

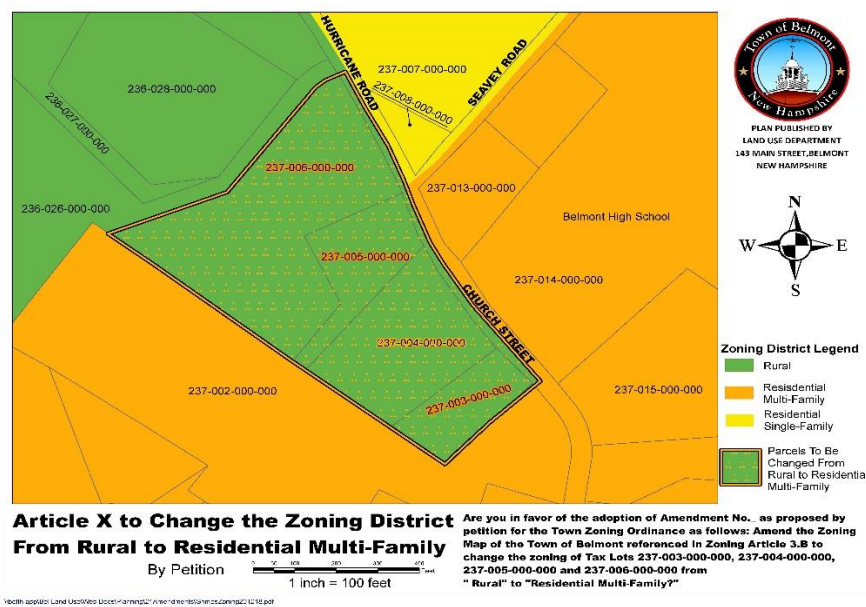
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Article #1. To choose necessary officers, including Selectman three-year term (1), Budget Committee three-year term (4), Trustee of Trust Funds three-year term (1), Library Trustee three-year term (1), Cemetery Trustee three-year term (1), Supervisor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

Article #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 Article 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 article was submitted by Petition and is **not** recommended by the Planning Board and is **not** recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Article #3. To see if the Town is in favor of increasing the number of Library Trustees from 3 to 5; if this article 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.

The current Board of Trustees for the Belmont Library requested this article be included in the Warrant.

Article #4. To see if the Town will 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

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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

Article #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 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.)

The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund is \$491,065.

Article #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

Article #7. To see if the Town will 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

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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 article 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 article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

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

Article #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 support this recommendation.) **Current Balance is \$93,311.43**

Article #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.) **Current Balance \$29,292.39**

Article #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.) **Current Balance \$17,773.73**

Article #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.) **Current Balance \$1,017,966.75**

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Engineering is underway to consider road improvements within Solar Village which would include Silkwood Avenue and Sunshine Drive, engineering is also being completed for road reconstruction of Plummer Hill.

Article #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 support this recommendation.) **Current Balance \$153,004.42**

Article #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 article 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.)

Article #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 article 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.)

Article #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 support this recommendation.) **Current Balance \$12,482.26**

Article #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

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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.)

Article #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.) **Current balance in the Heritage Fund is \$39,992.**

Article #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.) **Current Balance \$92,986.70**

Article #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.) **Current Balance is \$283,947.07**

Article #20. To see if the Town 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 support this recommendation.) **Current Balance \$176,992.27**

Article #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.) **Current Balance \$5,000**

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Article #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.)

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.

Article #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.)

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.

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Article #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.) **\$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.

Article #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 article 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).

This article was included by the Board of Selectmen for consideration by the voters. The current balance in the fund is \$259,241.

Article #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 article 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 article submitted by Petition.)**

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Article #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. **(This article submitted by Petition.)**

