciate your consideration as we work together to maintain Belmont as a great community in which to live.

Sincerely,
Belmont Board of Selectmen
Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman
Jon Pike, Vice Chairman
Claude B. Patten, Jr.

Ballot #1. Selectman three-year term (vote for one):

George Condodemetraky

Ruth P. Mooney

Budget Committee three-year term (vote for four):

Justin David Borden

Kenneth Ellis

Mark Roberts

Cemetery Trustee three-year term (vote for one):

Sharon Ciampi

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

David Caron

Library Trustee three-year term (vote for one):

Teresa Elliott

Planning Board three-year term (vote for two):

Gary J. Grant

Kevin Sturgeon

Supervisor of the Checklist six-year term (vote for one):

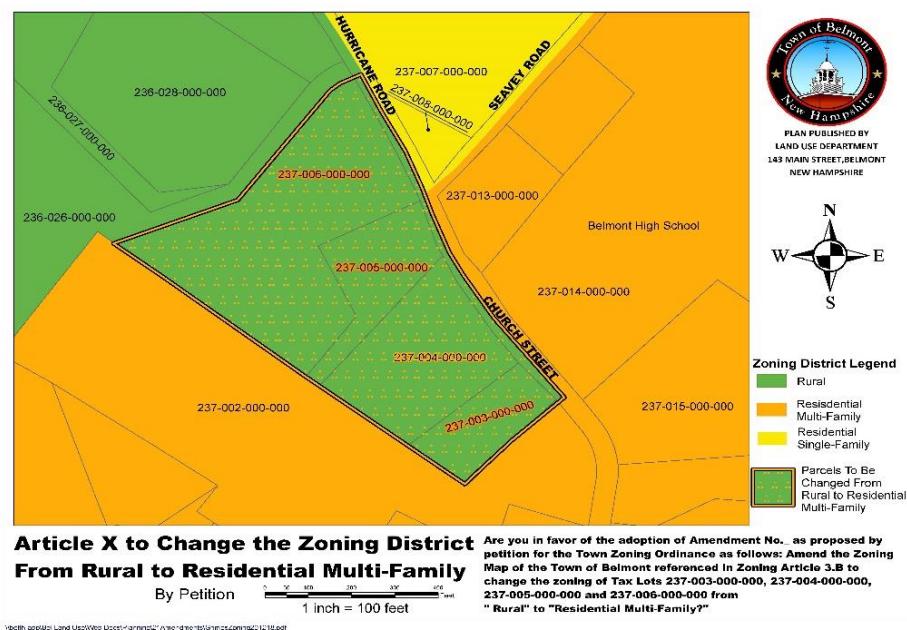
Nikki Wheeler

Zoning Board three-year term (vote for two):

Sharon Ciampi

David Dunham

John Froumy



Ballot #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by Petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Belmont referenced in Zoning Ballot 3.B to change the zoning of Tax Lots 237-003-000-000, 237-004-000-000, 237-005-000-000 and 237-006-000-000 from "Rural" to "Residential Multi-Family"?

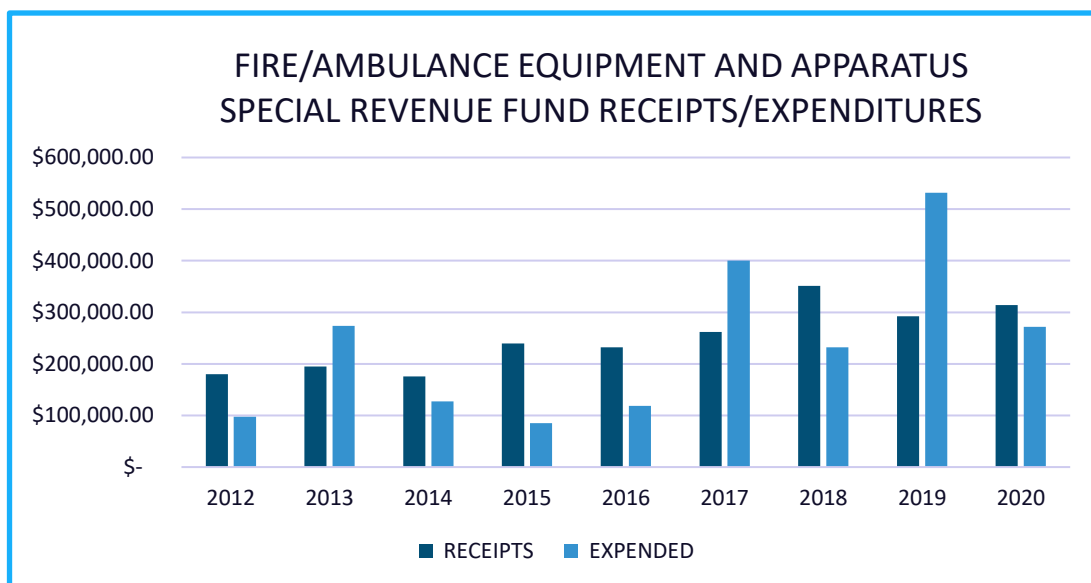
(This Ballot was submitted by Petition and is **not** recommended by the Planning Board and is **not** recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Ballot #3. To see if the Town is in favor of increasing the number of Library Trustees from 3 to 5; if this Ballot passes, 2 additional Library Trustees will be elected at the 2022 Town Meeting, one for a one-year term and one for a two-year term.

Ballot #4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Ballot 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 \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2021 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$124,500 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 2021 budgetary year. **(A 2/3 Ballot Vote Required).**

Training Expenses	\$3,000
Medical & Supply Expenses	\$30,000
Ambulance Billing Fees	\$20,000
Overtime	\$40,000
Telephone	\$2,000
Conferences & Dues	\$1,500
Office Expense	\$12,000
Vehicle Repair & Parts	\$8,000
Fuel	\$8,000

In 2011 the Town began authorizing a portion of the revenues received from ambulance billing to offset the expenditures directly related to the Fire Department and operation of the Ambulance. Revenues accumulated from billings through December 31, 2020; \$491,065.



Ballot #5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$60,776) for the sixth 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 Ballot 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.)

Ballot #6. To see if the Town will vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee?

First Baptist Church of Belmont Food Pantry	\$11,639.10
Saint Joseph Food Pantry	\$11,639.10
Total Funds to be distributed	\$23,278.20

According to statistics from the NH Food Bank:

- Since the spread of COVID-19 **there are approximately 1 in 7 men, women and children in New Hampshire who are food insecure, meaning they do not know when or where their next meal will come from.**
- A projected 55,000 additional people **are food insecure and in total** more than 181,090 across the state, a 69% increase
- **In New Hampshire, an estimated 21-23% of children are living in food insecure environments due to COVID-19.**

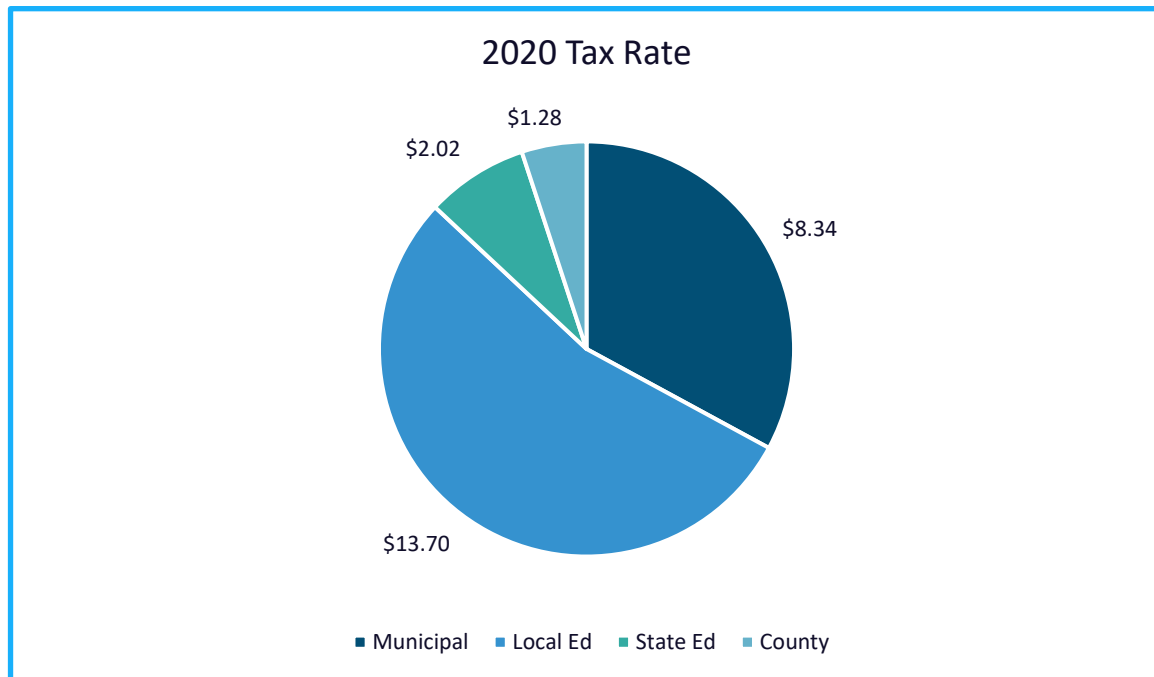
Because of these facts, the committee felt that during these times, the best use of the funds was to make sure the people in our community had access to food. Our two local food pantries are a direct resource.

<p>First Baptist Church Food Pantry</p> <p>Hours</p> <p>Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am & 6:30 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>St. Joseph Food Pantry</p> <p>Current Hours Friday 9:00 – 11:00 am</p>
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Ballot #7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant Ballots 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 Eight Million Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$8,264,371)? Should this Ballot be defeated, the default budget shall be Eight Million Four Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$8,412,469) 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 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant Ballot.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$8,264,371 and the Board of Selectmen support this recommendation.)



Town Clerk Cynthia DeRoy, getting prepared for the 2020 Primary and General Elections. We would again like to thank the dedicated staff who worked the polls last year. As we look towards Town Meeting Day, we remind everyone that social distancing and masks are still the new normal.

Operating Budget

Department	2021 Proposed	2021 Default
Executive	315,408	325,726
Town Clerk Functions	109,969	111,009
Elections	5,880	5,880
Financial Administration	225,628	220,752
Revaluation of Property	73,645	61,012
Legal	35,000	35,000
Planning & Zoning	325,957	324,267
General Gov. Buildings	372,018	366,111
Cemetery	14,500	20,000
Insurance	215,643	215,643
Police	2,323,964	2,313,699
Fire	1,692,248	1,672,488
Building Inspection	103,080	104,785
Emergency Management	5,000	3,000
Public Works Admin.	70,905	70,360
Highways & Streets	1,060,692	1,147,732
Street Lights	11,000	10,750
Solid Waste Admin	16,171	13,130
Solid Waste Collection*	262,706	255,054
Solid Waste Disposal	167,088	155,457
Health Appropriations	68,891	68,891
Gen. Asst. Administration	82,162	81,021
Gen. Asst. Vendor Payments	110,600	112,650
Recreation	7,850	121,577
Library	175,822	174,818
Patriotic Purposes Inc. Heritage	16,403	25,056
Conservation Commission	13,742	24,203
Long Term Debt	255,991	255,991
Long Term Interest	106,407	106,407
TAN Interest	1	1
Capital Improv Except Buildings (Environmental Contingency)	20,000	10,000
Total	8,264,371	8,412,469

Source of Revenue	Actual Revenues Unaudited 2020	Proposed Revenues 2021
Taxes		
Timber Taxes	13,971	13,500
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	21,283	21,200
Other Taxes - Boat Taxes	22,326	22,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	128,863	150,000
Excavation Tax (.02 cents per cu. Yd.)	10,779	10,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees		
Business Licenses & Permits	1,495	1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,574,421	1,500,000
Building Permits	43,790	40,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	105,895	105,000
From State		
Shared Revenues	147,756	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	372,082	372,082
Highway Block Grant	195,420	191,686
Water Pollution Grant	6,240	6,240
Housing & Community Development (CDFA)		
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	10	9
Other (Including Railroad Tax, and Grant Inc.)	1,884	1,884
From Other Governments*		
Charges for Services		
Income from Departments	236,039	250,000
Other Charges	1,555	
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Sale of Municipal Property	45,073	50,000
Interest on Investments	20,019	15,000
Other (Dividends/Reimbursements)	63,723	25,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In		
From Special Revenue Funds*	81,278	60,776
From Enterprise Funds		
Sewer - (offset)	514,833	526,800
Water - (offset)	349,937	368,775
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		
From Capital Reserve Funds		
Other Financing Sources		
Proc. From Long-term Bonds & Notes	3,500,000	
Amounts Voted from F/B (Surplus)	30,000	107,500

Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes	350,000	350,000
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	7,748,740	4,188,952

Ballot #8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$60,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: .08 cents

Current Balance in the account: \$93,311.43

Ballot #9. To see if the Town will 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, 2020.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$30,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: .04 cents

Current Balance in the account: \$29,292.39

Ballot #10. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends **\$2,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: Less than a penny

Current Balance in the account: \$17,773.73



Deliberative Session Practicing Social Distancing

Ballot #11. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends **\$750,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: 1.02

Current Balance in the account: \$1,017,966.75

In the late fall of 2020, the Town hired Underwood Engineering to undertake engineering and design of roadway improvements in Solar Village (Sunshine Drive & Silkwood Avenue) and for Plummer Hill Road. We anticipate the work to be complete in late Spring at which time the Board of Selectmen and Public Works Department will review the plans, preliminary cost estimates for the work and then put the projects out to bid. In addition to these projects, the Public Works Department routinely recommends other roadways for necessary shim and overlay work.

Ballot #12. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: .03 cents

Current Balance in the account: \$153,004.42

Ballot #13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$268,775) 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 Ballot be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Twenty-Four Dollars (\$264,024) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$268,775** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot #14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Forty Dollars (\$533,040) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by users' fees. Should this Ballot be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Dollars (\$528,005) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends **\$533,040** and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot #15. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: .03 cents

Current Balance in the account: \$12,482.26

Ballot #16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$191,686) for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire?

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$191,686** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Ballot #17. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends **\$4,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: Less than a penny

Current Balance in the account: \$39,992

Ballot #18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) said sum is to be offset by users' fees.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$100,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

This appropriation is funded through Water User fees; the current balance in the Capital Reserve is \$92,986.70. Over the next few years, the Town will be required to monitor closely PFAS and manganese levels in our water supply.

Ballot #19. To see if the Town will 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 Board of Selectmen recommends **\$25,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: .03 cents

Current Balance in the account: \$283,947.07

Ballot #20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$100,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: .13 cents

Current Balance in the account: \$176,992.27

During the Town's Deliberative Session on Saturday, January 30th, a community member inquired about the Selectmen's authority to expend from the fund; below is the article that was voted on at the Town's 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

2006 ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Municipal Facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to be placed in this fund, and further, to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund.

Ballot #21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2020).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$1,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: Less than a penny

Current Balance in the account: \$5,000

Ballot #22. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Health and Safety Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of supporting the Town's response to public health, general welfare and public safety emergencies and to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) into said Fund, such amount to come from unassigned fund balance; and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the fund. (Majority vote required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$50,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: -0-

The Town of Belmont worked closely with the State of NH this past year to receive funds from the GOEFFR program. Most of the funds were used directly to reimburse the Town for pandemic related expenses such as Personal Protective Equipment, sanitizing supplies, parking and visitor oversight at the Belmont Beach and staff costs directly related to providing emergency services. In light of these unexpected needs in 2020 and the uncertainty of 2021, the Selectmen proposed creating an Expendable Trust Fund for future expenses related to Public Health and Safety. The fund is to be funded through unassigned fund balance.

Ballot #23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Durrell Mountain Road Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintaining Durrell Mountain Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in this fund, such amount to come from unassigned fund balance; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$7,500** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: -0-

The establishment of a Capital Reserve for the maintenance of Durrell Mountain Road was part of an agreement reached in 2019 with the owners of the gravel pit located in Gilford at the end of Durrell Mountain Road. Year one we receive \$2,500 and in subsequent years the pit owner will contribute \$5,000 to be placed in the account. This article represents years one and two and the establishment of the fund.

Ballot #24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Information Technology Non-Capital reserve account previously established (2002), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$20,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2020.

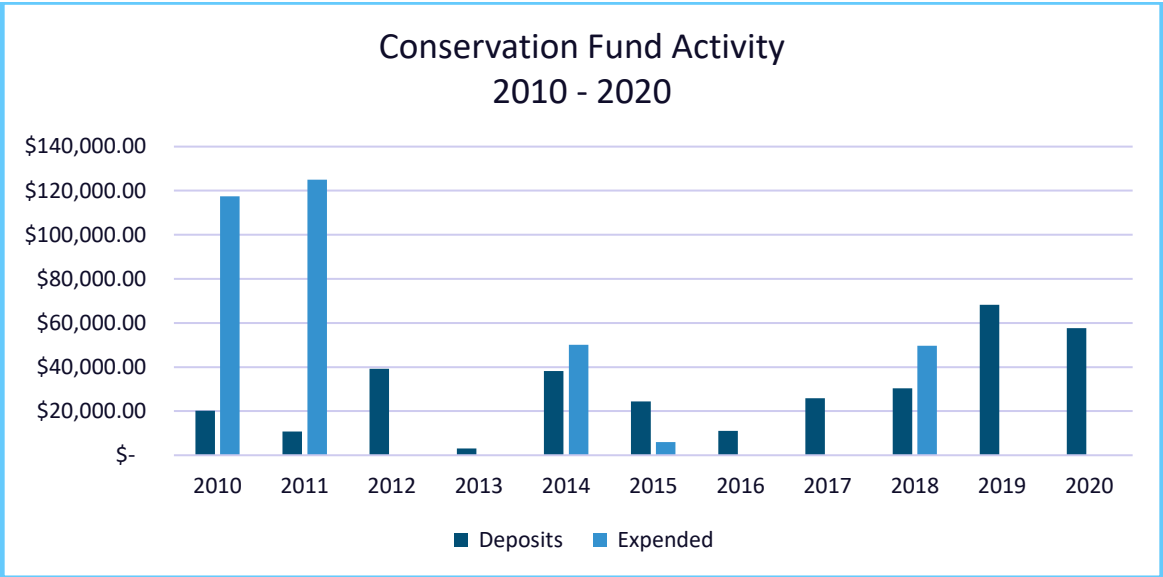
(The Board of Selectmen recommends **\$20,000** and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

2021 Tax Rate Impact: -0-

Current Balance in the account: \$2.11

In 2018 there was a weather event which qualified for FEMA reimbursement; during that event the town lost internet services town-wide for a number of days and there was significant tree damage. When the funds were received from FEMA, the Board held a public hearing to accept the funds and set them aside to be used for a Fiber Optic project, unfortunately the Town did not receive a grant it had hoped for to assist in the project. At this time the Selectmen are recommending the funds lapse to fund balance and be reappropriated to the Information Technology Non-Capital Reserve Fund; this will allow them to be set aside indefinitely for any technology project.

Ballot #25. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the percentage of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 that is deposited into the existing Conservation Fund from 100% to 50%. If adopted this Ballot shall take effect April 1st, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the Town Meeting. (Majority vote required).

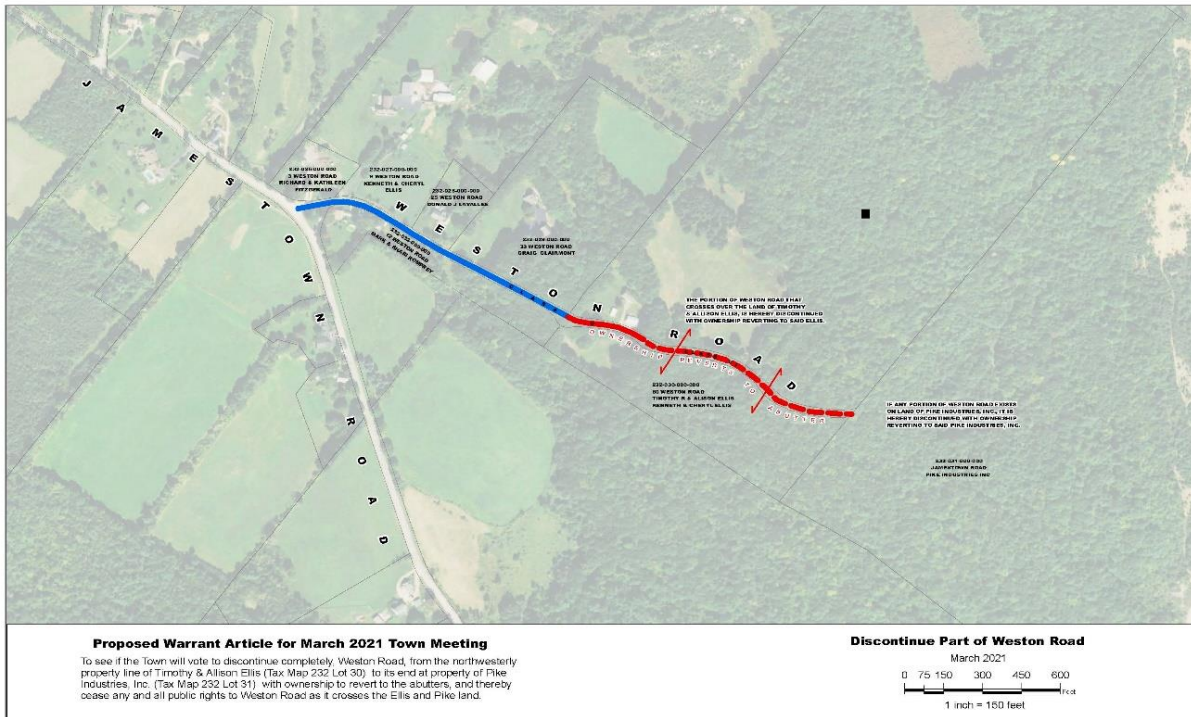


Current Balance in the account: \$259,241

Ballot #26. To see if the Town will vote to notify the New Hampshire General Court of its requirements for nonpartisan fair redistricting. The New Hampshire General Court is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the State following the federal census which was recently completed. Belmont NH voters require fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters in the redistricting process without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Belmont, NH to have the NH General Court carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

The record of the vote approving this Ballot shall be transmitted by written notice from the Town Administrator to Belmont NH’s state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. **(This Ballot submitted by Petition.)**

Ballot #27. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely, Weston Road, from the northwesterly property line of Timothy & Allison Ellis (Tax Map 232 Lot 30) to its end at property of Pike Industries, Inc. (Tax Map 232 Lot 31) with ownership to revert to the abutters, and thereby cease any an all-public right to Weston Road as it crosses the Ellis and Pike Land. **Discontinuance is conditional upon Timothy & Allison Ellis providing an appropriate turn-around easement for road maintenance and emergency vehicles.** (This Ballot submitted by Petition.)



This article was amended during the Deliberative Session on Saturday, January 30th; the change is highlighted in the article above.

Proposed Appropriations	\$10,519,148
Projected Revenue	\$ (3,838,952)
Reserved for Abatements (Overlay)	\$ 50,000
War Service Credits	\$ 253,700
Unexpended Fund Balance Applied	\$ <u>(350,000)</u>
Assessed Value Used to Calculate	737,545

$\$6,633,896 / 737,545 = \8.99 an increase of .65 cents

.30 cents

Impact of PD Bond Debt

.35 cents

Impact of budget exclusive of the
bond

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SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL
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BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL GYM
265 Seavey Road**

MARCH 9, 2021

**POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND
CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**