



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

J. Cashman
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.

<p>SELECTMAN</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>BRIAN GARDINER 254 ○</p> <p>RUTH MOONEY 347 ○</p> <p>DOUGLAS TROTTIER 295 ○</p> <p>SHARON CIAMPI 439 ○</p> <p>12 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>TWO YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>MARC ZIMMERMAN 550 ○</p> <p>DONALD HURD 538 ○</p> <p>4 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>FRED WELLS 363 ○</p> <p>SHARON CIAMPI 342 ○</p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>
<p>TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p>ONE YEAR <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>JENNIFER CASHMAN 678 ○</p> <p>5 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p>TWO YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>ALVIN NIX 651 ○</p> <p>3 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>KEVIN STURGEON 578 ○</p> <p>GARY GRANT 523 ○</p> <p>4 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>
<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than FOUR</small></p> <p>JESSICA FLECK 546 ○</p> <p>DON HOUSE 482 ○</p> <p>MARK ROBERTS 568 ○</p> <p>KEVIN STURGEON 14 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>44 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>DAVID CARON 640 ○</p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p>SIX YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>BRENDA PAQUETTE 658 ○</p> <p>2 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>
	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>HILLARY HORN 577 ○</p> <p>TERESA ELLIOTT 538 ○</p> <p>6 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>	<p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>ELIZABETH STEWART 579 ○</p> <p>REESE GRAY 527 ○</p> <p>2 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>○ <small>(Write-in)</small></p>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Ballot #2 Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Incorporate the statutory definition of alternative treatment center into Article 15 and add alternative treatment centers as uses permitted by special exception in the Commercial Zone and by conditional use permit in the Industrial Zone.

387 YES
333 NO

Ballot #7 Are you in favor of Amendment #6 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Add a definition of Retail Sales as the sale of goods, services or merchandise to the general public and which may include rendering services incidental to the sale of such goods, principal services or merchandise, and change identification of use in the Table of Uses from Retail Stores to Retail Sales.

471 YES
236 NO

Ballot #11 To see if the Town will 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, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase Benefits
2024 \$77,974	\$67,458

Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase Benefits
2025 \$23,594	\$7,503

And further to raise and appropriate \$145,432 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing 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. (Majority Vote Required.)

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items approved by the 2023 Town Meeting for the Public Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B collective bargaining agreement for the term ending March 31, 2026 shall remain in place, unless the governing body calls a special meeting pursuant to Article #12 and the above cost items for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 are subsequently approved at such special meeting.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$145,432 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

397 YES
347 NO

Ballot #3 Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend the number of permitted storage vehicles, trailers or shipping containers permitted on properties in the Commercial and Industrial Zones from a total of 640 square feet of such containers to 2-6 containers with a maximum square footage of 640-1920 depending on the size of the lot; and allow Storage Vehicles and Trailers Use as Permitted Uses in the Residential Multi Family, Residential Single Family and Rural Zones rather than requiring a conditional use permit.

398 YES
329 NO

Ballot #8 Are you in favor of Amendment #7 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Allow Contractor's Yards in the Commercial Zone by right as opposed to by special exception.

436 YES
255 NO

Ballot #9 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of old N.H. Route 140 (Gilmanton Road), a Class VI Highway, as follows: all that portion of old NH Route 140 (Gilmanton Road) located on property owned by the Susan Condometraky Trust (Map 241, Lot 019), which portion is also described in prior deeds as "the road leading from Belmont Village to Gilmanton Academy".

405 YES
300 NO

Ballot #4 Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article 1 to allow the Planning Board to make changes as required by changes in State law after holding two public hearings at regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings.

431 YES
284 NO

Ballot #10 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 deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Ten Million Six Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$10,673,153). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$10,275,715) 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. (Majority Vote Required.)

Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,673,153 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Ballot #5 Are you in favor of Amendment #4 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Incorporate statutory definition of cultivation locations into Article 15 and add cultivation locations as uses permitted by conditional use in the Commercial and Industrial Zones.

396 YES
308 NO

Ballot #12 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #11 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #11 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required.)

360 YES
362 NO

Ballot #6 Are you in favor of Amendment #5 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Add the statutory definition of Agritourism and allow Agritourism as a permitted use in all zones.

440 YES
270 NO

323 YES
400 NO

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #13 To see if the Town will 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, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Table with 2 columns: Year Increase (Wages) and increase Benefits. Rows for 2024 and Year Estimated Increase (Wages) / Estimated Increase Benefits.

And further to raise and appropriate \$319,033 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing 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. (Majority Vote Required.)

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items approved by the 2023 Town Meeting for the Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A collective bargaining agreement for the term ending March 31, 2026 shall remain in place, unless the governing body calls a special meeting pursuant to Article #14 and the above cost items for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 are subsequently approved at such special meeting.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$319,033 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

348 YES
394 NO

Ballot #14 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #13 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #13 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required.)

346 YES
390 NO

Ballot #15 To see if the Town will 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, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Table with 2 columns: Year Increase (Wages) and Increase Benefits. Rows for 2024 and Year Estimated Increase (Wages) / Estimated Increase Benefits.

And further to raise and appropriate \$54,208 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing 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. (Majority Vote Required.)

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items approved by the 2023 Town Meeting for the Public Works Employees Union collective bargaining agreement for the term ending March 31, 2026 shall remain in place, unless the governing body calls a special meeting pursuant to Article #16 and the above cost items for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 are subsequently approved at such special meeting.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$54,208 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

378 YES
363 NO

Ballot #16 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #15 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #15 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required.)

359 YES
373 NO

Ballot #17 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 ninth 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. No amounts to be raised through taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$60,776 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

534 YES
207 NO

Ballot #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the first year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2023 for the purchase of a new Ambulance 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 7 at the 2023 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amounts to be raised through taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$105,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

528 YES
212 NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #19 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 Special Revenue Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2024 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 2024 budgetary year (2/3 Majority Vote Required).

No amounts to be raised through taxation.

- 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

(The Budget Committee recommends \$124,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

540 YES
192 NO

Ballot #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the cost of an Air Compressor System Replacement for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. No amount to be raised through taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

518 YES
210 NO

Ballot #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$654,298) for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$640,323) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$654,298 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

392 YES
385 NO

Ballot #22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$273,481) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$261,500) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$273,481 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

391 YES
328 NO

Ballot #23 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). (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$750,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

354 YES
367 NO

Ballot #24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$500,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

271 YES
458 NO

Ballot #25 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 Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2023. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

421 YES
301 NO

Ballot #26 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) with said sum to be offset by user fees. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

392 YES
332 NO

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Ballot #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Sewer System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2011) with said sum to be offset by user fees. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

45 YES
319 NO

Ballot #28 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). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

379 YES
352 NO

Ballot #29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$194,234) for the reconstruction of highways, anticipated to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire. No amount of money to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$194,234 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

545 YES
193 NO

Ballot #30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$41,267) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the State of NH one-time payment for repair, maintenance, and construction of municipal bridges from State Surplus that was received by the Town on December 6, 2023). No amount of money to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$41,267 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

541 YES
193 NO

Ballot #31 To see if the Town will 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). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

248 YES
482 NO

Ballot #32 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). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

419 YES
315 NO

Ballot #33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Information Technology Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

361 YES
370 NO

Ballot #34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2021). This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

444 YES
288 NO

Ballot #35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) 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 amount to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

474 YES
261 NO

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #36 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 (2004). (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$4,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

359 YES
354 NO

Ballot #39 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. No amount of money to be raised by taxation.

Belknap House \$3,000
Belmont Conservation Commission \$100
Belmont Elementary Support Team \$600
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$400
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 60200 \$720
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 64087 \$100
Belmont Community Girl Scouts \$300
Belmont Heritage Commission \$250
Belmont High School PTO \$600
Belmont Historical Society \$500
Belmont Middle School Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,750
Belmont Middle School PTO \$600
Belmont Public Library \$1,400
GOT LUNCH! Belmont & Friends \$7,000
Saint Joseph Food Pantry \$2,918.75
Save our Gale School \$400
Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin \$2,000

598 YES
122 NO

Ballot #37 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 (2011). (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$2,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

447 YES
201 NO

Ballot #38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2020). (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

377 YES
340 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT