# TOWN OF BELMONT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

**Belmont Village** 

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# With deep gratitude and admiration, we dedicate this 2024 Town Report to Police Chief Mark Lewandoski and former Town Clerk Tax Collector Cynthia DeRoy.

Chief Lewandoski is an honorable and true pillar of our community. Chief Lewandoski retires in March 2025 after an extraordinary 48 years of service. Chief Lewandoski's notable journey began in 1977 when he joined as a parttime officer, becoming a full-time member of the force in 1978. Over the years, he climbed through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain, ultimately becoming Chief in 2013. Throughout his career, Chief has exemplified the highest standards of leadership, integrity, and dedication. His unwavering commitment to justice, safety, and the well-being of our citizens has left a lasting impact that will be felt for generations to come.



Chief has not only been a protector of our community but also a mentor, a leader, and a friend. His guidance and wisdom have shaped the lives of countless officers, and his legacy will continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps.

We extend our deepest gratitude for his years of sacrifice, courage, and service. We wish him a well-

earned retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and the knowledge that his work has truly made a difference.

Thank you, Chief, for your 48 years of dedication, bravery, and leadership. You will always be part of our Belmont family.





Cynthia embarked on her well-deserved and well-earned retirement in 2023. For 17 years, Cynthia served the Belmont community with unwavering commitment, warmth, and integrity. She wasn't just an official—she was a friend, a neighbor, and a trusted presence in the lives of so many.

Cynthia took the time to truly know the people of Belmont, forging genuine connections and making everyone feel heard and valued. Her passion for this town and its residents was evident in everything she did, and her absence is deeply felt by all who had the privilege of working with her or simply knowing her.

Cynthia, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your years of

dedication, kindness, and service. You have left a permanent mark on Belmont, and we will miss you early. Wishing you all the happiness and relaxation you so richly deserve in this next chapter of your life.

# **TOWN OF BELMONT**

# **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

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American Red Cross
CASA143
Community Action
Franklin VNA and Hospice
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Lakes Region Mental Health Center
New Beginnings
Partnership for Public Health
Waypoint
Veteran's Acknowledgment Inside Back Cover

	Ambulance/Medical Aid Fire Department	911 911
	Police Department	911
<u>Description</u>	Phone Number	Contact
Animal Control	267-8351	Police Department
Assessing/Executive Assistant	267-8300 Ext. 118	Colleen Akerman
Automobile Registrations	267-8300 Ext. 2	
Budget Committee Clerk	267-8300 Ext. 118	Colleen Akerman
Building Dept/Code Enforceme		Glenn Caron
Cemetery Trustees	581-9746	Sharon Ciampi
Conservation Commission	267-8300 Ext. 125	Rod Cameron
Emergency Management Dir.	267-8333	Deborah Black
Fire Department Non-Emerg.	267-8333	Becky Beaulac
Finance Director	267-8300 Ext. 112	Steve Forster
Finance Clerk	267-8300 Ext. 115	Krystal Jacobs
Forest Fire Warden	267-8333	Deborah Black
General Assistance	267-8313	Donna Cilley
Health Officer	267-8333	Deborah Black
Heritage Commission		Vicki Donovan
Highway Department	528-2677	Craig Clairmont
Highway Dept. Emergency	520-7582	-
Land Use Office	267-8300 Ext. 3	
Library	267-8331	Eileen Gilbert, Librarian
Library Trustees	267-8331	
Moderator	267-8300	Alvin Nix, Jr.
Parks & Recreation	267-1865	Danielle St. Onge
Planning Board	267-8300 Ext. 3	
Police Department Non-Emerg.	. 267-8350	Lori Schultz
Belmont Elementary School	267-6568	Ben Hill
Belmont Middle School	267-9220	Aaron Pope
Belmont High School	267-6525	Matthew Finch
Canterbury Elementary School	783-9944	Erin Chubb
School Treasurer	267-9223	Courtney Roberts
SAU 80	267-9223	Michael Tursi
Selectmen's Office	267-8300 Ext. 124	Alicia Jipson
Sewer Department	528-2677	Brian Jackes
Sewer Dept. Emergency	520-7582	
Special Events Coordinator	267-1865	Danielle St. Onge
Supervisors of the Checklist	267-8300 Ext. 2	
Tax Collector	267-8300 Ext. 2	Jennifer Cashman
Town Administrator	267-8300 Ext. 124	Alicia Jipson

### **Telephone Directory & Town Information**

Town Clerk	267-8300 Ext. 2	Jennifer Cashman
Town Planner	267-8300 Ext. 113	Karen Santoro
Town Treasurer	267-8300 Ext. 112	Alicia Segalini
Trash & Recycling/Bulk Collection	267-8300 Ext. 118	Colleen Akerman
Trustees of Trust Funds	528-1977	David Caron
Water Department	528-2677	Brian Jackes
Water Dept. Emergency	520-7582	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	267-8300 Ext. 3	

#### **Town of Belmont Business Hours**

Belmont Town Offices Belmont Police Dept. Belmont Fire Dept. Belmont Library Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### Town of Belmont Legal Holidays - 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
Washington's Birthday	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Columbus Day	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Veteran's Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	November 27 <sup>th</sup>
Day after Thanksgiving	November 28 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's Day	January 1 <sup>st</sup>

#### **Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Application Review Committee	Third Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Board of Selectmen	First & Third Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Budget Committee (NovJan.)	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Monthly	
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

# **Telephone Directory & Town Information**

Heritage Commission	Third Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	As Required	
Old Home Day Committee	As Required	
Planning Board	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
Supervisors of Checklist	As Required	
Trustees of Trust Funds	Quarterly	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Fourth Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

All meeting days and times are subject to change. Please watch for Agendas to be posted at the Town Hall, Belmont Post Office, and the Belmonth.gov website.

#### First Congressional District Second District

<u>US Senators</u> Maggie Hassan Jeanne Shaheen

<u>NH State Senator</u> Timothy Lang – District 2 <u>US Representative</u> Chris Pappas - District 1

Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney – District 1

<u>NH State Representatives</u> Travis Toner – District 4 Lisa Freeman – District 8 Douglas R. Trottier – District 8 <u>Governor of NH</u> Kelly Ayotte

#### **History of Belmont**

Granted May 20, 1727, as a part of Gilmanton Incorporated June 21, 1859, as Upper Gilmanton Incorporated June 24, 1869, as Belmont

 Total Area: Land 30.14 square miles
 Population:
 1970 Census 2,493

 Water: 1.77 square miles
 1980 Census 4,026

 1990 Census 5,796
 2000 Census 6,716

 2008 OEP 7,169
 2010 US Census 7,356

 2017 OEP 7,307
 2021 OEP 7,380

 2022 Census 7,421
 2023 Census 7,426

### **Telephone Directory & Town Information**

#### Dates to Remember in 2025



January 1 - Fiscal Year Begins

- January 22 First day for candidates to declare for Town election
- January 31 Last day for candidates to declare for Town election until 5:00 P.M.
- February 1 Town Deliberative Session
- February 6 School District Deliberative Session
- March 1 Last day to file for abatement for previous year's property taxes
- March 11 Town and School Annual Meeting & Elections
- April 1 All real property assessed to owner this date
- April 15 Veterans' Credits and Elderly Exemption Applications Due
- April 15 Last day for taxpayers to apply for Current Land Use Assessment in accordance with RSA 79-A:5, II
- July 1 Real Estate Taxes Due
- July 2 First half of semi-annual tax billing commences to draw interest at 8%
- December 1 Real Estate Taxes Due
- December 2 Unpaid real estate taxes commence to draw interest at 8%
- December 31 Fiscal year closes

# **Town Officials**

#### **Board of Selectmen**

Ruth Mooney, Chairman (2027) Jon Pike (2025) Travis O'Hara, Vice Chairman (2026) Claude Patten, Jr. (2026)

Sharon Ciampi (2027)

#### Assessing / Executive Assistant

Colleen Akerman

#### **Assistant Fire Chief**

**Donald Pickowicz** 

#### **Budget Committee**

-	
Ruth Mooney, Sel. Rep	2025
Don Hurd	2026
Mark Roberts	2027
Jessica Fleck	2027
Paul Maggioli	2025
Don House	2027
Ronald Mitchell, Vice Chair	2025
Tracey LeClair, Chair	2025
Albert Akerstrom	2025
Fred Wells	2025
Marsha Campbell	2026
Rachel French	2025
Vacant	2027

#### **Building Inspector**

Glenn Caron

#### **Building Clerk**

Christine Drew

#### Health Officer

Deborah Black

#### Code Enforcement Officer

Glenn Caron

#### **Cemetery Trustees**

Hillary Horn, Chair	2026
Sharon Ciampi	2025
Fred Wells	2027
Norma Patten (Alternate)	2026
Kevin Sturgeon (Alternate)	2027

#### **Conservation Commission**

Sharon Ciampi, Sel. Rep.
Jane Jordan
Pauline Tessier, Vice Chair
Ed Stephenson
Georgina Lambert
Jeffrey DeFrancesco
Denise Naiva, Chair
Thomas Ceniglio, Alt.

2025 2026

2026

2027 2027

2025

2025 2027

#### Conservation Commission Cont'd.

Jeffery DeFrancesco, Alt.	2025
Richard Moreau, Alt.	2026
Mia Keneson, Student Rep.	2026
Emerson Decato, Student Rep.	2025

#### **Emergency Management Director**

Deborah Black

Finance Director Stephen Forster

## Finance Clerk

**Krystal Jacobs** 

Fire Chief Deborah Black

#### Forest Fire Warden

Deborah Black

# General Assistance Director

Donna J. Cilley

#### **Heritage Commission**

Travis O'Hara, Sel. Rep.	2025
Ben Rolfe	2026
Jillian Rolfe	2026
Vicki Donovan, Chair	2025
Jack Donovan	2025
Claire Bickford, Vice Chair	2027
Priscilla Annis	2027
Vacant, Alt.	2027
Vacant, Alt.	2026
Adam Ribeiro, Student Rep.	2025

#### Land Use Administrative Assistant Susan Austin

Susan Austin

#### Land Use Clerk John Crowley

Land Use Technician Rod Cameron

#### Librarian

Eileen Gilbert

# **Town Officials**

#### Lib

Library Trustees		School Treasurer	
Mary-Louise Charnley, Chair	2026	Courtney Roberts	
Shela Cunningham	2026		
Jessica Ellis-Hopkins	2025	Supervisors of the Checklist	
Hillary Ciampi-Horn	2027	Brenda Paquette, Chair	2030
Teresa Elliot	2027	Donna Shepherd	2026
		Nikki Wheeler	2028
Moderator			
Alvin E. Nix, Jr.	2026	Town Administrator	
		Alicia Jipson	
Planning Board			
Peter Harris, Chair	2026	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	
Jon Pike, Sel. Rep.	2025	Jennifer Cashman	2025
Richard Pickwick	2026		
Ward Peterson, Vice Chair	2025	Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deputy	y
Michael LeClair	2025	Vacant	
Gary Grant	2027		
Kevin Sturgeon	2027	Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collect	ors
Susan Irving	2025	Samantha LeClair	
Vacant Alternate	2026	Devon Tibbetts	
Vacant Alternate	2027		
		Town Treasurer	
Town Planner		Alicia Segalini	2025
Karen Santoro			
		Trustees of Trust Funds	
Police Chief		Thomas Garfield	2026
Mark Lewandoski		David Caron, Chair	2027
		Eric Johnson	2025
Public Works Director			
Craig Clairmont		Zoning Board of Adjustment	
		Peter Harris, Chair	2026
Assistant Public Works Director		John Froumy, Vice Chair	2026
Brian Jackes		Liz Stewart	2027
		Reese Grey	2027
Recreation Director		Mark Mastenbrook	2025
Danielle St. Onge		Susan Bouthiette, Alt.	2025
		Thomas Ceniglio, Alt.	2026
School Board		Vacant Alternate	2027
Jill Smith	2026		
Mark Ekberg	2026		

2026

2027

2027

2025

2025

Alice Todd

Jeffrey Roberts

Randi Johnson

**School Principals** 

Michelle Lewis, Chair

Sean Embree, Vice Chair

Matthew Finch, High School Aaron Pope, Middle School Ben Hill, Belmont Elementary Erin Chubb, Canterbury Elementary

**School Superintendent** 

Michael Tursi

# Town Staff



#### **Town Hall Staff**

FrontRowL-R:LandUseAdministrativeAssistantSusanAustin,TownClerk/TaxCollectorAssistantDevonTibbett,TownAdministratorAliciaJipson,ExecutiveAssistant/AssessingAdministratorColleenAdministratorColleenAdministratorColleenAdministratorColleenAdministratorColleen

Back Row L-R: Town Planner Karen Santoro, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Jenn Cashman, Finance Director Steve Forster, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant Samantha LeClair, Land Use Technician Rod Cameron, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Caron, Land Use Clerk John Crowley.

Missing from image: Building Clerk Christine Drew.

#### **Public Works Staff**

(L-R): Highway Foreman Bradley Jameson, Part-time Truck Driver/Laborer Arthur Demass, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Jackes, Highway Foreman Christopher Clairmont, Public Works Director Craig Clairmont, Sewer Department Laborer Jesse Rolland, Mechanic Brian Waltos, Truck Driver Wayne Peirce, Heavy Equipment Operator Christopher Tibbetts, Building & Grounds Crew Member Kyle Dodge and Heavy Equipment Operator Jack Decormier.



# Town Staff



#### **Fire Department Staff**

Squatting L-R: Admin. Asst. Becky Beaulac with A.J., FF Cyle Moore, Lt. Ricky Raper.

**Standing in Blue, White and Bunker Gear L-R:** FF Dalton Brown, (Retired) Lt. Tom Murphy, Lt. Randy Danforth, Lt. Sean McCarty, Asst. Chief Donald Pickowicz, Lt. Tom Ryan, FF Trevor Gilbert, Chief Deb Black, FF Jim Hayes (Sitting on car), FF Maddison Allen, FF Cameron Stevens, FF Rob Caruolo, FF Gavin Martin, FF Nate Phillips.

Missing from photo: Liam Foston (Hired December 2024) Photo Credit: Gary Hicks June 18, 2024 Auto Extrication Training



#### Police Department Staff

First row (L-R): Capt. Stephen Akerstrom; Chief Mark Lewandoski; Lt. Evan Boulanger.

**Second row (L-R):** Chaplain, Father Marc Drouin; Sgt. Christopher Rideout; Officer Brendan Sica (resigned); Det. Judy Estes; PET Officer Richard Bryant; Officer Joshua Landry; Admin. Asst. Lori Schultz; Dispatcher Tricia Randall.

**Back row (L-R):** Officer Scott Corbett; Officer Travon Durham (resigned); Sgt. Pros. David Estes; Det. Nancy Hicks; Officer Michael Clark (resigned); Cpl. Joel Pickowicz; SRO Stephen Colcord; Det. Sgt. Raechel Moulton; Dispatcher Marnell DiLorenzo (resigned).

Missing from photo: Officer Jeffrey Heger; Officer Syntia Somogyi; Officer David Perkins; Officer Luis Arias. Photo credit: Alan MacRae

# Town Staff





Library Assistant Joe Testa, Library Directory Eileen Gilbert, Page/Shelver Samantha Johnson, Library Assistant Tricia Strum.

Missing from image: Library Assistant Kelly Rolfe and Library Assistant Linda Radue.



Parks & Recreation Director Danielle St. Onge



**General Assistance Director Donna Cilley** 



### Building & Grounds Crew

Crew Member Kyle Dodge and Building & Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden.

Missing from image: Seasonal Part-time Building & Grounds Crew Member Austin Champagne.

# Selectmen's Letter to the Residents of Belmont 2024

Dear Members of the Community:

It is with great pleasure that we provide you with an update regarding our activity during the 2024 calendar year.

2024 proved to be yet another challenging year staffing wise with the hard competition between the private and public sectors and the ability to hire and retain employees. In 2024 we had 1 retirement; 11 new hires and 9 employees left employment. The unpredictable employment market continues to be a challenge for a few departments in Town. Our most critical departments, Police and Fire, went all year with unfilled positions. This is a huge concern of ours as limited staff means we risk cutting critical services to the Town and its residents. We continue to work closely with Department Heads and the Town Administrator to make sure that doesn't happen.

In 2024 the townspeople voted down the operating budget and we became subject to a default budget. This was the first time in Belmont's history that many can recall that the budget did not pass. It was a learning curve for staff as they navigated the unknown. The Department Heads and the Board work very hard every year to put together a budget that reflects the necessary funds needed to run the Town properly. The budget is then handed over to the Budget Committee for review and approval. After the Town meeting last March, the Board and Staff worked together to make additional cuts in order to meet the requirements of the default budget. This ensured that necessary funds were available for the Town to make its financial obligations. We as a Board are worried about the fallout the 2024 failed budget will have on our Town.

In 2023 the Public Works Department applied for the Granite State Clean Fleets Grant, which would replace one of the department's older diesel trucks in the fleet. The Town used a combined total of \$259,400 in grant funds and there was no tax impact on the taxpayers. Delivery was made in December 2024, and we are proud to have this new truck on our streets. In 2022 the voters approved the purchase of a new ambulance using funds from the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund. Delivery didn't take place in 2024, but we hear it is slated to be delivered in March 2025.

Back in 2021 during the Covid-19 era, cities and towns across NH were given ARPA Funds from the government. Most of the funds awarded to Belmont were earmarked to replace Well 1, which we are happy to report will be completed before the end of 2025. There were funds left over, and we allocated those funds for the purchase of a police cruiser that was slated to be cut from the 2024 budget due to the default, a generator at the Mill, and a new Repeater (radio tower for police communications). This was a total taxpayer savings of \$186,456.

This year we were made aware that the tanker truck that was part of the Fire Department's truck fleet had mechanical issues and was no longer roadworthy. The tanker was sold at auction. As a Board we are supporting the Fire Chief's request to purchase a new tanker, and you will see that on the 2025 Ballot.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the department heads and all other staff while they worked through the difficulties of a default budget. We know that it was not easy to be anxious all year worried about the state of the budget.

The Board of Selectmen would like to extend their deepest gratitude to each of the volunteer Budget Committee members for their hard work, dedication, and thoughtful review of the proposed 2025 Town budget. Their commitment to ensuring fiscal responsibility while balancing the needs of our community is truly commendable. The time and effort that is devoted to analyzing, discussing, and refining the budget play a crucial role in shaping the future of our Town.

Their careful consideration of each line item, their insightful discussions, and their willingness to engage in thoughtful deliberation have helped create a budget that reflects both our Town's priorities and the interests of our residents. Their efforts ensure that we can continue to provide essential services, support community initiatives, and plan for long-term financial sustainability. It is through their dedication that we can move forward with a budget that is both responsible and forward-thinking.

Thank you to our Budget Committee members for their time, energy, and expertise. Their difficult work does not go unnoticed, and our community is stronger because of their commitment.

In closing, we would like to "Thank you", our residents, 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,

Board of Selectmen

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman Travis O'Hara, Vice Chairman Jon Pike Claude B. Patten, Jr. Sharon Ciampi



**Town Meeting** 

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, February 1st. 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. There was great discussion and input into all the articles presented. You may cast your ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 7 am to 7 pm in the Belmont High School Gym, 255 Seavey Road.

All registered voters are eligible to participate in the process. New voters can register to vote at the Clerk's Office until March 1st, 2025. Otherwise, new voter registrations will be accepted at the polls on election day. In addition to your ID and proof of residency (bill in your name, paystub, bank statement, etc.), House Bill 1569 now requires proof of valid citizenship with documents such as a birth certificate, passport, or naturalization paperwork. This new law also removes all exceptions to the state's voter ID requirements and eliminates the affidavit ballot system. For more information, please visit www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote . Unable to attend the election? Absentee ballots will be available soon in the Clerk's Office. Please give us a call at 603-267-8300 x2 to see if they are ready.

We realize that sometimes the 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 this Voter's Guide for your use. This guide will be available at Town Hall and online via the Town's website (<u>www.belmontnh.gov</u>). Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in the guide, please do not hesitate to contact Town Administrator Alicia Jipson (267- 8300, ext. 124).

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 items are estimated to 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 tax rate will be set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) in October/November 2025, using actual information that is available including any additional value attributed to new construction.

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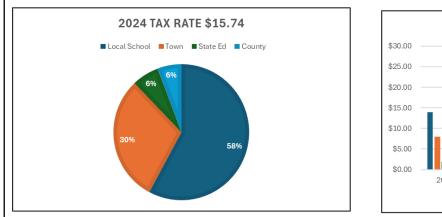
Belmont Board of Selectmen

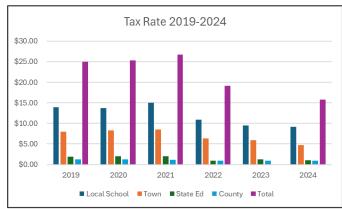
Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman Travis O'Hara, Vice Chairman Jon Pike Claude B. Patten, Jr. Sharon Ciampi

Article #1. Election of Officers
Selectman 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Thomas Murphy
Jonathan Pike
Doug Trottier
Town Clerk Tax Collector 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Jennifer Cashman
Budget Committee 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 4)
Lee Cheshire
Tracey LeClair
Budget Committee 2- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1
Paul Maggioli
Budget Committee 1- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)
Rachel French
Brian Gardiner
Susan Roache
Trustee of Trust Funds 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Eric Johnson
Library Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Tasha John
Cemetery Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Sharon Ciampi
Planning Board 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)
Michael LeClair
Ward Peterson
Zoning Board of Adjustment 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Dana Silcock
Treasurer 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
Susan Roache
Alicia Segalini

Elected officials are required to take an oath of office within 6 days of being notified of their election, in accordance with RSA 42:4. All officials elected on March 11<sup>th</sup> will need to contact the Town Clerk at 603-267-8300 ext. 122 to schedule a time to take their oath.

	Town	Local School	State Ed	County		
2019	\$7.98	\$13.89	\$1.89	\$1.25	\$25.01	<b>▶</b> 2024 \$15.74
2020	\$8.34	\$13.70	\$2.02	\$1.28	\$25.34	►\$1.73 <b>•</b>
2021	\$8.54	\$14.98	\$2.05	\$1.10	\$26.67	•
2022	\$6.33	\$10.95	\$0.95	\$0.88	\$19.11	▶9.9% Decrease
2023	\$5.86	\$9.47	\$1.25	\$0.89	\$17.47	
2024	\$4.73	\$9.11	\$1.01	\$0.89	\$15.74	





#### Belmont – Tax Bill Breakdown OWNER OF RECORD TAX CALCULATION unicipal Tax Amount School Tax Amount Education Tax Amount County Tax Amount TAX CALCULATION ASSESSED VALUATION Total Tax 10,556.82 Actual Tax Amount 10,556.82 557,700 Buildings Paid to Date -4,881.12 Municipal Land Value ducation 5,675.70 PAY THIS AMOUNT TOTAL 15.74 NET VALUE 670,700

While each property tax payment is made as a single check to the Town of Belmont, the Town acts as a "pass through". The Town is obligated to make all the outgoing payments to the Shaker Regional School District, Belknap County and the State of New Hampshire Department of Education.

In 2024, the Town made the following payments:

\$13,545,464 to <mark>Shaker Regional School District</mark> \$1,481,978 to State of NH Department of Education \$1,323,442 to Belknap County In 2024, out of \$23,397,984 collected in taxes, <mark>the Town only retained \$7,047,100</mark> to operate the Town. **Article #2** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article 5, Table 1, Table of Permitted Uses, to clarify that Agricultural Animals are permitted by right (P), rather than by special exception (E), on lots greater than 1 acre in the Residential Multi-Family, Residential Single Family, and Rural Zones?

#### Recommended by the Planning Board.

Currently the Ordinance language Article 4:J Agricultural Animals states that a minimum of one acre is required but a Special Exception from the Zoning Board is required for all lots with less than 3 acres. As proposed by the Planning Board, this change would allow agricultural animals on any lots greater than 1 acre in the Residential Multi-family, Residential Single and Rural Zones. All lots with agricultural animals, regardless of size, shall be subject to the application of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food Manual of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture in New Hampshire, dated April 2002, as amended.

**Article #3** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: add a definition of motor vehicle?

Article 15: Definitions

Motor Vehicle:

Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on stationary tracks, including ski area vehicles. This includes all vehicles, engines, machines, or mechanical contrivances, except electric bicycles and electric personal assistive mobility devices (e.g. mobility scooter), which are propelled on the public highways by internal combustion engines, electric motors, steam engines, or other alternate sources of energy except human or animal power.

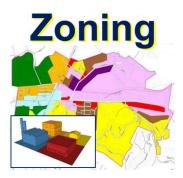
#### Recommended by the Planning Board.

Currently the Ordinance language does not contain a definition of a motor vehicle. As proposed by the Planning Board, this would add a definition of Motor Vehicle as guided by NH RSA 259:60 to Zoning Ordinance Article 15: Definitions.

Article #4 Petition Warrant Article To see if the Town of Belmont would vote to allow manufactured homes in the Town on their own land.

#### (The Planning Board does not support this Petitioned Warrant Article.)

The proposed is a petitioned article to the Zoning Ordinance. On January 6, 2025, the Planning Board voted to not support the petitioned article as written. The language does not restrict manufactured homes to residential zones (Residential Multi-family; Residential Single Family; Rural; and Village Zones) and would also allow them in our Commercial and Industrial Zones. This amendment, if it passes, would be advisory only as it is in conflict with Article 15 of the Zoning Ordinance.



**Article #5** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in an amendment to the existing 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, 2025 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

YearIncrease (Wages & Benefits)2025\$145,724

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,724 for the current fiscal year (2025), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the amended agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

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 #05 and the above cost items for the term April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 are subsequently approved at such special meeting. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$145,724 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### 2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.10.

#### EXPLANATION:

- This group represents 12 full-time sworn patrol officers at the Police Department.
- The current CBA is a 3-year term (2023-2026).
- Tentative Agreement (T.A.) is 1-year.
- The revised wage matrix is designed to compete with surrounding police departments.

In 2023, Belmont faced significant challenges in retaining and attracting police officers due to an unprecedented labor market and economic conditions. A comprehensive wage study revealed that our police officers were underpaid compared to those in neighboring communities. This imbalance led to the loss of experienced officers and left critical positions unfilled for extended periods, impacting essential services.

To address these challenges proactively, the Selectboard adopted recommendations from the wage study and incorporated them into the 2024 budget. While this represents an adjustment to wages, it's a strategic investment in retaining experienced officers, attracting qualified candidates, and ensuring the efficient use of taxpayer dollars in the long term.

The cost of turnover, including recruitment, onboarding, training, and equipment—is far higher than the proposed wage adjustments. By aligning wages more closely with surrounding municipalities, we can reduce turnover, fill critical vacancies, reduce the need for excessive overtime, and avoid further cuts to essential services.

The amount of \$145,724 (2025 figure) accounts for necessary wage increases and mandatory fringe benefits like Social Security, Medicare, and retirement contributions. These increases are targeted to support the lowest-paid employees in the department, ensuring that our resources are used where they are most needed.

Investing in competitive wages today will lead to a more stable, efficient, and effective police department for Belmont, safeguarding the quality of services we all rely on while reducing long-term costs for our community.

**Ballot #6** Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #5 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required.)

If the amended Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) as described in Article 5 is defeated and if this Article passes, the Board of Selectmen may, if they so choose, call a Special Town Meeting to vote on the cost items only of the amended CBA.

**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 deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, \$11,395,086. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,822,658, 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 \$11,395,086 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$11,404,085.)

The annual operating budget covers all Town departments including Highway, Police, Fire/EMS, Library, Parks N Rec, and all functions at Town Hall. About 50% of the operating budget is funded through non-property tax revenue. Revenues for 2025 are estimated to be around \$5,775,459. This article provides funding for the recurring annual operating costs of providing a broad range of public services to the community. These increases are generally the result of material, service contracts and utility price increases that are anticipated to occur due to the surge in inflationary pressures that are being experienced nationwide. Please review the financial report and recommendations of the Budget Committee detailed in the warrant as shown on the MS-737 Form. The operating budget is a "bottom line budget" by law in New Hampshire. Therefore, the final vote taken on this article will be based on the aggregate appropriation. We anticipate a 16.9% increase in revenues from 2024 to 2025. The increase in the operating budget from 2024 to 2025 is 6.7%, however the amount to be raised by taxation which includes the operating budget and all other warrant articles as presented has only increased by 2.35% due to increased revenues.

#### Implications of a Default Budget for the Town as a Whole

A municipality that does not receive proper funding experiences a gradual decline in essential services, infrastructure maintenance, and overall community well-being. Without adequate financial resources:

- Public safety is compromised due to insufficient police staffing and outdated equipment.
- Infrastructure deteriorates as road maintenance, building repairs, and park upkeep are delayed or neglected.
- Economic development is stifled due to reduced investment in community projects, deterring businesses and residents from settling in the town.
- Resident satisfaction declines as public amenities and events are reduced or eliminated.
- Emergency response and disaster preparedness efforts are weakened due to limited funding for necessary resources.
- Staff retention and recruitment challenges increase, resulting in higher turnover and reduced efficiency in municipal operations.

• Long-term financial instability leads to higher costs in the future as deferred maintenance results in more significant repairs and replacements.

#### Conclusion

The constraints imposed by a default budget have impacted every department, reducing services, delaying maintenance, and hindering community growth. If another default budget is implemented, the long-term effects will become even more pronounced, including further infrastructure decline, difficulty retaining and attracting staff, and increasing limitations on Town services. It is necessary to address these financial shortfalls to ensure the sustainability of essential services and future community development.

**Article #08** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$783,081 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 \$766,257, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$783,081 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### This budget is to be offset by user fees not from taxation.

The operating budget for the Sewer department is for those users on the Public Sewer system only. The budget is funded through sewer usage fees and not from taxation. It will include amounts to operate and maintain the sewer system and its fees to the State of NHDES and the Winnipesauke River Basin Program (WRBP).

**Article #09** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$343,438 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 \$273,729, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$343,438 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### This budget is to be offset by user fees not from taxation.

The operating budget for the water department is for water users only. The budget is funded through water usage fees and not from taxation. It will include amounts to operate and maintain the Towns water system.

**Article #10** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement with a non-appropriation clause in an amount up to \$550,000 payable over a term of 60 months for a new Tanker for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the down payment for that purpose and further 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? No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$250,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

No funds to come from taxation. The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$513,141. Funds to support Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 are proposed to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund. The last payment will be in 2030.

In 2024, the Town's 2001 Peirce Mack Tanker with a 2,500-gallon tank was found to have cracked frame rails. While working on repairing the tanker it was discovered that repairs would be more expensive than the truck was worth, and there was no warranty on the repairs. The tanker was put out of service and sold at auction. A

committee was formed to work on replacing the 23-year-old tanker with a new tanker. Per NFPA 1911, "Apparatus should respond to first alarms for the first 15 years. For the next 5 years, be in reserve status for use at major fires or as a temporary replacement for out-of-service first line apparatus." This truck was built and purchased in June 2000 from Pierce Manufacturing in Florida.

While the Town has hydrants in the Village area of the town, the outskirts of Town have limited water access. Not having adequate water supply inhibits fire suppression and can also increase homeowners' insurance rates. Having a tanker will help keep rates lower. The ISO rating has already increased due to the lack of a ladder truck in our fleet. The ISO rating will increase more without a tanker.

Financing would consist of a \$250,000 down payment, followed by 5 annual payments of \$69,048. These funds will come from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c and not from taxation.

Per Belmont's Purchasing Policy, we have contacted other dealers and have not only found this tanker to be comparable in price to other dealers, but readily available as it is a demo tanker that fits the needs of the Town. Outfitting the truck with tools is included in the price. The outfitting will set the tanker up with NFPA specifications for an Engine with ladders and attack lines, while continuing to maintain tanker status.

**Article #11** 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 \$149,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2025 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$149,500 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 2025 budgetary year. No amount to be raised by taxation. (2/3 Majority 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 \$33,000 Fuel \$8,000

(The Budget Committee recommends \$149,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

No funds to come from taxation. The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$513,141. Funds to support Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 are proposed to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund.

**Article #12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 for the second 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 amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

No funds to come from taxation. The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$513,141. Funds to support Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 are proposed to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund.

This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program. These funds have been used to purchase a new ambulance with equipment through a Capital Lease. That vote in 2023 authorized the down payment and all future loan payments. If this article does not pass the Town will need to return the ambulance and will lose all the money paid to date on the lease.

**Article #13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,776 for the tenth 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 amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

No funds to come from taxation. The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$513,141. Funds to support Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 are proposed to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund.

If approved, this will be the final payment on the lease purchase agreement. If this article does not pass, the Town will need to return the pumper truck and will lose all the money paid to date on the lease.

#### **Capital Reserve Funds**

The Town of Belmont uses Capital Reserve Funds as a cost-effective method of financing the purchase or replacement of facilities, equipment and infrastructure. Consistent amounts have been included in annual budgets for transfer to Capital Reserve Funds (similar to savings accounts) in past years, so that sufficient monies are available in these funds when purchases or replacements are required. This spreads the cost over the funding period, rather than requiring a large appropriation in the year of purchase or replacement and thereby helps to stabilize property tax rates. The added benefit of earning interest on the funds serves as an extra cushion against inflation, further stabilizing finances.

Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.50. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$1,201,297.59.

The Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2006. This \$750,000 appropriation allows the Town to continue necessary road reconstruction and improvements to the infrastructure. The current request for appropriation has remained the same since 2009. By depositing the funds into this Capital Reserve Fund, it ensures that the funds can only be used for that purpose. Background: Within the context of the Annual Road Program, capital road rehabilitation and reconstruction continue towards a goal of improving overall road conditions within the Town. Road Program priorities are generally guided by road condition and PCI (pavement condition index) ratings, traffic volumes, and opportunities to coordinate road construction with other projects. Most of the funds are dedicated to construction, with a portion of the funds being allocated to engineering. This overall approach enables the Town to execute a well-coordinated construction project, and at the same time, prepare/maintain a healthy backlog of design projects that will be ready for reconstruction in subsequent years. Well maintained roads will cost less to reconstruct in the long-term, which is savings to taxpayers. Last year voters failed to pass the article, which put us behind on funds to complete projects in our Town Road Program.

**Article #15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

# 2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.34. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$662,852.23.

The intent of this expendable trust fund is to save money for the purpose of Town buildings' interior and exterior capital maintenance (including but not limited to carpeting/flooring, siding, roofing and painting,) all building site maintenance, building expansion and/or reconfiguration, and buildings' interior systems (including but not limited to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, communications, and security) repair and/or replacement. This fund continues to be invested in an interest-bearing account and can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Funds have been used to renovate the Belmont Mill in anticipation of Town Hall moving to the building in the future, siding on Town Hall, painting of the front of Town Hall and Library exterior, a new roof on the Mill, the purchase of the property at 154 Main Street, replacement Heat and HVAC systems at the Highway and Fire Departments, the overhang at the Highway Garage, lighting retrofits at the Highway Garage, repairs to the floor on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mill, access system at Town Hall including security cameras, renovations to the Mill allowing usage of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor for meetings and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor for relocation of General Assistance Office. Funds have been used to replace the oil tanks at the Mill and to enclose the dumpster, and roof repair at the Fire Station. Repairs were made to the Mill's furnace, the tennis court backboard at Sargent Park was rebuilt, and garage doors were repaired at the Fire Station.

**Article #16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,367 for the reconstruction of highways, anticipated to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.) No funds to come from taxation.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$197,367 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### **HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT AID**

By law, all municipalities in the State having Class IV and V mileage are entitled to Highway Block Grant Aid. RSA 235:23 stipulates the funding apportionments. Highway Block Grant Aid is distributed to municipalities by the State of New Hampshire on a yearly basis with partial disbursements made four times a year. The funds can only be used for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of each municipality's Class IV and V highways. It can, therefore, be used to be part of the match for a project in the bridge aid program. It also can be used towards equipment to maintain the local roads. The intent here is that it be used towards the local roads, i.e., not used to build a new library or school or buy a fire truck. Highway Block Grant Aid funds represent a portion of the State's highway revenues received in the preceding fiscal year including revenues resulting from Senate Bill (SB) 367. If this article fails, the Town will not be able to spend the revenue received by the State of NH for its intended purpose.

**Article #17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Expendable Trust Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$155,782.77.

This fund was established to cover the payment of earned time balances when employees retire, as required by law or negotiated in contracts. We have 19 employees who are at retirement status in 2025. The total amount needed to fund these liabilities in 2025 is \$232,457.39.

**Article #18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$412,306.95.

The Water Department request for \$100,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund allows funds to be available for future upgrades and repairs to the distribution system. These funds are necessary for continued upgrades as well as unanticipated emergency repairs.

**Article #19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$110,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$110,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$186,113.96.

The Department of Public Works has over 20 vehicles or pieces of equipment with values ranging from \$50,000 to \$310,000. The expected lives of this equipment and vehicles range from 10 to 25 years. DPW has scheduled its expected equipment needs, including costs and the expected year of replacement, as the basis for the necessary level of funding. Timely deposits into the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles using only capital reserve funds which helps to stabilize the yearly tax impact. This fund is invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Since 2002, the Town has set aside money annually in this capital reserve to stabilize our future tax rate. Without this savings account, our tax rates would increase in the years we purchase new equipment, or we would need to borrow, paying long-term interest rates. As our Town grows and new roads are added, the demand for our equipment increases.

**Article #20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$80,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$80,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$63,914.24.

This article adds \$80,000 to the existing fund that has been established to budget for the State mandated reassessment of all properties in Belmont. The law, RSA 75:8-a, requires a full revaluation take place every five years. This \$80,000 request is one of the yearly installments needed to save towards the estimated cost of \$350,000 for the next full revaluation in 2029. This fund will help level the cost the 2029 revaluation out over multiple years. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. If funds are not set aside leading up to 2029, the Town will need to enter into a loan to cover the costs, thus having an increased financial impact on taxpayers.

**Article #21** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,500 to be placed in the Information Technology Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2002), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$37,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$37,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$25,305.10.

This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The intent of this fund is to maintain Town information technology systems including repair or replacement of necessary technology equipment/systems and/or software to perform important critical Town business. Timely deposits into this fund will allow for the orderly replacements and/or updates of important information technology equipment and software using capital reserve funds, which helps to level the yearly tax impact. This fund will be invested in an interest-bearing account and funds can only be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

**Article #22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

Funds to come from user fees. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$64,045.06.

The Sewer Department request for \$30,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund allows funds to be available for future upgrades and repairs to our collection system. These funds are necessary for continued upgrades as well as unanticipated and emergency repairs.

**Article #23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust 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 \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.02. The balance in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$33,929.41.

The Cemetery Trustees Capital Reserve Fund is used as a tool for the Trustees to save for large or long-term projects such as restoration, fence repair, signs and more. Funds are also used for emergencies like storm damage.

**Article #24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Drainage Projects Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$56,379.88.

**Article #25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

# 2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.02. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$427,355.11.

This \$25,000 request aims to fund important improvements to the library building, ensuring its continued service to the community. This reserve fund has been built over the past 20 years through contributions from voters, reflecting a long-term commitment to maintaining and enhancing the library's facilities. The original library is 100 years old, and Belmont has outgrown the building and lacks necessary ADA accommodations. It is the intention of the Library Trustees to move forward with plans for an addition to the current building that will support ADA needs and create more space for the community. The funds will be used for essential upgrades to the current structure and set aside for future expansion plans. In 2025, the library will use capital reserve funds to develop an initial plan for a historically respectful and user-friendly expansion at the current location.

**Article #26** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

#### No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$409,009.13.

Bridges and culverts enable Town roads to cross waterways and divert stormwater to minimize flooding and keep our road infrastructure passable. This CRF is used for the engineering, design and construction costs for current and future bridge and culvert replacement. The Town of Belmont continues to request these funds for the eventual need for the replacement of the Church Street bridge as well as other necessary repairs to this type of infrastructure throughout Town. The replacement costs for these repairs are significant.

**Article #27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2021). This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

No amount to be raised from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$16,855.51.

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 who travel over Durrell Mountain Road to access the pit, thus creating wear and tear on the roadway due to the heavy trucks traversing. Year one we received \$2,500 and in subsequent years the pit owner is required to contribute \$5,000 to be placed in the account. If this article fails, the funds will lapse into the General Fund and cannot be used for their intended purpose.

**Article #28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

# 2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Heritage Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$41,753.

The balance in the Heritage Fund is used to save for unanticipated repairs, restorations and renovations of historical buildings and landmarks such as next year's replacement of The New Hampshire Preservation Seals located outside of the Bandstand and Belmont Mill. The Fund is also slated to aid in the restoration, preservation and purchasing display cases for artifacts that were handed down to the Commission and the Historical Society. This specific warrant article covers the following Heritage Commission's yearly signature programs: Community Service Awards, Fourth Grade Belmont History Program, supporting Old Home Day activities and the Senior Citizens Valentine's Day Project. In the past two years warrant article funds were also used to install the new Tioga Trail sign and new Main Street banners.

**Article #29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2020) and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$2,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

#### No amount to be raised from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2024 is \$18,177.27

This fund was originally created in anticipation of the <u>mandatory</u> upgrade and replacement of our ballot counting device. The Town hosted demonstrations of both machines available for purchase as approved by the State of NH and determined which machine (along with its service plan cost) best serves our needs. The cost of the new machine is approximately \$7,000. The Town will apply for a grant to supplement a portion of the cost of the new machine, once a vendor is approved by the State of NH.

In addition to requiring a new ballot counting device, the State of NH requires the Town to provide an adequately equipped voting location. The current number of registered voters in the Town has increased by at least 1,000 voters over the last year. There are currently 5,138 registered voters in Town. Per RSA 658:9-V-b: *For a general election where votes will be cast for President there shall be 1 booth per every 100 voters. For a general election where votes will not be cast for President there shall be 1 booth per every 125 voters. For all other state elections, including the state primary election, there shall be 1 booth per every 150 voters. For all cities, towns, school district, and village district elections, there shall be 1 booth per every 200 voters. This fund will also be used to purchase the required number of voting booths per our number of registered voters, as well as replace broken booths, stanchions, boundary ropes, etc. to equip our voting location per the standards of the State of NH.* 

**Article #30** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate \$20,000 to go into the fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at year end will lapse to the General Fund. Use of these funds will be pursuant to RSA 31:98-a. and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

#### No amount to be raised from taxation.

Establishment of a contingency fund gives the Board of Selectmen another tool to manage the Town efficiently. If unanticipated expenses arise the Board of Selectmen would have a source of funds to pay for the unanticipated expense. A Contingency Fund is less restrictive than other typical Capital Reserve Funds. The fund must be re-established each year with a new appropriation and funds cannot accumulate from year-to-year. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.

**Article # 31** 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 to be raised by taxation.

Belknap Country Fair Association \$2,500 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$385 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 60200 \$770 Belmont Girl Scout Community \$300 Belmont Heritage Commission \$250 Belmont High School PTO \$700 Belmont Historical Society \$550 Belmont Middle School - Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,750 Belmont Middle School PTO \$700 Belmont Public Library \$900 First Baptist Church of Belmont \$3,200 Got Lunch! Belmont & Friends \$5,879.71 Lakes Region Girls Softball \$500 Lakes Region VNA \$1,500 Saint Joseph Food Panty \$3,200 Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin, dba Franklin VNA & Hospice \$1,500

No amount to be raised from taxation. Total award given out for 2025 if approved is \$26,584.71. This is the total of net earnings in the Sargent Fund for CY2024.

**Article #32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193,391 for salary and benefits to hire two (2) full-time firefighters.

Fiscal Year	Salary	Benefits	Total
2025-26	\$109,675	\$83,716	\$193,391

(The Budget Committee does not recommend \$193,391 (11-0) and the Board of Selectmen do not recommend \$193,391 (3-2).)

2025 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand is \$0.13.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee collectively <u>did not</u> support funding for this request during the 2025 Budget season.

#### **Financial Concerns of Hiring Two New Firefighters**

Hiring two additional firefighters could pose significant financial challenges for the Town. The cost of salaries, benefits, and training add a substantial burden to the Town's budget. Firefighter salaries are only part of the expense—benefits such as health insurance, retirement contributions, and overtime will increase the overall cost to taxpayers.

The cost of new equipment, uniforms, and ongoing training further increase expenses. If funding comes from increased taxes or budget cuts in other areas, residents may see reduced services elsewhere, such as road maintenance, public safety programs, or community initiatives.

Additionally, long-term financial commitments must be considered. Once hired, firefighters become a fixed expense in the operating budget, and reducing staff in the future can be challenging if the Town faces economic downturns. The Town may struggle to afford these additional positions without cutting other essential services.

Before making a commitment for additional personnel, the Selectmen would like to determine if there are any alternative solutions, such as optimizing current staffing schedules, utilizing part-time or call firefighters, or improving mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments. By carefully evaluating the financial impact, the Town can ensure fiscal responsibility while maintaining emergency services.

The goal of this request from the Fire Chief is to add 2 additional full-time firefighters on a rotating shift schedule to bring staffing levels to 4 firefighters on each 24-hour shift. The Fire Department is aware of the need for increased staffing to bring the department closer to the national standard. NFPA 1710 recommends that each company be staffed with 4 firefighters per shift. If the article is approved, the Fire Chief has stated the overtime line can be reduced. Shifts with 4 on duty will not need to call for a recall when transporting to Concord Hospital. Mutual Aid received from other towns that are also struggling with increased calls will be reduced, and multiple calls will be handled by our own crews.

**Article #33** Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to increase the exemption from \$50,000 to \$80,000 and to increase the permitted net income of the property owner from \$25,000 to \$35,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$50,000 instead of \$35,000; and to increase the permitted net assets of the owner(s) to be not in excess of \$200,000 instead of \$100,000, excluding the value of the person's residence? (Majority Vote Required.)

The following information is reflective of existing approved applicants for Disability Exemptions and the examples are based on the most recent 2024 tax rate.

- At the 2024 tax rate, each disabled applicant would have saved an additional \$472.20 on their 2024 property tax bills.
- 14 applicants with an increased exemption amount from \$50,000 to \$80,000 = \$30,000 each x 14 applicants = \$420,000/1,000 \* \$15.74 tax rate = \$6,610.80
- Disability Exemption total tax impact based on 2024 values: \$6,610.80
- Total taxable Town assessment value lost = \$420,000.

Given the recent rise in property values and inflation, the Board of Selectmen moved this article forward to increase the income and asset maximums allowed for Disability Exemptions, as well as to increase the exemption amounts in order to benefit applicants in a greater capacity.

**Article #34** Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Belmont, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, increase the exemption from \$65,000 to \$80,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, increase the exemption from \$65,000 to \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older increase the exemption from \$125,000 to \$150,000. In addition, to increase the permitted net income of the owner from not more than \$25,000 to \$35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$50,000 instead of \$35,000; and to increase the permitted net assets of the owner(s) to be not in excess of \$200,000 instead of \$150,000, excluding the value of the person's residence? (Majority Vote Required.)

The following information is reflective of existing approved applicants for Elderly Exemptions and the examples are based on the most recent 2024 tax rate.

- At the 2024 rate, each elderly applicant would have saved an additional \$236.10 to \$393.50 on their 2024 property tax bills; depending on their age bracket.
- Age 80+ 25 applicants with an increased exemption amount from \$125,000 to \$150,000 = \$25,000 each x 25 applicants = \$625,000/1,000 \* \$15.74 tax rate = \$9,837.50 increased tax impact
- Age 75-79 14 applicants increased exemption amount from \$80,000 to \$100,000 = \$20,000 each x 14 applicants = \$280,000/1,000 \* \$15.74 tax rate = \$4,407.20 increased tax impact
- Age 65-74 18 applicants increased exemption amount from \$65,000 to \$80,000 = \$15,000 each x 18 applicants = \$270,000/1,000 \* \$15.74 tax rate = \$4,249.80 increased tax impact
- Elderly Exemption total tax impact based on 2024 values: \$18,494.50
- Total taxable Town assessment value lost = \$1,175,000.

Given the recent rise in property values and inflation, the Board of Selectmen moved this article forward to increase the income and asset maximums allowed for the Elderly Exemptions, as well as to increase the exemption amounts in order to benefit applicants in a greater capacity.

Article #35 Petitioned Warrant Article Are you in favor of increasing the number of Cemetery Trustees from 3 to 5?

(This article submitted by Petition.)

Article #36 Petitioned Warrant Article Shall the Town vote to make the Selectmen's meetings be after 4:00 pm, unless there is an emergency that requires a daytime meeting? (This article submitted by Petition.)

#### This petitioned warrant article is advisory only.

Implicit in State statute is the ability of any public body (Selectmen) to convene a public meeting at a time and place of its choosing. If a petitioned warrant article dictated what time of day a public body (Selectmen) could hold its meeting, this would invade the statutory authority of the public body (Selectmen) and undermine their ability to manage the prudential affairs of the Town per RSA 41:8.



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TOWN OF BELMONT SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BALLOT VOTING

**BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL GYM** 

255 Seavey Road

MARCH 11, 2025

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

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(Write-in)	BUDGET COMMITTEE	PLANNING BOARD
TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR	Vote for not more than TWO           RACHEL FRENCH           BRIAN GARDINER	Vote for not more than TWO           MICHAEL LECLAIR           WARD PETERSON
Vote for not more than ONE JENNIFER CASHMAN	SUSAN ROACHE	(Write-in)
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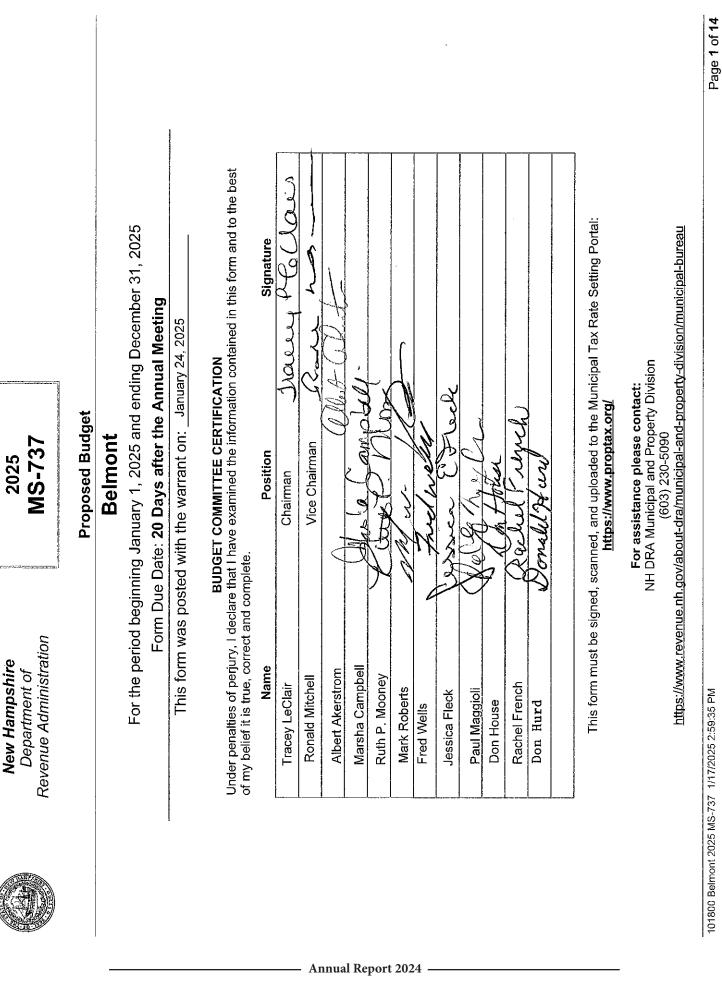
	ARTICLES	
Article #2 Are you in favor of the adop- tion of Amendment No. 1 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article 5, Table 1, Table of Permitted Uses, to clarify that Agricultural Animals are per- mitted by right (P), rather than by special exception (E), on lots greater than 1 acre in the Residential Multi-Family, Residen- tial Single Family, and Rural Zones?	Article #5 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in an amendment to the existing collective bar- gaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Fed- eration of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Po- lice Unit A) for the term April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the follow- ing increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:	Article #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$783,081 for the operation and mainte- nance 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 de- fault budget shall be \$766,257, which is the same as last year, with certain ad- justments required by previous action of the Town or by law.
NO  Article #3 Are you in favor of the adop- tion of Amendment No. 2 to the Belmont	Year Increase (Wages & Benefits) 2025 \$145,724 And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,724 for the current fiscal year (2025), such sum	(The Budget Committee recommends \$783,081 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)
Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: add a defini- tion of motor vehicle? Article 15: Definitions Motor Vehicle: Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on stationary tracks, includ- ing ski area vehicles. This includes all ve- hicles, engines, machines, or mechanical contrivances, except electric bicycles and electric personal assistive mobility de- vices (e.g. mobility scooter), which are propelled on the public highways by in- ternal combustion engines, electric mo-	representing the additional costs attributa- ble to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the amended agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement. Should this article fail to pass, the cost items approved by the 2023 Town Meeting for the Public Safety Employees Union-Po- lice 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 #05 and the above cost items for the term April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 are sub-	NO Article #9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$343,438 for the operation and mainte- nance 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 de- fault budget shall be \$273,729, which is the same as last year, with certain ad- justments required by previous action of the Town or by law.
tors, steam engines, or other alternate sources of energy except human or ani- mal power.	sequently approved at such special meet- ing. (Majority Vote Required.) (The Budget Committee recommends \$145.724 and the Board of Selectmen	The Budget Committee recommends \$343,438 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)
	supports this recommendation.)	YES
Article #4 To see if the Town of Belmont would vote to allow manufactured homes in the Town on their own land. (The Planning Board does not support this Petitioned Warrant Article.) YES NO	NO Article #6 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #5 cost items only? (Majority YES Vote Required.) NO 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 appropriates appropriates and other appropriates appropriates and other appropriates appropris	Article #10 Shall the Town vote to au- thorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement with a non-appropriation clause in an amount up to \$550,000 payable over a term of 60 months for a new Tanker for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the down payment for that purpose and fur- ther to fund this appropriation by au- thorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously, established in accordance
	cial warrant articles and other appropria- tions 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, \$11,395,086. Should this article be de- feated, the default budget shall be \$10,822,658, 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 meet- ing, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised oper-	previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c created 1994/Amended 1999? No amount to be raised by taxa- tion. (Majority Vote Required.) (The Board of Selectmen recommends \$250,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) YES NO
	ating budget only. (Majority Vote Required.) Note: This warrant article (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.	
	(The Budget Committee recommends \$11,395,086 and the Board of Selectmen recommends \$11,404,085.)	
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		ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 11, 2025	TOWN CLERK
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	Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all rev- enues from ambulance billings to be de- posited in the Special Revenue fund to instead restrict all but the first \$149,500 of revenues from ambulance billings re- ceived during the 2025 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$149,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items dentified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2025 budgetary year. No amount to be raised by taxation. (2/3 Majority Vote Required.) Training Expenses \$3,000 Ambulance Billing Fees \$20,000 Overtime \$40,000 Telephone \$2,000 Office Expense \$12,000 Vehicle Repair & Parts \$33,000 Fuel \$8,000 The Budget Committee recommends \$149,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) <b>YES</b> Diffoc for the second year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agree- ment entered into in 2023 for the pur- chase of a new Ambulance for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropria- tion by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equip- ment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accor- dance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obli- gated 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 amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.). The Budget Committee recommends \$105,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) <b>YES</b> NO	ARTICLES CONTINUED Article #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,776 for the tenth 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 Appara- tus Special Revenue Fund previously es- tablished in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/pur- chase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make the see yearly payments. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Re- quired.)  The Budget Committee recommends \$60,776 and the Board of Selectmen sup- ports this recommendation.)  Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,000 to be placed in the Highway Reconstruc- tion 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.)  YES \ NO  Article #15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)  YES \ NO	Article #16       To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,367 for the reconstruction of highways, anticipated to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)         (The Budget Committee recommends \$197,367 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)         YES       NO         Article #17       To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)         (The Budget Committee recommends \$100,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)         YES       NO         (The Budget Committee recommends \$100,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)         YES       NO         (The Budget Committee recommends \$100,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)         YES       NO         (The Budget Committee recommends \$100,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)         YES       NO         NO       NO
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raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002), and further to fund said appropri- ation by authorizing the transfer of \$110,000 from the Unassigned Fund Bal- ance. No amount to be raised by taxa-	and appropriate the four will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Expend- able Trust Fund governed under the pro- visions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amount to be expendable at the discretion of the Ceme- tery Trustees (1997). (Majority Vote Re-	to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Durrell Mour tain Road Capital Reserve Fund prev ously established (2021). This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Ba ance. No amount to be raised by taxa tion. (Majority Vote Required.)
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\$110,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)	\$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)	YES 🔾
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Article #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$80,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxa-	NO Article #24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Drainage Projects Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority	Article #28 To see if the Town will vot to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be placed in the Heritag Fund previously established (2004 (Majority Vote Required.) (The Budget Committee recommend \$4,500 and the Board of Selectme supports this recommendation.)
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Article #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,500 to be placed in the Information Technology Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2002), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$37,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)	Article #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Library Building Im- provements Capital Reserve Fund previ- ously established (2000). (Majority Vote Required.) (The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 and the Board of Selectmen sup- ports this recommendation.)	the transfer of \$2,500 from the Unas signed Fund Balance. No amount to b raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Re quired.) (The Budget Committee recommend \$2,500 and the Board of Selectme supports this recommendation.) YES O NO
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Article #22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)	and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the Unas- signed Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Re- quired.)	raised from taxation. Any appropriatio left in the fund at year end will lapse t the General Fund. Use of these fund will be pursuant to RSA 31:98-a. an further to name the Board of Selectme as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Re quired.)
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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT	expend the income from the John M. Sar- gent Trust Fund for the purposes recom- mended by the Sargent Fund Committee. No amount to be raised by taxation. Belknap Country Fair Association \$2,500 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$385 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 0200 \$770 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 0200 \$770 Belmont Heritage Commission \$250 Belmont Heritage Commission \$250 Belmont Historical Society \$550 Belmont Middle School - Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,750 Belmont Middle School - Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,750 Belmont Middle School PTO \$700 Belmont Public Library \$900 First Baptist Church of Belmont \$3,200 Got Lunch! Belmont & Friends \$5,879.71 Lakes Region Girls Softball \$500 Lakes Region VNA \$1,500 Saint Joseph Food Panty \$3,200 Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin, dba Franklin VNA & Hospice \$1,500 <b>Article #32</b> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193,391 for salary and benefits to hire two (2) full-time firefighters. Fiscal Year Salary Benefits Total 2025-26 \$109,675 \$83,716 \$193,391 (The Budget Committee does not recom- mend \$193,391 (11-0) and the Board of Selectmen do not recommend \$193,391 (3-2).) <b>YES</b>	provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to increase the exemption from \$50,000 to \$80,000 and to increase the permitted net income of the property owner from \$25,000 to \$35,000 or if married, a com- bined net income of not more than \$50,000 instead of \$35,000; and to in- crease the permitted net assets of the owner(s) to be not in excess of \$200,000 instead of \$100,000, excluding the value of the person's residence? (Majority Vote Required.) (This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) YES NO Article #34 Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for Elderly Ex- emption from property tax in the Town of Belmont, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, in- crease the exemption from \$65,000 to \$80,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, increase the exemption from \$80,000 to \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older increase the exemp- tion from \$125,000 to \$150,000. In addi- tion, to increase the permitted net income of less than \$50,000 instead of \$35,000; and to increase the permitted net income of less than \$50,000 instead of \$35,000; and to increase the permitted net income of less than \$50,000, exclud- ing the value of the person's residence? (Majority Vote Required.) (This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)	ing the number of Cemetery Trustees from 3 to 5? (This article submitted by Petition.) YES NO Article #36 Shall the Town vote to make the Selectmen's meetings be after 4:00 pm, unless there is an emergency that requires a daytime meeting? (This article submitted by Petition.) YES
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General Government							
Executive	07	\$378,964	\$426,041	\$418,638	\$0	\$418,638	\$0
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	07	\$161,338	\$155,515	\$156,260	\$0	\$156,260	\$0
Financial Administration	07	\$318,792	\$343,598	\$367,935	\$0	\$367,935	\$0
Property Assessment	07	\$139,226	\$110,087	\$141,216	\$0	\$141,216	\$0
Legal Expense	07	\$63,481	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Planning and Zoning	07	\$386,432	\$368,117	\$435,566	\$0	\$435,566	\$0
General Government Buildings	07	\$426,018	\$483,676	\$513,473	\$0	\$513,473	\$0
Cemeteries	07	\$10,149	\$21,000	\$27,500	\$0	\$27,500	\$0
Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	07	\$285,621	\$286,100	\$316,062	\$0	\$316,062	\$0
Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$2,170,021	\$2,229,134	\$2,426,650	\$0	\$2,426,650	\$0
Police	07	\$2,606,441	\$2,801,736	\$3,161,230	\$0	\$3,161,230	\$0
Ambulances		\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire	07	\$2,205,888	\$2,279,518	\$2,362,861	\$0	\$2,362,861	\$0
Building Inspection	07	\$109,646	\$136,185	\$142,656	\$0	\$142,656	\$0
Emergency Management	07	\$9,066	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Public Safety Subtotal

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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## **Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2024	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Appropriations for A period ending (Recommended)	Budget Budget Budget Budget Budget Budget Selectmen's Selectmen's Committee's Committee's Committee's Papropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for Period ending period ending period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended) (Not Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's ppropriations for <i>I</i> period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Budget Committee's Committee's opriations for Appropriations for period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Airport/Avi	Airport/Aviation Center							
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets	nd Streets							
4311	Highway Administration	07	\$93,056	\$83,815	\$95,963	\$0	\$95,963	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$1,058,626	\$1,264,908	\$1,346,509	\$0	\$1,346,509	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	07	\$12,695	\$19,649	\$14,400	\$0	\$14,400	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$27,418	\$194,234	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$1,191,795	\$1,562,606	\$1,456,872	\$0	\$1,456,872	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Sanitation Administration	07	\$5,931	\$19,208	\$19,928	\$0	\$19,928	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	07	\$426,302	\$422,344	\$454,862	\$0	\$454,862	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	07	\$262,930	\$264,832	\$279,119	\$0	\$279,119	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Water Distri	Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	0\$	\$0
Electric							
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health							
4411	Health Administration		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	07 \$48,793	793 \$68,891	\$66,900	\$0	\$66,900	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal	\$48,793	793 \$68,891	\$66,900	\$0	\$66,900	\$0

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07         \$234,353         \$234,463         \$259,176         \$0         \$259,1           Recreation         07         \$1,325         \$1,500         \$18,000         \$0         \$29,0           Recreation         07         \$4,750         \$4,750         \$18,000         \$0         \$29,0           Recreation         07         \$4,750         \$4,750         \$4,750         \$10         \$0         \$29,0           Intereation Subtoal         07         \$4,750         \$4,750         \$47,571         \$0         \$267,3           Initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$21,046           Initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$21,046           Initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$0           Initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$0         \$21,046           Initiation         07         \$10         \$21,046         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0<	4520	Parks and Recreation	07	\$145,291	\$162,584	\$198,945	\$0	\$198,945	\$0
\$	4550	Library	07	\$234,353	\$234,463	\$259,176	\$0	\$259,176	\$0
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ulture and Recreation Subtotal         \$385,719         \$419,297         \$476,371         \$0         \$467,3           initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$21,0           initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$21,0           al Resources         50         \$50         \$50         \$50         \$50         \$50           and Housing Administration         50         \$50	4589	Other Culture and Recreation	07	\$4,750			\$0	\$250	\$0
initiation         07         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$21,0           al Resources         \$0         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$20         \$21,0           al Resources         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$21,0           al Resources         \$0		Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$385,719	\$419,297	\$476,371	\$0	\$467,372	\$8,999
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Purchase of Natural Resources         \$0	4611	Conservation Administation	07	\$12,865		\$21,046	\$0	\$21,046	\$0
Other Conservation         \$0 <td>4612</td> <td>Purchase of Natural Resources</td> <td></td> <td>\$0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$0</td> <td>\$0</td> <td>\$0</td>	4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Redevelopment and Housing Administration         \$0 <td>4619</td> <td>Other Conservation</td> <td></td> <td>\$0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$0</td> <td>\$0</td> <td>\$0</td>	4619	Other Conservation		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Redevelopment and Housing         \$0	4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Economic Development Administration         \$0         \$21,0         \$0         \$0         <	4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Economic Development         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0           Other Economic Development         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$21,046         \$0         \$0         \$21,046         \$0         \$0         \$21,046         \$0         \$0         \$21,046         \$0         \$0         \$21,066         \$0	4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Economic Development         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$0         \$21,0           Conservation and Development Subtotal         \$12,865         \$17,214         \$21,046         \$0         \$21,0	4652	Economic Development		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
\$12,865 \$17,214 \$21,046 \$0	4659	Other Economic Development		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		\$12,865	\$17,214	\$21,046	\$0	\$21,046	\$0

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2024	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Appropriations for / period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Budget Selectmen's Selectmen's Committee's Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Budget Committee's Committee's opriations for Appropriations for period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Debt Service	Ř							
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	07	\$231,559	\$230,439	\$184,191	\$0	\$184,191	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	07	\$76,899	\$76,825	\$71,689	\$0	\$71,689	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	07	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$308,458	\$307,265	\$255,881	\$0	\$255,881	0\$
Capital Outlay	tlay							
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$60,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Operating	Operating Transfers Out							
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
49140	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$616,568	\$654,298	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$269,357	\$273,481	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$885,925	\$927,779	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations				\$11.404.085	\$0	\$11.395.086	\$8.999

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# **Special Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (N	period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Appropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending period ending period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4215	Ambulances	12	\$105,000	\$0	\$105,000	\$0
		Purpose: Long Term Lease Ambulance				
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	28	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
		Purpose: Heritage Fund				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
		Purpose: FD Tanker Lease Purchase				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$60,776	\$0	\$60,776	\$0
		Purpose: Long Term Lease Pumper Truck				
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	08	\$783,081	\$0	\$783,081	\$0
		Purpose: Sewer Department Operations				
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	60	\$343,438	\$0	\$343,438	\$0
		Purpose: Water Distribution and Treatment System				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	\$0
		Purpose: Add to Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
		Purpose: Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	18	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
		Purpose: Water System Repair & Maintenance				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	19	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
		Purpose: Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	20	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
		Purpose: Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	22	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
		Purpose: Sewer Repair & Maintenance				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	24	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0

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# **Special Warrant Articles**

4915To Capital4915To Capital4915To Capital4916To Expend	To Capital Reserve Funds To Capital Reserve Funds	25 <b>Purpose:</b> Library Building Improvements	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	Reserve Funds	Purpose: Library Building Improvements				
	Reserve Funds					
		26	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
		Purpose: Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve				
	To Capital Reserve Funds	27	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		Purpose: Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund				
	To Expendable Trusts	17	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
		Purpose: Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund				
4916 To Expend	To Expendable Trusts	21	\$37,500	\$0	\$37,500	\$0
		Purpose: Information Technology				
4916 To Expend	To Expendable Trusts	23	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
		Purpose: Cemetery Capital Reserve				
4916 To Expend	To Expendable Trusts	29	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
		Purpose: Appropriation for Expendable Trust Election Equipm				
	Total Propose	Total Proposed Special Articles	\$3,361,795	\$0	\$3.361.795	\$0
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# Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	BudgetBudgetBudgetSelectmen'sSelectmen'sCommittee'sAppropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for period endingCommittee's12/31/202512/31/202512/31/2025(Recommended)(Not Recommended)(Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Selectmen's opriations for Appropriations for A period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's tppropriations for A period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (	Budget Budget Committee's Committee's opriations for Appropriations for period ending period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4198	Contingency	30	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		Purpose: Establish Contingency Fund				
4210	Police	05	\$145,724	\$0	\$145,724	\$0
		Purpose: Public Safety Employees Union - Police Unit A				
4220	Fire	32	\$193,391	\$0	\$193,391	\$0
		Purpose: Hire 2 Firefighters				
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	16	\$197,367	\$0	\$197,367	\$0
		Purpose: Highway Block Grant				
	Total Proposed Individual Articles	lual Articles	\$556,482	\$0	\$556,482	\$0

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### Revenues

Account	Source	Actual Revenues for period ending Article 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02 \$0	\$23,136	\$23,136
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02 \$0	\$17,606	\$17,606
3187	Excavation Tax	02 \$0	\$10,310	\$10,310
3189	Other Taxes	07 \$0	3 \$21,420	\$21,420
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	07 \$0	\$114,000	\$114,000
	Taxes Subtotal	\$0	\$186,472	\$186,472

# Licenses, Permits, and Fees

3210	Business Licenses and Permits	07	\$0	\$47,000	\$47,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	07	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
3230	Building Permits	07	\$0	\$73,000	\$73,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	07	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal	ubtotal	\$0	\$1,895,000	\$1,895,000

# From Federal Government

3311	Housing and Urban Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency	\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0
	From Federal Government Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0

### State Sources

3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	07	\$0	\$727,492	\$727,492
3353	Highway Block Grant	16	\$0	\$197,367	\$197,367
3354	Water Pollution Grant	07	\$0	\$6,202	\$6,202
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	07	\$0	\$7	\$7



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### Revenues

		AC	Actual Revenues for period ending	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for
Account	Account Source	Article	12/31/2024	period ending 12/31/2025	a
State Sources	rces				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	07	\$0	\$2,414	\$2,414
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$933,482	\$933,482

### Charges for Services

\$365,134	\$365,134	\$0	Charges for Services Subtotal	Charges for Se	
\$45,134	\$45,134	\$0	07	Other Charges	3409
\$0	\$0	\$0		Airport Fees	3406
\$0	\$0	\$0		Electric User Charges	3405
\$0	\$0	\$0		Garbage-Refuse Charges	3404
\$0	\$0	\$0		Sewer User Charges	3403
\$0	\$0	\$0		Water Supply System Charges	3402
\$320,000	\$320,000	\$0	07	Income from Departments	3401
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# **Miscellaneous Revenues**

3500       Special Assessments       \$0       \$0         3501       Sale of Municipal Property       07       \$0       \$82,931         3502       Interest on Investments       07       \$0       \$82,931         3503       Interest on Investments       07       \$0       \$82,931         3504       Tenest on Investments       07       \$0       \$218,000         3504       Fines and Forfeits       07       \$0       \$0         3505       Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements       \$0       \$0       \$0         3506       Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements       \$0       \$17,145         3509       Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified       07       \$0       \$318,076	Special Assessments Sale of Municipal Property Interest on Investments Rents of Property Fines and Forfeits Insurance Dividends and Reimburs Contributions and Donations Revenue from Misc Sources Not Ot				
Sale of Municipal Property       07       \$0         Interest on Investments       07       \$0         Rents of Property       50       \$0         Fines and Forfeits       50       \$0         Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements       \$0       \$0         Contributions and Donations       07       \$0         Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified       07       \$0	Sale of Municipal Property Interest on Investments Rents of Property Fines and Forfeits Insurance Dividends and Reimburs Contributions and Donations Revenue from Misc Sources Not Ot		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest on Investments       07       \$0       \$         Rents of Property       \$0       \$0       \$0         Fines and Forfeits       \$0       \$0       \$0         Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements       \$0       \$0       \$0         Contributions and Donations       \$0       \$0       \$0       \$0         Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified       07       \$0	Interest on Investments Rents of Property Fines and Forfeits Insurance Dividends and Reimburs Contributions and Donations Revenue from Misc Sources Not Ot		\$0	\$82,931	\$82,931
Rents of Property       \$0         Fines and Forfeits       \$0         Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements       \$0         Contributions and Donations       \$0         Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified       07       \$0         Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal       \$0       \$0	Rents of Property Fines and Forfeits Insurance Dividends and Reimburs Contributions and Donations Revenue from Misc Sources Not Ot	07	\$0	\$218,000	\$218,000
Fines and Forfeits       \$0         Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements       \$0         Contributions and Donations       \$0         Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified       07       \$0         Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal       \$0       \$0	Fines and Forfeits Insurance Dividends and Reimburs Contributions and Donations Revenue from Misc Sources Not Ot		\$0	\$0	\$0
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Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified       07       \$0         Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal       \$0       \$	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Ot	tions	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0\$		herwise Classified	\$0	\$17,145	\$17,145
	Miscellaneous Revenues S	<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>	\$0	\$318,076	\$318,076

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From Revolving Funds

3911

Interfund Operating Transfers In

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### Revenues

			Actual Revenues for period ending	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for
Account	source	ALICIE	12/31/2024	perioa enaing 12/31/2023	perioa enaing 12/31/2020
Interfund	Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	12, 10, 13	\$0	\$415,776	\$415,776
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
39140	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	22, 08	\$0	\$813,081	\$813,081
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	09, 18	\$0	\$443,438	\$443,438
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$1,672,295	\$1,672,295
Other Fin	Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
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\$0 \$405,000 \$405,000 \$5,775,459 \$405,000 \$0 \$405,000 \$5,775,459 \$ \$0 \$0 \$ 26, 30, 27, 29, 21, 19, 24 **Total Estimated Revenues and Credits** Other Financing Sources Subtotal Amount Voted from Fund Balance Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes 9666 6666





# **Budget Summary**

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Budget Committee's riod ending Period ending 12/31/2025 12/31/2025 Recommended) (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$11,404,085	\$11,395,086
Special Warrant Articles	\$3,361,795	\$3,361,795
Individual Warrant Articles	\$556,482	\$556,482
Total Appropriations	\$15,322,362	\$15,313,363
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$5,775,459	\$5,775,459
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$9,546,903	\$9,537,904



# Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$15,313,363
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$184,191
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$71,689
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)	\$255,880
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$15,057,483
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	\$1,505,748
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$145,724
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	\$16,819,111

#### 2025 Default Budget



New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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#### Default Budget of the Municipality

#### Belmont

#### For the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

This form was posted with the warrant on: <u>January 24, 2025</u>

#### **GOVERNING BODY OR BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Ruth P. Mooney       Chairman       Current P. Mooney         Travis O'Hara       Vice Chairman       J. C.D.         Jon Pike       Selectman       J. C.D.         Claude Patten, Jr.       Selectman       J. C.D.         Sharon Ciampi       Selectman       J. C.D.	Name	Position	Signature
Jon Pike Selectman Jan 4 Claude Patten, Jr. Selectman	Ruth P. Mooney	Chairman	Kich P. Moon
Claude Patten, Jr. Selectman	Travis O'Hara	Vice Chairman	C QD J
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#### 2025 MS-DTB

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budge
General Go	vernment				
4130	Executive	\$426,041	(\$18,903)	\$0	\$407,138
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$155,515	(\$20,278)	\$0	\$135,237
4150	Financial Administration	\$343,598	(\$14,043)	\$0	\$329,555
4152	Property Assessment	\$110,087	\$2,433	\$0	\$112,520
4153	Legal Expense	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$368,117	\$26,986	\$0	\$395,103
4194	General Government Buildings	\$483,676	\$10,827	\$0	\$494,503
4195	Cemeteries	\$21,000	\$0	\$0	\$21,000
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$286,100	\$29,962	\$0	\$316,062
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal	\$2,229,134	\$16,984	\$0	\$2,246,118
Public Safe	ty				
4210	Police	\$2,801,736	\$292,402	\$0	\$3,094,138
4215	Ambulances	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C
4220	Fire	\$2,218,742	\$29,576	\$0	\$2,248,318
4240	Building Inspection	\$136,185	\$0	\$0	\$136,185
4290	Emergency Management	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal	\$5,161,663	\$321,978	\$0	\$5,483,641
Airport/Avia	ation Center				
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways a	nd Streets				
4311	Highway Administration	\$83,815	\$0	\$0	\$83,815
4312	Highways and Streets	\$1,264,908	\$12,702	\$0	\$1,277,610
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$19,649	(\$5,249)	\$0	\$14,400
4310					
4310	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C



#### 2025 MS-DTB

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budge
Sanitation					
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$19,208	\$0	\$0	\$19,208
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$422,344	\$32,518	\$0	\$454,862
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$264,832	\$14,287	\$0	\$279,119
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sanitation Subtotal	\$706,384	\$46,805	\$0	\$753,189
Water Distril	bution and Treatment				
4331	Water Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
Electric					
4351	Electric Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
	Electric Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
Health					
4411	Health Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$68,891	\$0	\$0	\$68,89
4419	Other Health Health Subtotal	\$0 <b>\$68,891</b>	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$68,89 <sup>.</sup>
Welfare					+,
4441	Welfare Administration	\$87,585	\$0	\$0	\$87,585
4442	Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$94,050	\$0	\$0	\$94,050
	Welfare Subtotal	\$181,635	\$0	\$0	\$181,63



#### 2025 MS-DTB

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Culture and	Recreation				
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$162,584	\$0	\$0	\$162,584
4550	Library	\$234,463	\$5,467	\$0	\$239,930
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$17,500	\$0	\$0	\$17,500
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal	\$414,797	\$5,467	\$0	\$420,264
Conservatio	on and Development				
4611	Conservation Administation	\$17,214	\$0	\$0	\$17,214
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal	\$17,214	\$0	\$0	\$17,214
Debt Servic	e				
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$230,439	(\$46,248)	\$0	\$184,191
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$76,825	(\$5,136)	\$0	\$71,689
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal	\$307,265	(\$51,384)	\$0	\$255,881
Capital Out	lay				
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
	Capital Outlay Subtotal	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000



#### 2025 MS-DTB

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Operating T	ransfers Out				
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
49140	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations	\$10,475,355	\$347,303	\$0	\$10,822,658



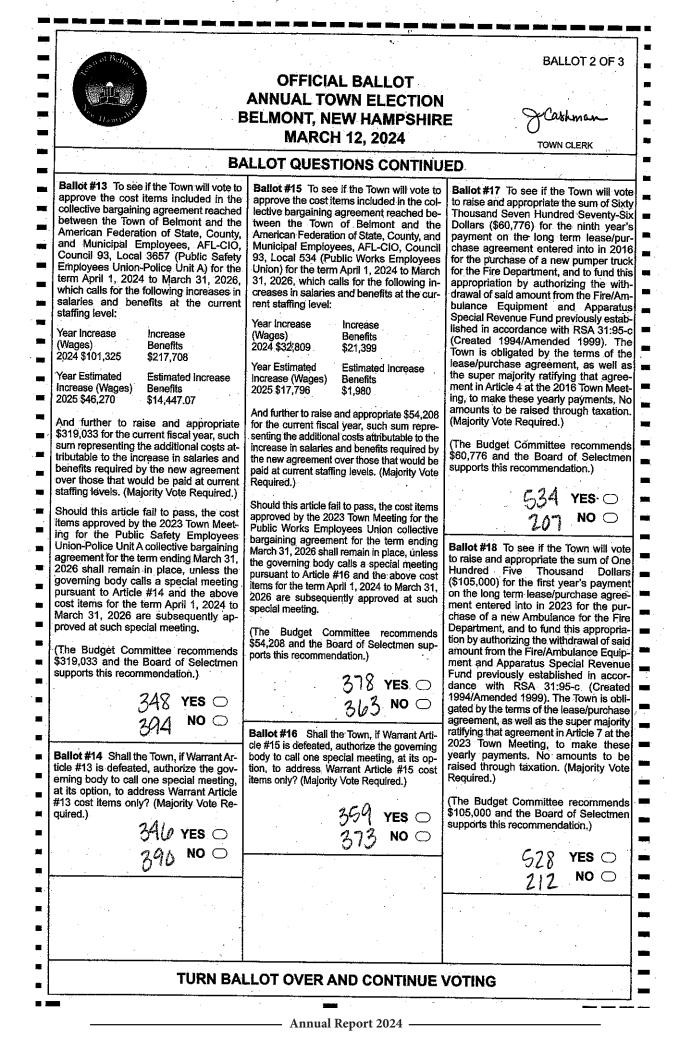


#### **Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations**

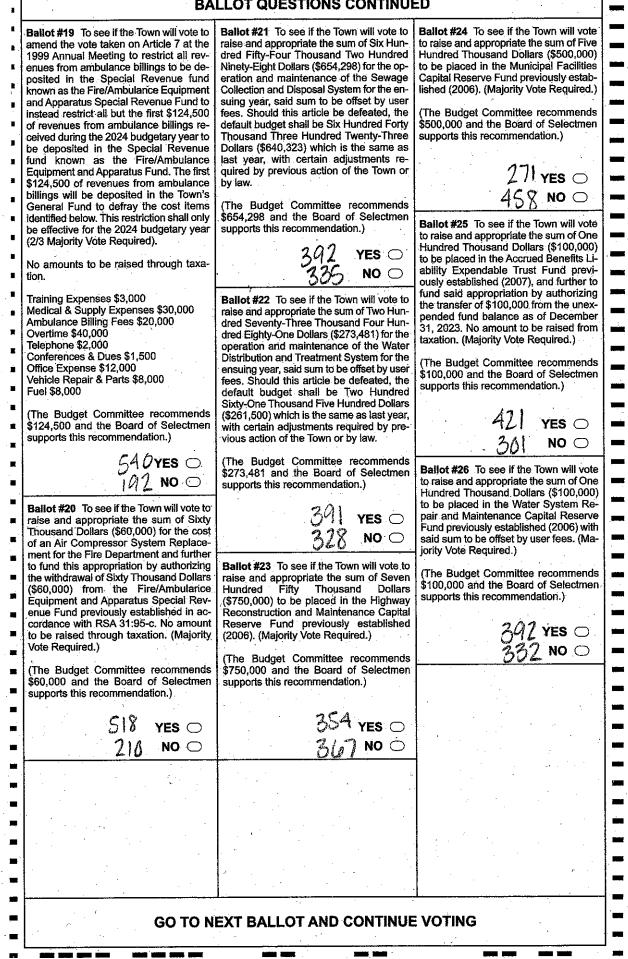
Account	Explanation
4140	Cut a position and less elections
4150	Cut a position
4220	Union contracts
4194	Union Contracts Increase & Water Rent
4196	Increase in Insurance Premiums
4721	Paid of Debt
4550	Health Insurance Increases
4191	Increase in Employee Benefits
4210	Union Contracts & NHRS
4711	Paid of Debt
4152	Service Contracts
4323	Contract Changes
4324	Contract Changes
4316	Paid off Loan

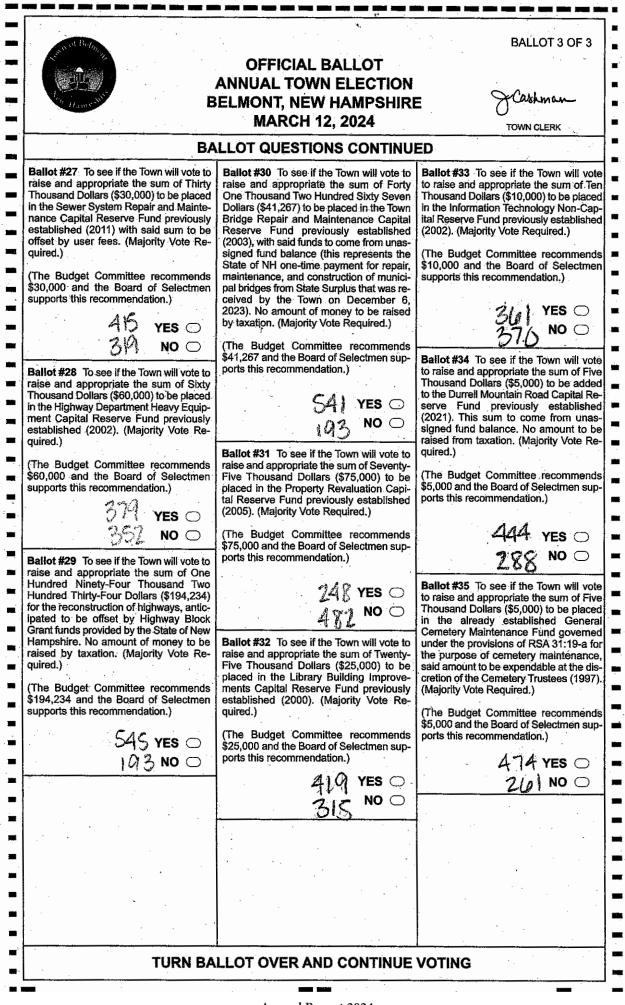
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SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMMITTEE	CEMETERY TRUSTEE
Vote for not	Vote for not TWO YEARS more than TWO	Vote for not THREE YEARS more than ONE
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RUTH MOONEY 247 0	DONALD HURD 638	SHARON CIAMPI 347
DOUGLAS TROTTIER 7950		<u> </u>
SHARON CIAMPI 439	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
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(Write-in)	TOWN MODERATOR	
(Write-in)		Vote for not THREE YEARS more than TWO
	Vote for not TWO YEARS more than ONE	KEVIN STURGEON 578 O
TOWN CLERK	ALVIN NIX 1/51	GARY GRANT 573 O
TAX COLLECTOR		
Vote for not	(Write-in)	
		(Write-in)
JENNIFER CASHMAN V18	TRUSTEE OF	
(Write-in)	TRUST FUNDS	SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
	Vote for not THREE YEARS more than ONE	
BUDGET COMMITTEE	DAVID CARON 1/40	Vote for not SIX YEARS more than ONE
Vote for not		BRENDA PAQUETTE 1/2580
THREE YEARS more than FOUR	(Write-in)	2 0
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	LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
MARK ROBERTS 5680	Vote for not	ZONING BOARD
HEVIN Sturgton 140	THREE YEARS more than TWO	OF ADJUSTMENT
44	HILLARY HORN 577 O	Vote for not
(Write-in)	TERESA ELLIOTT 538 O	THREE YEARS more than TWO
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	BALLOT QUESTIONS	
Ballot #2 Are you in favor of Amend-	Ballot #7 Are you in favor of Amend-	Ballot #11 To see if the Town will vote
ment #1 to the Belmont Zoning Ordi-	ment #6 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance	to approve the cost items included in the
nance as proposed by the Planning,	as proposed by the Planning Board as fol-	collective bargaining agreement
Board as follows: Incorporate the statu-	lows: Add a definition of Retail Sales as	reached between the Town of Belmoni
tory definition of alternative treatment	the sale of goods, services or merchan-	and the American Federation of State,
center into Article 15 and add alternative	dise to the general public and which may	County, and Municipal Employees, AFL
treatment centers as uses permitted by	include rendering services incidental to the	CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public
special exception in the Commercial Zone and by conditional use permit in the	sale of such goods, principal services or merchandise, and change identification of	Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B) for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31
Industrial Zone.	use in the Table of Uses from Retail Stores	2026, which calls for the following in-
•	to Retail Sales	creases in salaries and benefits at the
387 yes 🔿	47 YES	current staffing level:
333 NO 🔿	236 NO O	Year Increase Increase Benefits
	Dellet 40 Are used in forces of Areand	(Wages)
<b>Ballot #3</b> Are you in favor of Amend-	Ballot #8 Are you in favor of Amend- ment #7 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance	2024 \$77,974 \$67,458
ment #2 to the Belmont Zoning Ordi- nance as proposed by the Planning	as proposed by the Planning Board as fol-	Year Estimated Estimated Increase
Board as follows: Amend the number of	lows: Allow Contractor's Yards in the Com-	Increase (Wages) Benefits
permitted storage vehicles, trailers or	mercial Zone by right as opposed to by	2025 \$23,594 \$7,503
shipping containers permitted on proper-	enerial exception	
ties in the Commercial and Industrial	436 YES	And further to raise and appropriate
Zones from a total of 640 square feet of	1 255 NO O	\$145,432 for the current fiscal year, such
such containers to 2-6 containers with a	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	sum representing the additional costs at tributable to the increase in salaries and
maximum square footage of 640-1920 depending on the size of the lot; and	Ballot #9 To see if the Town will vote to	benefits required by the new agreement
allow Storage Vehicles and Trailers Use	discontinue a portion of old N.H. Route	over those that would be paid at curren
as Permitted Uses in the Residential	140 (Gilmanton Road), a Class VI High-	staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required.)
Multi Family, Residential Single Family	way, as follows: all that portion of old NH	
and Rural Zones rather than requiring a	Route 140 (Gilmanton Road) located on property owned by the Susan Condo-	Should this article fail to pass, the cos
conditional use permit.	demetraky Trust (Map 241, Lot 019),	items approved by the 2023 Town Meeting
200.00	which portion is also described in prior	for the Public Safety Employees Union Fire Unit B collective bargaining agree
$398 \text{ yes} \odot$	deeds as "the road leading from Belmont	ment for the term ending March 31, 2026
329 NO O	Village to Gilmanton Academy".	shall remain in place, unless the govern
	4/5, yes 🔿	ing body calls a special meeting pursuant
Ballot #4 Are you in favor of Amend-		to Article #12 and the above cost items for
ment #3 to the Belmont Zoning Ordi-	300 NO 🔾	the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026
nance as proposed by the Planning	000	are subsequently approved at such spe-
Board as follows: Amend Article 1 to	Ballot #10 To see if the Town will vote to	cial meeting.
allow the Planning Board to make	raise and appropriate as an operating	(The Budget Committee recommends
changes as required by changes in State law after holding two public hearings at	budget, not including appropriations by	\$145,432 and the Board of Selectmen
regularly scheduled Planning Board	special warrant articles and other appro- priations voted separately, the amounts	supports this recommendation.)
meetings.	set forth on the budget posted with the	
	warrant or as amended by vote of the de-	
431 YES O	liberative session, for the purposes set	397 YES O
	forth herein, totaling Ten Million Six Hun-	
284 NO O	dred Seventy-Three Thousand One Hun-	347 NO O
•••••	dred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$10,673,153). Should this article be defeated, the default	
Ballot #5 Are you in favor of Amend-	budget shall be Ten Million Two Hundred	Ballot #12 Shall the Town, if Warran
ment #4 to the Belmont Zoning Ordi-	Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred	Article #11 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meet
nance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Incorporate statutory	Fifteen Dollars (\$10,275,715) which is the	ing, at its option, to address Warrant Ar
definition of cultivation locations into Arti-	same as last year, with certain adjust-	ticle #11 cost items only? (Majority Vote
cle 15 and add cultivation locations as	ments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body	Required.)
uses permitted by conditional use in the	may hold one special meeting, in accor-	
Commercial and Industrial Zones.	dance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take	360 yes 🔿
396 YES O	up the issue of a revised operating budget	
346 YES O	only. (Majority Vote Required.)	362 NO O
308 NO -		······································
	Note: This warrant article (operating	
Ballot #6 Are you in favor of Amend-	budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.	
ment #5 to the Belmont Zoning Ordi-		
nance as proposed by the Planning	(The Budget Committee recommends	
Board as follows: Add the statutory defi-	\$10,673,153 and the Board of Selectmen	
nition of Agritourism and allow Agri-	supports this recommendation.)	
tourism as a permitted use in all zones.		• • •
AAA	212	
440 YES O	323 yes 🔿	
270 NO O	400 NO O	
210		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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	EXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE	



#### BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED





BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED Ballot #39 To see if the Town will vote to Ballot #36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four expend the income from the John M. Sar-Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) gent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee. to be placed in the Heritage Fund previ-No amount of money to be raised by taxously established (2004). (Majority Vote Required.) ation. 1 Belknap House \$3,000 Belmont Conservation Commission \$100 (The Budget Committee recommends ŧ \$4,500 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.) Belmont Elementary Support Team \$600 1 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$400 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 60200 \$720 Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 64087 \$100 SYI YES 🔿 NO 🔿 Belmont Community Girl Scouts \$300 Belmont Heritage Commission \$250 Belmont High School PTO \$600 Ballot #37 To see if the Town will vote to **Belmont Historical Society \$500** raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) Belmont Middle School Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,750 to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cis-Belmont Middle School PTO \$600 tern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established Belmont Public Library \$1,400 GOT LUNCH! Belmont & Friends \$7,000 (2011). (Majority Vote Required.) Saint Joseph Food Pantry \$2,918.75 (The Budget Committee recommends Save our Gale School \$400 Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin \$2,500 and the Board of Selectmen sup-\$2,000 ports this recommendation.) YES 🔿 447 yes  $\odot$ NO O NO O E Ballot #38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten 2 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.) . YES 🔿 NO  $\bigcirc$ A True Copy Attest É -Clerk Jenn ifer 2 . YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT Annual Report 2024

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

#### FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2024, being a Saturday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

Town Moderator Alvin Nix Jr. introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Deliberative Session. All in attendance were invited to stand and participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced everyone present as the governing board of the Town including, Ruth Mooney, Selectman, Sonny Patten, Selectman, Jon Pike, Selectman, Travis O'Hara, Selectman, Sharon Ciampi, Selectman, Ron Mitchell, Budget Committee Chairman, Jennifer Cashman, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Alicia Jipson, Town Administrator, and Colleen Akerman, Executive Assistant. He indicated the location of the emergency exits. He then asked for a show of hands from non-residents. He let those in attendance know that the meeting will be zoomed out to people who could not attend but that those not in attendance could not interact via zoom. Moderator Nix stated that he does follows Roberts Rules but asked that everyone conduct themselves with respect for others asking that a three-minute time limit be observed by those that wished to speak. He also asked that people don't speak out of order and that there be no personal attacks. He then invited Selectman Ruth Mooney to speak at the podium.

Selectman Ruth Mooney welcomed residents to the Deliberative Session and spoke about the challenges of the past years especially with employment and retention. She then recognized all departments in the town and the employees within the departments and gave her appreciation of the hard work and dedication that all have demonstrated.

#### SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First (Deliberative) Session, to be held at the Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, being a Tuesday, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following:

#### Article #1 To choose necessary officers, including:

Selectman 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2) Town Clerk Tax Collector 1- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1) Budget Committee 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 4) Budget Committee 2- Year Term (Vote for up to 2) Town Moderator 2- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1) Trustee of Trust Funds 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1) Library Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2) Cemetery Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1) Planning Board 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2) Supervisor of the Checklist 6- Year Term (Vote for not more than 1) Zoning Board of Adjustment 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)

Upon no discussion, Article is moved to ballot.

**Article #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.

Moderator Nix asked if there was any discussion. An unidentified person in attendance asked for the meaning of 'Alternative Treatment Center'. Karen Santoro, Town Planner volunteered to give the definition stating that Per State RSA, 'Alternative Treatment Center' means a not-for-profit entity registered under RSA 126-X:7 that acquires, possesses cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies and dispenses cannabis, and related supplies and educational materials, to qualifying patients, designated caregivers, other alternative treatment centers, and visiting qualifying patients.

Moderator Nix asked again if there was any discussion.

Upon no further discussion, Article is moved to the ballot.

**Article #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.

Donna Hepp – Leavitt Rd. She stated her concern that allowing storage vehicles and containers to be kept on properties would take away from the enjoyment of beauty of Belmont and diminish property values.

Karen Santoro, Town Planner, explained that the number of units in areas zoned residential would be limited to 2. She also stated that areas zoned commercial are allowed 4-6 depending on the size of the lot.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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.

Upon no discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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.

Upon no discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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.

Upon no discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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.

Melinda Simms- Sargent St asked for clarification as to what the change of verbiage would impact.

Karen Santoro – Town Planner explained that it is more of a clarification that allows more flexibility to business owners without a brick-and-mortar store to sell wares.

TA Jipson spoke about the Voter's guide, which gives more detail and background to these articles, that will be available after this session on the Town's website and at Town Hall.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.

Upon no discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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 Condodemetraky Trust (Map 241, Lot 019), which portion is also described in prior deeds as "the road leading from Belmont Village to Gilmanton Academy".

Upon no discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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.)

Ron Mitchell – Chairman Budget Committee, thanked committee members for volunteering their time to the Town and explained how the budget committee process works. He explained that all department heads in the Town present their budgets to the Selectboard, then the budget committee where there is discussion on the proposed budget. He agreed with Selectman Mooney's comment on this being a tough year concerning employment and retention and then broke down the budget and other appropriations in more detail with discussion about revenue from grants and registrations and explained the amount that needs to be raised through property taxes. He urged residents to attend the School's Deliberative Session, mentioning that their budget is the majority of the tax rate.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of article 10 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Selectman Mooney.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Selectman O'Hara asked that Moderator Nix give an explanation of what the motion means. Moderator Nix then explained that the motion prohibited bringing up the article later during the session for reconsideration or discussion.

**Article #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) 2024 \$77,974 Increase Benefits \$67,458

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

Estimated Increase Benefits \$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.)

Rodney Simms – Sargent St, asked if the increase in wages was for the total contract or for each individual employee. TA Jipson explained that the increase is for the contract representing the increase for the entire department in the next three proposed articles and also clarified that the amounts for 2025 are estimates.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase Benefits
2024 \$101,325	\$217,708
Year Estimated Increase (Wages	s) Estimated Increase Benefits
2025 \$46,270	\$14,447.07

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.)

Rodney Simms – Sargent St, asked for the percentage of the increase rather than the dollar amount.

TA Jipson stated that the increase for the Police Department is anywhere between 11-14% Mr. Simms commented on it being a large increase, TA Jipson invited Police Chief Lewandoski to speak to the matter.

Chief Lewandoski explained about the previous contract coming into play last year and spoke about how our current wages were not competitive and it was causing employees to leave for more pay. He then stated that he had asked Belmont Police Department Capt. Akerstrom to conduct a countywide survey to get a better picture of where the Town stands and why we were not attracting applicants. He went on to explain that we could not attract certified officers who need significantly less training than uncertified offices with what we were offering. He then explained about the process of hiring un-certified officers and the training and schooling that ensues. The wages of new untrained officers that Belmont was offering is substantially lower than surrounding areas and how no one was applying at the current rate. Chief Lewandoski used the information compiled by Capt. Akerstrom to come up with a competitive starting wage. He also stated that he is also a resident, and it affects his taxes as well. He said that other municipalities are offering sign on bonuses but that the Town of Belmont does not. He stated that there is a high case count and Belmont is a busy town and that the new pay rates are competitive but not over and above surrounding areas and that his goal is to be more attractive to certified officers. Explained that administrators are being assigned to patrol shifts to pick up slack of being understaffed to the detriment of administrative responsibilities. The Chief talked about retention of current employees and how important it is to retain people who have been with the force for an extended amount of time. Chief Lewandoski brought up the homeless situation in the area and how officers need to be present on the streets two cars at a time as well as a supervisor for safety reasons. The chief spoke about gun incidents that have occurred recently and how we need the officers available.

Georgina Lambert - Corriveau Way, Conservation Committee asked if due diligence has been done researching grants instead of increasing taxes.

Chief Lewandoski stated that the department had hired two new employees which are grant positions, with a grant of \$250,000 over a 3-year period toward their wages and that they are very active in looking out for grants to offset the increases. He stated that we have acquired a lot of equipment through grants.

Mary Charnley - Sargent St. attested how busy the department is due to the location of her home on Sargent Street. She stated that she is a teacher and talked about how there are incentives for attracting teachers and then asked what we do about new hires breaking their contract and leaving the Town's employment after we have paid to educate them and asked if the town is billing those that do that.

Chief Lewandoski stated that every new hire with the Department signs a 3-year contract. He went on to say that the problem is that we are not getting a lot of support from the court system in enforcing the contracts.

TA Jipson added that we were successful in getting reimbursement for an employee who broke their contract last year and that there are two more employees who have broken contracts of employment with the Town that we are actively seeking compensation for.

Lisa Crocker – Gilmanton Rd, asked if the 11-14% increase was for wages or benefits or both. Asked what type of research was done to come to the amount of the increase.

TA Jipson stated that the increase is to salaries only and that benefits are strictly FICA, Medicare, Retirement, Social Security/Disability and life insurance which are tied to wages only. Health insurance is not tied to this.

Melinda Simms – Sargent St, stated that she is not familiar with police academy – but that she is familiar with nursing school and how hospitals would go to the schools for recruitment and asked if we can recruit from the police academy?

Chief Lewandoski stated that you cannot choose to go through the academy; you must be sponsored and hired by a police force in New Hampshire. The day they complete the academy, they are marketable and can be poached and that we have lost 3 guys due to being stolen by other towns with the offer of more money and incentives.

Selectman O'Hara stated he is also the State Representative for Belmont and that in the State of New Hampshire they are working to change how people go to the academy from having to be sponsored to treating it more like a college.

Lisa Magerer - Bean Hill Rd, stated that she works in Barnstead but lives in Belmont says she is familiar with this situation asked if there is a sign on bonus being offered, Chief Lewandoski answered No.

L Magerer then asked if the benefits are just a one-year increase, TA Jipson answered Yes. L Magerer then asked why the benefits increase is higher than the wages increase.

TA Jipson stated that there are formulas in place and not all increases are equal in the increase. L Magerer stated that she couldn't understand how the benefits increase was more than the wages increase.

Rod Simms – Sargent St, stated that he negotiated union contracts for 40 years. He stated that in contract books it is broken down what step increases are going to be and how much employees would get paid. Mr. Simms indicated that negotiations are in play instead of pay scale. TA Jipson and Chief Lewandoski explained that the differences in the percentage of wage increase is dependent upon the employee's current position in the pay scale and that, for example, some are 8% shy of where they should be and others are further away from making the reasonable amount. Asked the Chief Lewandoski what step he was at, Chief answered retirement.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

Article #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.)

Rod Simms – Sargent St, stated that he has trouble with the phrase 'at its option'. He asked if the residents of Belmont vote No on Article #13 do the Selectboard then meet amongst themselves and pass the article that was voted down on the Ballot?

Moderator Nix explained that the Articles are not being voted on today, they will be voted on on March 12<sup>th</sup> and if it is defeated on March 12<sup>th</sup> then the Selectboard can either choose to leave it be or they can hold a special meeting per statutory authority to reexamine this particular Article.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to Ballot.

**Article #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:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase Benefits
2024 \$32,809	\$21,399
Year Estimated Increase (Wages	s) Estimated Increase Benefits
2025 \$17,796	\$1,980

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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 11-15 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Selectman Pike.

Motion passed by majority vote.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 16-20 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Selectman O'Hara.

Motion passed by majority vote.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Donna Hepp – Leavitt Rd, asked what is the current balance in the Capital Reserve Fund.

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TA Jipson replied that the current balance in the Capital Reserve Fund is \$711,413.81.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 21-24 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Lisa Magerer.

Motion passed by majority vote.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Rod Simms – Sargent St, asked how much was in that fund currently.

Selectman Mooney answered there is currently \$59,251.52.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 25-28 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Thomas Murphy.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, the article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, the article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, the article moved to ballot.

Article #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.)

Ron Mitchell – Chairman, Budget Committee, stated that the Town has been putting money aside for the Library for 35 years to make improvements on the building. He stated that he had made the suggestion last year that it was time to build a new Library. Mr. Mitchell spoke of the small dimensions of the current building claiming that it is inadequate due to the size of the Town. He went on to say that the current building is 100 years old and that he recommends forming a committee to determine if there will be an addition added to the current building or if it is time to build a new one. Mr. Mitchell made the comment that the \$25,000 that we are putting away each year is getting eaten up by inflation and that it is time to make movement on improvements and asked if there were any of the Library Trustees present to discuss.

Mary Charnley – Sargent St, Library Trustee, clarified that the Library Capital Reserve fund has only been in existence since the year 2000 so it has only been 23 years not the 35 Mr. Mitchell stated. She went on to say that they are looking to put an addition on the current Library building but there were a couple of things they had to check into over the past year such as research into the Duffy Fund, which has been established to fix and maintain the building, and what they were allowed to use. Mrs. Charnley went on to say that they are looking to meet with the Selectmen and the Town Administrator about using land that is owned by the Town in doing the extension of the building. She believes that the library is third on the Strategic Planning List for improvement, mentioning that she believed they had been shuffled around due to the Mill Building project taking precedence.

Shela Cunningham – Sun Lake Dr, Library Trustee, said that they are in the process of beginning the next strategic plan for the library. She mentions that she feels the building is a treasure, she commented on its beauty and the fact that it is small and also 100 years old and deserves to be preserved. S Cunningham went on to say that as Trustees they spend a fair amount of time working on how to maintain the building so it will last.

Mary Charnley – Sargent St, stated that the library is a historical building so the Trustees need to be very careful with its preservation. She then listed some of the maintenance projects that have taken place including the mortar being fixed,

the HVAC being upgraded, the carpet being replaced and the door being replaced to meet ADA requirements. She mentions that they try to make best use of grants, the Duffy Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund to make sure that the building is accessible to all.

Shela Cunningham- Sun Lake Dr, commented that yes, we are putting the money away every year and the fund is acting as a savings account so that the money is available when necessary.

Ron Mitchell – Chairman Budget Committee, said that there is currently \$381,000 in the fund and with building costs on the rise, he feels something should be done sooner rather than later. S Cunningham again stated that they are in the process of beginning the next strategic plan for the building and invited Mr. Mitchell to be a part of that discussion. M Charnley then stated that blueprints that had previously been drawn up needed to be redone due to the placement of the road, the Bandstand and Memorial placement around the building.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 29-33 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Hillary Horn.

Motion passed by majority vote.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article #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.)

Upon no discussion, Article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 34-37 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Hillary Horn.

Motion passed by majority vote.

**Article #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.)

Rod Simms – Sargent St, asked what equipment the Town was looking to purchase for \$10,000.

Moderator Nix explained the necessity to purchase a new voting machine due to the current machine in use being outdated and that State law is compelling the Town to get rid of the current machine. Moderator Nix went on to state that the cost of a new machine is about \$7,000 plus accessories and support services.

Upon no further discussion, Article moved to ballot.

**Article # 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

Upon no discussion, the article moved to ballot.

Vicki Donovan – Johnson St, motioned to restrict reconsideration of articles 38-39 per RSA 40:10; seconded by Thomas Murphy.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Donna Hepp – Leavitt Rd, revisited Article #24 with a question about if there is a project proposed for the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve fund for this year.

Selectman Mooney – explained that 2023 was spent on fixing the elevator in the Mill Building and that the Town is in the process of upgrading the sprinkler system in the same building. She went on to say that the next big project is again at the Mill building. They are looking to get a generator, similar to what has been installed at the Police Station, and have it installed before moving Town offices into the building. She went on to say that the fund will be used towards any maintenance issues that come up for any of the buildings within our community.

Moderator Nix commended former Town Clerk Cynthia DeRoy on her years of service for the Town before her retirement, mentioning her tremendous contribution to the Town through her knowledge and hard work.

Moderator Nix then concluded the SB2 Town Deliberative Session of 2024 declaring the meeting recessed until Tuesday March 12, 2024.

Given under our hands and seal this the 3rd day of February in the year of our lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Ruth Mooney, Chairman

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## BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT - 2024

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#### The Building Department Welcomes Our New Staff

Glenn Caron joined the Building Office as Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer in March of 2024. Glenn brings with him several years of experience working with the City of Laconia as a Code Enforcement Officer, Assistant Building Official and Housing Inspector.

The Belmont Building Department works with property owners, tenants, business owners, and contractors to make sure pre/post construction, remodels, and mechanical installations are safe for the residents of Belmont. The Building Department issued a total of 647 permits in 2024 compared to 562 in 2023.

The trend to add solar arrays to residential and commercial properties continues as reflected in the number of solar array permits issued by the Town of Belmont Building Department with 24 permits issued in 2024.

2024 brought an increase in Commercial project permits which included the construction of a new self-storage facility as well as several projects for new tenants at the revitalized Belknap Marketplace.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Building Permits Issued	275	246	251	251	218
New Single-Family	25	26	15	30	25
Demo & Replace Single-Family	5	1	26	13	12
Solar Array	24	28	24	7	4
New Manufactured Unit	9	4	8	5	5
Interior Renovations	13	18	25	36	28
Accessory Dwelling Unit	1	1	4	3	2
Commercial Project Permits	18	4	11	6	13
Utility Permits	277	234	212	214	198
Total Value of Improvements	\$27,440,135	\$16,826,746	\$28,768,669	\$13,694,987	\$10,693,121

In 2024 the Code Enforcement Office successfully concluded two court cases. The property located at 15 Johnson Street has been cleaned up and the property sold at the close of 2024. The second property, located at 752 Laconia Road has also been cleaned up and the property sold. The Code Enforcement Office's goal is to work with property owners to bring properties into compliance. In 2024 the staff worked with dozens of property owners to resolve violations without court involvement.

Building Official / Code Enforcement 603-267-8300 ext. 111 CodeEnforcement@belmontnh.gov

# **Fire Department**

#### **BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Deborah Black, Fire Chief Donald Pickowicz, Assistant Chief P.O. Box 837 – 14 Gilmanton Road Belmont, NH 03220 Our Town ~ Our People Our Responsibility

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission Statement of the Belmont Fire Department is to protect life and property through quick, professional emergency response, and to provide fire prevention services in a caring and compassionate manner. We pledge to serve our community with steady dedication, keeping the highest standards of safety and emergency preparedness. We commit to excellence through continuous training, community engagement, and the implementation of best practices in emergency response.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

The Belmont Fire Department will continuously work to meet the changing needs of our community by striving to be the premiere fire department in the Lakes Region. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

#### 2024

Belmont Fire Department has seen some changes in the past few years. This past spring, it was determined that our 2001 Tanker (3 Tanker 1) frame rails were cracked and split. After much discussion and meetings with heavy truck frame companies in the area and the Board of Selectmen, it was determined that it was time for the 23-year-old tanker to retire. This decision was made due to the cost of fixing the tanker's frame rails, and no guarantee that it would fix the problem. The tanker has done a lot for the Town and has

surpassed the NFPA 1911 standard for a front-line tanker in its years of service.

In August, long time Lieutenant of Belmont Fire Thomas Murphy retired. He gave 33 years to our Town. Lt. Murphy has been an outstanding asset to the Town and the Fire Department. He would be out during his shifts continually training with both his experienced firefighters and the new firefighters. He offered the best care to every patient he took care of and made sure that life and property were protected at fire emergencies. Lt. Murphy was a staple in the school systems; not only conducting inspections and fire drills, but also handing out pencils to Elementary students on their first day and assisting every year with Fire Prevention Week. At the end of July, Lt. Murphy spent part of his last shift at the Elementary School to celebrate the end of summer school. He and his crew powered up the hose lines for the children to enjoy playing in the water. During his time here he was also the voice of the Old Home Day Race, calling in the runners as they passed the finish line with encouraging words. Thank you, Lt. Murphy, for your dedicated service to the citizens of Belmont. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

At Belmont Elemenary School 2024 Lt. Murphy's BFD career: 01/05/1991 - 07/30/2024



# Fire Department

Following Lt. Murphy's retirement, Tom Ryan was promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Ryan was a student and call member dating back to 2013. He then filled an open full-time position in April of 2021. Good luck Lt. Ryan, you have some big shoes to fill.

In 2022, Belmont Fire Department was awarded the Firefighter SAFER grant giving the Town two extra firefighters for 3 years. This was our second year with this grant funding. We have placed these 2 firefighters on the 24-rotation shift, which has shown success in handling multiple overlapping calls. Having the extra staffing allows for multiple calls to be handled during these shifts. It has been shown that there is a quicker "knock down" time of fires in a building with 4 on a fire truck. We had one building fire this past year that we were able to extinguish rapidly causing little damage to the house. The crews were also able to save a person who was trapped in the bedroom and unable to extricate themselves. An ambulance was on standby and we were able to transport them to the hospital.

The Belmont Fire Department is an all-hazards department providing not only fire suppression, but we respond to motor vehicle collisions, assist residents with being locked out of their house, water problems, trees and wires down and of course emergency medical ambulance service at the Advanced and Paramedic level, just to list a few. The past few years, COVID-19 has shown a higher number of critical patients and is still affecting us on a daily basis. We are seeing sicker people with multiple respiratory illnesses that seem to linger longer and affect more age groups. We have seen an inflex of patients being transported that are very sick. People are waiting longer to see their doctor and need to be transported by ambulance. At this stage, the patients are critical. Due to this, our calls for service have increased from 2022 to 2024 by 28%. More calls are happening at the same time (multiple/overlapping calls) and we have increased overlapping calls by 61%. This means a second ambulance and/or engine are being requested more often. Due to multiple calls, this increases our requests for mutual aid to Belmont from surrounding towns, increasing the time it takes for an ambulance or fire truck to get to the residents of Belmont in times of an emergency. On the flip side we have responded with mutual aid to surrounding towns which have also increased from 2022 to 2024 by 350%. We are contracted with the Town of Canterbury to cover a specific area and responses to that area have increased by 132% in two years.

#### **MAJOR INCIDENTS**

In 2024, we had a busy year on the lake with 11 water rescues, and a couple of serious accidents on Lake Winnisquam. There were 71 fires, which is inclusive of building fires, brush, vehicle, illegal burning and several mutual aid fires. We had numerous motor vehicle accidents and several with serious life-threatening injuries or death.

#### **GENERAL DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

The duty crews have spent about 1,965 hours training while on duty and in between calls. We work continuously to get our new firefighters trained with Belmont's equipment and familiarize everyone with the new fire and EMS equipment we have received. This does not include the outside training that our Firefighters and Officer participate in.

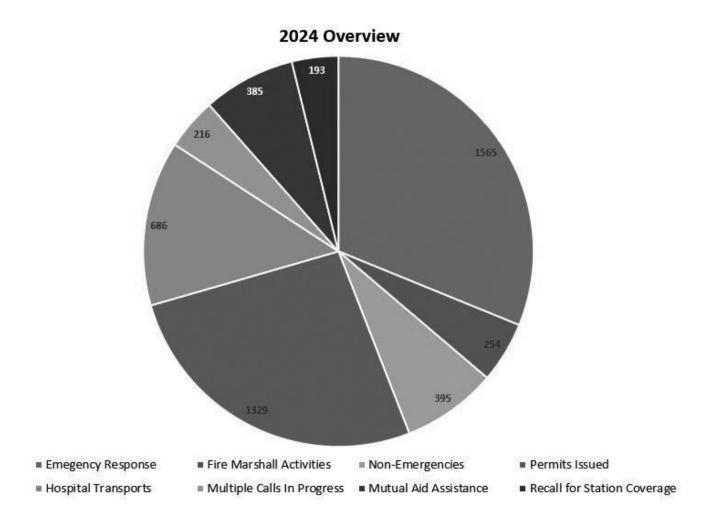
# 2024 Overlapping Call Volume

# Fire Department

2024			
	2nd Call	3rd Call	4th+ Call
January	16	2	0
February	14	0	0
March	12	1	0
April	19	8	5
May	15	1	0
June	18	2	3
July	17	5	0
August	14	1	0
September	15	0	0
October	15	2	0
November	16	0	0
December	12	3	0
Total	183	25	8
2024 Total			216

MONTH	EMERGENCY RESPONSE	FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITIES	NON-EMERGENCY	PERMIT	Total
January	136	18	26	47	227
February	124	33	22	39	218
March	115	9	39	123	286
April	159	13	29	277	478
May	119	20	39	339	517
June	143	11	32	145	331
July	145	24	38	109	316
August	120	28	34	69	251
September	114	22	27	70	233
October	143	23	41	48	255
November	122	27	37	43	229
December	125	26	31	20	202
TOTAL	1,565	254	395	1,329	3,543

# **Fire Department**



#### CONCLUSION

The Belmont Fire Department is dedicated to our community and our staff members. We are comprised of many highly trained, and extremely dedicated personnel. These members are continuously out in the public helping with many of our Town events, in the schools for fire drills, and at other safety driven events. This type of dedication shows the pride our members have for the community they protect.

Belmont Fire Department also works with our elected and appointed officials, as well as every other department within the Town. This is not only a positive sign for the Belmont Fire Department, but it also shows globally how well everyone in the Town works together for our citizens.

We look forward to providing you with the best emergency services possible!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Black

Deborah Black, Fire Chief Belmont Fire Department

# **Forest Fire**



### **BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Deborah Black, Fire Chief Donald Pickowicz, Asst Chief P.O. Box 837 – 14 Gilmanton Road Belmont, NH 03220 Our Town ~ Our People Our Responsibility



# **Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger**

In 2024, New Hampshire experienced an average spring wildfire season which included a 20-acre fire in Effingham in late April. Conditions remained wet enough throughout most of the summer to keep fire occurrences low. However, the fall conditions experienced throughout the northeast were higher than normal as drought conditions set in, keeping state and local firefighters very busy. The week before Thanksgiving found firefighters and forest rangers spending 3 days in an effort to extinguish a 21-acre fire in Exeter. State resources also responded to Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont to assist with large fires which occurred in the fall.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. In 2024, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 37 structures threatened and 4 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at <u>www.firewise.org</u>. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with Fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

As we prepare for the 2025 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing <u>ANY</u> outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting <u>www.NHfirepermit.com</u> or using the QR code. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to

contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: @NHForestRangers



# WILDFIRE ACTIVITY by COUNTY

# 2024 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitte d Fires*
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

	CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED										
Fireworks	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined & & open Natural Other generation, Smoking Arson of the & vehi causes transmission. Smoking Arson by a						Equipment & vehicle use			
1	2	29	13	108	7	10	9	5	7	2	7

# **Emergency Management**

The Fire Chief is also the Town's Emergency Management Director. This past year we were lucky we did not have any major weather events. We did have a period during the summer with extreme heat, and had the availability to open shelters in the region for those who needed relief. We were able to assist those who needed relief with cooling alternatives, and therefore we did not need to open the Emergency Operations Shelter or move people out of their homes and activate our Emergency Operation Center.

This past year we completed our five-year update for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This update will keep the Town up to date on any major problems, developments or major companies that have come into Town in the past five years. This was a grant funded update, so no tax dollars were used. Our next update will be in 2030.



# General Assistance & Welfare

Under New Hampshire RSA:165, the Town of Belmont is mandated to relieve and maintain residents who are poor and unable to support themselves. Town assistance is granted only when all other State, Federal, and Economic Resources have been exhausted.

The Welfare and General Assistance Department serves as a last-resort crisis management resource by assisting residents in regaining control over their lives, ultimately fostering financial responsibility. Much of the office's time is dedicated to re-educating and training individuals in self-sufficiency, budgeting, and utilizing other resources such as Food Pantries, Food Stamps, TANF, Childcare Assistance, APTD, Medicare, Medicaid, and Community Action's Fuel and Electric Assistance Programs.



Entering 2024 with a Town operating budget that did not pass presented a financial crisis for this office. Based on the ongoing housing crisis, \$80,000 was initially budgeted but was subsequently reduced to the 2023 budget of \$72,000 as the default. The financial implications for this reduction were devastating. The \$8,000 shortfall in a market with little to no housing became an unrealistic challenge. At the end of 2024, the operating budget increased from the default budget of \$72,000 to \$119,200, leaving the department with a \$47,200 deficit.

The housing market has turned into a crisis. With no rental caps, many hard-working individuals have lost what used to be affordable housing. The demand for housing has skyrocketed, and waitlists are historically longer than ever, making housing availability next to impossible. The results of this housing crisis have significantly impacted the department's housing line, as almost all funds have been spent on unsheltered residents placed in hotels and motels until shelter became available.

In addition to the escalating homelessness crisis, there has been an upswing in individuals with severe mental health challenges who require support systems and housing, which are still insufficient to meet the increased need. However, the budget did not reflect as large an increase in utility and heating lines as expected because many individuals who would have been affected have now become homeless with no necessary services.

In conclusion, a tremendous amount of effort was dedicated to researching and staying up to date on program changes, affordable housing options, shelter openings, and negotiating with motel owners to secure safe and affordable rooms and shelter. This proactive approach has been instrumental in mitigating the budget's impact despite significant overages. Nonetheless, the challenges faced this year were unprecedented in my 30 years of serving as your Welfare and General Assistance Director.

On a positive note, many homeless individuals, including those struggling with severe mental health challenges, have been able to contribute financially toward their shelter stays, helping offset costs. This year, we recovered \$11,104 from these efforts.

Additionally, I would like to extend a special thanks to the Belmont Police Department's Santa's Little Helpers, Belmont Baptist Church and St. Joseph's Church Food Pantries, the Carey House and Belknap House Family Shelters, the Isaiah 61 Café and its cold weather shelter, and all other charitable organizations for their continued assistance.

As always, I would like to thank all taxpayers and residents for taking pride in our community and supporting those in need. Belmont is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donna J. Cílley* Welfare & General Assistance Director

# Lakes Region Planning Commission



#### Lakes Region Planning Commission

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#### FY24 Annual Report

Town of Belmont

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities that span across the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack, and is enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC acts as an essential conduit for federal funding for many programs including Watershed Management, Transportation, Hazard Mitigation, Brownfields, CDBG, and Housing. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with municipally appointed Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by the Executive Director.

The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:

- Environmental Planning such as Watershed Management, Household Hazardous Waste, and Brownfields.
- Economic development assistance including CDBG and NBRC.
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance.
- Transportation planning including, Scenic Byways Planning and Corridor Management, TAP and CMAQ grant funding, and Ten Year Plan project inclusion.

The following are highlights of our FY24 activities. For our full FY24 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at <u>www.lakesrpc.nh.gov</u>.

Brownfields	LRPC provides Brownfields Assessment and Reuse Planning funding for priority redevelopment sites, as well as assistance for municipal Clean-up Grants.
Culverts & Closed Drainage Systems	• LRPC provides fee-based inventory and analysis of municipal culvert and closed drainage systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.
Determination of Regional Impact (DRI)	<ul> <li>Per RSA 36:56, LRPC reviews Developments of Regional Impact as determined by local land use boards.</li> <li>In accordance with NH RSA 36:54, the LRPC conducted one DRI review as requested by the</li> </ul>
	Town of Belmont concerning the following:
	Applicant: Sunray Shores Water District
	Project: Sunray Shores Drinking Water System Improvements
Economic Development & Housing	LRPC provided technical assistance for the NBRC Gale School Redevelopment project.
General & Technical Assistance including Circuit Riding, Master Plan, Ordinance and Regulations	<ul> <li>NHDES Storm Water Protection Grant: Met with the town planning staff to review the work scope, compare model ordinances, establish a timeline, and schedule future meetings. Additionally, LRPC reviewed and compiled information on the Town's groundwater protection area mapping. Met with NHDES to discuss proposed changes to the model Source Water Protection Ordinance, subsequently informing the Town of these changes and advising them to proceed with the current proposed amendments. Submitted the second quarterly report to NHDES and conducted research to compile public education and outreach materials on the Source Water Protection Ordinance changes. On October 23rd, LRPC attended the Belmont Planning Board meeting to discuss proposed updates. We created a comparison document for the 2015–2023 NHDES Model Ordinance Introduction and updated Belmont's report to highlight changes between the 2015–2023 model ordinance and the current Belmont Groundwater Protection Ordinance. In collaboration with the Town, LRPC reviewed and updated the ordinance, drafting a new ordinance for Belmont; however, it was decided not to implement these changes at this time.</li> <li>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Addressed several calls from residents concerning HHW collections. Addressed questions about HHW appropriations with Belmont Town Administrator.</li> </ul>

# Lakes Region Planning Commission

GIS Mapping	<ul> <li>Worked with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership.</li> <li>As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.</li> <li>LRPC is a great resource for land use planning maps. LRPC provides both digital and large scale hard copy zoning, town road, natural resource or community facility maps.</li> </ul>
Homeland Security Emergency Management/Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)	Corresponded with Emergency Management Director regarding Homeland Security and Emergency Management grant forms and HMP updates.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	<ul> <li>Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 335 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$104.75 per book/e-book, and \$96.50 per book with supplemental e-book.</li> <li>Belmont purchased 6 books. Total saved: \$628.50</li> </ul>
Road Surface Management System	<ul> <li>Bernont purchased o books. Total saved. \$626.50</li> <li>LRPC provides fee-based inventory an analysis of the municipal road surface systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.</li> </ul>
Solid Waste Management	• LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events, regional purchase opportunities, and much more.
Transportation Planning	• LRPC is the regional contact for municipal submissions of projects to the State's Ten Year Transportation Plan (TYP), as well as host of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding their TAC appointee.
	• LRPC is the regional contact for allocation of federal highway funding, including Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants.
	• LRPC is the regional contact for other NHDOT programs such as Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP), Scenic Byways, and Complete Streets.
	• LRPC staff conducted traffic counts at 12 locations within Belmont as requested by the municipality or by the NH Department of Transportation.
	• Attended June HSIP meeting at which potential Road Safety Audits for intersections of concern were discussed.
Watershed Management Planning	• LRPC provides community assistance with both NHDES 604b Watershed Assistance Grants, and 319 Infrastructure Grants.

The LRPC is a participation-based organization where Commissioners have the final say on the annual budget and can determine what services the organization provides.

• Belmont representatives to the LRPC during FY24 were:

Commissioner	Term Expiration
Roderick Cameron	09/20/27
Executive Board	Position
Roderick Cameron	Alternate
Alternate	Term Expiration
Vacant	

TAC Member	Term Expiration
Roderick Cameron	09/20/25
TAC Alternate	Term Expiration
Brian Jackes	04/04/26

Respectfully submitted,

*Shanna B. Saunders* Executive Director

# **Belmont Public Library**

#### Belmont Public Library 2024 Year-End Report

Dear Belmont Community,

As we wrap up 2024, we're excited to share this annual report, which highlights how your library has served as a cornerstone of learning, connection, and enrichment.

#### Library Collections and Circulation

- Collections:
  - Total items in our physical collection: 14,658
  - Items added in 2024: 1,178
  - o Items withdrawn due to loss, damage, or deaccessioning: 757
- **Circulation:** Belmont Public Library had an active year with 23,572 items checked out by our patrons.
- Digital Collections:
  - Libby: 5,296 items checked out by 183 unique users
  - Hoopla Digital: 1,298 items checked out
- Passes and Donations
  - This year, we were grateful to receive a museum pass to Canterbury Shaker Village, generously donated by an anonymous donor, and the NH State Parks pass, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Also popular are the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and Squam Lakes Science Center passes, bought through the library budget. However, due to the default budget, the library offered fewer passes overall in 2024.
  - An anonymous donor paid for one of the library's more expensive magazine subscriptions.
  - The Sargent Fund donation and the Children's Literacy Foundation Summer Readers grant made the summer reading program more engaging.

#### **Usage and Community Engagement**

- Library Visits: Belmont Public Library welcomed 9,652 visitors in 2024 to enjoy our resources, programs, and community space.
- Programs and Participation:

We hosted 490 programs this year, drawing 2,700 attendees across a variety of events:

- o 214 adult programs, including book discussions, craft groups, and game times
- 126 Storytimes for children, including 52 weekly Storytimes in partnership with local schools

# **Belmont Public Library**

- 41 programs designed for elementary or middle school students
- Wildlife Encounters was again a highlight of the summer season
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten graduated three participants
- **Borrowers and Users:** Belmont Public Library proudly served 2,410 patrons in 2024, including 271 new library cards issued and 858 renewals.
- **Outreach:** Our collaboration with local schools included weekly Storytimes. We were also pleased to extend summer reading events like the magician and CLiF author's visit to the Parks & Rec Department's summer camp participants, helping to enhance literacy and community engagement.

#### **Grants and Plans**

- In 2024, our library received a second *Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities* grant. A 2023 grant funded a new accessibility device on the front door and some accessible furniture. This year, we improved lighting on the first floor. We are also planning to use some of the grant for a small circulating collection to better serve people with disabilities.
- In 2025, the library will use capital reserve funds to develop an initial plan for a historically respectful and user-friendly expansion at the current location. With widespread community support and a vision decades in the making, this long-anticipated project is poised to become a reality.

#### Closing

Thank you, Belmont, for your unwavering support of the library. Together, we've made 2024 a year of growth and success. We're excited to build on these accomplishments in 2025!

Warm regards,

*Eíleen Gílbert* Library Director

# Belmont Public Library Financial Report For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Receipts	
Town Appropriations	\$228, 404.00
Grants & Donations	\$11,825.00
Fines & Late Fees	\$98.93
Printing/Copying/Fax Income	\$491.35
Nonresident Fees	\$120.00
Miscellaneous income	\$123.79
Total Receipts	\$241,063.07
Disbursements	
Librarian Salary	\$54,000.00
Assistant Wages	\$65,124.00
Employee Benefits	\$33,053.00
Payroll taxes	\$8,738.00
Circulation	\$20,571.26
Computer Expenses	\$1,962.46
Utilities	\$5,628.14
Supplies	\$2,899.69
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,086.25
Electronic Databases	\$3 <i>,</i> 544.00
Programs & Passes	\$3,172.73
Insurance	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$636.66
Dues & Continuing Ed	\$1,562.94
Storage	\$540.00
Copier Lease	\$1,694.93
Audit	\$400.00
Total Disbursements	\$212,751.52
Net Change in Funds	
Beginning Cash Balance	\$30,390.04
Ending Cash Balance	\$74,517.98

# **Belmont Parks & Recreation**

## Annual Report - 2024

The mission of Belmont Parks & Recreation is to oversee the Town park & beach facilities as well as create recreational opportunities, programs, and events for our community. Along with a full-time recreational director, the Parks & Recreation Department hires a year-round part-time program coordinator/park attendant, 3 seasonal part-time lifeguards, a seasonal part-time beach/gate attendant, a seasonal full time camp director, seasonal full time assistant camp director and 10 seasonal part time camp counselors.

The goal for 2024 was to grow the department by offering new events and programs to the community as well as sustain the programs put in place over the last few years. Some of our more long-term goals include developing a Capital Improvement Plan to update our aging playground equipment, refinish/rework our tennis court, basketball court and roller hockey rink and learn to utilize grant programs for future Parks & Recreation goals.

We started our year off by bringing back and expanding the Gunstock Outreach Ski & Snowboard program. We had 53 Belmont youths between the ages of 8-18 participate in the program. This instructional program offers many great benefits to our families by providing season passes and lessons with an emphasis on safe skiing and riding techniques. Planning is underway to expand this program once again in the 2024/2025 season.

In March, Belmont Parks & Recreation held a "Belmont Skates" event at the Merrill Fay Arena. Residents were given discount passes and got to enjoy 2 hours of ice skating, music & fun. The Friends of Belmont Library held a bake sale at the event. We had 25 residents participate in the event.

Once it was established that we were operating under a default budget, I worked hard to see what programs we could preserve for the upcoming months. While a trimmed down version of the original plan, in May we opened the Belmont Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mill for an open house where we welcomed all members of the community. At the open house we solicited ideas for programs all our Belmont seniors would like to see. 27 members of our community filled out participation forms at the event.

Programming for seniors was established 2 days a week for the months of May & June to try to appeal to all our Belmont Seniors. The May calendar was filled with ideas that were suggested throughout the building of the program. This included activities such as arts & crafts, exercise classes, music jams, coffee socials, health clinics, walks along the Tioga trail & a variety of games. Participation in the activities varied by activity but throughout each week we would typically see 5-7 participants including residents and non-residents.

June's calendar was built with ideas from the open house and participation in mind. Each Tuesday, aside from the walk on the Tioga trail, we hosted indoor card games & activities. Thursdays were built to be more active days to appeal to those who requested more active outdoor activities such as ice cream socials, gardening, cornhole, music jams & a luau. We were also able to pull in a live instructor to hold strength & flexibility classes. Participation in these events attracted 5-11 residents.

Unfortunately, after several attempts to push forward, the program was closed at the end of June due to low participation numbers of Belmont residents', liability issues and a negative response to the programs being offered by some in the community. While there is a clear desire for a program for our Belmont seniors, building a program that both satisfies all those that would use the program and keeping the program economically sound in a default budget has been a tough balance.

In the springtime I was able to bring on a part-time Park Attendant to help get some activities planned and executed. We were able to bring back Sargent Park Nights and look forward to expanding this in the future. Pickleball lines were painted on our courts, and pickleball equipment as well as other sports equipment was available for public use every Friday & Saturday throughout the season. Our citizens really enjoyed having someone there and being able to use the sports equipment and restrooms!

In May we held our annual Belmont Community Yard Sale with great success. Members of the community had the opportunity to set up at the pavilion or to purchase a spot on our interactive map. Our citizens were very excited and happy with the turnout at each yard sale site.

# **Belmont Parks & Recreation**

As summer approached, Parks & Recreation was busy preparing for the upcoming summer camp, park, and beach season. We added another lifeguard to our staff this year, for a total of 3, to help keep the beach staffed at its busiest times. The beach gate keeper was busy keeping our beach traffic monitored so residents could enjoy the recreation area. Unfortunately, due to the default budget we were unable to repair the roofs on the gazebos as planned, however the buildings and grounds crew worked their best to maintain them and keep the beach looking beautiful.

This year's summer camp program brought in 45-55 campers each week! We had 10 camp counselors, an assistant director as well as a new camp director to run the program. Activities were planned to include two beach days and a field trip. My goal for our field trips was to have something that each of our campers would find interest in, all while keeping these trips as economical as possible. We took trips to the Wallis Sands, Water Country, Clarks Bears, Squam Lakes Science Center, Jump n' Joy and Canobie Lake Park. Campers enjoyed spending time at Sargent Park and on the Tioga River Rail Spurs Trail. They also enjoyed shows and programs put on by the Belmont Public Library.

Although we seem to always be fighting the weather, Parks & Recreation was able to offer a few events throughout the summer. In July, Belmont Parks & Recreation hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Beach Party at Belmont Town Beach. Families enjoyed music, played games, and interacted with other community members during the event. Although we only had 1 boat participate, the "Cardboard Boat Race" was a fun addition to the event.

Trunk-or-Treat made its way back to the Parks & Recreation department for 2023. Local businesses, community groups and citizens came out to line the Tioga Pavilion parking lot with decorated vehicles. The Witches of the Lakes Region put on a fantastic performance. Families made their way through the lines and enjoyed the many tricks and treats. This year's event had a DJ Dance Party to add to the fun! An estimated 200+ kids attended the event.

A great addition to our holiday season, the "Senior Giving Tree" program was brought back for 2204. The program allows seniors to write a holiday wish list. Gifts are purchased for each senior by members of the community. The program was a success, and we were able to deliver donated gifts to some of our Belmont seniors. They were so grateful for everyone's contributions. Thank you to those that participated in any way to this program!

Looking forward to 2025, my goals include expanding our community programs & events, increasing attendance at events, networking with other communities and expanding our summer camp program to an 8-week program. My hope is to offer a seasonal calendar (3 months at a time) of programs and events that cater to the community. We have a small community of people with a lot of different lifestyles. Finding different programs to cater to each of those lifestyles' needs and wants while being fiscally responsible is a challenge that I will continue to work on.



**Planning Board** 



# BELMONT PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 2024

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#### The Planning Board Welcomes Our New Land Use Staff

John Crowley, Land Use Clerk, started with the Land Use Office in September 2024. He recently moved back to NH from Florida and joined the Land Use team. He brings experience in real estate and as a legal clerk to the office.

**ZONING AMENDMENTS:** On March 11, 2025, the following Ordinance amendments proposed by the Planning Board (PB), will appear on the 2025 Ballot:

- 1. Update Agricultural Use Table 1; Agricultural Animals (Lots less than three acres) as a Permitted (P) use in the Residential Multifamily; Residential Single; and Rural Zones.
- 2. Add definition of Motor Vehicle to Article 15: Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on stationary tracks, including ski area vehicles. This includes all vehicles, engines, machines, or mechanical contrivances, except electric bicycles and electric personal assistive mobility devices (e.g., mobility scooter), which are propelled on public highways by internal combustion engines, electric motors, steam engines, or other alternate sources of energy except human or animal power.

# In addition to the amendments put forth by the Planning Board, there was a petitioned amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

3. To see if the Town of Belmont would vote to allow manufactured homes in the town on their own land.

**MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF**: With the 2024 elections, the Planning Board welcomed returning members Kevin Sturgeon and Gary Grant. The Board thanks all the department heads and Town staff who support the Land Use Office and provide such great assistance on the matters that come before the Board.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**: The Board encourages residents and property owners to participate in projects proposed in the community. Your input is invaluable to the Board in making good decisions. Do not hesitate to contact the Land Use Office or attend a meeting to provide your input.



Planning Board Alternate positions are available, and the Board encourages citizens to volunteer to serve on an elected or appointed municipal board. Please contact Land Use at (603) 267-8300, ext. 3.

# **Planning Board**

#### 2024 PROJECTS:

Site Plan Approval: NH Land Acquisition – 985 Laconia Road; WalterLynne 22 LLC - 1213 Laconia Road; White Oaks LLC – 52 Higgins Drive; Pike Industries, Inc. - 308 Depot Street; Winnisquam Storage – 307 Daniel Webster Highway; Al Mitchell – 457 Laconia Road; 284 Property, LLC – 284 Laconia Road; Price Land Trust – 149 Laconia Road.

**Site Plan Approval Extension:** *Route 106 Realty Trust – Old State Road; Route 106 Realty Trust – 346 Laconia Road.* 

**Subdivision Plan Approval:** *DeRoy/Atherton – 386 Bean Hill Road; Cartier – 105 Hurricane Road; Fall Line Trust – 70 Bishop Road; Good Fortune Trust – 121 Brown Hill Road; JCB, LLC - 100 Knotty Way (fka 36 Horse Point Road); Claridge – 703 Province Road.* 

Subdivision Plan Approval Extension: Mountain Lake Village, LLC - Mile Hill Road.

**Subdivision Approval Revocation**: *Cartier – 105 Hurricane Road.* 

Scenic Roads Tree Trimming: Eversource Energy – Ladd Hill Road.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Subdivisions	6	9	2	4	2	1	6	4	2	4	2
Site Plans	8	6	11	10	5	12	8	10	10	12	15
Boundary Line Adjustments	0	3	2	2	0	5	1	2	4	0	2
Approval Extensions	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	1	5	4	5
Earth Excavation	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	1
Earth Excavation Extensions, Transfers & Compliance	0	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	0
Lot Merger Applications	3	3	2	3	1	0	8	4	2	2	2
Conditional Use Permit	0	0	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0
Scenic Road Approvals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Compliance Hearings	0	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	23	22	35	24	12	24	34	31	25	24	27
Application Revocations/Expirations	1	0	0	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
# New Lots/Sites Created	22	19	9	2	2	1	14	0	0	8	0
# Existing Lots Lost by Merger	-3	-3	-2	-7	-2	0	-10	-1	0	0	0
Net # New Multi-Family Units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net # New Accessory Dwelling Units	0	1	4	3	2	3	0	3	0	0	1
Net # New Commercial Residences	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Informal Discussions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1
Design Review	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conceptual	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
P B Abutters' & Public Hearings	23	19	26	25	26	33	31	25	27	26	28
P B Meetings & Work Sessions	12	13	12	13	11	13	12	13	14	13	15
New Dwelling Unit Permits (Growth)	25	26	16	27	28	7	10	11	4	11	4
Change of Commercial Tenant	16	12	10	12	18	11	9	10	12	8	17
Building & Driveway Permit Reviews	344	320	310	321	290	223	233	233	238	237	221
Special Events Permits	6	10	6	9	5	7	5	5	5	2	-

# Planning Board

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**: More information on the Planning Board, minutes, schedules, Frequently Asked Questions, business resources, data files, regulations and ordinances, reports, application forms, Customer Satisfaction Surveys, and a list of both elected and appointed positions can be accessed at the Land Use Office, 143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, (603)267-8300 ext. 3, by e-mail to luoffice@belmontnh.gov, and on the Town's website at <a href="http://www.belmontnh.gov">www.belmontnh.gov</a>. The Board appreciates receiving all comments and suggestions that are submitted.

Peter Harris, Chair Michael LeClair, Member Richard Pickwick, Member Kevin Sturgeon, Member Ward Peterson, Vice Chair Gary Grant, Member Jon Pike, Selectman Ex Officio



# **Police Department**



**Stephen M. Akerstrom** *Chief of Police* 

# Belmont Police Department

16 Fuller Street - P.O. Box 320 Belmont, NH 03220-0320

> Police Services: (603) 267-8350| Administration: (603) 267-8351 Fax: (603) 267-8359

# **2024 TOWN REPORT**

2024 was a challenging year for the Police Department. With the current trend in law enforcement, we found ourselves short staffed throughout the entire year. We were fortunate enough to have two officers go to the New Hampshire Police Academy who have now completed our in-house field training program, Officer Jeffery Heger and Officer Syntia Somogyi.

When we are able to operate at full staff, the Police Department has 20 full-time employees. There are 17 sworn police officers, 2 dispatchers, 1 secretary, and 6 part-time employees. As of now, we are currently short 4 full-time sworn officer openings and 1 full-time officer position that was not funded in 2024 due to the default budget.

The biggest problem we have seen recently is the ability to hire and retain officers. While there are many factors why people leave law enforcement or don't want to be a police officer in the first place, one major factor is being able to pay police officers a wage that is comparable with area departments. Currently the starting wage for a police officer in Belmont is \$23.85. In the past year, there have been a couple of wage studies done and it was determined that other area departments in Belknap County are paying approximately \$7.00 more per hour for officers just starting out.

The department will see more change as we move into 2025 with the retirements of Chief Mark B. Lewandoski and Sgt. David L. Estes. Chief Lewandoski, who has been with the department since 1977, will retire as the Chief of Police. We want to thank the Chief for his many decades of service and commitment to the Police Department and the Town of Belmont. Sgt. Estes started in Belmont in 1988 and will retire as the Prosecutor after serving the Town for many years and we thank him for his years of service.

I have been given an amazing opportunity to be the next Chief of Police and want to thank the Town for their support. I grew up in Belmont, went through the Belmont School system, and have been a member of the department for the past 23 years.

The department's Good Morning Belmont program is still active and currently has 8 community members participating. This program allows community members to sign up for daily check-ins. If a resident doesn't call the department by 10 am, the department will reach out to them. If there is no answer, an officer will be dispatched to the home to check on them.

We still have a prescription box available in the lobby of the Police Department if you find unused prescription drugs that are no longer needed.

# **Police Department**

The department is hoping to host National Night Out again this year, which promotes police-community partnerships and relationships, and highlights crime and drug prevention awareness.

The Santa's Little Helpers program is still going strong after many years in the making. The program offers assistance to Belmont families who demonstrate a financial need for Christmas gifts.

The department continues to obtain grants for needed equipment and increased patrols, to help reduce the costs to taxpayers and help keep our roads safer. In 2024 we had a Speed enforcement detail, a DUI -Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, Click it or Ticket, and You text, You Drive, You Pay detail. We have applied for these same grants for 2025 as well.

We continued with the Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Abuse grant which funds an officer to be the Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment officer. Currently, Officer Bryant is the officer assigned to this grant.

The Police Department is in the initial stages of going through a State Accreditation process. Once accredited, the department will have the same set of standards/policies as other communities in the state. The standards/policies were developed by the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and will be monitored from the state level. This process is going to be long and challenging, but in the end extremely rewarding. The Belmont Police Department wants the residents of Belmont to know that all members of the department take their careers very seriously and we will align our department with the guidelines set by the Commission.

2024 ANNUAL ACTIVITY				
Calls For Service	8,979			
Motor Vehicle Warnings	2,446			
Motor Vehicle Summonses	97			
Municipal Summonses	18			
Arrests	263			
Total Offenses	932			
DWI Arrests	11			
Accidents	195			

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Akerstrom Chief of Police

#### **Contact Numbers** Emergency – 267-8350 or 9-1-1 / Non-Emergency – 267-8351 Website - <u>http://belmontnhpolice.org/</u>

# **Public Works & Utilities**

The Highway Department, despite working under budgetary constraints due to a default budget, has many positive highlights that I would like to share with you. Your Highway Department is staffed with highly dedicated, positive and motivated individuals. Having the opportunity to work for the Town of Belmont for nearly 18 years I have had the experience of working with a variety of talented groups and individuals. Currently the department has been fully staffed for over one year and the level of comradery and chemistry that this group brings to work each and every day is unequaled. Hopefully you have had the chance to meet some of the quality individuals who are employed by the Town of Belmont.

The Town of Belmont Highway Department currently maintains approximately 68 miles of Class IV roads. This year the Town added the extension of the Grimstone/Wild Acres subdivision to our list of maintenance responsibilities. De-icing material costs continue to rise on a yearly basis. It is always challenging and one of our main goals is to use just enough to do the job and be mindful of the cost. Our list of responsibilities also includes grading gravel roads, roadside mowing, brush cutting and the unfortunate need to pick up the extreme amount of roadside trash and illegal roadside dumping, just to name a few. As our community grows it seems that the list of jobs and responsibilities grow each year and as always, we hope we are meeting your expectations.

Planned road reconstruction of Middle Route was delayed in 2024 due to the failure of the Highway Reconstruction warrant article in March. The Highway Reconstruction fund was established in 2008 and for the first time since this fund was established funding was not approved by the voters. It is our intention to continue our plans for the reconstruction of Middle Route and other necessary deferred maintenance items once funding is reestablished. Fund balances were used for an asphalt treatment on Dutile Road and repairs to Main Street.

At this time, I would like to add that I am pleased to announce that we have taken delivery of the 2024 Western Star truck which we received through a competitive grant process. The grant was applied for in 2023 and provided through Granite State Clean Fleets. Funding was provided by the Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Trust. This truck will have no impact to the tax rate and it will be an asset to our fleet and the Town for many years to come.



#### Sewer Department

Pictured- DPW Director Craig Clairmont and Assistant DPW Director Brian Jackes

The Town of Belmont's Sewer Department provides services to over 1,300 customers throughout the Town of Belmont servicing both business and residential customers. The department maintains 8 sewer lift stations, multiple siphons and over 20 miles of combined forced and gravity mains. Once the waste is addressed through municipal collection and distribution it is then managed by the WRBP mainline and eventually onto the treatment facility in Franklin. Station checks are performed 365 days a year for all 8 sewer lift station locations. Preventative maintenance tasks are performed at weekly and monthly

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intervals. Annual preventative maintenance in the form of cleaning and CCTV inspecting 5,000' of gravity sewer mains along with pump stations continues. All standby generators received major preventative maintenance to ensure they are always available when needed.

A full-time sewer technician allows the team to tackle more time-consuming tasks. This past year, department personnel changed rotating assemblies in two Gorman Rupp pumps making them essentially new and also replaced an electric motor at another location. These major maintenance items are very expensive if contracted services are needed. Due to training and current staffing levels the Department was able to perform necessary repairs at nearly half the cost. A grant funded asset management program sunset in 2024 giving the Department GIS mapping and tracking capabilities that will be put to use for years to come.

#### Water Department

Belmont's Water Department continues to maintain its partnership with Pennichuck Water Services Corporation. Their assistance in the day-to-day operations, treatment, testing, as well as 24-hour system monitoring ensures system oversight. Water testing on a monthly basis for the users along with DES required quarterly testing is also conducted.

The Belmont Water Department operates two independent systems supplying water to over 600 services, both residential and commercial, throughout the community. The first and largest part of our system is supplied by 3 State of NH licensed gravel packed wells located near Pout Pond. This system supplies water and fire protection to part of the Route 106 corridor including industrial and commercial zones as well as the Village area. The second part of our system, which we refer to as Belmont North, meters water purchased from the City of Laconia at the Belmont town line on Route 3 and distributes it to customers along the Route 3 corridor.

Currently, a project made possible with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) continues to progress. Initial phases which include state permitting, engineering design, and construction of a new gravel packed well have been completed. New well #4 will replace current well # 1, a well placed in service in 1939 that is no longer able to keep up with the Town's supply demands. Recently, as well as the completion of the construction phase of the well, the connection contract has also been awarded. We have an anticipated date for the new well to be placed online sometime in 2025.

Customer service remains a top priority as the Department responds to 24-hour emergency calls, Dig Safe requests for line marking, and final usage readings that take place whenever a property with municipal water changes ownership. Meter reading occurred each of the four quarters and the department identified numerous meters and other components that needed repair or replacement.

As always, I would like to thank all members of Team Belmont. Each department relies on each other in one way or another to get the many required tasks done to keep the Town running. Continued cooperation by dedicated individuals working throughout the Town are greatly appreciated and an asset I am proud to recognize.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig A. Clairmont

**Public Works Director** 

# Town Clerk's Corner

What an exciting, dynamic, busy year 2024 was in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office!

We started the year with all new staff who did a phenomenal job of learning the many different roles that we perform on a daily basis. I am very honored to have been elected by the residents of Belmont for a 1-year term in March 2024. My staff, Samantha LeClair and Devon Tibbetts have brought their positive attitudes and willingness to learn to create a fantastic team in our office.

I am very happy to be back serving the Town of Belmont as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. My staff and I work very hard to provide stellar service with a positive attitude. I am so proud of Samantha and Devon for taking on a very challenging position and approaching it with a can-do attitude. We understand that the only reason residents come to see us is to hand over hard-earned money and we strive to make that as pleasant as possible. As the first point of contact many have at Town Hall, our mission is to greet residents and visitors with a positive attitude to help assess your needs and get you pointed in the right direction to find resolution. Never hesitate to stop by or give us a call with any questions you may have.

Auto Registration (Town Portion)	\$1,734,415
Boat Registration (Town Portion)	\$25,693
Dog Licenses	\$11,547
Vital Records	\$4,120
Marriage Licenses	\$1,400
UCC & Miscellaneous	\$5,431

Over the course of 2024 our Town Clerk's office has collected the following revenues:

2024 was a very busy year with elections. There were 4 elections as well as the Town's Deliberative Session in 2024. Between our office and elections days, we, along with the Supervisors of the Checklist, processed well over 500 new voter registrations.

Our hours of operation are 7:30AM-4PM Monday-Friday as well as offering online services such as auto registration renewal, dog licensing renewal and property tax and utility payments 24/7. There are also links to many forms on our page. Please visit our website, <u>www.belmontnh.gov</u>. Our office is located at 143 Main Street, and we can be reached at 603-267-8300 xt 2. Swing in to say hello or with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to serving the residents of Belmont in what is sure to be an exciting and busy 2025!

Respectfully Submitted, Jennífer Cashman Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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EMENTINE 11/14/2024		LASSEN, BENJAMIN WEBSTER	DEZAINDE-LASSEN, SARAH NICOLE
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FRITZ, SARAH FLORENCE 12/18/2024 CONCORD, NH		FRITZ, ZACHARY CHARLES	WRIGHT, ASHLEY LYNN

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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Military Marriage/Civil Union				
HOULE, SUSAN CORITTA	01/01/2024	CONCORD	DEMERS, ALPHONSE	ELDER, ESTHER	Ν			
DUPONT, LORI ANNE	01/12/2024	BELMONT	THIBODEAU, ROGER	OSGOOD, CAROL	Ν			
SIDNEY JR, ROBERT E	01/18/2024	BELMONT	SIDNEY SR, ROBERT	HOYT, GLADYS	Ν			
MCCARTHY, JAMES FRANCIS	01/23/2024	CONCORD	MCCARTHY, GEORGE	GOULET, ESTELLE	Y			
YOUNG, MARGARET	01/24/2024	BELMONT	MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM	O'DONNELL, MARY	Ν			
SWEENEY, FAYE BROWN	02/11/2024	CONCORD	BROWN, RALPH	LEYDON, ANN	Ν			
BECKER, DANIEL ROBERT	02/12/2024	LACONIA	BECKER, JOSEPH	O'CONNOR, COLLEEN	Ν			
NEVEU JR, PAUL EDMOND	02/23/2024	BELMONT	NEVEU SR, PAUL	MASON, DONNA	Ν			
WASHER, RAMONA	02/27/2024	CONCORD	HARTWELL, WESLEY	JACKSON, BEULAH	Ν			
SARGENT, KIMBERLEY ANN	03/02/2024	CONCORD	PELLETIER, GEORGE	GIGUERE, HELEN	N			
LEWANDOSKI, CHESTER ANTHONY	03/03/2024	CONCORD	LEWANDOSKI, CHARLES	HOLYST, ANNA	Y			
FRAWLEY, LINDA	03/08/2024	CONCORD	FRAWLEY JR, FRANCIS	BARROWS, PATRICIA	Ν			
DAUGSIEWICZ, PAUL MICHAEL	03/08/2024	BELMONT	DAUGSIEWICZ, MICHAEL	POPLAWSKI, MICHAELENE	Y			
GRAHAM JR, THOMAS	03/14/2024	LACONIA	GRAHAM, THOMAS	TIPTON, JUDITH	Y			
DOIRE, JEANNINE JACQUELINE	03/21/2024	BELMONT	DOIRE, HARVEY	PAQUIN, FLORIDA	N			
LEWANDOSKI, ALEXY	04/02/2024	LACONIA	LEWANDOSKI, CHARLES	HOLYST, ANNE	Y			
KITSON, CONRAD JAMES	04/03/2024	BELMONT	KITSON, ARTHUR	UNKNOWN, MABEL	Ŷ			
STEVENS, HARRIET EDITH	04/04/2024	CONCORD	DEAN, GEORGE	UNKNOWN, EDITH	N			
FARRELL, JOHN PATRICK	04/15/2024	BELMONT	FARRELL, PATRICK	SCOTT, FLORA	Y			
KENNEY, CLAUDE IRVING	04/18/2024	TILTON	KENNEY, JOHN	BROWN, KATHLEEN	Y			
CARIGNAN, ROLAND MAURICE	04/20/2024	CONCORD	CARIGNAN, CONRAD	MORIN, SIMONE	N			
JILLSON, RICHARD CROSMAN	04/20/2024	LACONIA	JILLSON, ELLIS	WAGNER, RUTH	Y			
HOLLAND, JAMES PATRICK	05/11/2024	CONCORD	HOLLAND, EDD	WEAVER, INEZ	Y			
FROST, LAURIE JOANNE	05/22/2024	BELMONT	WHITEHOUSE, JOSEPH	RUSSELL, BARBARA	N			
TALBOT, TIMOTHY ALDRICH	05/24/2024	LACONIA	TALBOT, ROGER	TROMBLEY, DORA	N			
HAMEL, BETTY ANN	05/31/2024	BELMONT	JOYCE, CHARLES	UNKNOWN, BLANCH	N			
STEVENS, PAUL G	06/10/2024	LACONIA	STEVENS, PAUL	REARDON, RUTH	Y			
COGSWELL, SHERRY M	06/15/2024	PORTSMOUTH	COOK, BERLEY	HOWARD, LERA	N			
BOWLES, MICHAEL LAWRENCE	06/16/2024	LACONIA	BOWLES, MYRON	LAMONTANGE, DOROTHY	Y			
DUMARESQ, RAYMOND DAVID	06/20/2024	LACONIA	DUMARESQ, EUGENE	BUCHLEIN, MARGARET	Ŷ			
	06/24/2024		-	HINES, JENNIFER	N			
COPSON, GILLIAN ELIZABETH JUDKINS, RONALD K	07/02/2024	BELMONT BELMONT	COPSON, DANIEL JUDKINS, NHEUM	SMITH, BLANCHE	N			
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PINARD, BROOKE MARIE	07/05/2024	LEBANON	,		N			
MALCUIT, BARBARA	07/15/2024	BELMONT	POTTER, RICHARD	WILSON, NAOMI	N			
HOLLINS, BARBARA JEAN	07/16/2024	BELMONT	MALCOLM, WILLIAM	STEWART, EVELYN	N			
BUTLER, CAROLE MAUDE FOLIA, RODNEY K	07/28/2024 07/30/2024	BELMONT LACONIA	COLLARULO, ANTHONY FOLIA, LOU	LOCKE, MADELINE UNKNOWN, VIRGINIA	N Y			
KNOX, MICHAEL ROGER	07/31/2024	CONCORD	KNOX, STEPHEN	DUGGAN, LINDA	N			
SMITH, STEVEN ALLEN	08/08/2024	FRANKLIN	SMITH, CROFTON	HIGGIN, JUNE	Y			
SWANSON-WEBBER, MARTHA BENSON	08/12/2024	BELMONT	BENSON, GEORGE	BEECROFT, DOROTHY	N			
LAPIERRE, ROBERT SHERMAN	08/20/2024	BELMONT	LAPIERRE, ROBERT	VALLIERRE, LUCILLE	N			
CARON, NORMAN PHILIP	08/20/2024	BELMONT	CARON, GABRIEL	PERREAULT, ROSE	Y			
LAFOND, CYNTHIA ELLEN	08/23/2024	LACONIA	CAREY, PHILIP	SEWALL, CLARE	N			
CHASE, JENNIE MAY	08/24/2024	LACONIA	MORTON, EUGENE	SMIALEK, PATRICIA	N			

# Vital Statistics- Deaths

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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Military Marriage/Civil Union				
TSANTOULIS, SHARON MARY	08/25/2024	CONCORD	BUGBEE, GEORGE	HUGHES, DOROTHY	Ν			
SAUNDERS, WILLIAM P	08/30/2024	CONCORD	SAUNDERS, WARREN	KAKASZKI, JOSEPHINE	Y			
DUBREUIL, NANCY ANN	09/03/2024	LACONIA	DUFAULT, ALBERT	UNKNOWN, DORA	Ν			
GROLEAU, LORRAINE MARIE	09/16/2024	BELMONT	MAHEUX, GEDEON	MORIN, IDA	Ν			
HEATH-FITTS, BRENDA W	09/26/2024	LEBANON	HEATH, FREDERICK	BERRY, PATRICIA	N			
FARMER, EDWARD T	10/08/2024	LACONIA	FARMER, RUSSELL	FOSTER, PHYLLIS	Y			
FARRIS, JEFFREY WILLAM	10/20/2024	BELMONT	FARRIS, ROBERT	ELLIS, BLANCHE	Y			
PARSONS, EDWARD GEORGE	10/21/2024	LACONIA	PARSONS, WALTER	QUINTON, MARY	Y			
COTE, ROGER L	10/21/2024	BELMONT	COTE, GEORGE	LABRANCHE, MARGUERITE	N			
WAKEFIELD, ANNE WHITING	10/24/2024	LACONIA	WHITING, ROLAND	MACKENZIE, HAZEL	N			
ROMEO, DEIDRE ANN	10/31/2024	BELMONT	DONOVAN, WALTER	MULKERN, MARY	Ν			
CLARK SR, ROBERT J	10/31/2024	CONCORD	CLARK, WALTER	FEERICK, CATHERINE	Y			
ROBINSON, PATRICIA ANN	11/06/2024	LACONIA	HARVEY SR, JOSEPH	LABLOND, RITA	Ν			
SMITH, PAULINE	11/08/2024	CONCORD	SCARPONI, PAUL	PAGE, EDNA	Ν			
KENNETT, ALLAN RICHARD	11/14/2024	BRIDGEWATER	KENNETT, CLIFTON	GRANT, DONNA	Ν			
MOONEY, ARTHUR	11/19/2024	LACONIA	SAMUELSON, CLAUDE	LACLAIRE, GLADYS	Y			
STOCKBRIDGE JR, CARL L	11/23/2024	CONCORD	STOCKBRIDGE SR, CARL	PATTEN, ELANOR	Ν			
LAKIN III, WALTER HENRY	12/04/2024	CONCORD	LAKIN II, WALTER	RAHILLY, TERESA	Ν			
BARNARD, SPENCER DOUGLAS	12/04/2024	BELMONT	BARNARD, LLOYD	SANBORN, NATALIE	Y			
CASWELL, LORELAI-LEE MARIE	12/12/2024	LEBANON	ZONA JR, MICHAEL	CASWELL, MCKENZIE	Ν			
MILLS, YVETTE M	12/22/2024	BELMONT	MARCOLLIER, ERNEST	REINDEAU, ROSE	Ν			
HUARD, CYNTHIA JOAN	12/22/2024	BELMONT	SIRLES, CHESTER	COLBURN, LOUISE	Ν			
LEBLANC JR, ROGER JOSEPH	12/22/2024	LACONIA	LEBLANC SR, ROGER	SARGENT, ELEANOR	Y			
WHEELER, EDWIN CHRISTOPHER	12/22/2024	BELMONT	WHEELER, EDWIN	CHRISTOPHER, RUTH	Ν			
SMITH, SCOTT MATTHEW	12/23/2024	CONCORD	SMITH, HAROLD	DUFF, EVELYN	N			

# Vital Statistics- Marriages

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT 01/01/2024 - 012/31/2024 - BELMONT -								
Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage				
CHAKARIAN, KRISTOPHER OSCAR BELMONT, NH	MORTELL-GURLEY, DESTINY EVE BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	1/2/2024				
YOUNG, SAMANTHA JANE BELMONT, NH	BROIDER, JARED JOSEPH BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	MEREDITH	01/06/2024				
BEAULE, JASON LEE BELMONT, NH	STRONG, TORRI HOPE BELMONT, NH	LACONIA	LACONIA	01/18/2024				
MELANSON, JOSEPH JOHN	BEAN, CAITLYN MAE	BELMONT	GRAFTON	01/20/2024				
BELMONT, NH GRAY, DENNIS BRIAN	BELMONT, NH BORGES, CASEY ALANE	LACONIA	PITTSBURG	02/04/2024				
BELMONT, NH LASSEN, BENJAMIN WEBSTER	BELMONT, NH DEZAINDE, SARAH NICOLE	LACONIA	LACONIA	04/19/2024				
BELMONT, NH DONNELLY, ROBERT JAMES	BELMONT, NH ROBINSON, JAMIE LEE	LANCASTER	LITTLETON	04/19/2024				
LANCASTER, NH HUNT, JAMES PATRICK	BELMONT, NH CORNELIUS, REGINA SUSAN	NEW HAMPTON	LACONIA	05/11/2024				
NEW HAMPTON, NH LABOMBARD, HEATH DOUGLAS	BELMONT, NH PICARD, LEA FERNANDE	BELMONT	BOSCAWEN	05/18/2024				
BELMONT, NH WHITE, CARLY JILL	OLD GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT MARDEN, CHRISTOPHER DAVID	BELMONT	BELMONT	05/25/2024				
BELMONT, NH KARWOCKI, JENNIFER ANNE	BELMONT, NH GILBERT, RYAN JAY	BELMONT	CANTERBURY	06/09/2024				
BELMONT, NH	BELMONT, NH							
MCNAMARA, LIAM HENRY LACONIA, NH	SPRAGUE, ALICIA NICOLE BELMONT, NH	LACONIA	BELMONT	07/15/2024				
LOWE, CALEB MATTHEW BELMONT, NH	AGENGO, SHERRY AMANDA BELMONT, NH	LACONIA	LACONIA	08/15/2024				
MULLINS, WILLIAM EUGENE BELMONT, NH	MUTAMBUKI, CAROLINE KYENI BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	LACONIA	08/26/2024				
PHILBROOK, WILLIAM THOMAS BELMONT, NH	HUCKINS, KELSEA LYNNE BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BRIDGEWATER	09/07/2024				
LOHMANN, KATARINA LYNCH BELMONT, NH	BIANCO JR, MICHAEL BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	FRANKLIN	09/08/2024				
BROOKS, JOSEPH RAYMOND BELMONT, NH	SARGENT, JESSICA LYNN BELMONT, NH	NORTHFIELD	FRANKLIN	9/28/2024				
FARR, DAVID MICHAEL BELMONT, NH	ALBEE, CAROLYN LEE BELMONT, NH	LACONIA	LACONIA	10/07/2024				
LETOURNEAU, JAZLYNN MARIE BELMONT, NH	LADD, AUSTIN BRIAN EPSOM, NH	FRANKLIN	BARNSTEAD	10/19/2024				
MACKINNON, CRAIG ALLEN	BROTHERS, KERRY ANNE	BELMONT	BELMONT	10/31/2024				
BELMONT, NH ORNELAS, DALTON DA SILVA	BELMONT, NH DROUIN, COURTNEY MAE	LACONIA	BELMONT	12/04/2024				
BELMONT, NH RENAUD, JUSTICE RAYMOND	BELMONT, NH WHITE, STEPHANIE LILLIAN SNOW	LACONIA	LACONIA	12/12/2024				
LOUDON, NH	BELMONT, NH							

# Zoning Board of Adjustment



# BELMONT ZONING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 2024

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	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Variances	17	21	45	22	13	10	5	15	11	31	18	13
Special Exceptions	6	7	12	12	3	12	12	8	4	7	14	4
Appeals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	0	0
Rehearing	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waivers (Equitable/Other)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Application Ext.	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	32	57	36	16	23	18	24	17	39	33	17

**Special Exceptions Granted:** CKME – 150 Daniel Webster Highway; Osborne – 100 Sunset Drive; Sederquest – 18 Hurricane Road; Fournier – 272 Seavey Road; Barr Outdoor Advertising – Laconia Road; Knox – 489 Brown Hill Road;

#### Special Exceptions Withdrawn: None

#### Special Exceptions Denied: None

**Variances Granted:** Phillips - 4 Lawrence Court; Eckardt – 14 Walnut Street; N&M Realty Trust – 12 Nancy Drive; St. George Family Trust – 190 Gardners Grove; Osborne (2) – 100 Sunset Drive; Buxton (2) – 19 Chestnut Street; Joyce (2) – 145 Sunset Drive; Dubin – 150 Gardners Grove; Buxton – 19 Chestnut Street; Winnisquam Beach Resort (2) – 4 Morway Lane; Cowing – 47 Silkwood Ave.; Pavnick (2) – 4 Leisure Lane.

#### Appeal of an Administrative Decision: None

**Approval Extension:** Al Mitchell – 28 Corriveau Way; Al Mitchell – 54 Peggy Drive; CJM (2) – NH Rt. 3 and 45 Westview Drive; McCabe (3) – 21 Walnut Street.

#### Rehearing: None

**Membership:** With the 2024 elections, the Zoning Board welcomed members Reese Grey and Liz Stewart, and alternate members Susan Bouthiette and Thomas Ceniglio.

Additional Information: More information on minutes, meeting and fee schedules, Frequently Asked Questions, data files, regulations, ordinances, reports, application forms, customer satisfaction surveys, and a list of both elected and appointed positions can be accessed at the Land Use Office, <u>landuse@belmontnh.gov</u>, 143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, (603)267-8300x3, (603)267-8307(Fax), and on the Town's website at <u>www.belmontnh.gov</u>.

Peter Harris, Chair, Planning Board Rep. Mark Mastenbrook, Member Elizabeth Stewart, Member Thomas Ceniglio, Alternate Member John Froumy, Vice Chair Reese Grey, Member Susan Bouthiette, Alternate Member

# American Legion Post 58

Post 58 will celebrate 105 years of existence on September 20, 2025, making it one of the older American Legion Posts in the United States. We have a relatively small membership, currently 72 members. We do not have a facility of our own and we offer our gratitude to the Town of Belmont for use of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mill for our monthly meetings. We meet at 7:30 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month except for July and August. We are a family of veterans who feel an obligation to serve our military and veterans and to make not only our community, but also our country, a better place.

2024 was a rewarding and productive year. In spite of our small size, we are a remarkably busy Post. We purchased six cases of cookies from the Belmont Girl Scouts, donating 3 cases to Pease Greeters and 3 cases to the NH Veterans Home. Post 58 also continued our support to the Veterans Home through visits, the purchase of a large metal picnic table and a 12' x 16' gazebo and materials for 3 very large equipment storage cabinets which we are building for their use. We continued to provide two Book Awards (scholarships) and two Sportsmanship Trophies for Belmont High School graduating Seniors.

On Earth Day at the Slippery Rock Crossing Covered Bridge, Legionnaires from Post 58 were joined by thirteen students and two councilors from the Holderness School. Brush was cleared around that bridge and the second bridge down the trail, as well as along the trail between the two. Parts of the east bank and west bank were also cleared. We also cleared brush at Penstock Park.

Jack Donovan from the Historical Commission provided us with a detailed review of where and how the banner flags we purchased for the Town will be mounted. We attended Memorial Day ceremonies at the Belmont Elementary and Belmont Middle School and coordinated and conducted the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, making donations to the BHS Band and other groups which participated. We visit all the cemeteries in Belmont making sure every veteran's grave site was decorated with an American Flag.

Throughout the year we gather unusable flags from our community and on Flag Day, we conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Slippery Rock Crossing Covered Bridge.

On Old Home Day, we provided color guards and a float in the parade and conducted our fund-raising raffle with items generously donated by local businesses and some hand crafted by members and their families.

We accepted the annual invitation to the Veterans' Day Ceremonies presented at Belmont Elementary School and Belmont Middle School. The students put a lot of effort into planning and conducting their programs and we feel very much honored and appreciated.

December 14<sup>th</sup> was Wreaths Across America Day. A ceremony was held at the monuments in front of the Belmont Library. The patriotic assembly of community residents who were present joined us as we made our way to veteran grave sites in South Rd Cemetery and then to all other cemeteries in Belmont and placed a wreath on each one. Many thanks to Sharon Ciampi and her

## American Legion Post 58

family and crew of volunteers for doing the fundraising, purchasing the wreaths, and coordinating this program.

Post 58 makes donations to Easter Seals' Veterans Count program, Camp Resilience for veterans, Got Lunch - Belmont, the Wreaths Across America program in Town, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Pease Greeters, Liberty House for homeless veterans, the food pantries at the Belmont Baptist Church and St. Joseph's Church, the Belmont Police Department Santa's Helpers and a number of other causes as well. We thank all the generous folks and local businesses who donate during our fundraising events. You make what we do possible.

With open arms, we welcome any veteran to join us at our meetings. Service in armed conflict is no longer required. Any honorably discharged veteran is eligible. Come join a dedicated group who enjoy each other's company as we continue to serve.

We encourage any veteran to join us at our meeting, whether you are a member or not. Our meetings are conducted at the Mill on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month except for July and August. For more information contact Post 58 Adjutant Glen Jester at (603) 568-2722 or <u>gglenjester@gmail.com</u>

In continued service,

Commander Russell Fabian 1st Vice Commander Mike Poirier 2nd Vice Commander Richard Stanley Judge Advocate General Woody Fogg Adjutant/Finance Officer G. Glen Jester



## Belknap Range Conservation Coalition



**Conservation Coalition** 

## 2024 Annual Report (October 2023 to October 2024)

The Belknap Range Conservation Coalition (BRCC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the conservation of open space, responsible stewardship, and low impact public enjoyment of scenic, natural, recreational and historical resources of the Belknap Mountain Range. Participating members include individuals/conservation commission members from the project area towns of Alton, Belmont, Gilford and Gilmanton as well as dedicated individuals who share an avid interest in the many resources that the Belknap Range provides. Conservation organizations with participating members include: Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF); Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT); Belknap County Sportsmen's Association (BCSA); Belknap Range Trail Tenders (BRATTs); Gilmanton Land Trust (GLT); New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) and the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD). The town of Barnstead has also supported BRCC with a membership.



Along with working to protect the largely unfragmented natural landscape that makes up the Belknap Mountain Range, BRCC also educates the public about the significance of the resources of the Belknap Mountain Range; develops, promotes, and implements methods and strategies for ensuring the long-term protection and responsible stewardship of these resources; and promotes opportunities for low impact public enjoyment and recreation. BRCC strives to facilitate cooperation and communication among conservation organizations, municipalities, other governmental entities and area landowners. BRCC helps coalition members secure funding, technical assistance and other resources for carrying out programs in support of this mission.

At our October Annual Meeting, Don Berry, Derek Colquhoun, Peter Farrell, Russ Wilder and Gene Young were reappointed to the Board of Directors, all for 3-year terms. Also at the Annual Meeting, the current officers: Russ Wilder, Chairperson; Lisa Morin, Secretary; and Nanci

## Belknap Range Conservation Coalition

Mitchell, Treasurer, were reappointed. Dan Tinkham was appointed as Vice Chairperson replacing Bruce Jacobs who had served in that role since 2013.

During the year, with the exception of July, the Directors met quarterly via Zoom conference. The July meeting was held in person at Bev DiVaios's home in West Alton. The meetings offer important opportunities for members to share information about parcels within the focus area. At these meetings we focused on sharing information on parcels of land that may be available for conservation in the Belknaps. We are monitoring several such parcels and are supporting contacts with landowners who might be willing to participate in land conservation projects.

In April, members attended the Annual Saving Special Places Conference at Prospect Mountain High School. Also in April, members participated in the Forest Society's Mount Major Earth Day cleanup. Members routinely attend workshops and meetings held by the NH Land Trust Coalition.

BRCC continues to monitor management activities on acquired parcels and we continue to pursue additional conservation possibilities in the Belknap Range. For more information on the BRCC, please visit our website at www.belknaprange.org or contact the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition at PO Box 151, Gilmanton IW, NH 03837 or email us at info@belknaprange.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Wilder, Chair

## **Cemetery Trustees Report**

The Cemetery Trustees had a few changes this year with Fred Wells being elected to the Board in March. He has been a welcome addition, and he has a skill set the Board appreciates. In June we had the resignation of Kyle Dodge, who is greatly missed. The Board of Selectmen appointed Sharon Ciampi back to the Board to finish his term which expires March 2025. In February, with the permission of the Selectmen, we appointed two alternate members: Norma Patten, who sat as a board member for several years, and Kevin Sturgeon, for a one-year term.

As many people are aware, this year we worked under the default budget. We strived to stay within that budget and still make things come together. We were truly fortunate that several of our cemeteries had large displays of ground covering flowers. This helps feed the bees, which we strive to do every year, and just added a beautiful look to a couple of our larger cemeteries. We were also lucky that we had no major storm clean ups this year.

In New Hampshire, a cemetery is considered abandoned under RSA 289:19 if it has been neglected for at least 20 years. The municipality can then declare the cemetery abandoned and take over management to best protect the cemetery.

This spring the Trustees, with the help of the Selectmen, worked to have 7 of our historical cemeteries declared abandoned under this statute. This was a much-needed step in helping the Trustees with their mission of protection and preservation of this area of town history.

We worked several days this summer holding stone cleaning and repair workshops with the help of the NH Old Graveyard Association. We have met some great people to help continue this work.

December 14, 2024 marked the 4th year the Belmont Cemetery Trustees have partnered with American Legion Post 58 to bring the Wreaths Across America Program to Belmont. Every year more volunteers are coming to help us honor our Veterans in such a special way. Please consider joining us this year on December 13, 2025.

As always, we thank so many who help us reach our goals each year: the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and other Town departments that give us a hand and offer advice.

Thank you to Community Helpers Landscaping for maintaining our cemeteries, and the volunteers who give us a hand.

#### Cemetery Trustees:

Hilary Horn, Chairman Fred Wells Sharon Ciampi Norma Patten, Alternate Kevin Sturgeon, Alternate

# **Cemetery Trustees Report**



Stone cleaning workshops hosted by the Cemetery Trustees



Wreaths Across America Program honoring our Veterans

## **Conservation Commission**

#### BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Belmont Conservation Commission would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Chairman



Denise Naiva for her twenty-four years of continued service, leadership, and stewardship protecting and promoting the community's natural resources including surface and ground waters, wildlife, vegetation, wetlands, soils, and scenic beauty. Denise joined the Commission on September 12, 2001, and has been a driving force in establishing the Town of Belmont as a leader in environmental conservation within the State of New Hampshire.

"Her time and commitment to land conservation efforts alone are well recorded by the many additional acres of Town conservation land that has been added since 2001. We are fortunate to still have her leadership and commitment to protecting our community's natural resources for future generations."

**Denise Naiva- Commission Chair** 

(Scott Rolfe, former Conservation Commission Chair)

Thanks to our outstanding Conservation Commission members, the Belknap County Conservation District,

and Belmont Land Use staff, we were able to accomplish some important conservation goals during 2024. The highlight of the year was the assistance of six Student Conservation Association crew members to remove invasive glossy buckthorn from the Tioga River Conservation Area. Monies for this project were provided through a grant obtained by former Belknap County Conservation District chair and former Belmont resident, Donna Hepp. Each year, students from around the country contribute thousands of hours completing a variety of conservation service projects. During their 10-day hitch, the students hand pulled acres of glossy buckthorn on the Currier



**Student Conservation Association Crew** 

Sanborn portion of the Tioga Conservation property. A big shoutout to Pauline Tessier who made sure the students were housed, fed, and were provided the tools they needed. The next treatment phase will involve methods to help contain the further spread of these invasive plants. We have identified invasive plant species on other conserved properties as well. These plants cannot be completely eradicated but they can be managed from overtaking our native forest species. Management is ongoing.



Multiflora Rose & Mile Hill Mowed Area

Speaking of invasive species, a portion of our newest open space property on Mile Hill Road was mowed to control glossy buckthorn, multiflora rosa and bittersweet. The Silver Lake Association and the Lake Winnisquam Watershed network continue to work hard to keep invasive species such as variable milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed from choking our beautiful lakes. Winnisquam's Lake Host Program plays an important role by inspecting boats that are launched and/or retrieved from public boat ramps. All waterways can become affected by any size boat that has been used in other water bodies. Tiny specks of plants and

## **Conservation Commission**

animals can hitch a ride unbeknownst to the boat owner. The mantra to help prevent the spread is: Clean all boat, motor, and trailer surfaces, drain ballasts and bilges and hand dry all surfaces.

The Town Forest has received some TLC with trail maintenance and bridge repairs. The bridge by the pond was built in 2015 by Belmont High School students. It is showing its age and will be receiving some additional updating next Spring. We are always looking for volunteers!

We welcome our new alternate member, Thomas Ceniglio and new student member Mia Kenison. Many thanks to Emilie DeFrancesco, Susan Irving, and Deb Woodcock for their contributions to the Commission and we wish them well.



**Town Forest Pond Bridge** 

Christopher Marden was the 2024 recipient of the Jeff Marden Scholarship. Christopher is studying environmental science at the University of New Hampshire. We wish him success with his studies and future endeavors.

Thank you to our residents, the Town's leadership, Boards, Committees, and employees for your support. As the population grows, our mission to protect open spaces and to maintain our excellent water resources is more important than ever for the benefit of all.

**Members:** Denise Naiva - Chair, Pauline Tessier - Vice Chair, Ed Stephenson, Jane Jordan, Georgina Lambert, Sharon Ciampi - Ex Officio, and Jeffery DeFrancesco

Alternate Members: Richard Moreau and Thomas Ceniglio

Student Members: Emerson DeCato and Mia Kenison



Silver Lake, Belmont, New Hampshire 2024

Our seven-member Heritage Commission worked this year on meeting the needs of the community by enhancing the Town's heritage from its past, involving its citizens presently and working to preserve Belmont's archives for its future. The Heritage Commission is here to be a resource, to acknowledge, to inform and document, especially for the youth of our community.

This year was memorable as an overwhelming number of community members came together to honor Linda Frawley. We lost one of the founders of the Heritage Commission way too soon. The Town of Belmont is very grateful for the valuable contributions to the Town's history and heritage that only Linda could have achieved. Her dedication and perseverance will probably never matched for be all that she accomplished for Belmont.



Many community members, family, friends and historical preservation peers joined together in October for Linda Frawley's Memorial Service. In remembrance to Linda a bronze plaque sits atop a granite post behind the Belmont Mill. The townspeople also showed their gratitude when they donated to the Frawley Daffodil Fund to honor Linda Frawley. Thanks to the help of volunteer Ginger Wells-Kay in fundraising, planting design, and directing the many Friends-of-Frawley volunteers, 2,750 daffodils (Linda's favorite flower) were planted in the Fall at five historic sites: the Belmont Mill, Library and Bandstand as well as the Province Road Meeting House and Penstock Park which were all championed by Linda.



Each Spring we will welcome 2,750 daffodils as a continued remembrance to Linda Frawley.

#### 2024 Community Heritage Award Recipients

This annual event began in 2011 by the Heritage Commission, in partnership with the Board of Selectmen. We proudly recognized this year's honorees representing contributions to Belmont through Volunteerism and in Youth Leadership roles.

Community Heritage Award Got Lunch! Belmont & Friends Program Exceptional Commitment to Community Award







Belmont Heritage Commission Priscilla Annis Claire Bickford Jack Donovan Vicki Donovan Chris Mooney Ben Rolfe Jillian Rolfe Board of Selectmen Ruth P. Mooney Jon Pike Claude Patten Jr. Sharon Ciampi Travis O'Hara

The *Exceptional Commitment to Community Award* was awarded to a mighty group of persistent dedicated members of the Belmont Community who volunteered many hours to get the Got Lunch! Belmont and Friends Program running and off the ground. The program provided essential support by offering free weekly meal deliveries throughout the 8 -10 weeks of summer vacation for the children. The hard work and determination for such a worthy cause for the children of the community of Belmont is very much appreciated. Thank you to the following volunteers: Hillary Horn, Briana O'Hara, Jeanne Hibbard – Bickford, Jessica Treadway, Sharon Ciampi, Chris and Sara Arsenault, Jena Fleck, Cheryl Woundy, Ginger Wells-Kay, Ruth Mooney, Katrina Boucher, Travis O'Hara, Christine Smith, John and Kate Goegel, Laurie Hart, Alex Lenfest, Diana Johnson & Family, Laurie Oberter, Chrissy Riser, Natalie Labbare, Tari Selig, Brenda Seavey, Dana DeAngelis and Diane Hatch.

The Heritage Commission also announced two **Youth Leadership Awards.** Both award recipients are 2024 graduates of Belmont High School. Emilie DeFrancesco served on the Conservation Commission and Adam Ribeiro on the Heritage Commission. Both held Student Representative positions for two years. Both commissions lauded the work done by Emilie and Adam. It proved to be a very educational connection for each student to learn more about their Town's conservation and heritage. This partnership with the high school students opens the door to many future student representatives.



#### Fall 2024 New Banners on Main Street

Eleven new banners were installed on Main Street in the Fall and American flags are ready to be installed for Memorial Day thanks to collaboration with the American Legion Post 58. Look for these new banners as you walk or drive down Main Street: Belmont Since 1869, Belmont Library 1927, Belmont Mill 1835, Belmont Middle School est. 1998, Celebrate Community, Celebrate Old Home Day, Main Street U.S.A., Original Belmont High School 1936, Support



Belmont Businesses, We Appreciate 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, and Welcome to Belmont Village.

#### **Commission Educates Students and Supports Senior Citizens**

The Heritage Commission continues its mission to educate the young about the history of their Town. Educational coloring books were distributed to the Belmont Elementary School fourth graders in the Spring. Claire Bickford, who is a member of the commission and volunteers at Belmont Elementary helped to distribute them and answer questions from the students.



On February 14th our "We Love our Senior Citizens" project brought winter goodies to seniors and homebound residents as well. We collaborated with the B. E. S. Student Council who sponsored a Soup Drive and made Valentine's Cards for much-appreciated Senior Citizens.





#### Old Home Day and the Heritage Commission

Old Home Day is one of our favorite events! Last summer due to budget cuts we sponsored the band for Old Home Day. Our section provided memorabilia from Belmont's 1869 start to its present day.

Our members provided OHD activities for the young.....



AND

heard interesting stories from the past, especially from these 4 who shared stories about their high school days together!



#### Commission's Work in Progress

Our Heritage members continue their efforts in the following:

- working with the Historical Society's stored artifacts
- preservation and identification of artifacts for future display
- planning and organizing of artifacts into safe storage
- replacement of seals on NH Preservation Granite Markers at Mill and Bandstand
- placement of plate on horse's trough near library to identify its usage from 1800's
- \* membership in *New Hampshire Preservation Alliance*



Jenn Cashman swears in members Chris Mooney, Claire Bickford and Priscilla Annis.



Heritage member Ben Rolfe installs Linda Frawley's memorial post and bronze plaque.

### Thank you for your support.

Heritage Commission Members,

Vicki Donovan, Chair Claire Bickford, Vice-Chair Ben Rolfe, Secretary Jill Rolfe, Member Priscilla Annis, Member Jack Donovan, Member Chris Mooney, Alternate Travis O'Hara, Selectmen Representative



Claire Bickford mans the Heritage table at Old Home Day.

# **Belmont Old Home Day**

This year's Belmont Old Home Day was a little different for the Belmont community. The celebration was held on August 10, 2024. While not the typical Old Home Day Celebration, many community members, their families, friends and residents of nearby communities came to celebrate this annual tradition. This year's theme was "Four Seasons". Vendors and parade participants decorated and planned activities around the four seasons of NH.

With our budget in default, it was a challenge to be able to provide this event to the community. For the first year in many, it became an entirely volunteer run and community sponsored event. Many of our local organizations really pulled through for the community. The Belmont Heritage Commission sponsored the band for the day. Belmont Rotary, American Legion Post #58 as well as some businesses including Vernco Belknap LLC, Tremblay's Touch, Painting and Contracting Services, Fire Cleanup Services, Big Foot HVAC & Belknap Repair Services LLC sponsored our mini-golf course, prizes and attractions for the event.

The event kicked off with the 55<sup>th</sup> annual 10-Mile Road Race sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental. Retired Lieutenant Tom Murphy was once again at the finish line announcing the winners as they made their way across. Sean McCauley of Canterbury, NH was the first of 47 participants to cross the finish line. Race Directors Jeff Roberts & Gretta Olson did a great job at putting everything together and making this a successful road race.

Although this event was smaller than previous years, over 30 vendors and community groups lined Mill Street to offer food, handcrafted goodies and more. The Pancake Breakfast run by the First Baptist Church made its return this year. Our Selectmen set up a vendor space and were on hand with some great informational handouts to greet community members with. One of our longest standing volunteers, Mark Padula, once again challenged our youth by running the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull. The Belmont Library joined on the day to offer great children's activities to enjoy. An inflatable obstacle course and other interactive attractions were set up for kids and adults to enjoy. The Witches of the Lakes Region did not disappoint with their creative performance.

This year, retired Firefighter, Lieutenant Tom Murphy, served as the parade Grand Marshal. The Witches of the Lakes Region were the recipients of this year's Heart of the Community Award for both their terrific float and year after year support of the event and community throughout the year.

Every year the tradition continues for Belmont Fire Department continues to offer a wonderful gathering spot at the end of the day with their annual chicken BBQ.

This year's event would not have been possible had it not been for some great members of our community to come together. Thank you to Belmont Old Home Day Committee members and community volunteers: Edee Takantjas, Brian Gamache, Nicole Sturgeon, Jeff & Courtney Roberts, Mark Padula, Jena Flack, Tom Murphy and Gretta Olson. Thank you to the Belmont Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Buildings & Grounds and Town Hall employees for all of your help and support and for making this a safe, enjoyable event for our community.

To continue this decades long tradition, we are looking for volunteers from the community to come forward to help make

the 2025 event successful. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month from February-September at 6:30pm at the Belmont Mill.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Danielle St.Onge* Parks & Recreation Director





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February 10, 2025

Board of Selectmen **Town of Belmont** 143 Main Street, PO Box 310 Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

Dear Members of the Board:

We have substantially completed fieldwork in connection with the annual audit of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's December 31, 2023 financial statements, which has been delayed due to postponement of scheduled audit fieldwork due to turnover in the Town's finance department. Unless we encounter circumstances beyond our control, we expect the completed reports for the December 31, 2023 financial statements will be available no later than March 31, 2025.

Very truly yours,

Vachon Clubary & Company PC

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations

Title of Appropriation	Total Appropriation 2024	Total Expended Unaudited 2024	Total Encumbered 2025	(Over) Under
Executive	\$426,041.00	\$379,864.23		\$46,176.77
Town Clerk Functions	\$144,200.00	\$136,117.75		\$8,082.25
Elections	\$11,315.00	\$25,220.41		(\$13,905.41)
Financial Administration	\$343 <i>,</i> 598.00	\$318,792.00	\$2,200.00	\$22,606.00
Revaluation of Property	\$110,087.00	\$139,225.69		(\$29,138.69)
Legal	\$35,000.00	\$64,616.43		(\$29,616.43)
Planning & Zoning	\$368,117.00	\$386,432.01		(\$18,315.01)
General Gov. Buildings	\$488,676.00	\$426,018.29	\$20,196.45	\$42,461.26
Cemetery	\$21,000.00	\$10,148.70		\$10,851.30
Insurance	\$286,100.00	\$285,620.50		\$479.50
Police	\$2,801,736.00	\$2,606,470.01	\$44,957.45	\$150,308.54
Fire	\$2,279,518.00	\$2,206,198.06		\$73,319.94
Building Inspection	\$136,185.00	\$109,646.36		\$26,538.64
Emergency Management	\$5 <i>,</i> 000.00	\$9,066.42		(\$4,066.42)
Public Works Admin.	\$83,815.00	\$93,123.50		(\$9,308.50)
Highways & Streets	\$1,256,207.00	\$1,058,626.02		\$197,580.98
Street Lights	\$19,649.00	\$12,694.85		\$6,954.15
Highway Block Grant	\$194,234.00	\$27,417.52	\$188,127.90	(\$21,311.42)
Solid Waste	\$706,384.00	\$695,163.12		\$11,220.88
Health Appropriations	\$68,891.00	\$48,793.00		\$20,098.00
Gen. Asst. Administration	\$87,585.00	\$95,355.93		(\$7,770.93)
Gen. Asst. Vendor Payments	\$94,050.00	\$121,710.88		(\$27,660.88)
Recreation & Beach	\$162,584.00	\$145,291.23		\$17,292.77
Library	\$234,463.00	\$234,352.87		\$110.13
Patriotic Purposes Inc. Heritage	\$22,250.00	\$6,075.50		\$16,174.50
Conservation Commission	\$17,214.00	\$12,865.37		\$4,348.63
Long Term Debt	\$230,439.00	\$231,559.24		(\$1,120.24)
Long Term Interest	\$76,825.00	\$76,899.16		(\$74.16)
TAN Interest	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
Capital Outlay	\$185,000.00	\$165,000.00		\$20,000.00
Capital Reserve Transfer to Trust	\$248,767.00	\$248,767.00		\$0.00
Total	\$11,144,931.00	\$10,377,132.05	\$255,481.80	\$767,798.95

#### Town of Belmont Statement of Bonded Debt

#### General Fund Police Station Bond 2020-2040 Original Bond: \$3,500,000 Interest Rate: 2.40%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$2,931,485	2024	\$148,876	\$73,929	\$222,805
\$2,779,036	2025	\$152 <i>,</i> 449	\$70,356	\$222,805
\$2,622,928	2026	\$156,108	\$66,697	\$222,805
\$2,463,073	2027	\$159,855	\$62,950	\$222,805
\$2,299,382	2028	\$163 <i>,</i> 691	\$59,114	\$222,805
\$2,131,762	2029	\$167,620	\$55,185	\$222,805
\$1,960,119	2030	\$171,643	\$51,162	\$222,805
\$1,784,357	2031	\$175,762	\$47,043	\$222,805
\$1,604,376	2032	\$179,980	\$42,825	\$222,805
\$1,420,076	2033	\$184,300	\$38,505	\$222,805
\$1,231,353	2034	\$188,723	\$34,082	\$222,805
\$1,038,101	2035	\$193,253	\$29,552	\$222,805
\$840,210	2036	\$197 <i>,</i> 891	\$24,914	\$222,805
\$637,570	2037	\$202,640	\$20,165	\$222,805
\$430,067	2038	\$207 <i>,</i> 503	\$15,302	\$222,805
\$217,583	2039	\$212,483	\$10,322	\$222,805
\$0	2040	\$217,583	\$5,222	\$222,805
Total		\$3,500,000	\$956,101	\$4,456,101

#### Plesant Valley Project 2009-2024 Original Bond: \$1,150,000 Interest Rate: 3.36%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$49,791	2024	\$49,791	\$635	\$50,426
Total		\$49,791	\$635	\$50,426

#### Town of Belmont Statement of Bonded Debt Hoadley Road Culvert 2017-2026 Original Bond: \$330,000 Interest Rate: 2.9%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$99,000	2024	\$33,000	\$2,871	\$35,871
\$66,000	2025	\$33,000	\$1,914	\$34,914
\$33,000	2026	\$33,000	\$957	\$33,957
Total		\$99,000	\$5,742	\$104,742

Silver Lake Sewer 2012-2033 Original Bond: \$432,000 Interest Rate: 3.1183%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$250,000	2024	\$20,000	\$5,756	\$25,756
\$230,000	2025	\$21,000	\$5,256	\$26,256
\$209,000	2026	\$22,000	\$4,731	\$26,731
\$187,000	2027	\$24,000	\$4,181	\$28,181
\$163,000	2028	\$24,000	\$3,821	\$27,821
\$139,000	2029	\$25,000	\$3,221	\$28,221
\$114,000	2030	\$27,000	\$2,596	\$29 <i>,</i> 596
\$87,000	2031	\$28,000	\$1,921	\$29,921
\$59,000	2032	\$29,000	\$1,221	\$30,221
\$30,000	2033	\$30,000	\$750	\$30,750
Total		\$220,000	\$32,706	\$252,706

Water Meter Replacement Project 2015-2025 Original Bond: \$336,332 Admin. Rate: 1.635%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$47,105	2024	\$23,117	\$1,015	\$24,132
\$23 <i>,</i> 988	2025	\$23,988	\$392	\$24,380
Total		\$47,105	\$1,407	\$48,512

# Statement of Estimated vs. Actual Revenues

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Adjusted 2023	Estimated Revenue Adjusted 2024
Taxes		
Timber Taxes	\$15,479	\$23,136
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$18,883	\$17,606
Other Taxes - Boat Taxes	\$20,000	\$21,420
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$100,000	\$114,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. Yd.)	\$10,821	\$10,310
Licenses, Permits & Fees		
Business Licenses & Permits	\$47,000	\$47,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,600,000	\$1,700,000
Building Permits	\$40,000	\$73,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$75,000	\$75,000
From State		
Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$697,681	\$727,492
Highway Block Grant	\$195,327	\$197,367
Water Pollution Grant	\$6,197	\$6,202
Housing & Community Development (CDFA)		
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$8	\$7
Other (Including Railroad Tax, and Grant Inc.)	\$2,588	\$2,414
From Other Governments*		
Charges for Services		
Income from Departments	\$424,500	\$320,000
Other Charges	\$0	\$45,134
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Sale of Municipal Property	\$95 <i>,</i> 000	\$82,931
Interest on Investments	\$140,000	\$231,000
Other (Dividends/Reimbursements)	\$22,000	\$17,145
Interfund Operating Transfers In		
From Special Revenue Funds*	\$438,957	\$225,776
From Enterprise Funds		
Sewer - (offset)	\$627,364	\$684,298
Water - (offset)	\$355,141	\$367,279
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		
From Capital Reserve Funds		
Other Financing Sources		
Proc. From Longterm Bonds & Notes	\$48,646	\$0
Amounts Voted from F/B (Surplus)	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes		
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$4,980,592	\$4,988,517

# Treasurer's report

	<u>January</u>	1, 2024 to Decemi	per 31, 2024		
		Balance on January 1, 2024	Receipts and Transfers during the Year	Disbursements and Transfers during the Year	Balance on December 31, 2024
GENERAL FUND					
GENERAL FUND - NHPDIP INVESTMENT	Northway Operating	\$11,334,549.12	\$44,239,429.60	\$52,725,678.29	\$2,848,300.43
GENERAL FOND - NHPDIP INVESTIVIENT	NHPDIP Investment	\$1,041,746.00	\$18,923,312.83	\$12,900,000.00	\$7,065,058.83
PD DRUG FORFEITURE FUND		640 04 <del>7</del> 05	400 TED 00	40 CO2 00	400 400 CO
AMBULANCE FUND	Northway	\$12,347.86	\$89,753.82	\$9,692.00	\$92,409.68
	Northway	\$688,356.41	\$396,799.55	\$579,648.45	\$505,507.51
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Northway	\$140,450.84	\$169,867.80	\$1,200.00	\$309,118.64
SEWER DEPARTMENT					
	Northway Northway - Investments	\$1,008,577.78 \$103,281.20	\$853,795.97 \$972,719.49	\$1,598,653.28 \$0.00	\$263,720.47 \$1,076,000.69
WATER DEPARTMENT	-			·	
ESCROW ACCOUNT	Northway	\$100,058.50	\$563,006.54	\$480,741.11	\$182,323.93
	Northway	\$134,606.40	\$134,882.29	\$12,747.07	\$256,741.62
HERITAGE FUND	Northway	\$40,797.19	\$8,577.14	\$7,620.56	\$41,753.77
FOREST MANAGEMENT	·			. ,	. ,
	Northway	\$9,365.99	\$0.94	\$0.00	\$9,366.93
		\$14,614,137.29	\$66,352,145.97	\$68,315,980.76	\$12,650,302.50
	Unaudited - subject to change			Respectfully Submitted,	
				Alícia Segalíní	
				Alicia Segalini Treasurer	

Trust Funds				Principal	_						-	ncome		
		Additions,				Å	Realized Gain		Balance			Receipts &		
	2024 Beginning	Purchases,	Expenses During	Cash Capital	-		(Loss) on	2024 Ending	Beginning	Income		Expended During		Total Value of
Name	Balance	Transfers	Year	Gains		Fees	Securities	Balance	Year	During Year	Fees	Year E	<b>Balance End Year</b>	Fund
BEAN HILL	\$ 9,625.59			\$ 16	16.87 \$	(67.57) \$	(49.16) \$	9,525.73	\$ 5,368.43	\$ 413.98	\$ (67.57)		5,714.84	\$ 15,240.57
SOUTH ROAD CEMETERY	\$ 474,416.70			\$ 645.80	80 \$	(2,596.72) \$	(1,887.94) \$	470,577.84	\$ 102,508.67	\$ 15,901.01	\$ (2,596.72) \$	(3,010.47)	112,802.49	\$ 583,380.33
HIGHLAND CEMETERY	\$ 124,340.34			\$ 220.08	.08 \$	(881.21) \$	(641.08) \$	123,038.13	\$ 71,188.36	\$ 5,398.43	\$ (881.21)	.,	75,705.58	\$ 198,743.71
JAMESTOWN CEMETERY	\$ 53,739.05			\$ 95	95.07 \$	(380.83) \$	(277.05) \$	53,176.24	\$ 30,761.60	\$ 2,333.01	\$ (380.83)		32,713.78	\$ 85,890.02
PERKINS CEMETERY	\$ 851.12			\$ 1	1.36 \$	(5.45) \$	(3.97) \$	843.06	\$ 358.74	\$ 33.41	\$ (5.45)	.,	386.70	\$ 1,229.76
LEAVITT CEMETERY	\$ 2,585.16			\$	4.34 \$	(17.41) \$	(12.66) \$	2,559.43	\$ 1,277.09	\$ 106.62	\$ (17.41)		1,366.30	\$ 3,925.73
WOODMAN	\$ 1,764.38			\$	3.24 \$	(12.95) \$	(9.44) \$	1,745.23	\$ 1,110.78	\$ 79.39	\$ (12.95)		1,177.22	\$ 2,922.45
KINSMAN HALL	\$ 915.42			\$ 1	1.89 \$	(7.58) \$	(5.51) \$	904.22	\$ 766.53	\$ 46.44	\$ (7.58)		805.39	\$ 1,709.61
GILE CEMETERY	\$ 4,255.40			\$ 7	7.45 \$	(29.86) \$	(21.72) \$	4,211.27	\$ 2,369.07	\$ 182.90	\$ (29.86)	.,	2,522.11	\$ 6,733.38
CHERTOK CEMETERY	\$ 43,234.38			\$ 54	54.40 \$	(222.62) \$	(162.07) \$	42,904.09	\$ 6,156.77	\$ 1,360.60	\$ (222.62) \$	(1,054.57)	6,240.18	\$ 49,144.27
UNION CEMETERY	\$ 958.80			\$ 1	1.80 \$	(7.18) \$	(5.25) \$	948.17	\$ 636.89	\$ 44.07	\$ (7.18)	.,	673.78	\$ 1,621.95
LOUDON CEMETERY	\$ 1,839.89			\$	3.56 \$	(14.26) \$	(10.36) \$	1,818.83	\$ 1,325.03	\$ 87.39	\$ (14.26)		1,398.16	\$ 3,216.99
OTHER FUNDS							Ŷ				, \$		'	
Vincent Hadley	\$ 1,717.09			\$ 2	2.84 \$	(11.39) \$	(8.27) \$	1,700.27	\$ 810.82	\$ 69.79	\$ (11.39)	-,	869.22	\$ 2,569.49
John Sargent	\$ 1,102,122.92			\$ 1,285.80	80 \$	(5,204.05) \$	(3,661.95) \$	1,094,542.72	\$ 65,030.59	\$ 31,788.76	\$ (5,204.05) \$	(24,638.75)	66,976.55	\$ 1,161,519.27
John S. Folsom	\$ 868.99			\$ 1	1.51 \$	(6.05) \$	(4.39) \$	860.06	\$ 471.85	\$ 37.03	\$ (6.05)		502.83	\$ 1,362.89
Swain Scholarship	\$ 10,622.89			\$ 18	18.63 \$	(74.63) \$	(54.29) \$	10,512.60	\$ 5,934.08	\$ 457.12	\$ (74.63)		6,316.57	\$ 16,829.17
Duffy Trust	\$ 541,089.53			\$ 818.99	\$ 66	(3,280.56) \$	(2,386.28) \$	536,241.68	\$ 186,773.39	\$ 20,095.73	\$ (3,280.56)		203,588.56	\$ 739,830.24
Sarah Lamprey Fund	\$ 22,308.49			\$ 35	35.70 \$	(143.01) \$	(104.02) \$	22,097.16	\$ 9,419.48	\$ 875.99	\$ (143.01)		10,152.46	\$ 32,249.62
Jamestown Cemetery	\$ 11,216.72			\$ 21	21.04 \$	(84.26) \$	(61.29) \$	11,092.21	\$ 7,478.01	\$ 516.15	\$ (84.26)		7,909.90	\$ 19,002.11
BHS Graduation Funds	\$ 59,670.60			\$ 75	75.71 \$	(303.27) \$	(220.60) \$	59,222.44	\$ 7,616.84	\$ 1,857.76	\$ (303.27)		9,171.33	\$ 68,393.77
BHS Award Funds	\$ 85,889.33			\$ 111.27	.27 \$	(446.44) \$	(322.38) \$	85,231.78	\$ 13,682.10	\$ 2,733.65	\$ (446.44) \$	(685.76)	15,283.55	\$ 100,515.33
Hutchins Scholarship Fund	\$ 436,279.97	\$ 800.00		\$ 503.21	.21 \$	(2,028.77) \$	(1,477.25) \$	434,077.16	\$ 16,500.78	\$ 12,421.92	\$ (2,028.77) \$	(6,400.00)	20,493.93	\$ 454,571.09
Matthew A. Thibault Scholarship	\$ 186.94			\$	0.22 \$	(0.88) \$	(0.64) \$	185.64	\$ 7.46	\$ 5.37	\$ (0.88)		11.95	\$ 197.59
James Goulette Scholarship	\$ 630.98			\$	0.68 \$	(2.93) \$	(2.19) \$	626.54	\$ 63.61	\$ 17.85	\$ (2.93) \$	(91.78)	(13.25)	\$ 613.29
Elizabeth Roach Fund	\$ 2,106.76	\$ 100.00		\$ 2	2.44 \$	\$ (67.6)	(7.24) \$	2,192.17	\$ 115.63	\$ 60.40	\$ (9.79) \$	(150.00)	16.24	\$ 2,208.41
Belmont K9 Care & Maint. Fund	\$ 13,371.12	\$ 25.00		\$ 16	16.25 \$	(65.34) \$	(93.36) \$	13,253.67	\$ 1,131.47	\$ 363.24	\$ (65.34)		1,429.37	\$ 14,683.04
Belmont K9 Replacement	\$ 12,169.60	\$ 375.00		\$ 14	14.64 \$	(44.44) \$	26.30 \$	12,541.10	\$ 499.77	\$ 354.70	\$ (44.44)		810.03	\$ 13,351.13
Total Trust Funds	\$ 3,018,778.16 \$	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 3,964.79	\$ 6Z	(15,949.45) \$	(11,464.06) \$	(11,464.06) \$ 2,996,629.44	\$ 539,363.84	\$ 97,642.71	\$ (15,949.45) \$	(36,031.33) \$	585,025.77	\$ 3,581,655.21

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2024

## Summary of Capital Reserve Funds

PDIP # Description	Beginning Balance	Co	ontributions	w	/ithdrawals	Inte	erest Earned	Ending Balance
5 Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 33,651.39	\$	7,475.00	\$	8,948.24	\$	1,751.26	\$ 33,929.41
11 Economic Development NCR	\$ 40,685.82					\$	2,174.12	\$ 42,859.94
14 Library Improvement	\$ 381,927.24	\$	25,000.00			\$	20,427.87	\$ 427,355.11
21 Highway Heavy Equipment	\$ 119,673.78	\$	60,000.00			\$	6,440.18	\$ 186,113.96
22 Police Vehicle	\$ 66.10					\$	3.51	\$ 69.61
25 Information Technology NCR	\$ 25,418.87			\$	1,450.00	\$	1,336.23	\$ 25,305.10
26 Town Drainage Program	\$ 53,519.93					\$	2,859.95	\$ 56,379.88
28 Bridge Repair Maintenance	\$ 347,685.46	\$	41,267.00			\$	20,056.67	\$ 409,009.13
30 Sidewalks	\$ 23,844.08					\$	1,274.16	\$ 25,118.24
34 Road Inventory	\$ 57,545.15					\$	3,075.06	\$ 60,620.21
35 Property Revaluation	\$ 121,242.87			\$	61,200.00	\$	3,871.37	\$ 63,914.24
36 Digital Radio Equipment	\$ 1,953.64					\$	104.41	\$ 2,058.05
37 Water System Repair	\$ 305,171.24	\$	100,000.00	\$	8,935.02	\$	16,070.73	\$ 412,306.95
38 Highway Reconstruction	\$ 1,308,862.08			\$	174,723.05	\$	67,158.56	\$ 1,201,297.59
39 BRATT	\$ 115,628.77					\$	6,178.86	\$ 121,807.63
40 Municipal Facilities	\$ 711,413.81			\$	83,887.87	\$	35,326.29	\$ 662,852.23
41 Accrued Benefits LIA	\$ 97,564.01	\$	100,000.00	\$	48,155.64	\$	6,374.40	\$ 155,782.77
44 Sewer System Repair	\$ 59,251.52	\$	30,000.00	\$	27,567.37	\$	2,360.91	\$ 64,045.06
47 Dry Hydrant & Cistern	\$ 25,757.26	\$	2,500.00	\$	450.00	\$	1,376.39	\$ 29,183.65
48 Sewer Pump Station Upgrades	\$ 167,513.79			\$	6,072.71	\$	8,925.85	\$ 170,366.93
50 ADA Compliance	\$ 5,328.88					\$	284.76	\$ 5,613.64
51 Village Spur Rail Trail	\$ 27,821.47					\$	1,486.70	\$ 29,308.17
54 Election Equipment	\$ 7,420.95	\$	10,000.00			\$	756.32	\$ 18,177.27
55 Durrell Mtn. Road Maintenance	\$ 11,083.36	\$	5,000.00			\$	772.15	\$ 16,855.51
56 Public Health & Safety ET	\$ 53,501.44					\$	2,858.96	\$ 56,360.40
Town Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 4,103,532.91	\$	381,242.00	\$	421,389.90	\$	213,305.67	\$ 4,276,690.68
6 SRSD Facilities and Grounds	\$ 487,437.01	\$	150,000.00	\$	116,000.00	\$	25,160.10	\$ 546,597.11
27 SRSD Special Education Fund	\$ 345,344.27					\$	18,454.16	\$ 363,798.43
45 SRSD School Technology	\$ 103,382.54	\$	20,000.00			\$	5,802.45	\$ 129,184.99
46 SRSD Energy Conservation	\$ 1,019.25					\$	54.46	\$ 1,073.71
49 SRSD Land Purchase	\$ 28,490.13					\$	1,522.43	\$ 30,012.56
52 SRSD Accounting Software	\$ 963.24					\$	51.47	\$ 1,014.71
57 SRSD Food Service Equipment	\$ -	\$	20,000.00			\$	222.25	\$ 20,222.25
SRSD Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 966,636.44	\$	190,000.00	\$	116,000.00	\$	51,267.32	\$ 1,091,903.76
53 Sunray Shores Water District	\$ 141,148.84	\$	113,125.31	\$	97,125.31	\$	3,508.68	\$ 160,657.52
SS Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 141,148.84	\$	113,125.31	\$	97,125.31	\$	3,508.68	\$ 160,657.52

## **Town Wages**

Wages listed below may include the following:

- Paid holidays
- Earned vacation time
- Earned sick time
- Mandatory and voluntary overtime
- Contracted & policy obligations for vacation buyouts
- Sick time payouts for retirement
- Longevity/service payout for retirement
- Health insurance buyout for employees who do not take Town insurance
- Special details for Police and Fire reimbursed by third party vendors (No tax dollars used)

Name	Wages	Name	Wages
Acres, Debra J	\$246.00	Corbett, Scott G	\$85,119.74
Akerman, Colleen	\$71,068.67	Crowley, John C	\$13,941.60
Akerstrom, Stephen M	\$104,287.61	Danforth, Randy R	\$87,946.25
Allen, Maddison R	\$59,110.19	Davis, Katherine L	\$3,093.75
Anacki, Patricia A	\$390.00	Decato, Erin K	\$651.00
Arias, Luis A	\$72,652.40	Decormier, Jack A	\$60,350.03
Austin, Elizabeth A	\$459.00	Demass, Arthur N	\$23,978.00
Binette, Barbara E	\$648.00	DiLorenzo, Marnell A	\$69,620.84
Black, Deborah A	\$106,296.30	Dodge, Kyle F	\$54,277.45
Boulanger, Evan R	\$102,028.32	Drew, Christine A	\$19,149.50
Brace, Christopher W	\$5,991.50	Durham, Travon	\$23,518.40
Brooks, Donna M	\$159.00	Dutton, Ryder J	\$3,273.75
Brown , Dalton A	\$76,132.16	Ekberg, Mark C	\$7,770.90
Bryant, Richard A	\$80,280.00	Ellis Hopkins, Jessica I	\$1,125.00
Cameron, Roderick E	\$77,202.71	Estes, David L	\$102,447.67
Caron, David	\$333.34	Estes, Judy E	\$82,279.17
Caron, Glenn A	\$53,627.72	Fairhurst, Jackie L	\$552.00
Caruolo, Robert T	\$70,080.36	Fogg, Christine	\$192.00
Cashman, Jennifer A	\$85,636.92	Forster, Stephen J	\$77,443.48
Chabot, Ann M	\$3,919.51	Foston, Liam J	\$1,765.52
Champagne, Austin N	\$8,214.00	Frechette, Andrew G	\$2,927.57
Charnley, Paul A	\$3,010.15	Garfield, Thomas E	\$474.33
Chiu, Jennifer F	\$207.00	Gilbert, Eileen R	\$60,109.58
Ciampi, Sharon L	\$5,500.00	Gilbert, Trevor J	\$69,988.24
Cilley-Lewandoski, Donna J	\$77,693.18	Girard, James M	\$911.34
Clairmont, Christopher M	\$76,040.41	Glennon, Logan P	\$2,798.25
Clairmont, Craig A	\$106,296.30	Golden, Patrick M	\$65,256.91
Clark, Michael D	\$46,832.90	Goulette, Thomas J	\$513.33
Cluett, Sophia R	\$3,255.50	Gray, Amare M	\$2,388.75
Colcord, Stephen M	\$38,500.00	Harris, Gina E	\$47.52
Combs, Alan Scott R	\$3,273.75	Hayes, James D	\$78,899.78

# Town Wages

Name	Wages	Name	Wages
Heger, Jeffrey A	\$69,454.06	Phillips, Nathan	\$84,720.66
Hickey, Susan A	\$8,698.76	Pickowicz, Donald J	\$78,785.63
Hicks, Nancy J	\$85,634.65	Pickowicz, Joel C	\$92,718.95
Horn, Hillary A	\$261.00	Pike, Jonathan W	\$5,500.00
Hunt, Carolyn L	\$651.00	Proulx, Trenton C	\$2,814.50
Jackes, Brian A	\$97,414.55	Radue, Linda M	\$6,824.08
Jacobs, Krystal F	\$31,774.31	Randall, Tricia L	\$63,619.51
Jameson, Jr., Bradley P	\$68,599.35	Rankin, Shia I	\$4,011.88
Jipson, Alicia V	\$114,803.22	Raper, Richard C	\$78,777.28
Johnson, Samantha L	\$3,718.24	Rideout, Christopher J	\$117,347.61
Kimball, Sereniti L	\$45.36	Riley, Patrick I	\$88,097.58
Lacasse, Ava J	\$2,983.50	Rolfe, Kelly A	\$6,912.30
Landry, Joshua R	\$4,906.25	Rolland, Jesse M	\$54,657.04
LeClair, Samantha E	\$58,442.24	Ryan, Thomas D	\$71,990.11
Lewandoski, Mark B	\$100,203.87	Santoro, Karen A	\$100,340.37
Lindquist, James R	\$160.44	Schultz, Lori A	\$71,193.20
Lopez, Noel C	\$24,252.75	Searles, Rebecca L	\$36,128.20
Maccabee, Calista M	\$1,615.13	Segalini, Alicia M	\$6,500.00
Majok, Ningow Olive	\$3,204.50	Shepherd, Donna E	\$3,750.00
Maney, Margaret M	\$132.00	Shoemaker, Grace H	\$598.19
Martin, Gavin	\$34,250.64	Sica, Brendan P	\$59,130.82
Mattson, Erica K	\$8,837.16	Siegel, Richard K	\$1,231.36
McCarty, Sean M	\$98,001.91	Somogyi, Syntia M	\$44,900.59
McKim, Mariah H	\$3,146.00	St. Onge, Danielle L	\$52,670.91
Mitchell, Geraldine S	\$354.00	Stern, Sueann M	\$327.00
Mooney, Ruth P	\$5,500.00	Stevens, Cameron M	\$75,235.65
Moore, Cyle E	\$72,050.72	Sturm, Tricia S	\$62.00
Moulton, Raechel E	\$95,993.39	Testa, Joseph R	\$1,565.51
Mozier, Andrew W	\$123.12	Thomas, Jennifer L	\$29,930.81
Murphy, Thomas M	\$76,178.96	Tibbetts, Christopher D	\$60,120.66
Nix, Jr., Alvin E	\$450.00	Tibbetts, Devon	\$58,282.62
O'Hara, Travis J	\$5,500.00	Vaughn, Lillian M	\$2,792.25
Paquette, Brenda J	\$4,661.25	Vincent, Susan C	\$417.00
Parks-Beaulac, Becky j	\$59,097.68	Waltos, Brian L	\$81,584.42
Pastor, Susan M	\$59,147.27	Wheeler, Nikki J	\$1,162.50
Patten, Jr., Claude B	\$5,500.00	Wilson, Roylynn I	\$3,243.50
Peirce, Wayne H	\$56,122.80	Wright, Garrett S	\$441.78
Perkins, Christina L	\$2,723.50	Zela, Peter M	\$2,625.00
Perkins, David M	\$537.50		
		TOTAL WAGES 2024	\$ 5,058,327.10

# Belmont Tax Rate History

NET VALUATION	YEAR	MUNICIPAL	COUNTY	SCHOOL	STATE ED	RATE	DISTRICT RATE	RATIO*
Town of Belmont							Westview	
							Meadows Water	
	1986	\$8.34	\$2.73	\$29.18		\$40.25		
	1987	\$8.12	\$2.71	\$29.17		\$40.00		
	1988	\$9.96	\$2.78	\$34.56		\$47.30		
	1989	\$3.03	\$1.00	\$10.22		\$14.25		
	1990	\$5.47	\$1.29	\$12.24		\$19.00		
	1991	\$4.67	\$1.62	\$13.71		\$20.00		
	1992	\$5.02	\$1.55	\$13.81		\$20.38		
\$253,476,010	1993	\$5.59	\$2.18	\$19.95		\$27.72		
\$252,717,068	1994	\$5.99	\$2.08	\$22.21		\$30.28		
\$255,009,459	1995	\$6.44	\$2.26	\$26.32		\$35.02		96%
\$254,909,517	1996	\$5.12	\$2.08	\$25.66		\$32.86		94%
\$256,916,084	1997	\$7.30	\$2.17	\$24.85		\$34.32		94%
\$257,576,795	1998	\$6.30	\$2.07	\$27.38		\$35.75		94%
\$266,029,048	1999	\$7.25	\$2.04	\$12.06	\$7.44	\$28.79		89%
\$324,794,500	2000	\$7.29	\$1.93	\$12.00	\$5.75	\$26.97		98%
\$329,271,058	2001	\$8.12	\$2.07	\$11.18	\$6.17	\$27.54	\$3.62	82%
\$338,017,388	2002	\$9.49	\$2.25	\$12.40	\$5.84	\$29.98	\$3.92	69%
\$467,316,643	2003	\$7.42	\$1.70	\$10.63	\$4.24	\$23.99		89%
\$475,792,738	2004	\$7.81	\$1.61	\$11.98	\$3.45	\$24.85		77%
\$489,161,812	2005	\$8.75	\$1.61	\$11.15	\$3.08	\$24.59		72%
\$499,500,599	2006	\$9.04	\$1.60	\$11.91	\$3.14	\$25.69		66%
\$789,212,772	2007	\$6.18	\$1.13	\$8.39	\$1.94	\$17.64		100%
\$798,243,137	2008	\$6.24	\$1.22	\$8.84	\$2.04	\$18.34		108%
\$724,682,218	2009	\$6.99	\$1.33	\$9.02	\$2.35	\$19.69		100%
\$727,766,038	2010	\$7.50	\$1.35	\$9.86	\$2.26	\$20.97		118%
\$727,724,358	2011	\$7.52	\$1.24	\$10.45	\$2.35	\$21.56		115%
\$730,952,949	2012	\$7.42	\$1.19	\$10.93	\$2.16	\$21.70		126%
\$732,371,163	2013	\$7.53	\$1.13	\$11.67	\$2.11	\$22.44		122%
\$588,845,010	2014	\$9.50	\$1.43	\$14.24	\$2.48	\$27.65		100%
\$591,248,261	2015	\$9.41	\$1.39	\$15.00	\$2.47	\$28.27		93.9%
\$595,718,746	2016	\$9.55	\$1.41	\$15.54	\$2.33	\$28.83		92.1%
\$600,602,677	2017	\$9.53	\$1.30	\$16.10	\$2.53	\$29.46		89.7%
\$604,614,281	2018	\$9.48	\$1.47	\$15.97	\$2.33	\$29.25		79.7%
\$736,857,324	2019	\$7.98	\$1.25	\$13.89	\$1.89	\$25.01		89.6%
\$734,861,120	2020	\$8.34	\$1.28	\$13.70	\$2.02	\$25.34		86.6%
\$741,456,168	2021	\$8.54	\$1.10	\$14.98	\$2.05	\$26.67	1	67.8%
\$1,158,120,472	2022	\$6.33	\$0.88	\$10.95	\$0.95	\$19.11	1	91.8%
\$1,373,954,888	2023	\$5.86	\$0.89	\$9.47	\$1.25	\$17.47		88.5%
\$1,572,345,032	2024	\$4.73	\$0.89	\$9.11	\$1.01	\$15.74		TBD

\*Ratios are rounded to nearest %

# Summary of Inventory Valuation

	<u># of Acres</u>	Assessed Valuation
I. Value of Land Only		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values ) RSA 79-A	8,780.09	\$1,089,839
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0)/ 00100	<i> </i>
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0.67	\$33,163
E. Residential Land (Improved & Unimproved Land)	5,476.49	\$450,682,205
F. Commercial/Industrial Land	1,807.48	\$71,784,170
G. Total of Taxable Land	16,064.73	\$493,589,377
H. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	1,932.78	\$21,492,688
II. Value of Buildings Only		
A. Residential		\$761,302,417
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$112,560,500
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$108,162,260
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D # of Structures	7.00	\$52,000
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$982,077,177
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$44,531,800
III. Utilities		
A. Public Utilities		\$28,227,689
IV. Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		
V. Valuation before Exemptions		\$1,503,894,243
	# Granted	
VI. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	2	\$1,873,037
VII. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b	0	
VIII. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	
IX. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV	0	
X. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a	0	
XI. Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties		\$1,502,021,206
XII. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	3	\$45,000
XIII. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	57	\$5,158,000
XIV. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	0	\$0
XV. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	14	\$637,600
XVI. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	0	\$0
XVII. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	36	\$1,172,256
XVIII. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	0	
XIV. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23IV		67 042 050
XX. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$7,012,856
XXI. Net Valuation		\$1,495,008,350
XXII. Less Commerical/Industrial Construction Exemption XXIII. Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County & Local		\$7,582,150
		\$1 197 176 700
Education Tax is Computed XXIV. Less Utilities		\$1,487,426,200 \$28,227,689
XXV. Net Valuation without Utilities on which Tax Rate for State Education		۶۷0,227,007
Tax is computed		\$1,466,780,661
		¥1,400,700,001

## **Current Use Summary**

In accordance with State of New Hampshire Current Use Booklet

## Current Use Assessment Ranges

## April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

	FARMLAND	\$25 - \$425 per acre	*****
FORESTLAND		Forest Land <u>WITHOUT</u> Documented Stewardship	Forest Land <u>WITH</u> Documented Stewardship
	White Pine	\$123 - \$184 per acre	\$74 - \$110 per acre
	Hardwood	\$67 - \$101 per acre	\$40 - \$60 per acre
	All Other (Including Naturally Seeded Christmas Trees)	\$39 - \$59 per acre	\$24 - \$36 per acre
	Unproductive Land	\$24 per acre	\$24 per acre
	Wet Land	\$24 per acre	\$24 per acre
Farm Land		1,362.56	\$457,062
Fo	orest Land	6,546.66	\$613,377
W	nproductive Land etlands urrent Use Totals	870.87 0 8,780.09	\$19,400 \$0 \$ 1,089,839
	otal Number of owners in Cur otal Acreage removed from Cu	227 28.37	

**RSA 79-A:1 Declaration of Public Interest.** It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources. It is further declared to be in the public interest to prevent the loss of open space due to property taxation at values incompatible with open space usage. Open space land imposes few if any costs on local government and is therefore an economic benefit to its citizens. The means for encouraging preservation of open space authorized by this chapter is the assessment of land value for property taxation on the basis of current use. It is the intent of this chapter to encourage but not to require management practices on open space lands under current use assessment.

# Summary of Town Owned Property

Location	<u>Map &amp; Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	Assessed Value \$
Old State Road (Winni Scenic Trail)	101-006-000-000	2.6	11,700
Ladd Hill Road, Conservation Land	102-020-000-000	40.74	140,543
Elaine Drive, Land	104-021-001-000	0.18	10,200
Elaine Drive, Land	104-038-000-000	0.28	31,000
Ladd Hill Road, Cemetery (Ladd Hill)	105-019-002-000	0.14	17,800
Down's Court (Ladd Hill, Land)	106-026-000-000	0.31	59,200
Down's Court (Ladd Hill, Land)	106-027-000-000	1.13	80,700
Nancy Drive, Pump Station	107-050-000-000	0.32	76,200
Elaine Drive, Land	107-103-000-000	0.08	18,500
Elaine Drive, Land	107-104-000-000	0.17	24,800
Elaine Drive, Land	107-119-001-000	0.08	200
24 Wakeman Road, Pump Station	111-025-001-000	0.01	9,200
38 Gilman Shore Road, Pump Station	111-072-001-001	0.01	3,700
24 Chestnut Street, Pump Station	114-009-000-001	0.01	unk
37 Bayview Drive, Pump Station	115-006-000-001	0.01	unk
Jefferson Road, Land	116-007-000-000	1.6	49,500
Jefferson Road, Land	116-021-000-000	0.39	57,000
Union Road, Land	116-023-000-000	0.43	65,500
Union Road, Land	116-024-000-000	2.08	168,900
Union Road, Land	116-025-000-000	1.52	162,400
Woodland Drive, Land	116-026-000-000	1.39	77,700
Island on Silver Lake	118-006-001-000	0.02	130,100
Jamestown Road, Cemetery (Gile)	118-008-000-000	0.43	78,600
14 Coons Point Road, Pump Station	119-072-000-001	0.01	3,500
150 Gardner's Grove Road, Conservation Land	120-015-000-000	76	3,552
Gardner's Grove Road	120-020-000-000	0.27	258,000
Holly Tree Circle, Land	121-009-000-000	0.14	35,800
143 Main Street, Town Hall, L&B	122-001-000-000	0.15	685,100
Mill Street, Land	122-006-000-000	0.26	113,200
Mill Street, Bandstand, L&B	122-007-000-000	0.2	114,000
Main Street, L&B	122-008-000-000	0.71	419,000
Main Street, Library, L&B	122-009-000-000	0.17	389,100
Main Street, Land (Parking & Open Space)	122-010-000-000	0.29	135,100
Church Street, Land	122-023-000-000	2.2	38,900
Main Street, Parking Lot, Penstock Park Land	122-044-000-000	1.2	141,900
14 Gilmanton Road, Fire Station, L&B	122-082-000-000	3.85	913,900
Fuller Street, Parking Lot, Land	122-134-000-000	0.11	46,300
Fuller Street, Parking Lot, Land	122-136-000-000	0.07	84,300
16 Fuller Street, Police Station, L&B	122-138-000-000	0.26	1,072,300
Mill Street, Pavilion & Parking	123-002-000-000	1.24	260,000
Mill Street, Land	123-003-000-000	5.92	166,100
14 Mill Street, Mill Building, L&B	123-004-000-000	1.03	1,316,200
Depot Street, (Village Spur Trail) Land	123-006-000-000	18	178,600

# Summary of Town Owned Property

Location	Map & Lot	<u>Acreage</u>	Assessed Value \$
Sargent Street, Park, L&B	125-008-000-000	2.8	194,300
Concord Street, Land	125-037-000-000	0.15	13,000
110 Concord Street, Land	126-019-000-000	0.6	82,300
Daniel Webster Highway, Town Beach, L&B	201-013-000-000	4.9	1,974,300
Peter Court Cul-De-Sac, Land (Open Space)	202-001-000-000	1.1	8,100
Mile Hill Road, Open Space Land	202-012-001-000	1.85	7,400
Mile Hill Road, Conservation Land	202-015-001-000	51.08	120,900
Swallow Road, Cemetery (Swallow)	203-004-001-000	0.16	800
Off Randlett St, Cemetery (Randlett)	204-012-000-000	0.13	40,300
Northbrook Road, Cemetery (Prescott)	205-008-001-000	0.12	600
Mile Hill Road, Conservation Land	210-028-000-000	51	204,000
Off Horne Road	210-038-000-000	38	7,600
Durrell Mountain Rd, Cemetery (Lamprey)	211-069-001-000	0.09	unk
Leavitt Road, Cemetery (Leavitt)	211-074-001-000	0.09	500
Federal Street, Cemetery (Hadley)	211-087-002-000	0.07	unk
Leavitt Road, Land	211-091-000-000	69.74	2,713
Federal Street, Conservation Land	211-091-016-000	17.23	unk
Stonington Drive, Land	211-091-031-000	1.43	unk
Off Swallow Road, Land	212-029-001-000	0.17	11,500
Hoadley Road, Cemetery (Wolcott)	212-053-000-000	0.03	29,200
Province Road, Cemetery (Folsom)	212-074-000-000	0.03	2,900
Off Swallow Road, Land	212-079-000-000	0.11	3,800
Off Swallow Road, Land	212-080-000-000	0.04	3,000
Durrell Mountain Road, Conservation Land	214-009-000-000	168.02	246,500
Durrell Mountain Road, Conservation Land	214-014-001-000	46.08	221,200
Province Road, Open Space Land	215-003-000-000	19.73	140,400
Province Road, Open Space Land	215-003-001-000	7.88	54,900
Province Road, Cemetery (Spiller)	215-053-001-000	0.014	1,800
Lamprey Road, Cemetery (Page)	217-004-000-000	0.10	36,500
Dutile Road, Land	217-037-000-000	15.36	72,900
Dutile Road, Land	217-038-000-000	65.34	172,900
Horne Road, Cemetery (Bartlett)	218-028-000-000	0.06	unk
Dutile Road, Land	218-042-001-000	0.60	200
Dutile Road, Land	218-083-001-000	1	400
Dutile Road, Land	218-097-000-000	10.64	63,100
Hurricane Road, Cemetery (Woodman)	222-004-001-000	0.02	500
Union Road, Cemetery (Judkins/Hunt)	222-073-000-000	0.16	unk
Bean Hill Road, Cemetery (Bean Hill)	223-042-000-000	0.13	unk
149 Hurricane Road, L&B	223-058-000-000	4.51	1,052,000
Hurricane Road, Closed Landfill, Land	223-059-000-000	114	507,800
Farrarville Road, Land	225-017-000-000	1	1,200
Bean Dam, Conservation Land	225-018-000-000	61	1,159
Province Road, Cemetery (Farrar)	226-026-001-000	0.04	500
Province Road, Cemetery (Dow)	226-029-000-000	0.14	41,700
Off Province Road, Land	228-024-001-000	54	21,600

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<u>Location</u>	Map & Lot	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value \$</u>
Province Road, Land	228-029-000-000	1.5	74,100
Grimstone Drive, Conservation Land	229-024-000-000	36.88	112,900
Grimstone Drive, Open Space Land	229-034-000-000	8.65	108,300
Brown Hill Road, Cemetery (Weymouth)	229-040-001-000	0.02	500
Wildlife Boulevard, Town Forest, Land	230-005-000-000	65	229,000
Wildlife Boulevard, Land	230-028-000-000	2.1	4,600
Hurricane Road, Land	231-009-000-000	12.96	6,200
Hurricane Road	231-009-001-000	2.1	8,500
Jamestown Road, Cemetery (Gile)	232-006-002-000	0.01	500
Jamestown Road, Cemetery (Adams)	232-009-000-000	0.03	unk
Depot Street, Conservation Land	234-003-000-000	2.7	4,900
490 Depot Street, Conservation Land	234-004-000-000	188	376,000
South Road, Land	235-034-000-000	7.7	15,400
Depot Street, Land	235-036-000-000	18	852
Depot Street, Land	235-037-000-000	10.46	416,300
Jamestown Road, Cemetery (Jackson)	235-053-000-000	0.30	unk
Jamestown Road, Land	235-054-000-000	5.10	98,600
Depot Street, Land	236-002-000-000	2.1	7,600
Depot Street, Land	236-003-000-000	10.7	38,500
Church Street, Cemetery (Highland)	237-001-000-000	0.81	unk
798 Laconia Road, Park & Ride	237-020-000-000	1.5	206,800
Perkins Road, Cemetery (Perkins)	237-037-000-000	0.83	76,500
Sargent Lake, Land	238-016-000-000	0.04	18,200
Arnold Road, Land	239-043-000-000	0.59	26,500
Dock Road	239-044-000-000	0.62	53,700
Sargent Lake, Land	239-089-000-000	0.07	20,000
Gilmanton Road, Water Tank	241-020-000-000	6.5	413,600
Shaker Road, L&B	242-031-000-000	37	392,700
South Road, Land	243-008-001-000	4	16,000
South Road, Land	243-024-000-000	1.3	40,700
South Road, Land	243-031-000-000	1.8	400
South Road, Land	247-005-000-000	0.92	2,600

## Tax Assessment

Town Share of Rate:			
Total Town Appropriations			\$12,206,411
Less: Revenues			\$5,521,784
Add: Overlay			\$106,873
Add: War Service Credits			\$255,600
Net Town Appropriations:			\$7,047,100
Approved Town Tax Rate:		\$4.73	(30% of Total Rate)
School Share of Rate:			
Regional School Apportionment			\$19,657,615
Less: Adequate Education Grant			\$4,630,173
Less: State Education Taxes			\$1,481,978
Approved School Tax Effort:			\$13,545,464
Local Education Tax Rate:		\$9.11	(58% of Total Rate)
State Education Share of Rate:			
			\$1,481,978
State Education Rate (Equalized):		\$1.01	(6% of Total Rate)
County Share of Rate:			
County Assessment:			\$1,323,442
Approved County Tax Effort:			\$1,323,442
Approved County Tax Rate:		\$0.89	(6% of Total Rate)
Total Property Taxes Assessed:			\$23,397,984
Less: War Service Credits			\$255,600
Add: Village District Commitment (s)			\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment:			\$23,142,384
	Proo	f of Rate	
Net Assessed Valuation	Та	x Rate	
State Education Tax \$1,466,780,661	\$	1.01	
Municipal \$1,487,426,200	\$	4.73	
Local School \$1,487,426,200	\$ \$ \$	9.11	
County \$1,495,008,350	\$	0.89	

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## Tax Collector's Account MS-61 (Including Utility)

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UNCOLLECTED TAXES		LEVY FOR YEAR	+	PRIOR LEVY YEA	R S
BEGINNING OF Y	EAR	OF THE REPORT	2023	2022	2021
PROPERTY TAXES	#3110		999736.26	2112.71	
RESIDENT TAXES	#3180	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.0
LAND USE CHANGE	#3120	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	24384.27	0.00	0.0
YIELD TAXES	#3185	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	3714.06	0.00	0.0
EXCAVATION TAX	#3187	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.0
UTILITIES	#3189	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	174515.79	225.23	-242.0
BETTERMENT & OTHER T	AXES	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.0
INTEREST		XXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	-21.97	-104.6
PENALTIES -RESIDENT	ТАХ	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.0
PENALTIES -OTHER TAX		XXXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.0
OTHER CHARGES		XXXXXXXXXXXXX	1638.77	0.00	363.4
PROPERTY CR BAL		0.00	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
UTILITY CR BALS		0.00	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	*****
TAXES COMMITT	ED				
THIS YEAR					
PROPERTY TAXES	#3110	23139769.88	0.00		
RESIDENT TAXES	#3180	0.00	0.00		
LAND USE CHANGE	#3120	79070.00	0.00		
YIELD TAXES	#3185	23756.46	0.00		
EXCAVATION TAX	#3187	10310.52	0.00		
UTILITIES	#3189	1040839.70	0.00		
BETTERMENT & OTHER T	AXES	0.00	0.00		
OTHER CHARGES		11024.68	0.00		
OVERPAYMENT					
PROPERTY TAXES	 #3110	50782.97	38851.00	9217.41	8537.0
RESIDENT TAXES	#3180	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
LAND USE CHANGE	#3120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
YIELD TAXES	#3185	1488.03	0.00	0.00	0.0
EXCAVATION TAX	#3187	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
UTILITIES	#3189	0.00	175.39	0.00	130.5
BETTERMENT & OTHER TA		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
INTEREST		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
PENALTIES -RESIDENT	ТАХ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
PENALTIES -OTHER TAX		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
OTHER CHARGES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
INTEREST PENALTIES	& COSTS				
COLLECT.INTLATE TAX	 XES #3190	9202.88	35668.54	0.05	0.0
PENALTIES -RESIDENT		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
PENALTIES -OTHER TAX		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
COSTS BEFORE LIEN	#3190	0.00	6730.00	3684.00	39.0
TOTAL DEBIT	S	24366245.12	1285414.08	 15217.43	=======================================

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#### Levy Year: 2024 Year Starting: 01/01/24 Cutoff Date: 12/31/24

\_\_\_\_\_ LEVY FOR YEAR +----PRIORLEVYYEARS-----+ REMITTED TO TREASURER OF THE REPORT 2023 2022 2021... ---------------\_\_\_\_\_ -----PROPERTY TAXES 22309655.64 701951.95 -68.44 -27.71 RESIDENT TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 LAND USE CHANGE 79070.00 13966.27 0.00 0.00 YIELD TAXES 15515.21 69 48 0 00 0.00 EXCAVATION TAX 0.00 0.00 10310.52 0.00 888018.90 UTILITIES 139414.25 45.23 0.00 BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 9177.16 35668.54 INTEREST -0.20 0.00 PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 CONVERSION TO LIEN 0.00 361971.50 0.00 0.00 COST NOT LIENED 0.00 189.00 3618.00 39.00 8824.90 1404.72 0.00 0.00 OTHER CHARGES DISCOUNTS ALLOWED 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 ABATEMENTS MADE \_\_\_\_\_ 3014.09 20174.98 11376.84 8537.07 PROPERTY TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 RESIDENT TAXES LAND USE CHANGE 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 YIELD TAXES 9578.03 3644.58 0.00 0.00 EXCAVATION TAX 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 UTILITIES 1196.97 6958.81 0.00 147.25 0.00 0.00 BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 INTEREST PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX 0 00 0 00 0.00 0.00 PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 OTHER CHARGES 0.00 66.00 0.00 0.00 CURRENT LEVY DEEDED 0.00 0.00 0.00 UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080 -----885330.75 0.00 21.72 0.00 PROPERTY TAXES RESIDENT TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 LAND USE CHANGE YIELD TAXES 151.25 0.00 0.00 0.00 EXCAVATION TAX 0 00 0 00 0.00 0.00 156674.03 -234.05 180.00 -258.80 UTILITIES BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 INTEREST 25.72 -21.72 -104.61 PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 OTHER CHARGES 2199.78 234.05 0.00 363.41 PROPERTY CR BAL -7447.63 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX UTILITY CR BALS -5050.20XXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXX \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL CREDITS 24366245.12 1285414.08 15217.43 8695.61

## Tax Collector's Account MS-61 (Including Utility)

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Levy Year: 2024 Year Sta	rting: 01/01/2	4 Cutoff Date: 12/31/2	24	Tax Authority: Consol	idated Authorities
<b></b>		D	EBITS		
		LAST YEAR'S	+Р	RIOR LEVY YEAR	S
DEBITS		LEVY (2023)	2022	2021	2020
UNREDEEMED LIENS -BEG. OF	YEAR	0.00	208342.84	104621.19	406294.18
LIENS EXECUTED DURING YEAR	ર	378835.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST & COSTS		10636.42	12252.84	19267.04	67608.24
TOTAL DEBITS		389471.55	220595.68	123888.23	473902.42
		C I	REDITS	· · · · ·	
		LAST YEAR'S	+P	RIOR LEVY YEAR	S+
REMITTED TO TREASURER		LEVY (2023)	2022	2021	2020
REDEMPTIONS		146776.41	99727.47	70455.75	99183.24
INTEREST & COSTS #	#3190	7968.72	12185.52	18290.59	68321.90
ABATEMENTS OF UNREDEEMDED	TAX	1801.54	754.28	2676.53	13047.95
LIENS DEEDED TO MUNICIPAL	ττγ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNREDEEMED LIEN BAL #	¥1110	232924.88	107928.41	32465.36	293349.33
TOTAL CREDITS		======================================	220595.68	123888.23	473902.42

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)?

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Carshman DATE: 1.27.2025 TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE:

# Tax Exempt Properties

Owner/Location	Map & Lot	<u>Acreage</u>	Assessed Value \$
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., L&B	205-018	5.65	670,600
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., Land	205-020	7.76	95 <i>,</i> 500
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., Land	205-016	6.58	102,500
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., Land	205-017	7.5	117,900
Belknap County 4-H Foundation, Land	210-029	59	249,200
Belknap County 4-H Foundation, Land	210-030	43.78	253,300
Belmont Elderly Housing, Inc., L&B	124-021	4.5	2,163,200
Belmont Historical Society, L&B	212-065	3.32	322,800
Catholic Church Parish, L&B	122-045	1.4	1,368,800
Catholic Church Parish, L&B	122-117	7.29	723,600
Central Baptist Church, L&B	222-024	2.96	390,900
First Baptist Church, L&B	122-022	2.94	1,220,000
First Baptist Church, L&B	122-021	0.95	458,900
Genera Corporation, L&B	243-017	3.18	403,100
Genera Corporation, Land	243-018	3.1	718,100
Lakes Region Child Care	217-104	0.82	412,700
Lochmere Village District	117-004	1.5	228,200
NH Public Utilities, Land	201-012	5.6	1,262,900
NH, State of, DOT, Land	237-019	1	160,300
NH, State of, DOT, Land	126-016	2.48	172,800
NH, State of, DOT, Land	241-007	0.66	14,500
NH, State of, DOT, Land	230-039	0.368	12,400
NH, State of, DOT, Land	224-020	1	40,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	224-043	1.15	161,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	224-044	0.22	107,200
NH, State of, DOT, Land	201-014	3.5	10,500
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-083	0.28	69,200
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-074	1.7	124,800
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-060	1.55	91,200
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-071	0.46	60,300
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-066	0.25	84,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	204-022	1.2	87,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	205-067	0.3	29,300
NH, State of, DOT, Land	217-094	0.33	12,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	230-038	0.057	3,500
NH, State of, DOT, Land	243-030	0.11	3,800
NH, State of, L&B	235-033	23	914,600

# Tax Exempt Properties

Owner/Location	Map & Lot	<u>Acreage</u>	Assessed Value \$
NH, State of, Land	115-005	1.6	132,900
NH, State of, Land	126-010	3	177,000
NH, State of, Land	230-042	3	92,500
NH, State of, L&B	229-089	6.5	313,200
NH, State of, L&B	230-110	3.7	469,800
NH, State of, Land	228-016	29.1	152,800
NH, State of, Land	201-004	9.3	11,200
NH, State of, Land	201-010	21	468,800
NH, State of, Land	201-006	1.2	1,400
NH, State of, Land	201-015	2.4	129,200
NH, State of, Land	205-065	0.26	28,300
NH, State of, Land	210-021	0.63	35,900
NH, State of, Land	211-050	1.6	8,300
NH, State of, L&B	122-084	0.97	140,100
NH, State of, Land	121-121	0.69	55,100
NH, State of, Land	104-065	0.6	536,900
NH, State of, Land	102-004	1.4	218,000
NH, State of, Land	102-014	1.9	63,100
NH, State of, Land	101-005	2.7	26,200
NH, State of, Land	114-002	13.42	228,500
NH, State of, Land	230-103	1.2	162,000
NH, State of, L&B	243-028-000-001	0.13	66,700
NH, State of, Land	117-005	2.2	226,900
NH, State of, DOT, Land	104-001	2	21,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	104-020	5.6	24,700
NH, State of, DOT, Land	107-003	1	42,200
NH, State of, DOT, Land	111-048	3.6	22,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	114-001	8.1	27,100
NH, State of, Land	210-006	0.35	122,600
NH, State of, Land	114-006	0.2	54,400
NH, State of, Dept of Safety	126-011	6.58	2,133,900
Province Road Grange, L&B	212-064	0.48	147,500
Save our Gale School	126-026-001-000	1	556,900
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	121-117	55	5,639,700
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	125-019	22.36	6,299,500
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	125-026	0.8	83,200
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	237-014	36.88	16,121,300
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-068	0	25,300

# Tax Exempt Properties

Owner/Location	Map & Lot	Acreage	Assessed Value \$
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-015	0	1,000
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-050	0	2,500
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-062	0	4,400
South Road Cemetery, L&B	244-003	3	109,100
Sun Lake Village LLC, Bldg	101-001	0	22,900
Sunray Improvement Assoc., L&B	107-169	0.09	78,500
Sunray Shores Imp Association, Bldg	107-072	0.5	3,200
Sunray Shores imp Association, Bldg	107-063	0.21	3,900
Water Resources Board, Land	114-004	3.1	613,700
Water Resources Board, L&B	114-005	3.9	1,029,900
Westview Meadows Homeowners	106-012	27	0



Photo taken by Lisa Fontaine-Storez

# **Belknap County**



Service Delivery July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

#### Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **a disaster cases in Belknap County**, assisting **9 individuals**. The Red Cross provides safe shelter, food, relief supplies, financial assistance, and comfort to those in need after a disaster – whether it's a home fire affecting a single family, or a storm or flood devastating an entire community. All Red Cross services are provided free of charge through the generosity of the American public and are available to everyone in need without discrimination.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Laconia	1	7
Gilford	1	2



Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Belknap County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **17 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Belknap County is home to **30 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



We collected, 2,713 pints of lifesaving blood at 125 drives in Belknap County.



Last year, **474 Belknap County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



We proudly assisted **39** of **Belknap County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Thank you!

www.redcross.org/nne

CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire FY24 Town Report Town of Belmont



Mission: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire provides a voice for abused and neglected children and youth so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes. It is our goal to have a trained advocate available for 100% of the cases we are presented with.



Our trained volunteer advocates speak for abused and

neglected children's best interests in New Hampshire's family court system- including the Laconia Circuit Court, the court that serves children from the Town of Belmont.

	Statewide	Laconia Circuit Court	Belmont
Children served in	1,538 children	111 children	65 Children
2024			

#### Since 1989, CASA of New Hampshire has served over 15,000 victimized children in our state.

The CASA model relies on ordinary citizens doing extraordinary things for child victims. Our advocates meet and speak with the people involved with the child, including parents and relatives, daycare providers, educators, foster parents, case workers, and therapists. Most importantly, they always meet with each child at least once a month. The knowledge they gain is presented both in person and via written reports to the court, as are the recommendations about placement and other relevant factors.

Victimization of children and acute childhood trauma are often the threshold for myriad other problems, including addiction, chronic physical conditions, depression, self-harming behaviors, insufficient educational progress, criminality, and other psychiatric disorders in later life. Ultimately, these problems harm the child and negatively impact the community as a whole, passing the impact of their trauma to the next generation. CASA advocates play a critical role in breaking the cycle of abuse and trauma. New Hampshire judges have come to rely on CASA advocates as the voice of reason in a complex legal system.

Over the past several years, this region has been particularly hard-hit by the opioid epidemic. In recent months, the complexity and severity of the referred cases have increased substantially, and many of the circumstances can only be described as horrific. In one instance, we received a neglect case involving five children between the ages of 2 and 5 living in the most deplorable living conditions we have seen over the past 35 years. They were removed from their home and taken to the hospital to be thoroughly examined and cleaned, including having all five little heads shaved. Two of the youngest children had never seen a night sky; all five had not been out of the house in two years. They were placed into remarkable foster homes, and their CASA advocate, Claire, continues to ensure that they are safe and receiving the resources they so desperately need.

New Hampshire's abused and neglected children are a part of every community within our state and range in age from birth to 21. National studies show that children with a CASA volunteer benefit in countless ways – they are more likely to be placed in safe, permanent homes, receive better mental, emotional, and physical health services, and have fewer placement changes than children without a focused advocate. With the support of a CASA advocate, neglected and abused children have access to a brighter future.

# **COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES**



The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is a New Hampshire based private, nonprofit organization that has been serving New Hampton residents since 1965. Our primary mission is to work with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist in efforts to become or remain financially independent. The agency provides a broad array of services that are locally defined, planned, and managed.

The agency operates a resource center open to Belmont residents in Laconia, NH. The Laconia CAP Area Resource Center is funded primarily from three main sources: local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (via the state utility companies) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (a federal program also known as Fuel Assistance Program). The Center is the local service delivery network for agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake, referral, contact, and support with residents of your community. We thank the town of Belmont for your continued support of our work at the resource center. We will continue to work closely with your town to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

Below is the specific data from Belmont residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide \$1,101,402 in services to the residents in Belmont.

Thank you so much for your support. If you'd like to learn more about our agency, please visit us at www.capbm.org.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Heyward Director of Strategy and Planning

#### Fuel Assistance Program

- People served-572
- Households served-301
- Value of services-\$407,107.79

#### Electric Assistance Program

- Households-577
- Value of services-\$136,451.08

#### Other Energy Funds

- Households-9
  - Value of services-\$2,332.66

#### **Emergency Food Pantries**

- Meals served-4,310
- Households served-182
- Value of services-\$21,550

#### Weatherization

- People served-7
- Homes-5
- Value of services-\$63,922.57

#### Head Start

• Children-9

- Value of services-\$117,575.64
- Early Head Start
  - Children-6
- Value of services-\$91,363.38 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition

#### Program (SFMNP)

- People served-6
- Value of services-\$572
- Women Infant Children (WIC)
  - People served-113
    - Value of services-
    - \$86,336.52
- Family Planning
  - People served-19
- Value of Services-\$5,225 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
  - Deeple com
    - People served-26
  - Value of services-\$10,486.32

#### Senior Companion

- Hours of service-514
- Visitees-9

• Value of services-\$2,056 *Meals on Wheels* 

- People served-72
- Meals served-12,735
- Value of meals-\$103,280.85

#### Community Dining

- People served-40
- Meals served-1,228
- Value of meals-\$9,959.08
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
  - Value of meals-\$24,616.11

# Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- People served-3
- Household served-1
- Value of Services-15,397

Housing Stabilization Fund (HSF)

- People served-3
- Households served-1
- Value of services-\$3,170 *Service Link Resource Center* 
  - People served-10

– Annual Report 2024 —

# Franklin VNA & Hospice

Franklin VNA & Hospice

#### Annual Report to the Town of Belmont 2024

Greetings to all community members. On behalf of Franklin VNA & Hospice I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Franklin VNA & Hospice is a nonprofit Home Health & Hospice agency that was established in 1945 and serves the residents of 14 communities within the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The agency provides a full range of personalized Home Health and Hospice services which allows individuals to recover from illness or injury in the comfort of their own home or receive compassionate end-of-life care in the peace and comfort of their own home. Our support services program provides help to those in need of assistance with activities such as light housekeeping, meal prep, grocery shopping, and socialization. Services such as these are often enough to allow our frail elders and other vulnerable residents to remain safely in their homes. In addition to home health, hospice, and support services, Franklin VNA & Hospice also offers free blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, and education on topics such as the importance of competing advanced directives to community groups upon request.

Our agency also participates in the Winnipesaukee Public Health Council and Emergency Preparedness Teams where we focus attention on the safety needs of homebound residents within the region.

Franklin VNA & Hospice by the numbers in 2024:

- Provided 13,638 visits to 681 patients in homes, facilities, and retirement communities.
- Provided 5,654 Hospice visits to 113 patients in homes, facilities, and retirement communities.
- Held 48 blood pressure clinics servicing 354 community members.
- Held 52 foot care clinics servicing 306 community members.
- 110 flu shots were administered to patients and community members.
- Provided \$325,919 in unreimbursed care and community health clinics.

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Number of				
Visits				
319				
244				
29				
76				

#### Service Summary for Belmont:

We are grateful to the town of Belmont for the continued financial support that allows Franklin VNA & Hospice to provide compassionate healthcare services to patients based on their healthcare needs, not on their ability to pay for services.

We remain *your* community VNA offering home health care, hospice care, skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, medical social services, personal care and homemaking services. Thank you for supporting us through town funds, as Board members, volunteers, financial donors, and of course, through receiving services from Franklin VNA & Hospice. We are here for you! Please contact us at 934-3454 or online at <u>www.Franklinvna.org</u> for questions regarding any of our services or if you need our assistance. Let your voice be heard! Say, "I choose Franklin VNA & Hospice".

# Granite VNA & Hospice



Office 603.224.4093 800.924.8620 info@granitevna.org 30 Pillsbury Street Concord, NH 03301 Offices in Laconia and Wolfeboro

www.granitevna.org

Granite VNA requests funds to support the following programs and services. Funding is used to provide needed care to those without insurance or private funds and to cover costs that are not supported by other funding sources.

- Provide Hospice and Palliative Care services that are not reimbursed by third party payers, such as adult and childhood bereavement support, volunteer training and placement, and spiritual counseling. Based on a consistent need, the agency also conducts community bereavement support – extending our bereavement support beyond those who were served in the hospice program to include those who experienced a loss through any means.
- 2. Provide support to the Pediatric programs, which offer services to families with young children who are considered to be socially or medically at risk, i.e., problems such as developmental disability, premature birth, adolescent parents, alcoholism and chronic illness.
- Provide support for the community clinics including immunization clinics, influenza vaccine clinics, blood pressure and foot care clinics. In addition to the clinics, Granite VNA offers health and wellness education classes. These efforts not only prevent communicable disease, but they connect uninsured residents with a regular medical provider.
- 4. Provide support for general home care services for those who have inadequate or no health insurance coverage. In particular, these dollars help to support the care given to patients with Medicaid, the health insurance for low-income people.
- 5. Provide professionally led Support Groups to assist those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the past year.



Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) is the state-designated community mental health center (CMHC) serving 24 towns in Region 3 (Belknap and southern Grafton Counties).

LRMHC's **mission** is to provide integrated mental and physical health care for people with mental illness while creating wellness and understanding, in our communities. The organization's **vision** is to be the community leader providing quality, accessible, and integrated mental and physical health services, delivered with dedication and compassion.

CMHCs are the mental health safety net system of care in our state. They serve the most vulnerable people who require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access needed services. LRMHC's annual budget is comprised of up to 70% Medicaid reimbursements. In Fiscal Year 2024, LRMHC and the other 9 CMHCs found themselves caring for a significant number of people with chronic mental illness, but with no payer source to fund that care due to circumstances arising from the ending of the Covid-19 public health emergency. LRMHC provided over \$906,000 in charity care, a **184%** increase from the prior fiscal year. The support of the towns we serve is more important than ever so that we can maintain services.

LRMHC has agreed to be a leader in the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) "Mission Zero" plan to eliminate hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding, and has designated part of the Plymouth office campus as a crisis center called "**A Place to Go**". A Place to Go offers people in crisis with acute psychiatric needs access to care and supports to address their immediate psychological needs. A Place to Go will benefit the entire central region of NH, and the Town of Belmont by helping to reduce the burden on local emergency resources (police, fire, emergency department), as well as providing a vital service to residents that will increase positive mental health outcomes.

Every dollar the town of Belmont contributes is invested in care for people in Belmont. It is leveraged with funds from other towns to offset the tremendous cost of high-quality access to care.

From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, LRMHC:

- Served **3,280** patients and provided over **\$906,000** in charity care
- Served <u>248</u> residents of Belmont
- Provided Belmont residents with \$79,180 in charity care- a 203% increase from FY2023

Belmont residents represent 8% of the LRMHC catchment area.

Like the police or fire department, Mental Health Care is a municipal service and a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Belmont's appropriation ensures the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduces the burden on your town.

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On behalf of New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the town of Belmont for their ongoing support. Your 2023-2024 allocation has enabled our agency to continue to provide services to those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in Belmont and all of Belknap County.

New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, providing 267 services to 51 residents of Belmont last year. Services included six bed nights in our emergency shelter, emotional support and safety services, accompaniment to the hospital, court accompaniment, assistance obtaining pro-bono legal counsel, Lethality Assessment Program calls, material goods assistance, emergency transportation, and financial assistance/hotel vouchers totaling \$1,065.87. It is not required that survivors disclose their town of residence, so the number of individuals served, and the dollar value of those services is likely higher than what is reported above.

Trained advocates provide 24-hour crisis intervention, accompaniment, safe shelter for victims and their children, weekly support groups for all ages, transitional housing, financial empowerment programming, and systems advocacy. All services are confidential, non-judgmental, and free of charge.

New Beginnings works closely with many social service agencies and multidisciplinary partners. Advocates respond 24-7 to Concord Hospital-Laconia, Laconia Family Court, Laconia District Court, and Belknap County Superior Court. Advocates partner with Belmont Police on the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), which is designed to immediately connect a survivor with an advocate on-scene after a domestic disturbance to reduce domestic violence homicides. Advocates accompany non-offending caregivers to forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center. The New Beginnings Family Violence Prevention Specialist has office hours at the Laconia DCYF district office and partners with Child Protective Service Workers on cases of co-occurring domestic violence and child abuse or neglect. The Program Manager is a member of the steering committee of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team. The agency also facilitates the Belknap County Sexual Assault Response Team. New Beginnings is the service provider for Sadie's Place, a five-unit transitional housing facility in Meredith serving Belknap County families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Sadie's Place opened its doors in September 2021 and currently serves five families. Advocates work with each family to give them the tools they need to establish safe, permanent housing free from violence and abuse.

We are one of twelve member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV), promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal grants and contracts that provide federal and state funding for member programs.

Community support has always been our greatest asset. We look forward to continuing to work with you to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

With gratitude,

Shawna Foster Executive Director



Since its inception in 2005, the Partnership for Public Health (PPH) has been the backbone of coordinated public health efforts across New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Our mission is simple but vital: "To lead and partner in public health strategies across the Lakes Region and New Hampshire for safer and healthier communities." Prior to our formation, no single agency was tasked with uniting public health initiatives across our communities. Today, we proudly fill that gap.

### **Public Health Impact**

Partnership for Public Health is the region's trusted leader in public health, supporting people, professionals, and organizations to make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play. Our mission is to improve the health of the greater Lakes Region residents through four key approaches:

- 1. **Collaborative Action:** We work with municipalities, health and human services organizations, businesses, and policymakers to develop and implement actionable plans and best practices to address community priorities and ensure access to essential public health services.
- 2. Idea and Information Sharing: We gather and disseminate important public health information across the region and create opportunities for people to come together and share their experiences and expertise.
- 3. **Support for Underserved People:** We advocate for health equity, sponsor promising programs, and provide additional technical assistance to municipal and organizational leaders to help vulnerable community members.
- **4. Unified Priorities:** We align the public health priorities of the region to promote collaboration and progress toward shared goals.

### Service Area

In addition to serving Belmont, our service area encompasses 14 other communities in the greater Lakes Region. In Belmont alone, our programs have touched hundreds of lives, creating a safer and healthier future for all.



Through the PPH-led Winnipesaukee Public Health Council we actively work with a broad range of community partners to address the most pressing health concerns in the region:

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Access to Care
- Substance Misuse Prevention, Early Detection, Treatment, and Recovery
- Suicide Prevention
- Health & Well-Being of Older Adults and Caregivers
- Family Strengthening and Support

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The Winnipesaukee Public Health Council is recognized by the State of New Hampshire as one of its Regional Public Health Networks and works closely with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

Winnipesaukee Public Health Council has six separate, active workgroups, each representing a health improvement priority in the <u>Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)</u>. In Belmont alone, our programs have touched hundreds of lives, creating a safer and healthier future for all.



Partnership for Public Health also works to address substance misuse and suicide prevention longstanding public health challenges in Belmont, including substance misuse and suicide prevention. Our 2024 activities include:

- Belmont's school district participates in PPH's Educators in Prevention Community of Practice, receiving ongoing evidence-informed substance misuse prevention resources like Strong as Granite, My Life My Quit, Save Your Breath, and 988 Crisis Line information. Additionally, tailored educational presentations, such as those from Connor's Climb and BreathNH, are made available to the district.
- **Vaping Presentations**: In collaboration with experts like Laurie Warnock, we have conducted vaping prevention presentations for Belmont Middle School students.
- DEA Drug Take-Back Day: In the 2023 event, PPH provided Deterra Drug Disposal Bags, Locking Pill Bottles, and Narcan, resulting in the collection of 60.5 pounds of unused medications.
- **Red Ribbon Week**: We distributed **300 prevention kits** to students, featuring materials designed to raise awareness about substance misuse.
- National Night Out: PPH attended Belmont's National Night Out and distributed 125 educational materials regarding substance misuse and suicide prevention to community members.



Partnership for Public Health has been at the forefront of disaster preparedness for Belmont, partnering with local officials to develop, test, and evaluate the Lakes Region's Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. Over the past year, we have:

- Coordinated **Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Emergency Preparedness Training** for students in Belmont's Law Enforcement & Health Sciences programs, preparing them for emergencies (February-May 2024).
- Provided **Stop the Bleed** training kits to Belmont school staff (March 2024).
- Assisted with **traffic control** for Belmont's 10K road race with the help of our Community Emergency Response Team (August 2023).
- Emergency Shelter Support: While each community is responsible for its own sheltering, we've invested in a 12-person Rapid Response Emergency Shelter Trailer, equipped with all the

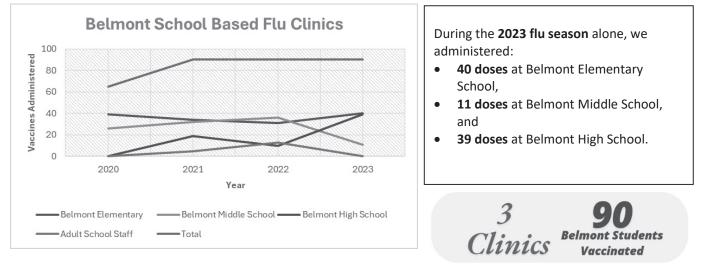
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necessary materials for sheltering individuals and pets. This trailer is available to Belmont's Emergency Management team whenever needed.

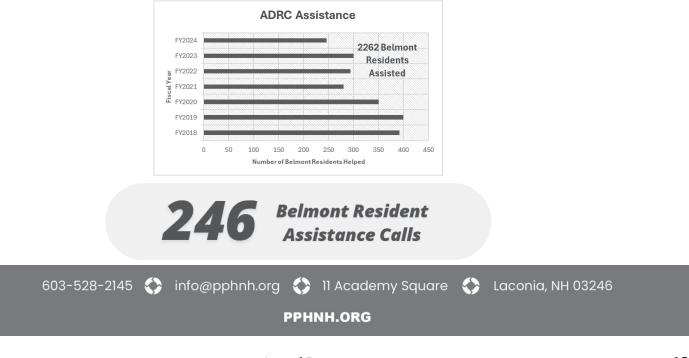
• Additionally, PPH's **School-Based Clinic** program has been a game-changer in Belmont, administering over **335** flu vaccines in just four years. This crucial effort has helped protect the community and strengthen herd immunity at no charge to residents.





## Aging and Disability Resource Center

Through the Aging and Disability Resource Center, formerly known as ServiceLink, we provided **free information, referrals, and support** to **246** Belmont residents last year. Our services help older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers navigate long-term care options, Medicare, and other essential resources.





## WellnessLink

Through WellnessLink, PPH offers vital services to Belmont's older residents, fostering connections, reducing social isolation, and ensuring access to essential healthcare like COVID-19 vaccines.

The work we've done in Belmont is only the beginning. We continue to build on the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, collaborating with federal, state, and local partners to monitor disease trends and maintain readiness for future outbreaks. We are also actively improving emergency sheltering operations, expanding our prevention programs, and ensuring that our public health initiatives are sustainable.

Thank you for continuing to support the community health efforts of the Partnership for Public Health!

Sincerely,

Tammy Carmichael

Tammy Carmichael Chief Executive Officer Partnership for Public Health





Waypoint's Annual Report for the Town of Belmont

For 175 years, Waypoint has been a trusted resource for individuals and families across New Hampshire, dedicated to helping them navigate life's challenges and achieve their fullest potential. As a nonprofit human services agency, we provide a broad range of programs designed to strengthen families, enhance their well-being, and build resilience at every stage of life. Through our core care areas, we served an average of 8,000 individuals and families last year. Our mission is rooted in addressing critical needs while fostering connections, stability, and hope for those we serve.

With gratitude to the Town of Belmont, Waypoint has been able to extend vital services to families in this community. Last year, we provided support through **Community-Based Voluntary Services (CBVS)**, which offer community-based support for families navigating challenges to create safe, stable environments for children; **Health Care Coordination (HCC)**, helping families access care and manage chronic health conditions. These programs empower families to overcome challenges, improve their well-being, and build stronger foundations for the future. Your partnership has been instrumental in ensuring that Belmont families have access to the care and support they need to thrive.

In addition to these services, we hosted community events at the Family Resource Center to bring families together and provide valuable resources. In the summer, we held a Family Fun Day featuring games, food, crafts, and information about local resources. In November, our Fall Festival offered seasonal activities and opportunities for families to connect with and engage with our services and one another.

Additionally, with the Town of Belmont's support, we have been able to stock our resource cabinet with essential items, such as diapers, clothing, and school supplies, as well as provide gift cards for food and gas when needed. These supports fill gaps for families, offering quick, accessible assistance while helping them connect with additional Waypoint services and community resources.

Waypoint remains a vital part of the social service safety net in your community, offering support to families when they need it most. The Family Resource Center is open to all residents of Belmont, providing a welcoming space for connection and support. Over the past five years, we have served an average of 12 clients and family members per year through specific services such as CBVS, and HCC.

In 2024, feedback from families we worked with was overwhelmingly positive, with 93% affirming that Waypoint staff effectively listened to and understood their situations, and 97% agreeing that the services provided were beneficial.

Waypoint's Community Based Voluntary Services team (CBVS) recently began working with a grandmother with four teenage boys in her home. We were able to pay for a propane for the family who had been without and received this great note: ".. having you to talk to was a blessing. All these other blessings are nothing short of miracles and restored a positive mindset for this mama."

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Gallo, Grants Administrator, on behalf of Waypoint

# NOTES

# The Town of Belmont graciously offers thanks to all of our Veterans.

# In 2024, Belmont had

# 388 qualified Veterans

who received a Veterans' Exemption.

We thank you for your service!



\* Please note a correction for 2023; the number should have been 386 rather than 321.

