

**Town of Belmont
2023 Annual Report**

The Board of Selectmen are pleased to announce the dedication of the 2023 Town of Belmont Annual Report to Mrs. Norma Patten.

Norma and her husband of 56 years have been residents of Belmont for close to 45 years. She has generously devoted her time to our town serving on many boards and committees. Norma served on the Budget Committee and the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 30 years and the Cemetery Trustees for 28 years. She has also worked as a ballot clerk during elections since 2000.

Norma announced that she would be retiring from her committee duties this year as her terms expired.

We want to express our warmest appreciation to Norma, for all her time spent to help make Belmont the wonderful community it is! You are an inspiration to all who want to serve their town and your many years of service have provided a wealth of knowledge to other board and committee members and employees.

Enjoy your “retirement” filled with family time and cheering for your sons at the stock car races!



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Telephone Directory & Town Information

Emergency Numbers:	Ambulance/Medical Aid	911
	Fire Department	911
	Police Department	911

<u>Description</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Contact</u>
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 Enforcement	267-8300 Ext. 111	
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 Forester
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	
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 Treasurer	267-8300	Alicia Segalini
Trash & Recycling	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	Monday through Friday	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Belmont Fire Dept.	Monday through Sunday	24-Hours
Belmont Library	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 - 2024

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	January 15 th
President's Day	February 19 th
Memorial Day	May 27 th
Independence Day	July 4 th & 5 th
Labor Day	September 2 nd
Columbus Day	October 14 th
Veteran's Day	November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	November 28 th
Day after Thanksgiving	November 29 th
Christmas Day	December 25 th
New Year's Day	January 1 st

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 (Nov.-Jan.)	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	As Required	
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Heritage Commission	As Required	
Library Trustees	As Required	

Telephone Directory & Town Information

Old Home Day Committee	As Required	
Planning Board	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
Supervisors of Checklists	As Required	
Trustees of Trust Funds	As Required	
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 Belmontnh.gov website.

First Congressional District
Second District

US Senators

Maggie Hassan
Jeanne Shaheen

US Representative

Chris Pappas - District 1

NH State Senator

Timothy Lang – District 2

Executive Councilor

Joseph D. Kenney – District 1

NH State Representatives

Travis O’Hara – District 4
Nikki McCarter – District 8
Douglas R. Trottier – District 8

Governor of NH

Chris Sununu

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
Water: 1.77 square miles

Population: 1970 Census 2,493
1980 Census 4,026
1990 Census 5,796
1999 OSP 6,313
2000 Census 6,716
2003 OEP 7,103
2008 OEP 7,169
2010 US Census 7,356
2017 OEP 7,307
2021 OEP 7,380
2022 Census 7,421

Telephone Directory & Town Information

Dates to Remember in 2024



January 1 - Fiscal Year Begins

January 24 - First day for candidates to declare for Town election

February 2 - Last day for candidates to declare for Town election until 5:00 P.M.

February 3 - Town Deliberative Session

March 1 - Last day to file for abatement for previous year's property taxes

February 7 – School District Deliberative Session

March 12 – 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

Selectmen's Letter to the Residents of Belmont
2023

Dear Members of the Community:

It is with great pleasure that we provide you with an update regarding our activity during the 2023 calendar year.

2023 proved to be another challenging year staffing wise with the hard competition between the private and public sectors and the ability to hire and retain employees. In 2023 we had 3 retirements; 23 new hires and 22 employees leave employment. The volatile employment market has proven to be a challenge for most 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.

Over the past few years and in 2023 the Town has been awarded several grant opportunities, many of which have provided added equipment and staff. Many of our grants are highlighted in the individual departments reports. The Board of Selectmen are always encouraging our department heads to seek alternate funding sources to help reduce tax dollars. Not every single grant opportunity is a good match for Belmont, but it is the Board's priority to do what is in the best interest of the residents and Belmont's future.

This year we were sad to lose our long-time Town Clerk Tax Collector Cynthia DeRoy to retirement. Cynthia retired from her position as elected TC/TC after serving the Belmont community for 17 years. Cynthia got to know our townspeople on a personal level and established deep bonds with many of them. She cared about our residents, and she cared about Belmont. Her dedication to serving this Town was profound and she will truly be missed by all. We wish Cynthia well in her retirement and thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all she has done for Belmont.

In March 2023 the voters elected Travis O'Hara and Sharon Ciampi as Selectmen following the 2022 petitioned warrant article increasing the Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5 members. They have been a pleasant addition to our Board and for the Town.

During 2023 we continued our efforts with the Mill renovations to get it ready for the future home of the Town Hall. The elevator was upgraded with new parts and the furnace was rebuilt. We continue to work with BPS to finish the final 3 floors of the Mill.

While every year seems to have its challenges, we look forward to 2024 with optimism. We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy 2024, and we look forward to continuing to serve as your Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely,

Board of Selectmen

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



Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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 16th 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 3rd. 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 12, 2024, 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. A picture ID is required to vote. Unregistered voters may register at the polls with proof of residency and picture ID.

We realize that sometimes lengthy legal language required by law to write various warrant articles can be confusing to voters who have not been actively involved in the debate that created the article. To help voters, we have prepared the ensuing Voter's Guide for your use. This guide will be available at Town Hall and online via the Town's website (belmontnh.gov) Should you have any questions, regarding the information contained in the guide, please do not hesitate to contact the 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 the individual 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 actual tax rate will be set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) in October/November 2024, using actual information that is available including any new value attributed to new construction and in 2024 we are anticipating the completion of a statistical update to property values.

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

Sincerely,

Belmont Board of Selectmen

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

Claude B. Patten, Jr.

Travis O'Hara

Sharon Ciampi

Ballot #1. Election of Officers

Selectman 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)

Brian Gardiner
Ruth Mooney
Douglas Trottier
Sharon Ciampi

Town Clerk Tax Collector 1- Year Term (Vote for up to 1)

Jennifer Cashman

Budget Committee 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 4)

Jessica Fleck
Don House
Mark Roberts

Budget Committee 2- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)

Marc Zimmerman
Donald Hurd

Town Moderator 2- Year Term (Vote for up to 1)

Alvin Nix

Trustee of Trust Funds 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 1)

David Caron

Library Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)

Hillary Horn
Teresa Elliott

Cemetery Trustee 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 1)

Fred Wells
Sharon Ciampi

Planning Board 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)

Kevin Sturgeon
Gary Grant

Supervisor of the Checklist 6- Year Term (Vote for up to 1)

Brenda Paquette

Zoning Board of Adjustment 3- Year Term (Vote for up to 2)

Elizabeth Stewart
Reese Gray

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

Currently the Ordinance does not contain a definition, and does not identify “alternative treatment center” in the Table of Permitted Uses. This would add a definition, as defined by the State of NH, and add the use to the Table of Permitted Uses. An Alternative Treatment Center would be allowed by Special Exception from the Zoning Board in the Commercial Zone and by Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board in the Industrial Zone. It would not be an allowed use in the Residential Multifamily, Residential Single Family, Rural and Village Zones.

Alternative Treatment Center - As defined in RSA 126-X:1, I.

"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.

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multi-Family	Residential Single Family	Rural	Village
Commercial Uses						
Alternative Treatment Centers	SE	CU	N	N	N	N

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

In 2023 the Zoning Ordinance was amended to allow storage containers (e.g. “Conex boxes”) in certain zones. This is an amendment to increase the number of permitted units in the Commercial and Industrial Zones; to clarify the number allowed in certain residential zones; and to change the use to permitted with a building permit in the Residential Multi-family and Residential Single-Family zones where previously a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board was required.

Storage Facilities - Vehicles, trailers, shipping containers, or other enclosures being primarily used for onsite storage shall be regulated by this Ordinance as to use and shall be considered a structure. **Make Storage Vehicles, Trailers, and Containers a permitted use in the Rural Zone, Residential Single and Residential Multifamily Zones.**

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multi-Family	Residential Single Family	Rural	Village
Storage Vehicles and Containers	P	P	CU P	CU P	CU P	N

Add Footnote: Storage vehicles, trailers, and/or shipping containers shall be limited to a total of **two (2) with a maximum of 640sf** per lot in the Residential Multi Family, Residential Single Family, and Rural Zones. Storage vehicles, trailers, and/or shipping containers shall be limited to a total of **640sf per lot four (4) with a maximum of 1,280sf per lot for lots less than five acres; and six (6) with a maximum of 1,920sf for lots five acres or greater** in the Commercial and Industrial Zones. **Storage containers shall not exceed 10 feet in height in any zone.**

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

Currently all changes and corrections to the Ordinance, including those dictated by changes in the RSAs, must go through two public hearings at the Planning Board, be placed on the warrant, and then be voted on at Town Meeting. This is a time consuming and costly process. This language would allow the Planning Board to make changes that are required by changes to the State RSA after holding two public hearings.

The Planning Board may, by majority vote, after holding public hearings at two regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings, make corrections throughout this Ordinance as required by changes to the RSA.

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

Currently the Ordinance does not contain a definition, and does not identify "cultivation location" in the Table of Permitted Uses the. This would add a definition, as defined by the State of NH, and add the use to the Table of Permitted Uses. A Cultivation Location, under the control of an Alternative Treatment Center, would be allowed by Conditional Use Permit in the Commercial and Industrial Zones. It would not be an allowed use in the Residential Multifamily, Residential Single Family, Rural and Village Zones.

Cultivation Location - As defined in RSA 126-X:1, IV.

"Cultivation location" means a locked and enclosed site, under the control of an alternative treatment center where cannabis is cultivated, secured with one or more locks or other security devices in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Make Alternative Treatment Centers/Cultivation Locations a permitted use by CUP in Commercial & Industrial Zones.

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multi-Family	Residential Single Family	Rural	Village
Commercial Uses						
Cultivation Locations	CU	CU	N	N	N	N

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

Currently the Ordinance does not contain a definition and does not identify "agritourism" in the Table of Permitted Uses the. This would add a definition, as defined by the State of NH, and add the use to the Table of

Permitted Uses. Agritourism would be permitted in all zones as required by State RSA. This does not exempt agritourism business from Site Plan requirements.

AGRITOURISM, is defined as attracting visitors to a farm to attend events or activities that are accessory uses to the primary farm operation, including, but not limited to, being provided a meal, making overnight stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education which shall be instruction or learning about the farm's operations, or active involvement in the activities of the farm.

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multi-Family	Residential Single Family	Rural	Village
Agritourism	P	P	P	P	P	P

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

Currently the Ordinance does not contain a definition of “retail sales” and is identified in the Table of Permitted Uses as “Retail Stores”. This would add a definition and allow the use where there may not be a brick-and-mortar store. E.g., a landscape business that sells mulch to the public.

RETAIL SALES: 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.

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multi-Family	Residential Single Family	Rural	Village
Retail Stores Sales	P	P	N	N	N	P

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

Currently a Contractors Yard is allowed by a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment in the Commercial Zone. This change would make the use a Permitted use in the Commercial Zone. A Site Plan from the Planning Board would still be required, this would eliminate having to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment before being able to submit a Site Plan.

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential Multi-Family	Residential Single Family	Rural	Village
Contractor’s Yard	E P	P	N	N	E	N



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

This article came forward as a request from the property owner of (Map 241, Lot 019). This article is supported by the Board of Selectmen.

Ballot #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Ten Million Six Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$10,673,153). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$10,275,715) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

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

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



Ballot #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-2024, 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 in wages and Benefits

2024 \$145,432

Year Estimated Increase in Wages and Benefits

2025 \$31,097

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.)

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.08



Due to the unprecedented labor market and economic factors, the Selectmen tasked management to conduct a wage study in 2023. The results of the wage study showed that Belmont employees were underpaid compared to other municipalities. As a result, the Selectmen adopted management's recommendations and built the wage increases into the 2024 budget. Although the existing Union Contracts expire in 2026, the Selectboard and Unions agreed to open negotiations this year to incorporate the results of the wage study. These increases will bring Belmont's wages closer to the wages of surrounding communities. It is management's hope that the increases will allow us to retain and attract employees. In 2023 the department felt the hard hit of employees with tenure in Belmont leaving to go to other communities for higher pay and sign on bonuses. Because Belmont's wages are low across the board, we are not attracting experienced employees to fill those valuable positions. In 2023 we had positions remain unfilled for a majority of the year and some still remain unfilled in 2024. We strongly believe that by remaining competitive with other communities around us we will be able to retain the tenured employees we have in Belmont, who know the residents, and the community, while training new employees to take over when it comes time for them to retire. We risk cutting critical services to the Town if positions remain unfilled. In the long term, increases to wages are less expensive than the cost of onboarding, training and outfitting gear and uniforms to new employees due to high employee turnover. The \$145,432 covers the increase in wages to remain competitive and the mandatory fringe benefits associated with wages such as Fica, Medi, Social Security and Retirement.

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

Ballot #13 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase Wages & Benefits

2024 \$319,033

Year Estimated Increase Wages & Benefits

2025 \$60,717

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.)

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.10



Due to the unprecedented labor market and economic factors, the Selectmen tasked management to conduct a wage study in 2023. The results of the wage study showed that Belmont employees were underpaid compared to other municipalities. As a result, the Selectmen adopted management's recommendations and built the wage increases into the 2024 budget. Although the existing Union Contracts expire in 2026, the Selectboard and Unions agreed to open negotiations this year to incorporate the results of the wage study. These increases will bring Belmont's wages closer to the wages of surrounding communities. It is management's hope that the increases will allow us to retain and attract employees. In 2023 the department felt the hard hit of employees with tenure in Belmont leaving to go to other communities for higher pay and sign on bonuses. Because Belmont's wages are low across the board, we are not attracting experienced employees to fill those valuable positions. In 2023 we had positions remain unfilled for a majority of the year and some still remain unfilled in 2024. We strongly believe that by remaining competitive with other communities around us we will be able to retain the tenured employees we have in Belmont, who know the residents, and the community, while training new employees to take over when it comes time for them to retire. We risk cutting critical services to the Town if positions remain unfilled. In the long term, increases to wages are less expensive than the cost of onboarding, training and outfitting gear and uniforms to new employees due to high employee turnover. The \$313,033 covers the increase in wages to remain competitive and the mandatory fringe benefits associated with wages such as Fica, Medi, Social Security and Retirement.

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

Ballot #15 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase Wages & Benefits

2024 \$54,208

Year Estimated Increase Wages & Benefits

2025 \$19,776

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.)

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.04



Due to the unprecedented labor market and economic factors, the Selectmen tasked management to conduct a wage study in 2023. The results of the wage study showed that Belmont employees were underpaid compared to other municipalities. As a result, the Selectmen adopted management's recommendations and built the wage increases into the 2024 budget. Although the existing Union Contracts expire in 2026, the Selectboard and Unions agreed to open negotiations this year to incorporate the results of the wage study. These increases will bring Belmont's wages closer to the wages of surrounding communities. It is management's hope that the increases will allow us to retain and attract employees. In 2023 the department felt the hard hit of employees with tenure in Belmont leaving to go to other communities for higher pay and sign on bonuses. Because Belmont's wages are low across the board, we are not attracting experienced employees to fill those valuable positions. In 2023 we had positions remain unfilled for a majority of the year and some still remain unfilled in 2024. We strongly believe that by remaining competitive with other communities around us we will be able to retain the tenured employees we have in Belmont, who know the residents, and the community, while training new employees to take over when it comes time for them to retire. We risk cutting critical services to the Town if positions remain unfilled. In the long term, increases to wages are less expensive than the cost of onboarding, training and outfitting gear and uniforms to new employees due to high employee turnover. The \$54,208 covers the increase in wages to remain competitive and the mandatory fringe benefits associated with wages such as Fica, Medi, Social Security and Retirement.

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

Ballot #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$60,776) for the ninth year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amounts to be raised through taxation.

(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 12/31/2023 is \$618,802.47. Funds to support Articles 17,18,19,20 are proposed to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Special Revenue fund. The last payment will be in 2025.

Ballot #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the first year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2023 for the purchase of a new Ambulance for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 7 at the 2023 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amounts to be raised through taxation.

(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 12/31/2023 is \$618,802.47. Funds to support Articles 17,18,19,20 are proposed to be withdrawn from the fund.

This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program. These funds will be used to purchase a new ambulance with equipment for the Fire Department through a Capital Lease. Last year the Town placed on the Ballot a Warrant Article to purchase a new Ambulance. That Article passed in 2023. That vote last year authorized the down payment and all future loan payments. The downpayment was made on the Ambulance in 2023 and the first year's payment will be made in 2024.

Ballot #19 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2024 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2024 budgetary year (2/3 Majority Vote Required). No amounts to be raised through taxation.

Training Expenses \$3,000

Medical & Supply Expenses \$30,000

Ambulance Billing Fees \$20,000

Overtime \$40,000

Telephone \$2,000

Conferences & Dues \$1,500

Office Expense \$12,000

Vehicle Repair & Parts \$8,000

Fuel \$8,000

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

No funds to come from taxation. The current balance in the Ambulance Special Revenue Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$618,802.47. Funds to support Articles 17,18, 19, 20 are proposed to be withdrawn from the fund.

Ballot #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the cost of an Air Compressor Cascade 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. (Majority Vote Required.) No amount to be raised through taxation.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$60,000 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 12/31/2023 is \$618,802.47. Funds to support Articles 17,18,19,20 are proposed to be withdrawn from the fund.

The Scott Revolve Air Charging Station, set up with the American Airworks Compressor. The system has been out of service on and off for the past few years. The system has been worked on for numerous leaks and other mechanical problems. Parts for this aging equipment have been hard to come by. This is an essential part of firefighter life safety for working in hazardous conditions not limited to building fires. When the cascade goes out of service members have to go to surrounding towns to fill up our SCBA's (breathing apparatus). We have not found the original date or age of this system however it came from the Winnisquam Fire Station when it closed circa 2007. We are looking to replace this with a Bauer Breathing Air Compressor Vertecon 13CFM, 10HP single Phase 6000psi, with CO monitoring, Securus Filtration-Dew Point Monitoring system and a Bauer two Position Fill Station. This will be the first new Cascade System for the station for the Town of Belmont.

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

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

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

Ballot #22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$273,481) for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article

be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$261,500) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

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

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

Ballot #23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.58. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$1,308,862.06.

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 remains the same as the 2009 request.

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

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.39. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$711,413.81.

This fund is for the purpose of funding necessary infrastructure projects for our Town properties. Funds have been used to renovate the Belmont Mill in anticipation of Town Hall moving to the building in the future. The numerous Capital Reserve accounts previously established by the Town act as Savings Accounts and serve as important management tools. The following information is pertinent to this reserve account created in 2006 to fund the purchase, repair, reconstruction of municipal facilities and the funds have been used for numerous projects, including 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 4th floor of the Mill, access system at Town Hall including security cameras, renovations to the Mill allowing usage of the 4th floor for meetings and the 1st 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, and the tennis court backboard at Sargent Park was rebuilt. A new elevator was installed at the Mill, proposed plans for 2024 include a generator at the Mill, and continued renovations to floors 1, 2, and 3.

Ballot #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2023. No amount to be raised from taxation.

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

The balance in the Expendable Trust Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$97,564.01.

This Trust was established to cover the payment of earned time balances when employees retire as required by law or negotiated contracts. We have 10 employees that are at retirement status. The total amount needed to fund all these liabilities in 2024 is \$151,703.14.

Ballot #26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) with said sum to be offset by user fees.

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

The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$305,171.24.

The Water Department request for \$100,000 in 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 and emergency repairs.

Ballot #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Sewer System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2010) with said sum to be offset by user fees.

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

The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$59,251.52.

The Sewer Department request for \$30,000 in 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.

Ballot #28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.05. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$119,673.78.

This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program. These funds are used to purchase necessary Heavy Equipment for the Highway Department. This is an annual request and the amount remains the same as previous years and acts as a reserve account for future equipment purchase.

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

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

No funds to come from taxation.

Ballot #30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$41,267) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003), with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the State

of NH one-time payment for repair, maintenance, and construction of municipal bridges from State Surplus that was received by the Town on December 6, 2023). No amount of money to be raised by taxation.

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

No funds to come from taxation. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$347,685.45.

Explanation of Ballot #29 & #30- The 2023 legislative session resulted in more revenue sharing and state aid to local governments in a non-budget year. With the state reporting a record surplus of funds this fiscal year, Certain provisions in **Chapter 79 (HB 2, Sections 520 and 521)** provides \$20 million is one-time property tax relief through additional direct payments to cities and towns for immediate infrastructure improvements: an additional \$10 million in municipal highway block grants and \$10 million for the repair and maintenance of municipally-owned bridges. **Highway Block Grants.** The \$10 million allocated for roads will follow the Department of Transportation "Apportionment A" formula used when calculating the annual highway block grant each municipality receives. Therefore, funds will be distributed among the municipalities based on their population in proportion to the entire state's population and the other half is disbursed based on a municipality's Class IV and V road mileage in proportion to the total statewide Class IV and V mileage.

Municipally Owned Bridge Allocation. The appropriation for bridges will be based on a similar 50/50 formula, where \$5 million will be distributed based on a municipality's deck area proportional to the total deck area for municipally owned bridges, and \$5 million will be distribution based on a municipality's total share of the state population.

Ballot #31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.06. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$121,242.87.

In 2022 voters supported this ballot item, and at that time, the Voter's Guide noted it was the intention of the Board of Selectmen to complete statistical updates over the next two years, 2022 and 2023, due in part to the low Equalization Value of 67.8% in 2021. The purpose of statistical updates is to bring property values up to 100% of market value, which helps us to meet the requirements of our state statutes. A full measure and list was completed in 2018/2019, and 2024 will include a field review of properties along with assessment updates using the income approach for commercial properties, and another townwide statistical update to help achieve an Equalization Value of 100%. At this time, this is the last planned assessment update for 5 years, but future voters may want to continue with regular updates if there is a fluctuating real estate market.

Ballot #32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.02. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$381,927.24.

This article is part of the Library Trustees Capital Improvement Program. These funds will be used in the future to build an addition onto the library. The Original Library is 100 years old, and Belmont has outgrown the building and lacks the 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 bring more space.

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

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.01. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$25,418.87.

This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program. These funds will be used if necessary to buy/replace/repair any necessary Information Technology needs necessary to run Town Business.

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

(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 12/31/2023 is \$11,083.36.

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

Ballot #35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amount to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$35,651.39.

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. Funds are also used for emergencies like storm damage.

Ballot #36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2004).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Heritage Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$40,797.19.

Ballot #37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2011).

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$25,757.26.

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

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

2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand is \$0.00 (a fraction of one penny). The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$7,420.95.

This Capital Reserve Account was created to act as a savings account to be able to replace voting equipment as mandated by the State of NH. The State governs our elections and requires us to have 1 voting booth per 100 registered voters. In Belmont we have 4,627 registered voters. Soon the State will be switching to a different ballot machine and the Towns will be responsible for that cost. That cost has been determined to be around \$7,000-\$10,000. Adding funds to this account will aid us in purchasing a new machine when the time comes.

Ballot # 39 To see if the Town will vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee. No amount of money to be raised by taxation.

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

No amount to be raised from taxation. Total award given out for 2024 if approved is \$24,638.75. This is the total of net earnings in the Sargent Fund for CY2023.

**TOWN OF BELMONT
SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION AND BALLOT VOTING
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL GYM
255 Seavey Road
MARCH 12, 2024
POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.
AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**





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

BALLOT 1 OF 3

J. Cashman
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMAN</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>BRIAN GARDINER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RUTH MOONEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DOUGLAS TROTTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SHARON CIAMPI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>TWO YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>MARC ZIMMERMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DONALD HURD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>FRED WELLS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SHARON CIAMPI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p>ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JENNIFER CASHMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p>TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ALVIN NIX <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>KEVIN STURGEON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GARY GRANT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than FOUR</p> <p>JESSICA FLECK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DON HOUSE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARK ROBERTS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAVID CARON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p>SIX YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>BRENDA PAQUETTE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>HILLARY HORN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TERESA ELLIOTT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>ELIZABETH STEWART <input type="radio"/></p> <p>REESE GRAY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

2024 Sample Ballot

BALLOT QUESTIONS

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Ten Million Six Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$10,673,153). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$10,275,715) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #11 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B) for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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

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

And further to raise and appropriate \$145,432 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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2024 Sample Ballot



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

BALLOT 2 OF 3

J. Cashman

TOWN CLERK

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #13 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase Benefits
2024 \$101,325	\$217,708
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	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.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #15 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase Benefits
2024 \$32,809	\$21,399
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	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.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$60,776) for the ninth year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amounts to be raised through taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the first year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2023 for the purchase of a new Ambulance for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 7 at the 2023 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amounts to be raised through taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #19 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2024 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund. The first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2024 budgetary year (2/3 Majority Vote Required).

No amounts to be raised through taxation.

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007), and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2023. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

Ballot #26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) with said sum to be offset by user fees. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐
NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

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

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

YES ☐NO ☐

Ballot #28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐NO ☐

Ballot #31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐NO ☐

Ballot #32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐NO ☐

Ballot #35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the already established General Cemetery Maintenance Fund governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amount to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐NO ☐**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

2024 Sample Ballot

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2004). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

Ballot #37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant and Cistern Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2011). (Majority Vote Required.)

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

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

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

Ballot #39 To see if the Town will vote to expend the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee. No amount of money to be raised by taxation.

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT



Proposed Budget

Belmont

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 24, 2024

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.

Name	Position	Signature
Ronald Mitchell	Chairman	
Tracey LeClair	Vice Chairman	
Justin Borden		
Albert Akerstrom		
Marsha Campbell		
Ruth Mooney		
Mark Roberts		
Robert Chapman		
Fred Wells		
Kevin Sturgeon		
Marc Zimmerman		
Jessica Fleck		

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NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090

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General Government								
4130	Executive	10	\$322,953	\$351,822	\$470,104	\$0	\$470,104	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	10	\$131,873	\$136,208	\$191,074	\$0	\$191,074	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	10	\$292,758	\$313,988	\$355,585	\$0	\$355,585	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	10	\$100,003	\$107,756	\$134,209	\$0	\$134,209	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	10	\$31,018	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	10	\$295,762	\$393,035	\$391,833	\$0	\$391,833	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	10	\$423,540	\$476,389	\$496,905	\$0	\$496,905	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	10	\$19,495	\$21,000	\$22,600	\$0	\$22,600	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	10	\$246,259	\$251,159	\$286,100	\$0	\$286,100	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$1,863,661	\$2,086,357	\$2,383,410	\$0	\$2,383,410	\$0
Public Safety								
4210	Police	10	\$2,364,286	\$2,603,185	\$2,901,462	\$0	\$2,901,462	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	10	\$1,851,925	\$2,112,947	\$2,082,117	\$0	\$2,082,117	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	10	\$112,063	\$118,206	\$143,128	\$0	\$143,128	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	10	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$4,333,274	\$4,839,338	\$5,131,707	\$0	\$5,131,707	\$0



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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								
4311	Highway Administration	10	\$80,644	\$80,895	\$91,554	\$0	\$91,554	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	10	\$1,058,620	\$1,182,102	\$1,267,876	\$0	\$1,267,876	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	10	\$12,552	\$19,649	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$7,174	\$195,327	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$1,158,990	\$1,477,973	\$1,373,430	\$0	\$1,373,430	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Sanitation Administration	10	\$14,705	\$15,775	\$19,208	\$0	\$19,208	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	10	\$365,652	\$485,136	\$422,344	\$0	\$422,344	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	10	\$229,930	\$181,997	\$264,832	\$0	\$264,832	\$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
Sanitation Subtotal			\$610,287	\$682,908	\$706,384	\$0	\$706,384	\$0



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Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$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	\$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	10	\$68,891	\$68,891	\$70,891	\$0	\$70,891	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$68,891	\$68,891	\$70,891	\$0	\$70,891	\$0



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Welfare								
4441	Welfare Administration	10	\$87,314	\$86,739	\$98,120	\$0	\$98,120	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	10	\$0	\$0	\$101,550	\$0	\$101,550	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$91,279	\$94,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$178,593	\$180,789	\$199,670	\$0	\$199,670	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520	Parks and Recreation	10	\$100,692	\$162,005	\$192,953	\$0	\$192,953	\$0
4550	Library	10	\$215,818	\$217,919	\$246,107	\$0	\$246,107	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	10	\$15,998	\$17,500	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	10	\$183	\$4,750	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$332,691	\$402,174	\$458,310	\$0	\$458,310	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611	Conservation Administration	10	\$14,624	\$16,874	\$22,086	\$0	\$22,086	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$14,624	\$16,874	\$22,086	\$0	\$22,086	\$0



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Debt Service								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	10	\$274,307	\$274,275	\$230,439	\$0	\$230,439	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	10	\$84,338	\$84,371	\$76,825	\$0	\$76,825	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	10	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$358,645	\$358,647	\$307,265	\$0	\$307,265	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$237,330	\$378,181	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$48,646	\$48,646	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$20,050	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$306,026	\$446,827	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
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
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$607,654	\$634,706	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$246,057	\$255,141	\$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			\$853,711	\$889,847	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$10,673,153	\$0	\$10,673,153	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (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	18	\$105,000	\$0	\$105,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Long Term Lease Ambulance</i>				
4220	Fire	17	\$60,776	\$0	\$60,776	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Long Term Lease Pumper Truck</i>				
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	36	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Heritage Fund</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	20	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Equipment Purchase</i>				
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	21	\$654,298	\$0	\$654,298	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Sewer Department Operations</i>				
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	22	\$273,481	\$0	\$273,481	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Water Distribution and Treatment System</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	23	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Add to Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	24	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	26	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Water System Repair & Maintenance</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	27	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Sewer Repair & Maintenance</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	28	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	30	\$41,267	\$0	\$41,267	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	31	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</i>				



Special Warrant Articles

4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	32		\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Library Building Improvements</i>							
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	33		\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Information Technology</i>							
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	34		\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund</i>							
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	37		\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
<i>Purpose: Dry Hydrant and Cistern Maintenance Capital Reserv</i>							
4916	To Expendable Trusts	25		\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund</i>							
4916	To Expendable Trusts	35		\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Cemetery Capital Reserve</i>							
4916	To Expendable Trusts	38		\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Appropriation for Expendable Trust Election Equipm</i>							
Total Proposed Special Articles				\$2,871,822	\$0	\$2,871,822	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024		Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024		Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4210	Police	13	<i>Purpose: Public Safety Employees Union - Police Unit A</i>		\$319,033	\$0	\$319,033	\$0
4220	Fire	11	<i>Purpose: Public Safety Employees Union - Fire Unit B</i>		\$145,432	\$0	\$145,432	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	15	<i>Purpose: Public Safety Employees Union- Public Works</i>		\$54,208	\$0	\$54,208	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	29	<i>Purpose: Highway Block Grant</i>		\$194,234	\$0	\$194,234	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$712,907		\$0	\$0	\$712,907	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	10	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10	\$0	\$19,000	\$19,000
3187	Excavation Tax	10	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
3189	Other Taxes	10	\$0	\$18,000	\$18,000
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	10	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
		Taxes Subtotal	\$0	\$162,000	\$162,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	10	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
3230	Building Permits	10	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	10	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000
		Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal	\$0	\$1,765,000	\$1,765,000
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	10	\$0	\$697,681	\$697,681
3353	Highway Block Grant	29	\$0	\$194,234	\$194,234
3354	Water Pollution Grant	21	\$0	\$6,240	\$6,240
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	10	\$0	\$9	\$9



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
State Sources					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	10	\$0	\$2,588	\$2,588
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	\$900,752	\$900,752
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	10	\$0	\$424,500	\$424,500
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$0	\$424,500	\$424,500
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	10	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
3502	Interest on Investments	10	\$0	\$135,000	\$135,000
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	10	\$0	\$22,000	\$22,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$0	\$257,000	\$257,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	17, 20, 18	\$0	\$225,776	\$225,776
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	27, 21	\$0	\$684,298	\$684,298
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	26, 22	\$0	\$373,481	\$373,481
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	\$1,283,555	\$1,283,555
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	34, 25, 30	\$0	\$146,267	\$146,267
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$146,267	\$146,267
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$0	\$4,939,074	\$4,939,074



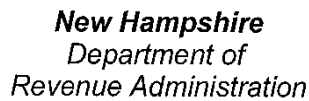
Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$10,673,153	\$10,673,153
Special Warrant Articles	\$2,871,822	\$2,871,822
Individual Warrant Articles	\$712,907	\$712,907
Total Appropriations	\$14,257,882	\$14,257,882
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,939,074	\$4,939,074
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$9,318,808	\$9,318,808



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$14,257,882
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$230,439
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$76,825
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$307,264
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)	\$13,950,618
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$1,395,062
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (<i>Prior to Meeting</i>)	\$518,673
10. Voted Cost Items (<i>Voted at Meeting</i>)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i>)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (<i>Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12</i>)	
	\$15,652,944



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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.

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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.

Name	Position	Signature
Ruth Mooney	Chairman	<i>Ruth Mooney</i>
Jon Pike	Vice Chairman	<i>Jon Pike</i>
Claude B. Patten, Jr.	Selectman	<i>Claude B. Patten, Jr.</i>
Travis O'Hara	Selectman	<i>Travis O'Hara</i>
Sharon Ciampi	Selectman	<i>Sharon L. Ciampi</i>

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
4130	Executive	\$351,822	\$74,219	\$0	\$426,041
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$136,208	\$19,307	\$0	\$155,515
4150	Financial Administration	\$313,988	\$29,610	\$0	\$343,598
4152	Property Assessment	\$107,756	\$2,331	\$0	\$110,087
4153	Legal Expense	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$393,035	(\$24,918)	\$0	\$368,117
4194	General Government Buildings	\$476,389	\$7,287	\$0	\$483,676
4195	Cemeteries	\$21,000	\$0	\$0	\$21,000
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$251,159	\$34,941	\$0	\$286,100
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$2,086,357	\$142,777	\$0	\$2,229,134
Public Safety					
4210	Police	\$2,603,185	\$198,551	\$0	\$2,801,736
4215	Ambulances	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	\$2,052,171	\$21,139	\$0	\$2,073,310
4240	Building Inspection	\$118,206	\$17,979	\$0	\$136,185
4290	Emergency Management	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal		\$4,778,562	\$237,669	\$0	\$5,016,231
Airport/Aviation 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 and Streets					
4311	Highway Administration	\$80,895	\$2,920	\$0	\$83,815
4312	Highways and Streets	\$1,182,102	\$28,598	\$0	\$1,210,700
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$19,649	\$0	\$0	\$19,649
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$1,282,646	\$31,518	\$0	\$1,314,164



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Sanitation					
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$15,775	\$3,433	\$0	\$19,208
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$485,136	(\$62,792)	\$0	\$422,344
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$181,997	\$82,835	\$0	\$264,832
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$682,908	\$23,476	\$0	\$706,384
Water Distribution 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	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$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	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$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	\$68,891
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$68,891	\$0	\$0	\$68,891
Welfare					
4441	Welfare Administration	\$86,739	\$846	\$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		\$180,789	\$846	\$0	\$181,635



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Culture and Recreation					
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$162,005	\$579	\$0	\$162,584
4550	Library	\$217,919	\$16,544	\$0	\$234,463
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$17,500	\$0	\$0	\$17,500
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$397,674	\$17,123	\$0	\$414,797
Conservation and Development					
4611	Conservation Administration	\$16,874	\$340	\$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		\$16,874	\$340	\$0	\$17,214
Debt Service					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$274,275	(\$43,836)	\$0	\$230,439
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$84,371	(\$7,546)	\$0	\$76,825
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$358,647	(\$51,382)	\$0	\$307,265
Capital Outlay					
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



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Operating Transfers 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
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$1,145	(\$1,145)	\$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		\$1,145	(\$1,145)	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$9,874,493	\$401,222	\$0	\$10,275,715



Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations

Account	Explanation
4240	New Hire
4611	staff changes
4140	New Hires
4130	Health Insurance Premiums
4150	New Hires- PT to FT TC/TC
4220	Contracts increases Insurance Premiums
4194	Contract increases
4312	Union Contracts Insurance Premiums
4196	Insurance premiums
4721	debt paid off
4550	PT to FT employee and change in benefits
4520	PT to FT employee and change in benefits
4191	decrease in contract services
4210	Contract increases, Insurance Premiums
4711	debt paid off
4152	New Hire
4321	contracts
4323	contracts
4324	contracts

2023 Official Ballot Tally



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Cynthia M. Dwyer
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
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SELECTMAN <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small> BRIAN GARDINER 238 <input type="radio"/> TRAVIS O'HARA 303 <input type="radio"/> CLAUDE "SONNY" PATTEN <input type="radio"/> 310 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>TWO YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small> FRED WELLS 457 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>ONE YEAR</small> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small> JONATHAN LeCLAIR 444 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small> HILLARY HORN 406 <input type="radio"/> SWEET IMAGE 40 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> PLANNING BOARD <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small> PETER HARRIS 434 <input type="radio"/> RICHARD PICKWICK 374 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
SELECTMAN <small>ONE YEAR</small> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small> SHARON CIAMPI 289 <input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS TROTTIER 133 <input type="radio"/> ROBERT VELOSKI 70 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small> THOMAS GARFIELD 464 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	ZONING BOARD <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small> JOHN FROUMY 354 <input type="radio"/> PETER HARRIS 424 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than FOUR</small> MARSHA CAMPBELL 373 <input type="radio"/> ROBERT CHAPMAN 379 <input type="radio"/> ROLAND COFFIN JR. 369 <input type="radio"/> LISA CROCKER 383 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>THREE YEARS</small> <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small> MARY-LOUISE CHARNLEY 418 <input type="radio"/> SHELA CUNNINGHAM 399 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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BALLOT QUESTIONS

Ballot #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Add housekeeping clause to Article 1 to allow the Planning Board to make non-substantive changes such as correcting typos and adding bullets without requiring a vote at Town meeting.

392 YES ☐
119 NO ☐

Ballot #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Add new definition of solar as any ground or roof mounted solar collection system, add solar as a permitted use in all Zones for agricultural and residential purposes, and add commercial solar as a permitted use in the Commercial and Industrial Zones and permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

419 YES ☐
90 NO ☐

Ballot #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Change definition of Storage Facilities in Article 15 to include shipping containers and add Shipping Containers to the Storage Vehicles and Trailers Use in Article 5 Table 1, Table of Permitted Uses.

331 YES ☐
175 NO ☐

Ballot #5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Expand the definition of Day Care Facilities in Article 15 to include all establishments offering care for any individual, rather than just facilities offering care for young children.

398 YES ☐
109 NO ☐

Ballot #6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Change definition of Frontage in Article 15 to clarify that Right-of-Ways do not provide frontage unless they meet the requirements of RSA 674:41.

360 YES ☐
140 NO ☐

Ballot #7 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in an amount up to Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) payable over a term of sixty (60) months for a new ambulance for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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). (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

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

PASSED 390 YES ☐
126 NO ☐

Ballot #8 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 Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$9,716,878)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$9,350,799)? which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

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

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$9,716,878 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

311 YES ☐
202 NO ☐

Ballot #9 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 3857 (Public Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B) for the term April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$40,984	\$5,531
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$22,160	\$(1,248)
2025 \$22,567	\$7,241

And further to raise and appropriate \$46,515 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.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$46,515 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

354 YES ☐
161 NO ☐

Ballot #10 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #9 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

324 YES ☐
188 NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 2 OF 3

Cynthia M. Quigley
TOWN CLERK

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #11 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$65,735	\$20,960

Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$31,156	\$2,363
2025 \$31,537	\$9,892

And further to raise and appropriate \$86,695 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.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$86,695 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

327 YES ☐
194 NO ☐

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

327 YES ☐
189 NO ☐

Ballot #13 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$20,003	\$4,402

Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$16,118	\$2,404
2025 \$16,763	\$3,602

BALLOT #13 CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN

BALLOT #13 CONTINUED

And further to raise and appropriate \$24,405 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.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$24,405 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

349 YES ☐
170 NO ☐

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

319 YES ☐
190 NO ☐

Ballot #15 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 eighth year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments.

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

415 YES ☐
106 NO ☐

Ballot #16 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2023 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 2023 budgetary year (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 \$8,000
Fuel \$8,000

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

PASSED 402 YES ☐
118 NO ☐

Ballot #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the cost of hose replacements for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

439 YES ☐
82 NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$78,181) for the cost of a utility truck for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$78,181) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$78,181 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

376 YES ☐
140 NO ☐

Ballot #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the cost of an Engine 1 refurbish for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$225,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

401 YES ☐
112 NO ☐

Ballot #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$255,141) 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 of Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$271,798) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$255,141 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

393 YES ☐
124 NO ☐

Ballot #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$633,561) 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 Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$636,350) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$633,561 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

392 YES ☐
121 NO ☐

Ballot #22 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 Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

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

324 YES ☐
188 NO ☐

Ballot #23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$300,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

289 YES ☐
220 NO ☐

Ballot #24 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, 2022.

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

355 YES ☐
154 NO ☐

Ballot #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) with said sum to be offset by user fees.

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

356 YES ☐
160 NO ☐

Ballot #26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

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

340 YES ☐
171 NO ☐

Ballot #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$196,965) for the reconstruction of highways, it is 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.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$196,965 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

423 YES ☐
87 NO ☐

Ballot #28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$125,888) 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 for repair, maintenance, and construction of municipal bridges from State Surplus that was received by the Town on December 28, 2022). No amount of money to be raised from taxation.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$125,888 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

423 YES ☐
92 NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 3 OF 3

Lynethia M. Dufay
TOWN CLERK

BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #29 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).

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

269 YES ☐
244 NO ☐

Ballot #30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

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

345 YES ☐
153 NO ☐

Ballot #31 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).

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

319 YES ☐
197 NO ☐

Ballot #32 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. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

325 YES ☐
188 NO ☐

Ballot #33 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).

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

390 YES ☐
126 NO ☐

Ballot #34 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).

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

336 YES ☐
174 NO ☐

Ballot #35 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).

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

390 YES ☐
125 NO ☐

Ballot #36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2020).

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

374 YES ☐
142 NO ☐

Ballot #37 Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2020 for the Construction of a New Police Station for Mill Renovations instead, and to raise and appropriate \$48,646 in unused bond proceeds for Mill Renovations per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money to be raised from taxation. (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$48,646 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

PASSED 378 YES ☐
135 NO ☐

Ballot #38 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 County 4-H Fair Assn. \$2,000
Belknap House \$2,000
Belmont Cemetery Trustees \$200
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65 \$540
Belmont Conservation Commission \$100
Belmont Elementary Support Team \$200
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$540
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 60200 \$495
Belmont Community Girl Scouts \$250
Belmont Heritage Commission \$250
Belmont High School PTO \$200
Belmont Historical Society \$300
Belmont Middle School Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,500
Belmont Middle School PTO \$200
Belmont Old Home Day Committee \$100
Belmont Park and Recreation \$1,500
Belmont Public Library \$1,165
First Baptist Church of Belmont Mission/Food Pantry \$2,492
Saint Joseph Food Pantry \$2,492.74
Save our Gale School \$200
Winni Womenade \$2,000

475 YES ☐
43 NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Ballot #39 Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 33:8-f, vote to rescind the unused portion of the bonding authority granted in 2016 for the Hoadley Road Culvert Reconstruction? Of the \$375,000 in bonding authority that was granted, \$68,319 was not spent and is not necessary for this purpose. (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.)

PASSED 420 YES ☐
95 NO ☐

Ballot #40 Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a(V) to re-adopt the provisions of the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28(II)) in the amount of \$500, to include not only Veterans who have been honorably discharged, but also those who have served at least four (4) years and are continuing in service in the armed forces. [NOTE: If this article does not pass, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 would apply as of April 1, 2023.]

NOTE: This article is required because legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

450 YES ☐
68 NO ☐

Ballot #41 Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a(IV) to re-adopt the provisions of the All-Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) in the amount of \$500, to include not only Veterans who have been honorably discharged, but also those who have served at least four (4) years and are continuing in service in the armed forces. [NOTE: If this article does not pass, the All-Veteran's Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veteran's Tax Credit of \$50 would apply as of April 1, 2023.]

NOTE: This article is required because legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

457 YES ☐
64 NO ☐

Ballot #42 Are you in favor of amending the Noise Ordinance adopted by the Town in 2010 to exempt from its provision's noises related to farming and agricultural related activities?

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

382 YES ☐
131 NO ☐

Ballot #43 Are you in favor of discontinuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector? At the next annual meeting in which an election for Town Clerk/Tax Collector is to be held (2025), the voters shall choose one individual as Town Clerk and another as Tax Collector, each for a three-year term, unless the article passes, in which case the Tax collector will be appointed.

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

299 YES ☐
218 NO ☐

Ballot #44 Are you in favor of rescinding the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Belmont on March 11, 2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law? (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(This article submitted by Petition)

FAULT 125 YES ☐
391 NO ☐

Ballot #45 Are you in favor of imposing a term limit of 3 consecutive terms that can be served by a member of the Board of Selectmen?

(This article submitted by Petition)

326 YES ☐
194 NO ☐

Ballot #46 Are you in favor of increasing the number of Cemetery Trustee Board members from 3 to 5?

(This article submitted by Petition)

226 YES ☐
292 NO ☐

A true copy attest:

Cynthia M. DeRoy
Cynthia M. DeRoy, Town Clerk
March 15, 2023

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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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 4th day of February 2023, being a Saturday at 10 o'clock in the afternoon. 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, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the annual session. Everyone stood up and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced Ruth Mooney, Chairman, Board of Selectman; Jon Pike, Vice Chairman, Board of Selectman; Claude "Sonny" Patten, Board of Selectman; Ronald Mitchell, Chairman, Budget Committee; Alicia Jipson, Town Administrator; Cynthia DeRoy, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Jenn Thomas, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Leigh Smith, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Brenda Paquette, Donna Shepherd, and Nikki Wheeler, Supervisors of the Checklist.

The Moderator, A. Nix, made all emergency exits known, and surveyed the room to confirm if all in attendance were registered voters. Three attendees were not. A. Nix then announced the session was being recorded by Lakes Region Public Access, and was live on Zoom.

Moderator Nix declared each speaker be limited to no more than three minutes. If speaking on behalf of a particular petition of a warrant article, a maximum of ten minutes would be allowed.

Ballot #1. To choose necessary officers, including:

Selectman 3-Year Term (1)
Selectman 2-Year Term (1)
Selectman 1- Year Term (1)
Budget Committee 3- Year Term (4)
Budget Committee 2- Year Term (1)
Budget Committee 1- Year Term (1)
Trustee of Trust Funds 3- Year Term (1)
Library Trustee 3- Year Term (2)
Cemetery Trustee 3- Year Term (1)
Planning Board 3- Year Term (2)
Zoning Board of Adjustment 3- Year Term (2)

Moderator Nix read the list of names of candidates for office.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

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Add housekeeping clause to Article 1 to allow the Planning Board to make non-substantive changes such as correcting typos and adding bullets without requiring a vote at Town meeting.

P. Harris, Chairman of the Planning board, stated these articles are for upgrades to current ordinances. This would stop applicants from submitting incorrect plans which increases workload. P. Harris is available to answer any questions.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Add new definition of solar as any ground or roof mounted solar collection system, add solar as a permitted use in all Zones for agricultural and residential purposes, and add commercial solar as a permitted use in the Commercial and Industrial Zones and permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

P. Harris explained that this would make solar more accessible, primarily to residents.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Change definition of Storage Facilities in Article 15 to include shipping containers and add Shipping Containers to the Storage Vehicles and Trailers Use in Article 5 Table 1, Table of Permitted Uses.

F. Fecteau, 28 Main Street, asked what zones this applies to.

P. Harris shared there are concerns about the size of the units and that adding language including shipping containers to the existing ordinance should be regulated. There is a size restriction limited to 640 square feet per lot that cannot exceed 10 feet in length. A container would require a special exception and is not to be used in the village.

Chairman R. Mooney asked if they would be taxable and how many are allowed.

P. Harris stated shipping containers would be considered a building and are taxable. Only one would be allowed per parcel.

K. Santoro, Land Use Technician- Interim Town Planner, stated that it is considered a structure and would be assessed at some value.

R. Mitchell asked what the laws are regarding windmills.

P. Harris replied that there was discussion about that, but the topic requires more research.

R. Mitchell then asked what laws the planning board has in place regarding windmills.

K. Santoro added that windmills are not regulated and would need to apply for a zoning variance.

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R. Mitchell stated in the future, this may need to be addressed as some of these are 400 feet tall.

K. Santoro replied that this will be added in the future, but they are not currently listed permitted uses.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Expand the definition of Day Care Facilities in Article 15 to include all establishments offering care for any individual, rather than just facilities offering care for young children.

P. Harris explained they are changing the language as it pertains to day care facilities to encompass facilities providing care to all ages.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #6 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Change definition of Frontage in Article 15 to clarify that Right-of-Ways do not provide frontage unless they meet the requirements of RSA 674:41.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #7 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in an amount up to Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) payable over a term of sixty (60) months for a new ambulance for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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). (3/5 Majority Ballot Vote Required.)

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

M. Newhall, Fire Chief, explained the fund. Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund has generated \$1.6 million dollars to date that could be used for equipment or apparatus at no cost to taxpayers. They would replace a 2013 ambulance that is showing signs of wear and tear. The replacement would be the same or similar model.

R. Mooney clarified that \$50,000.00 is a deposit.

M. Newhall stated that if allowed to purchase, there would be an 18 to 24 month waiting period before the replacement is delivered.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

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Ballot #8 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 Nine Million Seven Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy- Eight Dollars (\$9,716,878)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$9,350,799) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

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

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$9,716,878 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

R. Mooney thanked the budget committee and department heads for their time spent to keep the budget in check with consideration to current inflation. R. Mooney added that the increases are due to items outside of the municipality's control, referring to insurance and other employee benefits.

R. Mitchell concluded that one of the largest issues was trash pickup and how difficult it has been to find personnel to ride on the back of the truck especially with freezing temperatures. With the new system, the truck pulls up, uses a hydraulic arm to empty the trash bins and the driver doesn't have to exit the vehicle. R. Mitchell extended thanks to those on the budget committee that have given their time unpaid. He added that it costs \$12,761,651 to run the town of Belmont.

T. LeClair, 321 Brown Hill Road, asked that there be a motion to close articles one through eight. P. Harris seconded the motion, by show of hands motions passed.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #9 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, 2023, to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$40,984	\$5,531
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$22,160	\$(1,248)
2025 \$22,567	\$7,241

And further to raise and appropriate \$46,515 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.)

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(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$46,515 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

R. Mooney stated that it is important to keep union employees at a pay level for retention, and that the increases are to remain competitive.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #10 Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #9 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #11 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A) for the term April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$65,735	\$20,960
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$31,156	\$2,363
2025 \$31,537	\$9,892

And further to raise and appropriate \$86,695 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.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$86,695 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

R. Mooney noted that this would be a three-year contract and an attempt to be a competitive employer as it's important we continue to support our public safety departments.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

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

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #13 To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works

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Employees Union) for the term April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Increase (Wages)	Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2023 \$20,003	\$4,402
Year Estimated Increase (Wages)	Estimated Increase/(Decrease) Benefits
2024 \$16,118	\$2,404
2025 \$16,763	\$3,602

And further to raise and appropriate \$24,405 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.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$24,405 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

R. Mooney re-stated the importance of being competitive. Without a strong public works team, the fire and police departments would struggle with accessibility during weather events. The town has been fortunate to have a dedicated group thus far.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

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

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #15 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 eighth year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2016 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 4 at the 2016 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments.

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

M. Newhall shared that the pumper truck, being a primary truck in service, was purchased with voter approval in 2016 for \$560,000. M. Newhall stated so far, there have been 7 payments made on the truck, and that will continue until it is paid in full. The funds are sourced from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

T. LeClair motioned to close articles nine through fifteen for reconsideration; Seconded by R. Mitchell, by show of hands motion passed.

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Ballot #16 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$124,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2023 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 2023 budgetary year (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 \$8,000
Fuel \$8,000

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

M. Newhall stated that this comes from Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus fund to help defray the cost.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the cost of hose replacements for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

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

M. Newhall said this is for replacement of fire hoses as they haven't purchased any in several years.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$78,181) for the cost of a utility truck for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$78,181) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c. (Majority Vote Required.)

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(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$78,181 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

M. Newhall stated this is for a utility truck to use for miscellaneous projects such as forestry, plowing the station driveway, and picking up fire hoses.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the cost of an Engine 1 refurbish for the Fire Department and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95- c. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$225,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

M. Newhall spoke in regard to the condition of the Engine 1 which was initially a demo truck when acquired 13 years ago. It is now experiencing paint issues and the pump needs to be repacked. He suggests with \$225,000 to maintain and refurbish, they can hopefully use it for another 10-15 years. The cost for a new engine is roughly \$850,000 and would have no impact on taxation as it would be coming from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund.

T. LeClair added that though we've heard a lot from the fire department, this is all to be offset by the ambulance fund and not raised by taxation. T. LeClair also noted that not passing these items will affect tax dollars later if it comes from the operating budget.

B. Paquette asked what the current balance of the fund is and how much is being contributed annually. M. Newhall responded that as of December 31, 2022, the balance was \$705,607 and the average over the last 6 years was \$275,000 per year.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$255,141) 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 of Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$271,798) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$255,141 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

C. Clairmont, Public Works Director, stated that the water distribution system covers operating costs and is offset by revenue. C. Clairmont continued on to say the system covers monitoring treatment, state sampling issues, treatment costs, chemicals, and day to day maintenance.

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Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$633,561) 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 Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$636,350) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$633,561 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

C. Clairmont stated that this covers day to day operations and eight town-maintained sewer pump stations. He added that several of the costs associated with this are paid to the Winnepesaukee River Basic Project (for what is delivered to them for treatment).

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #22 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 Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$500,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$1,334,280.64.

C. Patten stated that this could be dropped to \$250,000 as there is a block grant for \$165,000 to be added to the \$500,000 which would save taxpayers \$250,000. He also added that the budget was scraped thin.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

T. LeClair motioned to close articles sixteen through twenty-two. R. Mitchell second the motion, by show of hands motion passed.

Ballot #23 To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$300,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$468,173.69.

R. Mitchell began by stating the majority of the money is going to be spent on renovating the Mill as the current town hall is overcrowded. He continued to say that since we have a new fire station, police station and highway department, getting the rest of the municipality's services into one facility would be more efficient. When the Mill was first renovated, there were federal funds for nonprofit organizations and now that term is up, the building can be used for our own use.

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R. Mooney added that the first thing that needs to be addressed is updating the elevator. Meetings are currently held on the 4th floor, but when the elevator is out of service, meetings are held in the basement for wheelchair accessibility. R. Mooney also said even though the elevator has been inspected and is working, its tired and has broken down several times. By law, handicap requirements must be met.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

A. Jipson contributed, after the deliberation the town publishes voters' guides that will be available on the municipal website and hard copies can be picked up at town hall.

Ballot #24 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, 2022. No amount to be raised from taxation.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$100,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Expendable Trust as of 12/31/2022 is \$25,170.57; the total liability accrued to this account as of 1/25/2023 is \$209,586.

A. Jipson stated that no funds will be from taxation. There are currently 13 employees who are eligible for retirement. She added that an employee payout at retirement is roughly \$16,000 each, and there is currently about \$25,000 in the account.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) with said sum to be offset by user fees.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$100,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$227,339.37.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$60,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$134,972.54.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$196,965) for the reconstruction of highways, it is anticipated to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire. No funds to come from taxation.

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(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$196,965 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$125,888) 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 for repair, maintenance, and construction of municipal bridges from State Surplus that was received by the Town on December 28, 2022). No funds to come from taxation. The Town has already received these funds.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$125,888 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation). The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$206,009.75.

A. Jipson shared that the State had a record surplus of funds and as a result have distributed monies to municipalities across New Hampshire for roads and bridges. These funds will be placed in this account.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #29 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).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$75,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$77,015.

A. Jipson stated that there was a big discussion this year with property values increasing and that in 2024 the town will conduct a required 5-year full measuring of assessments. The account is just to pay for the assessments done by KRT. In 2022 voters approved statistical updates to be done in 2022 and 2023.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$25,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$339,162.48.

R. Mitchell began by providing a brief history on the Library building. He went on to share that in 1991, CIP recommended putting \$50,000 away year to fund an addition and to-date, no addition has been done. He explained that his idea is not to add to the library as doing so would be very costly, but instead, to build a new library on the school grounds (corner of Memorial and Concord Street) for \$1,750,000. R. Mitchell stated the placement would be close to the Middle school for

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programs and after school activities.

S. Cunningham, on behalf of the library trustees, clarified they do not wish to pursue this.

A. Nix stated that the idea of a new library is not part of this article but rather putting money into the existing fund.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #31 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).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$10,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$23,018.03.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #32 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.) No funds to come from taxation.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$5,591.88; funds were used in 2021 to repair portions of the road.)

C. Clairmont stated this fund was established by the effort of the Board of Selectman. There is a gravel pit located at the end of Durrell Mountain Road, past the town line in Gilford, and the owners are seeking compensation. C. Clairmont encouraged voters to vote yes as the road will deteriorate over time.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #33 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 expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees (1997).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,000 and the Budget Committee supports that recommendation.) The balance in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$30,172.35.

T. LeClair motioned to close articles twenty-three through thirty-two. C. Patten seconded the motion, by show of hands motion passed.

S. Ciampi, Cemetery Trustee, explained that the use of the capital reserve is for large projects or emergency situations. S. Ciampi stated that \$3,000 was expended from the account towards

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storm damage around Christmas time when some trees were injured.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #34 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).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$4,500 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Heritage Fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$41,828.63.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #35 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).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$2,500 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve account as of 12/31/2022 is \$22,099.22.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2020).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$1,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.) The balance in the Capital Reserve Account as of 12/31/2022 is \$6,101.07.

C. DeRoy, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, advised that our current voting booths are aged and deteriorating. The state mandates how election polls operate. C. DeRoy stated that for every 100 voters, we're required to provide one booth (with 4,400 voters, we would need 44 booths). C. DeRoy is looking to replace booths and the cost is \$1,000 each.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #37 Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2020 for the Construction of a New Police Station for Mill Renovations instead, and to raise and appropriate \$48,646 in unused bond proceeds for Mill Renovations per RSA 33:3-a, II. NO amount of money needs to be raised from taxation. (3/5 Majority Vote Required.) No funds to come from taxation.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$48,646 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

R. Mooney opened the discussion stating unused funds came from the police station and could be used for mill renovations.

A. Jipson stated that legally, we are allowed to re-appropriate these funds as it has zero impact. She explained the funds were originally set aside for a bond payment for the purpose of

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constructing the Police Department, because the use is similar by law, we are allowed to re-appropriate the funds in this nature. This would offset costs to Mill renovations.

N. Wheeler asked if the Police Chief can speak to the excess funds. She added that there are new phones and radios that need to be replaced.

Chief M. Lewandoski stated that the phone systems are town-wide and would require the entire town to change phones or service. M. Lewandoski reported the equipment was not compatible with the current system and as a result the department was waiting to determine how to navigate that deficiency. M. Lewandoski added that he was satisfied to see the police department came in under budget.

R. Mooney mentioned it would be helpful to know what was received for equipment through grants due to the new police station.

M. Lewandoski replied that the grant amount of \$500,000 has been exceeded as it was used for a pet officer and equipment. He added that Lt Belanger has been aggressive on the grant money. M. Lewandoski added that they will keep equipment at its current level given the circumstances and will see what money is available through the federal government to offset the costs.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot # 38 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 funds to come from taxation.

Belknap County 4-H Fair Assn. \$2,000
Belknap House \$2,000
Belmont Cemetery Trustees \$200
Belmont Boy Scouts Troop 65 \$540
Belmont Conservation Commission \$100
Belmont Elementary Support Team \$200
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$540
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 60200 \$495
Belmont Community Girl Scouts \$250
Belmont Heritage Commission \$250
Belmont High School PTO \$200
Belmont Historical Society \$300
Belmont Middle School Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,500
Belmont Middle School PTO \$200
Belmont Old Home Day Committee \$100
Belmont Park and Recreation \$1,500
Belmont Public Library \$1,165
First Baptist Church of Belmont Mission/Food Pantry \$2,492
Saint Joseph Food Pantry \$2,492.74
Save our Gale School \$200
Winni Womenade \$2,000

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Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #39 Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 33:8-f, vote to rescind the unused portion of the bonding authority granted in 2016 for the Hoadley Road Culvert Reconstruction? Of the \$375,000 in bonding authority that was granted, \$68,319 was not spent and is not necessary for this purpose. (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.)

A. Jipson stated that funds were originally budgeted for in 2016 but is no longer necessary as the project is complete. She noted that there is no tax impact and no reason to carry the balance forward within the 2023 budget.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #40 Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a(IV) to re-adopt the provisions of the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28(II)) in the amount of \$500, to include not only Veterans who have been honorably discharged, but also those who have served at least four (4) years and are continuing in service in the armed forces. [NOTE: If this article does not pass, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 would apply as of April 1, 2023.]

NOTE: This article is required because legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

R. Mooney stated if voters want to support the Veterans in Belmont, vote yes.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #41 Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a(IV) to re-adopt the provisions of the All-Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) in the amount of \$500, to include not only Veterans who have been honorably discharged, but also those who have served at least four (4) years and are continuing in service in the armed forces. [NOTE: If this article does not pass, the All-Veteran's Tax Credit will no longer be in effect, and the Standard Veteran's Tax Credit of \$50 would apply as of April 1, 2023.]

NOTE: This article is required because legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

R. Mooney again stated, if you want to support the Veterans in our town, vote yes.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #42 Are you in favor of amending the Noise Ordinance adopted by the Town in 2010 to exempt from its provision's noises related to farming and agricultural related activities?

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

R. Mooney stated there is an Apple Farm on Route 106. Neighbors have complained about their spraying in the evenings.

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A. Nix asked if this was a citizen petition and if so, was the citizen in attendance. There was no response.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #43 Are you in favor of discontinuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector? At the next annual meeting in which an election for Town Clerk/Tax Collector is to be held (2025), the voters shall choose one individual as Town Clerk and another as Tax Collector, each for a three-year term, unless article 46 (43) passes, in which case the Tax collector will be appointed.

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

T. LeClair asked for a motion to amend the article to correct an error.

A. Nix then motioned to amend the language in article 43 where it reads, "unless article 46 passes," to read "unless the article passes". R. Mitchell seconded motion.

C. DeRoy stated that the position has always been combined to give the town the option to have a separate town clerk and tax collector. C. DeRoy explained that the town clerk must be a resident and must be elected whereas the tax collector would not have to be either. This would allow the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to have a deputy town clerk and a deputy tax collector.

C. DeRoy shared that in the past with the positions being combined, it has been difficult to keep the deputy's position intact. Additionally, if the article passes, the town clerk would still be elected and still be a resident because they oversee elections.

A. Jipson stated that the Planning Board met after the warrants were created and removed 3 articles, thus the renumbering of articles was adjusted and the numbering in this article got missed. It does not change the intent of the article.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #44 Are you in favor of rescinding the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Belmont on March 11, 2008, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law?? (3/5 Majority Vote Required.)

(This article submitted by Petition)

T. LeClair said she doesn't anticipate the budget to pass, but to open up discussion to become more educated on the articles.

S. Cunningham agreed she also doesn't anticipate this to pass but would like to challenge the Board of Selectmen to brainstorm ways to reach out to the community.

S. Ciampi asked, should the budget not pass by vote, is there no default budget to fall back on? She also stated that there is minimal voter participation and expressed her concern.

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R. Mooney stated that when speaking with new residents, they have no interest in getting involved in town business, and we need engagement from younger people. R. Mooney noted that one of our leading complaints is around morning meetings; morning meetings save money while evening meetings require overtime pay to the hourly employees. Averaging, roughly 20 hours per week.

T. LeClair added that the iron treatment plan grant was turned down (free money) due to lack of knowledge by the voters. The goal is to get people talking about what these items are. Per R. Mooney, the grant amount was 1.5 million and was denied.

R. Mitchell added that people expect that someone is making decisions for them and that our meetings started when the town was founded.

Amanda Liakas, 31 Brook Hollow Road, contributed that there is a small group of younger individuals that do want to get involved, but have limited time to commit after managing work and their families.

Dennis Grimes, 21 Gilman Shore Road, advised after spending years working in tech that social media is good technology when properly utilized. D. Grimes asked how we can get younger residents involved.

Mark Ekberg, Code Enforcement Officer, noted that his understanding of the article would be to have a smaller group of people that are well informed making a vote, versus a large number of uninformed voters.

Woodbury Fogg, 433 Jamestown Road, stated democracy is a participatory sport and is in favor of this article.

Vicki Donovan, 4 Johnson Street, extended her support and claims nothing is better than being educated on what your taxes are paying for.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #45 Are you in favor of imposing a term limit of 3 consecutive terms that can be served by a member of the Board of Selectmen?

(This article submitted by Petition)

T. LeClair asked if it is possible to remove or if we are too far in the process, do we keep it on our warrant.

A. Nix replied yes, its non-binding.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Ballot #46 Are you in favor of increasing the number of Cemetery Trustee Board members from 3 to 5?

(This article submitted by Petition)

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S. Ciampi stated that she submitted this petition because there are currently three, and she would like two more trustees.

T. LeClair raised the question, do we need two more trustees, or are we seeking volunteers?

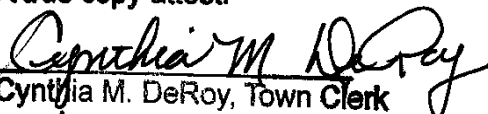
R. Mooney advised that maybe this is where the high school steps in, noting the Conservation Commission has a couple student members on their team (non-voting members).

S. Ciampi shared that there is an RSA that allows alternates. She was referred to the Heritage Commission for more information by the Board of Selectmen, but there was no representative that could go over the terms and process. Her intent is that having a 5-member board provides the ability to vote on decisions.

Upon no discussion article moved to ballot.

Moderator A. Nix advised that the warrant articles have been completed for the 2023 deliberative session. A. Nix concluded the session, declaring the meeting dissolved until the March 14, 2023, election and thanked everyone for attending.

A true copy attest:


Cynthia M. DeRoy, Town Clerk
Feb 15, 2023

Building Inspection/Code Enforcement



BUILDING / CODE ENFORCEMENT

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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 491 building and utility permits in 2023. The total number of permits issued in 2023 is slightly more than the 463 permits issued in 2022.

The trend to add solar arrays to residential and commercial properties continues to expand as reflected in the number of solar array permits issued by the Town of Belmont Building Department from 24 permits in 2022 to 28 permits in 2023.

Work was completed in 2023 on the new Vault project and the gas station/Aroma Joe's on Daniel Webster Highway/Ladd Hill, as well as the cell phone tower on Bishop Road. Installation was also completed on the two-classroom addition at Belmont Elementary School. Improvements continue to be made at the Belknap Marketplace with fitups for multiple tenants. Dunkin' Donuts moved a short distance from the Belknap Marketplace to a newly renovated location at 223 Daniel Webster Highway.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Building Permits Issued	246	251	251	218	169
New Single-Family	26	15	30	25	5
Demo & Replace Single-Family	1	26	13	12	4
Solar Array	28	24	7	4	1
New Manufactured Unit	4	8	5	5	5
Interior Renovations	18	25	36	28	26
Accessory Dwelling Unit	1	4	3	2	2
Commercial Project Permits	4	11	6	13	11
Utility Permits	245	212	214	198	179
Total Value of Improvements	\$16,814,517	\$28,768,669	\$13,694,987	\$10,693,121	\$6,459,592

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The goal of Code Enforcement is to bring properties into compliance for Zoning, Safety or Building issues. Health-related issues are handled by our Health Officer at the Fire Department.

Building Inspection/Code Enforcement

Residents may submit complaints in writing using our Citizen Complaint Form, located on our website at belmontnh.gov under Info Center > Applications & Forms. Citizen Complaints are initially handled by the Town Administrator and then passed to the appropriate department for follow up and/or resolution. Please note that anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

Code Enforcement was busy with complaints and violations throughout the year, and a few properties with violations were escalated to legal and then moved into the courts. There are a handful of active court cases currently in process.

Our department also completes Junkyard Inspections and Change of Tenant inspections for new businesses and store fronts. We completed 3 Junkyard inspections and 6 Change of Tenant inspections in 2023.

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Initiated Violations	27	25	46	11
Closed Violations	13	30	23	6
Open Violations	42	28	25	10

Building / Code Enforcement

603-267-8300 ext. 111

CodeEnforcement@belmontnh.gov

Fire Department

The Crews have spent about 1,250 hours training while on duty and in between calls. We work continuously to get our new firefighters trained with Belmont 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 officers have done.



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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Mission of the Belmont Fire Department is to provide fire, emergency medical, and fire prevention services in a caring and compassionate manner. To be prepared to respond to any request for assistance and to ensure that every member of the department returns home safely.

The year 2023 welcomed many positive changes in the Belmont Fire Department with the acceptance of two firefighters for a grant position, however there was a department turnover of 6 FF/EMTs. This created many openings, but in the process found some exceptional replacements. Chief Michael Newhall retired after 24 years as a career firefighter working his way through the ranks and retiring as the Fire Chief. Assistant Fire Chief Deborah Black was appointed Interim Fire Chief early in the summer of 2023. In August, she was officially promoted to Fire Chief, EMD, Forest Warden and Health Officer. With her leadership, and her vision for Belmont Fire, she will bring many positive changes to our department. Over the last twelve months we have also transitioned two new Lieutenants, five Fire Fighter/EMTs and a new Administrative Assistant.

In 2022, Belmont Fire was awarded the SAFER Grant which allowed for the hiring of two additional Fire Fighter/EMT positions. These positions are grant funded through FEMA. This has helped us increase coverage in our community when there are multiple calls or a large incident. With these additions to staffing, we will employ a full-time staff of a Fire Chief, an Assistant Fire Chief, 4 Lieutenants, 10 Fire Fighter/EMTs and an Administrative Assistant. Our Call Company currently consists of 10 members with variations of certifications. Currently, we are working on hiring one more firefighter to fill the SAFER grant. I am happy to announce that we have made an offer, and we will have a new Assistant Fire Chief starting on January 29, 2024. We look forward to introducing him to the residents of the town. Please don't hesitate to stop in to the Fire Station to meet our new Assistant Chief.

The Belmont Fire Department provides an emergency medical ambulance service at the Advanced EMT and/or Paramedic level. The critical level of emergency calls has increased over the last few years which means that higher critical care is required to support the patients in our community. All full-time personnel, upon completion of their probation, are required to be certified as an Advanced EMT, which allows our staff to provide more advanced care.

In 2023 Belmont Fire Department responded to 1,879 requests for Emergent and Non-Emergent services. This is an increase of 10% from 2022. Overlapping and back-to-back calls have become more common, resulting in utilizing off-duty and call firefighters on a frequent basis, as well as our Mutual Aid partners when necessary. We had a total of 180 overlapping calls throughout the year and a total of 689 ambulatory transports. Fortunately, we have great response from our Call

Fire Department

Member staff, an outstanding Mutual Aid system and Mutual Aid partners to help us when the need arises.

Belmont Fire Department is part of a small community, and as such, we need to be ready for any and all types of emergencies. In addition to requests for emergency services, you will see members of Belmont Fire out in the community conducting various types of training. Cold water and ice rescue training, boat training, stretching hose lines, and practicing hose control, conducting fire drills at your local schools and businesses among many other 'in-house' fire and EMS training to keep our skills sharp.

Our community is seeing a rise in residential construction after a few years of near dormancy. With this rise in construction, you will also see us out and about inspecting gas lines and oil tanks and issuing various permits. This year the number of events in these categories (Fire Marshall Activities and Permits) increased from 1,061 in 2022, to 1,561 in 2023.

The Belmont Fire Department received the new Utility Truck. It is a 2023 Ford F350 Full Cab with a utility bed, and new plow that was placed in service this summer. This was voted on this past year and was purchased with our Ambulance Revenue Fund. This utility truck replaced our 2017 Ford F350. We are currently working with Autotronics to build our replacement ambulance, which is a 2024 Ford F550 6.7L Diesel 4x4 Braun Chief XL. This will replace our current Ambulance 3 Amb1 which has 112,474 miles. The new ambulance is slated to arrive around March of 2025. This is a lease purchase through our Ambulance Revenue fund. Both pieces of apparatus were purchased with no taxation to the community.



Major Incidents

We had several one alarm fires this past year, one going to a second alarm building fire on Union Rd, and a fire at Milpower Source. There were numerous motor vehicle accidents. We had one person who was hit while walking on one of the main roads through town just before the holidays. This closed down Route 106 for several hours while the Police Department did an investigation.

We had another busy year on Lake Winnisquam, mostly assisting boaters who were in distress. One major call was rescuing 3 children who were out on a small sailboat that capsized due to heavy winds and white caps on the lake. They were not able to get back onto the capsized boat and had to be rescued out of the lake and brought to shore. They were cold but were brought safely back to their parents waiting for them. Luckily everyone was wearing LIFE JACKETS.

Fire Department

The Crews have spent about 1,250 hours training while on duty and in between calls. We work continuously to get our new firefighters trained with Belmont 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 officers have done.

MONTH	EMERGENCY RESPONSE	FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITIES	NON-EMERGENCY	PERMIT	Total		2 nd Calls	3 rd Calls	4 th + Calls
January	135	16	6	55	212		16	3	0
February	114	8	5	25	152		19	0	0
March	138	22	30	39	229		14	0	0
April	120	19	27	300	466		14	2	0
May	137	21	40	291	489		19	1	0
June	150	30	25	224	429		15	1	0
July	143	32	37	86	298		14	1	0
August	113	36	46	58	253		8	1	0
September	107	19	34	78	238		8	0	0
October	108	31	48	65	252		14	0	0
November	121	17	34	38	210		12	1	0
December	133	17	28	24	202		15	2	0
TOTAL	1,519	268	360	1,283	3,430		168	12	0

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 other safety driven events. This type of dedication shows the pride our members have for the community they protect.

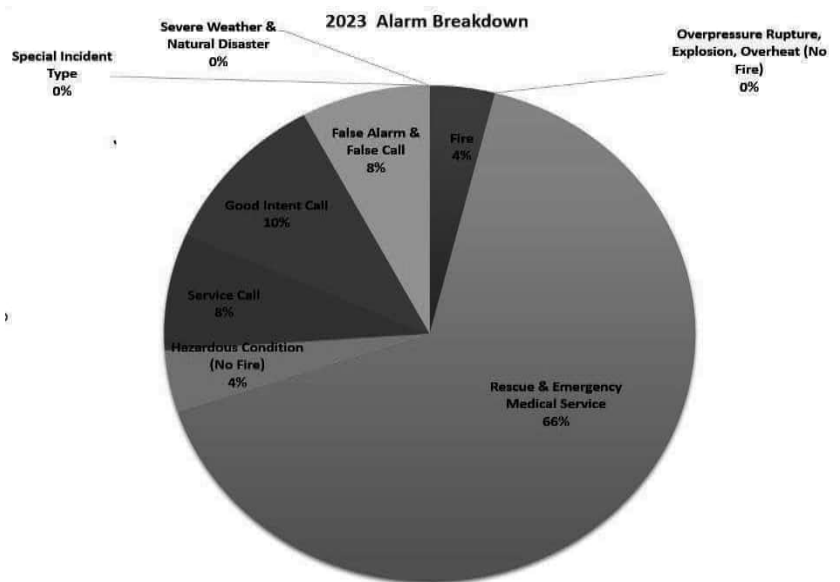
Belmont Fire Department also works with our elected and appointed officials, as well as every other department within the Town. This is not only a positive sign for the Belmont Fire Department, but it also shows globally how well everyone in the Town works together for our citizens.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Black

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Belmont Fire Department



Forest Fire & Emergency Management

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Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger and Emergency Management

This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. 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. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 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 www.firewise.org. 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 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY 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.

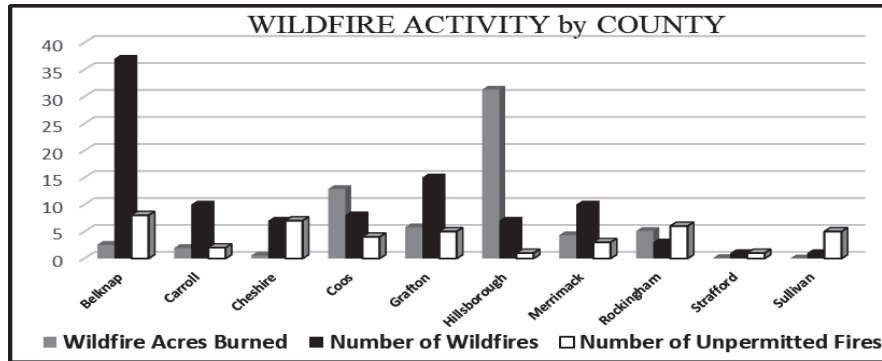
Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. 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.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**

The Belmont Fire Department is pleased to announce that you can now obtain your seasonal and daily permits online through the state website listed above or using the QR code below:



Forest Fire & Emergency Management

2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



(All fires reported as of December 01, 2023)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Fire Chief is also the Town's Emergency Management Director. This past year we have been lucky to not have any major weather events. This type of an event would be considered as a large-scale fire or a major weather event. There were several motor vehicle accidents in 2023 that closed major roadways for a period of time. There was no residence displacement, therefore, we didn't have to open the Emergency Operations Shelter or activate our Emergency Operation Center. We did however, receive FEMA reimbursement from the Christmas storm in 2022. These funds were mostly reimbursement to the Highway Department. They worked to get roads cleared of debris and fallen trees as well as maintaining some road washouts. The Belmont Fire Department also assisted during this time with wires down and power outages.

This year we will be reviewing the Hazard Mitigation Plan; this is done every five years. This is to keep the towns up to date on any major problems, developments or major companies that have come into town in the past five years.

Welfare and General Assistance

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 performs last-resort crisis management by assisting residents in regaining control over their own lives resulting in financial responsibility. Most of the office time is 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 Actions Fuel and Electric Assistance Programs.

Entering 2023 all State and Federal Covid Funds had terminated. The housing market turned into a crisis. Many landlords increased rents based off what Covid monies paid, and when Covid was over rents didn't decrease. With no rental caps many hard-working individuals lost what used to be affordable housing. The demand for housing increased, and wait lists are historically longer than we have ever seen making housing availability next to impossible. The results of this housing crisis have cost the department's housing line more money than budgeted this year. Almost all monies have been spent on unsheltered residents being placed in hotels and motels until shelter became available.

Along with homeless numbers spiraling out of control and no place for them to go was the upswing of individuals with severe mental health challenges needing support systems and housing that still does not exist at the level of increased need.

Also, electric bills almost doubled earlier in 2023 but mid-year they leveled off allowing individuals more manageable budget plans to catch up before winter weather set in. Home heating deliverable products went up and never really leveled off throughout the entire year. The budget did not see as much of an increase in either of these categories as expected due to so many of the same individuals that would have been affected now becoming homeless.

In conclusion, a tremendous amount of work was researching and staying on top of program changes, affordable housing, and shelter openings, and negotiating with motel owners to secure safe and affordable rooms and shelter. This proactive approach has been instrumental in preserving the bottom line of the budget with minor overages, despite experiencing significant budgetary challenges that we have not seen in a long time.

On a positive note, a special thanks to the Belmont PD's Santa's Little Helpers, both 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 help.

As always, I would like to thank all the 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 Cille

Welfare & General Assistance Director



Lakes Region Planning Commission



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FY23 Annual Report

Town of Belmont

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack counties enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC plans at the local, regional, and statewide levels and is an essential conduit for federal funding. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services such as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by an Executive Director.

The LRPC provides a forum for communities to share information and services from model ordinances and joint purchasing to solid waste districts and watershed management plans, and serves as a resource to support and enhance local planning and regional collaboration. 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:

- Transportation, land use, and watershed management planning
- Economic development assistance
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance
- Grant writing and administration
- GIS mapping
- Data collection and analysis

The following are highlights of our FY23 activities. For our full FY23 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at www.lakesrpc.nh.gov.

Highlighted Local and Regional Planning Services Provided for FY23

General & Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responded to inquiry regarding town ballot submission deadlines.• Responded to inquiry regarding Commissioner & TAC appointment procedures.• Addressed several phone calls from residents regarding HHW collection event.• Reviewed NHDES Stormwater Protection grant requirements to assist town.• Obtained current town ordinances regarding source water protection and compared against 2015 model NHDES Source Water Protection Model ordinance.• Created itemized comparisons between 2010 and 2015 model NHDES Source Water Protection ordinances. Provided ordinance comparisons to NHDES.• Reviewed town ordinances for stormwater management regulations. Prepared draft of project timelines.• Worked with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership.• As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The LRPC is a great resource for community maps. Give us a call if your town needs updated zoning, town roads, or community facility maps for instance.
Grant Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal NBRC quarterly reports submitted for Gale School project.• The LRPC provides a wide variety of grant writing and administration assistance to towns as needed.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinated our 37th Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections event in the Summer & Fall of 2023, and widely promoted this event to reach the maximum number of households. This event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities.• Conducted site visit to provide suggestions regarding flow of traffic and layout.• Belmont Household Participation: 76

Lakes Region Planning Commission

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Town of Belmont and the Belmont Fire Station for serving as one of our regional collection sites. • <i>Please go to our website (lakesrpc.nh.gov) if you missed this year's collection for alternative disposal options.</i>
Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP)	<p>The LRPC provides the USDA with comments and offers of support regarding proposed Federal financial assistance for programs and activities concerning its municipalities. The LRPC reviewed and supported the following project in the Town of Belmont:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant: Sunray Shores Water District Project: Sunray Shores Drinking Water System Improvements
Newsletters & Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LRPC helps coordinate information from many different sources and is a great resource for keeping towns up to date on planning issues and resources through both our website and direct contact.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 \$96.25 for each book and \$88.50 for each book with e-book. • Belmont purchased 6 books and 1 book with e-book. Total saved: \$666.00.
Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 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.
Technical Land Use Planning Assistance (TBG – A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received request for temporary planner assistance; provided information regarding search for town planner. • The LRPC employs a professional land use planner to assist towns with technical land use issues which require a knowledge of land use law, NH RSA's, as well as state and local regulations on either a short or long-term basis.
Transportation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted traffic counts at 5 locations within Belmont as requested by the NH Department of Transportation.

Commission Meetings

- Convened 6 regular Commission Meetings with guest speakers covering topics including Regional Housing Needs Assessment/Housing Affordability Trends/InvestNH Funding, Solid Waste Management Grant, Household Hazardous Waste, Transportation Program Overview & Data Collection, Geographic Information System Programs, NH Broadband Planning Update, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure & Asset Management.

Regional Services & Activities of Benefit to Multiple Communities

- 2023 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection
BY THE NUMBERS: 37 years of regional collections | 24 participating communities | 7 summer & 1 fall collection sites | 4 HHW Coordinator meetings | 80 workers & volunteers contributing more than 500 hours | a dozen new local HHW Coordinators, including 3 new Site Coordinators | 1,564 households served | approximately 60,000 pounds (30 tons) of household hazardous waste safely removed and disposed, preventing negative effects on human health and mitigating potential illegal dumping and disposal throughout the Lakes Region.
- Bulk ordered and distributed 335 *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* books for a group discount of \$96.25 per book and \$88.50 per book with e-book. TOTAL SPENT by 27 Member Communities = \$4,028.75 | TOTAL SAVED by 27 Members = \$31,719.25.
- Reviewed 15 Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP) notices from the state planning office as public notification to regional planning commissions of all projects in the region intended to receive federal financial support.
- Updated Regional Housing Needs Assessment: LRPC is contracted with the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) to address the RSA requirement that regional planning commissions complete a housing needs assessment every 5 years. This update was completed for 2023 and a draft was posted to our website together with a downloadable toolbox to assist communities with housing planning. Discussions have begun relative to adoption.

Solid Waste Management Accomplishments

- Worked with solid waste operators around the region to address solid waste issues through grant writing and research.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

- Utilized Geographic Informational System (GIS) mapping tools to identify potential solid waste solar sites in the Lakes Region.
- Conducted a plastics disposal and municipal solid waste study for Lakes Region transfer stations with summer intern.
- Ran two roundtables for solid waste operators concerning *Food Waste Composting in NH* and *Glass Management – Efficiencies and Uses*.
- Conducted outreach at various transfer stations, providing information to a number of residents concerning the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

Economic Development

- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).** Drafted update using innovative story map formatting approach which is posted on LRPC's website.
- **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** Administered CDBG Microenterprise funding for Grafton County which assists businesses and economic development organizations in Grafton, Belknap & Carroll counties.
- **Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant Administration.** Provided grant writing and grant administration assistance to several successful NBRC grantees as the designated local development district for our region, including:

NEW:

- Town of Gilford - Foam Recycling Project
- GALA Makers Space – Phase II
- Granite State Adaptive – Equine Therapeutic Center
- Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum (Wolfeboro)

ONGOING:

- City of Laconia | WOW – Opechee Loop
- Town of Hebron – Fiber Optic Network
- Town of Sandwich – Fiber Optic Network

Transportation

- **LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).** Provided administrative support for meetings and facilitated communications. The TAC met 6 times involving city/town appointed representatives in order to engage community participation and local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development. Topics (some with guest speakers) included Ten Year Plan (TYP) Project Planning for 2025 – 2034, Road Safety Audits, NH Route 11 Alton-Gilford Planning Study Update, Scoring of Proposed TYP Projects, Update on the Regional Plan and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Application Process, Regional Bicycle Group Update, 2022 Traffic Count Summary, Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program, and Processed Glass Aggregate.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.** Updated draft of state-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- **Regional Transportation Plan.** Drafted Regional Transportation Plan. Included additional crash data information so Plan now can be used for more grant opportunities (Safe Streets For All).
- **Ten Year Plan (TYP) Funding and Project Prioritization (TYP 2025 – 2034):** Worked with towns, NH DOT and GACIT to develop project scopes and cost estimates.
 - **Meredith** – NH Route 25 intersection improvements at Laker Lane, True Road, Quarry Road, and Patrician Shores (additional funding).
 - **Laconia** – Union Avenue improvements.
- **Data Collection & Analysis.** Collected traffic count data at 148 assigned locations throughout the region for NHDOT along with 17 municipal requested counts. Worked on updating Road Surface Management System (RSMS) assessment for one community.

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 FY23 were:

Commissioner Vacant	Term Expiration	TAC Member Rod Cameron	Term Expiration Resigned Dec 2022
Alternate Vacant	Term Expiration	TAC Alternate Brian Jackes	Term Expiration 04/04/24

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hayes
Executive Director

Belmont Public Library

2023 YEAR in REVIEW

22,574

items checked out

ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities Rural and Small Libraries Accessibility grant let us repair the front door and replace the outdated handicapped accessibility device.



10,104

library visits

5,304

ebooks + audio
checked out

505

programs offered

2,907

program attendees

250

new cardholders

2,144

total cardholders

1,571

items added

13,699

total items

2,321

interlibrary loans

Belmont Public Library

Belmont Public Library Financial Report For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Receipts

Town Appropriations	\$20,3771.52
Grants & Donations	\$10,550.00
Fines & Late Fees	\$7.99
Printing/Copying/Fax Income	\$550.65
Nonresident Fees	\$40.00
Miscellaneous income	\$92.55
Total Receipts	<u>\$215,012.71</u>

Disbursements

Librarian Salary	\$51,634.95
Assistant Wages	\$58,502.57
Employee Benefits	\$19,955.34
Payroll taxes	\$8,139.01
Circulation	\$21,680.44
Computer Expenses	\$2,258.55
Utilities	\$8,397.05
Supplies	\$2,213.52
Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,753.00
Electronic Databases	\$3,617.05
Programs & Passes	\$2,083.80
Insurance	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$900.00
Dues & Continuing Ed	\$1,465.77
Storage	\$540.00
Copier Lease	\$1,651.98
Audit	<u>\$400.00</u>

Net Change in Funds

Beginning Cash Balance	<u>\$23,179.39</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$30,390.04</u>

Parks and Recreation

Belmont Parks & Recreation

The Town of Belmont Department of Parks & Recreation was reestablished in the spring of 2022 to oversee Sargent Park, the Leslie Roberts Town Beach and to provide year-round community events and recreational opportunities to our residents. The recreation department has one part-time director. In 2023, we employed 13 seasonal staff at our town beach and summer camp.

Our 2023 goals consisted of evaluating past programs, seeking community involvement and ideas, to start bringing back past programs and implementing new programs. While we faced some challenges, we were able to begin this process and create some great opportunities for our community.

We began 2023 by bringing back the Gunstock Outreach Program. This program offers the youth in our community the opportunity to learn to ski/snowboard at a discounted rate. We were able to send 32 kids to Gunstock to participate in the program. Pastor Andrew Barnes volunteered his time to make sure this was a successful first year back for the program.

In the spring of 2023 Belmont Parks & Recreation offered body conditioning and strength training classes with instructor Jeannine Beckett. For Earth Day, members of the community joined with Parks & Recreation and volunteered time to help clean up Leslie E. Roberts Beach, the WOW trail and the surrounding area. We also held a Community Yard Sale. Participants were excited to bring these programs back and brought some great ideas for future programs.

The Leslie Roberts Town Beach was opened on Memorial Day weekend this year. Community members may have noticed the new buoys and safety swim lines. We were fortunate to have two lifeguards to staff the beach during peak hours. Despite the endless amount of rain, our Building & Grounds crew were able to keep the beach impeccably maintained and our gatekeeper did an amazing job at keeping crowds controlled so a good time could be had by all.

Summer of 2023 brought the return of the Belmont Summer Camp program. We had 55 Belmont youth registered for the program. This year's camp was a 6-week program that ran from July 1st - August 9th. The department hired 10 seasonal staff to accommodate the campers. The campers enjoyed weekly themes, daily planned activities, visits to Sargent Park, trips to our Town beach and field trips to other NH attractions.

The summer also brought our first ever "Red White & Belmont Beach Blast". A great time was had by all as the Jamestown Union Band performed, families played games and little ones got treats of watermelon and lemonade. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the town beach with families, friends and neighbors.

Fall brought the return of one of the community's favorite events, Trunk-or-Treat! Community members and their decorated vehicles lined the Tioga Pavilion Parking lot to hand out candy to both children and adults alike. Over 300 participants came to join in on the fun. Businesses, non-profits and civic organizations helped make this event successful.

In December, community members came out to celebrate the Holiday season with our Deck the Village event. Our Santa's Workshop held at the Belmont Public Library gave community members the opportunity to meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus and children were able to craft gifts to take home. The Friends of Belmont Library held a Bake Sale at the Mill Building. Firefighter Paul Charnley and other members of the Belmont Fire Department assisted participants with making s'mores over their outdoor fire pit.

Parks and Recreation

This year we began our “Senior Giving Tree” program as a way to bring joy and happiness to our seniors in the holiday season. Although participation was lower than we had hoped for, we had a great time bringing gifts and socializing with some Belmont senior citizens and look forward to bringing this program back in future years.

Looking forward to 2024 the Belmont Department of Parks & Recreation is looking to bring more programs and events to the residents. Community Park Nights, concerts in the bandstand, youth/adult basketball and soccer are just some of the programs that we hope to bring back to our community. Between Leslie Roberts Beach, Sargent Park, the Tioga Pavilion and our walking trails, the Town has so many amazing resources for our community to use. We are always interested in offering new programs to the community and appreciate your suggestions and assistance.

Belmont Parks and Recreation is able to offer a number of programs due to the cooperation we receive from the Shaker Regional School District, which is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of our employees and volunteers for their assistance with our programs and events.

Respectfully submitted by,

Danielle St. Onge

Recreation Director

recreation@belmontnh.gov

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Planning Board



BELMONT PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 2023 www.belmontnh.gov

The Planning Board Welcomes Our New Land Use Staff

Karen Santoro, the Land Use Technician since April 2022, formally accepted the position of Town Planner in April 2023 after the departure of the previous Planner in December of 2022. Karen had been serving as Interim Town Planner since January 2023. She previously worked as the Zoning Technician for the City of Laconia, Interim Planner for the Town of Farmington and for several years prior to that as a Zoning Enforcement Officer in the Town of Killingly, CT.

Roderick Cameron joined the Land Use staff in June of 2023. He brings many years of experience as a landscape architect and planner to the team. He has worked all over the world including Egypt, Nigeria, Qatar and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Afghanistan and the Philippines.

Jennifer Thomas, Land Use Clerk, started with the Land Use Office in December 2023. She was the former Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and wanted to make the transition to Land Use.

ZONING AMENDMENTS: On March 12, 2024, the following Ordinance amendments, proposed by the Planning Board (PB), will appear on this year's Town Meeting Ballot:

1. Add RSA (Revised Statutes Annotated) clause to Article 1.
2. Add a definition of Alternative Treatment Centers and make it a use permitted by special exception in the Commercial Zoning District (C-Zone) and permitted by conditional use permit in the Industrial District (I-Zone).
3. Add a definition of Cultivation Location and make it a use permitted by conditional use permit in the C-Zone and I-Zone.
4. Update definition of storage facilities and make a permitted use in the Residential Multifamily (RM-Zone); Residential-Single (RS-Zone) and Rural (R-Zone) Zoning Districts and add footnote with restrictions.
5. Add a definition of Agritourism and make it a permitted use in all districts.
6. Replace the term "retail stores" with "retail sales;" and add a definition of retail sales.
7. Allow contractor's yard in the C-Zone as a permitted use rather than a use permitted by special exception.

MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF: With the 2023 elections, the Planning Board welcomed returning members Peter Harris and Richard Pickwick. 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



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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.

2023 PROJECTS:

Site Plan Approval: *Laconia Housing and Redevelopment – Randlett Street; REM Central, LLC – Daniel Webster Highway; IDH Realty LLC and C&R Realty Trust – Laconia Road; Field Lane Belmont LLC – Field Lane; Walterlynne 22, LLC – Laconia Road.*

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

Subdivision Plan Approval: *CJM Industries – Route 3 and Westview Drive; Lakeview at Belmont, LLC – Ladd Hill Road; Fall Line Trust – Bishop Road; Lakeview at Belmont LLC – Ladd Hill Road and Old Ladd Hill Road; Craig and Magdalena Roeder – Bean Hill Road; Gary and Elaine Cartier - Hurricane Road; Raed Hertel Family Trust – Jamestown Road.*

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

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

Boundary Line Adjustment: *Winnisquam Yacht Club LLC – Laconia Road; Susan Turcotte – Young Road; Peter M. Palmer - Diane Drive and Old Ladd Hill Road; Christopher and Laura Gardner - Hoadley Road.*

Lot Merger: *Fralick – Sargent Street; Bartlett Family Trust – Rogers Road; Pilliod – Province Road*

Concept Consultation: *Whyte's Land Holding – Depot Street.*

Scenic Roads Tree Trimming: *Eversource Energy - Cotton Hill Road, Jamestown Road, and Ladd Hill Road.*

Compliance Hearing: *Gilmanton Sand and Gravel – Stone Road.*



Planning Board

2023 Annual Planning Board Activity											
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Subdivisions	9	2	4	2	1	6	4	2	4	2	5
Site Plans	6	11	10	5	12	8	10	10	12	15	7
Boundary Line Adjustments	3	2	2	0	5	1	2	4	0	2	2
Approval Extensions	1	2	1	1	2	4	1	5	4	5	6
Earth Excavation	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	0
Earth Excavation Extensions, Transfers & Compliance	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	3
Lot Merger Applications	3	2	3	1	0	8	4	2	2	2	1
Conditional Use Permit	0	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
Scenic Road Approvals	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Compliance Hearings	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	23	35	24	12	24	34	31	25	24	27	24
Application Revocations/Expirations	0	0	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
# New Lots/Sites Created	19	9	2	2	1	14	0	0	8	0	6
# Existing Lots Lost by Merger	-3	-2	-7	-2	0	-10	-1	0	0	0	0
Net # New Multi-Family Units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net # New Accessory Dwelling Units	1	4	3	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	2
Net # New Commercial Residences	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Informal Discussions	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	1
Design Review	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conceptual	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
P B Abutters' & Public Hearings	19	26	25	26	33	31	25	27	26	28	29
P B Meetings & Work Sessions	13	12	13	11	13	12	13	14	13	15	14
New Dwelling Unit Permits (Growth)	26	16	27	28	7	10	11	4	11	4	4
Change of Commercial Tenant	12	10	12	18	11	9	10	12	8	17	14
Building & Driveway Permit Reviews	320	310	321	290	223	233	233	238	237	221	185
Special Events Permits	10	6	9	5	7	5	5	5	2	-	-

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 www.belmontnh.gov. 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
 Dennis Grimes, Alternate Member

Police Department



Belmont Police Department

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

Mark B. Lewandoski
Chief of Police

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

Capt. Stephen M. Akerstrom
Executive Officer

TOWN REPORT 2023

The Belmont Police Department is hoping for a positive change in the workforce for 2024. In 2023, we found ourselves in a serious dilemma with regards to the pay raises, extraordinary sign-on bonuses and hiring incentives offered in our region's employment market. Our starting pay was significantly lower compared to surrounding towns, and our pay for experienced, tenured employees was missing the mark.

We had to make changes for 2024 to not only make Belmont attractive to a new employee, but to remain competitive with area police departments. We also realized that we had to retain our tenured employees, due to their knowledge, skill level, and commitment. The workforce problem is not a localized problem, but a national one. This issue is not only affecting emergency services, but the entire workforce as a whole. We have tried to make these changes in our 2024 budget.

During 2023 we had several officers leave Belmont for other departments, but we were also fortunate to hire officers to fill those vacancies. We did have to transfer one patrol position into detectives as more complex and technology-based crimes are being reported and investigated. These investigations are usually months long and complicated.

New officers who joined the department in 2023 are:

Judy Estes – Assigned to Detectives
Stephen Colcord – School Resource Officer
Luis Arias – Patrol Officer
Christopher Rideout – Patrol Sergeant
David Perkins – P/T Patrol Officer/Training Officer
Jeffrey Heger – Patrol Officer, will attend NH Police Academy

Police Department

We were also awarded a federal grant that will partially fund the addition of two police officers for the patrol division. The patrol division has not had any personnel added in over twelve years, but we have had to transfer two officers into detectives to keep up with the growing number of felony cases. This grant will bring the number of patrol officers back to eight (8). Along with this grant, we also secured additional grants totaling \$308,075.75. We will continue to apply for grants to offset taxpayer money.

Our “Good Morning Belmont Program” continues to have about ten (10) citizens participate. We encourage residents who are elderly, homebound or suffering an illness to contact us to take part in the program. This program gives the resident a peace of mind by communicating with someone every morning. Should we not hear from a resident, we will send an officer to check on them.

This year we hosted the “National Night Out” event in August that was well attended. We hope that the 2024 National Night Out will be bigger than last year.

This year we assisted thirteen (13) families through our “Santa’s Little Helpers” program. We would like to thank those individuals, businesses and organizations who have supported this program throughout the years. We will continue this program in 2024 as well.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Lewandoski

Chief Mark B. Lewandoski
Chief of Police

Contact Numbers

Emergency – 267-8350 or 9-1-1 / Non-Emergency – 267-8351

Website – www.belmontnhpolice.org

Public Works & Utilities Annual Report

The Town of Belmont Highway Department, as in previous years, has had to deal with the challenges of employee retention and confronting the many extreme weather events which seem to be the new normal. 2023 was a year which gave us the 2nd highest rate of precipitation on record. We fared better than most communities in relation to damage due to these events but we had our share of weekly repair work to say the least. Not only did we manage to navigate through this with a shortened staff, but we were able to achieve our initial goals for all other previously planned maintenance.

Throughout the year Belmont's Highway Department maintains over 67 miles of Class IV roads within the Town. Whether it may be winter maintenance, grading a road or filling a pothole, the list goes on to ensure that we are getting the job done to the best of our ability.

This year we were able to complete the Plummer Hill reconstruction project. Plummer Hill received a topcoat of asphalt, shoulder gravel and all necessary items to complete the final punch list. The following is a list of other roads that received some type of asphalt treatment: Arlene Drive, Leavitt Road, Durrell Mountain Road, southern section of South Road, and a portion of Witham Road.

At this time, our department would like to share some great news. In early 2023 a grant was applied for with Granite State Clean Fleets, funded by the Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Trust. We have recently been notified that the Town of Belmont has been awarded a grant for a new plow truck, complete with all necessary equipment. We are currently in the process of completing final documents from the State of New Hampshire and hope to take delivery of this newly outfitted truck in 2024, with no impact to the tax rate. With the rising cost of purchasing new equipment, taking advantage of this opportunity will have a significant impact on updating our current fleet.

The Town of Belmont Sewer Department continues to provide service to over 1,300 customers. The department oversees the operation of 8 sewer lift stations, multiple sewer siphons, 400 maintenance holes and over 20 miles of gravity and sewer forced mains. Part of our yearly maintenance activities include maintenance hole inspections along with cleaning and CCTV work of at least 5,000 linear feet of our system. Generator service is conducted annually and pump maintenance done as needed for efficiency. As always, we urge our customers to be mindful of what is flushable and what is not. Much of the maintenance that is taking place is from non-flushable objects interfering with the operation of our lift pumps and at times requiring costly repairs. We urge all of our customers to review information located on our website regarding what is flushable. We continue to be an active member of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project and are currently working with Underwood Engineers on a grant we received to update our asset management plan.

The Town of Belmont Water Department is currently under contract with Pennichuck Water and continues to work with them to provide our community with the safest drinking water at a reasonable cost. Pennichuck monitors water quality and provides the State of New Hampshire with all monthly required reporting and testing. Our department continues to assist customers with issues as needed.

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The Water department has provided over 100 final readings for property transfer, responded to multiple service line and water main issues and conducted over 75 markings for Dig-Safe requests. The interior of the million-gallon water storage tank was cleaned and inspected, 7 fire hydrants were repaired, including 2 that were hit by vehicles. Meter reading occurred each quarter with multiple issues within the reading system resolved. A sanitary survey was conducted this year by the NHDES. Work is currently taking place after receiving a grant provided by NHDES to conduct a Lead Line Service Inventory of our entire system.

At this time, I would like to thank all of the dedicated employees who work for the Town of Belmont and the community which gives us the support and opportunity to serve. It is my hope that we will continue to meet all expectations and provide you with the service that is deserved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Clairmont

Public Works Director



Public Works & Utilities Annual Report

2023 was the start of a new automated solid waste collection program in the Town of Belmont. There was some apprehension about the new system, but overall, it has worked well and the Town has reduced its trash and recycling tonnage from 2022 to 2023.

BEFORE CART DISTRIBUTION

BEFORE CART DISTRIBUTION	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Annual Summary
Curbside Recycling Tonnage Before Carts	39.4	27.6	25.3	26.0	30.5	34.1	34.4	37.2	33.7	32.7	29.1	28.6	378.6 tons
Curbside Recycling Households Served <i>(leave blank if no program)</i>	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504 avg hh/mo
Solid Waste Tonnage Before Carts	212.9	182.9	169.6	182.8	197.3	200.5	211.4	209.5	227.4	208.5	201.5	204.4	2,408.4 tons
Solid Waste Households Served													avg hh/mo
Combined Solid Waste & Recycling Tonnage BEFORE Carts	252.3	210.4	194.8	208.8	227.8	234.6	245.8	246.7	261.1	241.2	230.5	232.9	2,786.9 tons
LBS/HH/MO Combined Solid Waste & Recycling BEFORE Cart Distribution													lbs/hh/mo
LBS/HH/MO Solid Waste BEFORE Cart Distribution													lbs/hh/mo
LBS/HH/MO Recycling BEFORE Cart Distribution	31	22	20	21	24	27	28	30	27	26	23	23	25 lbs/hh/mo

AFTER CART DISTRIBUTION

AFTER CART DISTRIBUTION	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Annual Summary
Curbside Recycling Tons After Cart Distribution	31.4	29.6	28.8	32.6	48.0	42.1	40.2	37.8	36.3	33.6	29.4	28.7	418.4 tons
Curbside Recycling Households Served	2,571	2,571	2,571	2,571	2,571	2,571	2,574	2,574	2,574	2,574	2,574	2,574	2,573 avg hh/mo
Solid Waste Tons After Cart Distribution	146.9	128.0	151.2	148.7	182.4	171.0	184.9	167.0	164.2	155.9	140.0	137.6	1,877.8 tons
Solid Waste Households Served													avg hh/mo
Combined Solid Waste & Recycling Tons AFTER Cart Distribution	178.3	157.6	180.0	181.3	230.4	213.0	225.1	204.8	200.5	189.5	169.4	166.3	2,296.1 tons
LBS/HH/MO Combined Solid Waste & Recycling AFTER Cart Distribution													lbs/hh/mo
LBS/HH/MO Solid Waste AFTER Cart Distribution													lbs/hh/mo
LBS/HH/MO Recycling AFTER Cart Distribution	24	23	22	25	37	33	31	29	28	26	23	22	27 lbs/hh/mo

The new automated program provides one trash and one recycling cart to each property with three or fewer dwelling units and serves approximately 2,400 households. The 95-gallon carts are provided by, and owned by, our provider Casella. Trash is collected every week and recycling is collected every other week.

Recyclable items include plastics, cardboard, glass, paper, aluminum and some metals. Some examples are junk mail, office paper, paper bags, envelopes and catalogs, plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum and steel cans and glass bottles and jars. All containers should be empty of contents and rinsed.

Items that cannot be recycled through this program include plastic bags, bagged recyclables, plastic wrap, tarps, clothing, scrap metal, batteries, waxy coated items, medical waste, food waste, electronics, wood, disposable plates and silverware, paper towels, napkins, ceramics, baking glass or anything that could be a tangler such as cords, hoses, hangers, etc.

Please note that trash and recycling that is not contained in one of the provided carts cannot be collected.

Our solid waste contractor, Casella, also offers a Curbside Bulky Item Collection service on the first Wednesday of every month for our residential collection customers. Casella has extended

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the service to those in housing parks and condominiums, but it does require that items be left out at the curb of a town road serviced by Casella. Bulky items include mattresses, box springs, furniture, appliances, TVs, tires, and more. Please call Town Hall at (603) 267-8300 xt. 118 to schedule your bulky item collection.

Please visit belmontnh.gov > Departments/Staff > Solid Waste for more information about our programs and the calendar showing holiday delays, recycling collection dates and bulky item collection dates.

If you have any questions or concerns about your solid waste services, please contact Town Hall at (603) 267-8300 xt. 118.



Town Clerk's Report

There have been many changes with the Town Clerk's Office over the course of 2023. We have had some shake ups with staffing as well as our long-time Town Clerk, Cynthia DeRoy, retiring after 17 years in office. We wish her well in her retirement and thank her profusely for all she has done for the Town of Belmont over the course of that time.

The Board of Selectmen appointed me, Jennifer Cashman, as Town Clerk in October 2023. I have previously worked in the office for 9 years, most of that as Deputy Town Clerk. I am happy and excited to be back serving the residents of Belmont and am gearing up for a busy, exciting year!

We welcome our new Assistant Clerks Samantha LeClair and Devon Tibbetts to the Town Clerk's office as well! Feel free to pop on in and meet the new crew.

We strive to make our residents' experience with our office as pleasant and helpful 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.

We are looking forward to a busy year with 4 elections and the Town's Deliberative Session. Our election schedule is:

January 23, 2024 – Presidential Primary

February 3, 2024 – Town's Deliberative Session

March 12, 2024 – Town Election

September 10, 2024 – NH State Primary

November 5, 2024 – General (Presidential) Election

If you have any questions on Voter registration or voting Absentee, please reach out to us. We are here to help.

Our hours of operation are 7:30 AM – 4 PM Monday - Friday as well as offering online services such as auto registration renewal, dog licensing renewal and property tax and utility payments. There are also links to many forms on our page. Please visit our website, belmontnh.gov.

Over the course of 2023 our Town Clerk's office has collected the following revenues:

Auto Registration (Town Portion)	\$1,772,134
Boat Registration (Town Portion)	\$21,736
Dog Licenses	\$7,806
Vital Records	\$3,155
Marriage Licenses	\$1,400
UCC & Miscellaneous	\$6,922

We are looking forward to serving the residents of Belmont in what promises to be an exciting and busy 2024!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Cashman
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Vital Statistics- Births

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT 01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023 -- BELMONT--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
LEUNG, JAMES MELBOURNE	1/15/2023	CONCORD, NH	LEUNG, DYLAN CARTER	WILLIAMS, ARIANA FRANCIS
FAWCETT, LUNA MORGANE	1/28/2023	CONCORD, NH	FAWCETT, RAYMOND DAVID	FAWCETT, KRYSTAL CATHERINE
MENDES, NOVA RAE	2/18/2023	CONCORD, NH	MENDES, MATTHEW DANIEL	BRONK, KELSEY ROSE
DAVIS, SAMUEL VICTOR	2/23/2023	CONCORD, NH	DAVIS, CAIN TIMOTHY	DAVIS, SUZANNE VICTORY
ROSE, RORY CAIN	3/5/2023	CONCORD, NH	ROSE, ADAM CHRISTOPHER	ROSE, KATHERINE ROSE
MCELROY, MAEVE ELIZABETH	3/10/2023	CONCORD, NH	MCELROY, IAN PAUL	MORIN MCELROY, KATIE LYNN
BATES, BRIGGSTON LUKE	3/25/2023	CONCORD, NH	BATES, GREGORY JOSEPH	BATES, CATHERINE LESLIE
BULL, MALCOLM BRYANT	3/31/2023	CONCORD, NH	BULL, DYLAN RICHARD	AKERMAN, EMILY MARIE
GAUTHIER, JACKSON EDWARD	5/5/2023	CONCORD, NH	GAUTHIER, GARRETT PHILLIP	GAUTHIER, MARY EILEEN
COBLE, DAVID BRIAN	5/12/2023	CONCORD, NH	COBLE, JUSTIN LEE	COBLE, GINA MARIA
TRUDEAU, COLTEN DENNIS	5/19/2023	CONCORD, NH	KOHLER JR, CHRISTIAN DAVID	TRUDEAU, KELSEY COLLEEN
HUESTIS, ALDOUS JOHN	5/27/2023	CONCORD, NH	HUESTIS, JOSHUA PHILLIP	HUESTIS, BONNIE ROSE
HUESTIS, ARLEN PHILLIP	5/27/2023	CONCORD, NH	HUESTIS, JOSHUA PHILLIP	HUESTIS, BONNIE ROSE
DECATO, WILLOW JEAN	6/16/2023	CONCORD, NH	DECATO II, TIMOTHY JOSEPH	DECATO, STEPHANIE JEAN
INNIE, JAMES PAUL	6/24/2023	CONCORD, NH	INNIE, CAMERON PAUL	INNIE, TAUNYA MARIE
CLARK, THEODORE SAMUEL	7/3/2023	CONCORD, NH	CLARK, TRAVIS SAMUEL	CLARK, TAYLOR ELIZABETH
CHAKARIAN, WARREN SCOTT	7/16/2023	CONCORD, NH	CHAKARIAN, KRISTOPHER OSCAR	MORTEL-GURLEY, DESTINY EVE
HUGHES, CARRIE JOAN	7/26/2023	LEBANON, NH	HUGHES, JASON MICHAEL	BRAKE, KELSEY MARIE
THOMPSON, CHARLOTTE RUBY	8/19/2023	CONCORD, NH	THOMPSON JR, MARK JOSEPH	MARKIEWICZ, NIKAYAH LORRAINE
HOUDE, ACE CLAYTON	10/29/2023	CONCORD, NH	HOUDE, SHAWN JOCELYN	HOUDE, CHRISTY LYNN
DAWSON, COLT WILLIAM	11/10/2023	LEBANON, NH	DAWSON, TYLER MCKENZIE	DUPONT, KAYLA JEAN
DION, ATLAS EDWIN	11/17/2023	CONCORD, NH	DION JR, RUDOLPHE LOUIS	SANBORN, ALEXIS PAIGE
MASSON, HENRY DONALD JOSEPH	12/29/2023	CONCORD, NH	MASSON, ANDREW BERNARD	MASSON, LAUREN ELIZABETH LYNN

Vital Statistics- Deaths

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

-BELMONT, NH --

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER/PARENT'S NAME	Mother's/Parents Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	MILITARY
FEE, RUTH C	1/1/2023	CONCORD	MACMILLAN, FRANCES	POLLARD, MARION	N
STRINGER, ROBERT BENJAMIN	1/5/2023	CONCORD	STRINGER, LEO	HARMON, ELSIE	Y
LACASSE, NORMAND H	1/7/2023	BELMONT	LACASSE, HENRY	TARDIF, ROSILDA	Y
PETERS, DENNIS BRIAN	1/8/2023	BELMONT	DANIELS, WILLIAM	PRATT, DOROTHY	N
CLAIRMONT JR, MAURICE WAYNE	1/8/2023	BELMONT	CLAIRMONT SR, MAURICE	GILBERT, MARY	N
BURBANK, NEIL STUART	1/11/2023	BELMONT	BURBANK, KENNETH	PICKERING, RUTH	Y
DEUSO, RONALD HOWARD	1/11/2023	BELMONT	DEUSO, HOWARD	PRONTO, LEAH	Y
EIDUKONIS, GAIL R	1/12/2023	MEREDITH	FARRELL, BURTON	COOK, ETHEL	N
O'KEEFE, MARION W	1/15/2023	BELMONT	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	HORTON, EILEEN	N
MUDGETT, DAVID ARNOLD	1/15/2023	CONCORD	MUDGETT, ELISHA	FENNAL, MYRTLE	U
SIMPSON, BRUCE WAYNE	1/21/2023	LACONIA	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	SANBORN, BARBARA	Y
WILLIAMS, COLIN HENRY	1/21/2023	BELMONT	WILLIAMS, CHARLES	MANN, MARJORIE	Y
BRYANT, CAROL JUNE	1/21/2023	LACONIA	HOGLUND, ERNEST	SUND, ELSA	N
MASON, MICHAEL WILSON	1/22/2023	CONCORD	MASON, WILSON	CARRINGTON, MARY	N
CLAIRMONT, MARY LOUISE	1/26/2023	BELMONT	GILBERT, LEVI	DURGIN, MABEL	N
ROONEY, ROBERT MICHAEL	1/30/2023	BELMONT	ROONEY, FREDERICK	COLLINS, EVELYN	N
LEFEBVRE, LORI ANN	2/1/2023	CONCORD	CRAIGUE, RICHARD	GILTMORE, CESTINE	N
STEWART III, CHARLES N	2/6/2023	LEBANON	STEWART II, CHARLES	ALWARD, ELIZABETH	Y
EIDUKONIS, EDWARD R	3/11/2023	EPSOM	EIDUKONIS, JOSEPH	BELKO, CLAUDIA	N
FORD, KEVIN SCOTT	3/18/2023	LACONIA	FORD, MARSHALL	PAQUETTE, MARGURITE	Y
LEBRUN, THOMAS E	3/20/2023	LACONIA	LEBRUN, EUGENE	MELIA, MARY	Y
LAVALLEE, EDWARD LOUIS	3/21/2023	BELMONT	LAVALLEE JR, EDWARD	CLARK, ARLINE	N
DUNHAM, HARLAND ROY	3/23/2023	LACONIA	DUNHAM, EVERETT	DINGMAN, ERVINA	Y
CONDODEMETRAKY, SUSAN LEA	3/26/2023	BELMONT	SIEBERT, HANS	TARBUK, RUTH	N
DESANTIS III, JOSEPH	3/26/2023	BELMONT	DESANTIS II, JOSEPH	TEUSCHLER, JOAN	N
DEADY, WILLIAM R	3/26/2023	LACONIA	DEADY, GEORGE	ROBERTS, ELIZABETH	N
TSANG, HANG SIM	3/30/2023	CONCORD	CHEUNG, CHUNG YAT	CHENG, SAU HAR	N
CLOUTIER, PATRICIA A	4/2/2023	CONCORD	AYOTTE, ANTONIO	BOURQUE, CECILE	N
REED, MICHAEL JAMES	4/3/2023	LACONIA	REED, HAROLD	ALLARD, ISABELLA	Y

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MURPHY, PAULINE E	4/3/2023	LACONIA	EDMANDS, KEITH	ATKINSON, GERTRUDE	N
WARNER, BRUCE ELTON	4/9/2023	FRANKLIN	WARNER, FLETCHER	FOLEY, FRANCIS	Y
HILL, SHARON LEE	4/18/2023	LACONIA	WIGGIN, GUY	BALLOU, ALMA	N
PENNEY, JAY CLARK	4/27/2023	BELMONT	PENNEY, JAMES	WORCESTER, ELEANOR	N
DION SR, RUDOLPHE LOUIS	4/30/2023	BELMONT	DION, EMIL	TRUVELL, LORENA	Y
DINSMORE, DONNA LEE	5/1/2023	BELMONT	NICKERSON, WALTER	CRONKHITE, MADELINE	N
GORDON, IRENE TONI	5/2/2023	BELMONT	KOCHMAN, MAX	CHOTZEN, RUTH	N
HOOPER, STEVEN	5/13/2023	LACONIA	HOOPER, LEONARD	FILLEUL, CAROL	Y
MARDEN, DIANE MARIE	5/15/2023	CONCORD	MARDEN SR, JAMES	REED, DONNA	N
BEAN, MARIO JOSEF	5/25/2023	BELMONT	BEAN, DONALD	FILLION, ANNELIESE	N
MCLEAN, ROBERT E	6/8/2023	LACONIA	MCLEAN, CLIFTON	LAMARRE, VIRGINIA	N
BEAUDOIN, GERALDINE M	6/27/2023	LACONIA	MAHONEY, EARL	GERARD, FLORENCE	N
BOULANGER, VINCENT W	6/30/2023	CONCORD	BOULANGER, FRANCIS	POLDEN, BARBARA	N
KEEGAL, KATHRYN ELLYN	6/30/2023	CONCORD	PIERCE, NORMAN	MADDEN, KATHERINE	N
RENEAU, MICHAEL JAMES	7/8/2023	CONCORD	RENEAU, JAMES	GILMAN, AVIS	N
MARSHALL III, SUMNER BRADBURY	7/9/2023	LACONIA	MARSHALL, SUMNER	LANE, DORATHY	Y
LAMONTAGNE, CHRISTINE MARIE	7/14/2023	BELMONT	MALLOY, JOHN	BRACKEN, CHRISTINE	N
GRAM SR, LEON EARL	7/19/2023	CONCORD	GRAM, HERBERT	FIELDS, BERNICE	N
TRUDEAU, JOSEPH RAYMOND	7/24/2023	CONCORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	Y
KIVER, ROBERT JOSEPH	8/1/2023	TILTON	KIVER, JOSEPH	PIEKARSKI, EDNA	Y
ALLARD, ELSIE EMILY	8/4/2023	BELMONT	GARLAND, HAROLD	RUSSELL, EUNICE	N
BOWE, DARLENE ANN	8/5/2023	LACONIA	BOWE, WILLIAM	CARLETON, MARGARET	N
VAROSKI, EILEEN M	8/8/2023	BELMONT	O'DONNELL, JAMES	MCGUIGAN, HELEN	N
SMITH III, CHARLES L	8/9/2023	CONCORD	SMITH JR, CHARLES	PRIMIANO, ROSE	Y
NORDLE JR, LOUIS F	8/18/2023	CONCORD	NORDLE SR, LOUIS	CASSIDY, ROSE	Y
HOGG, SUSAN MAE	8/21/2023	BELMONT	HOGG, CHARLES	WERMER, MAE	N
DORVAL JR, RAYMOND CHARLES	8/27/2023	BELMONT	DORVAL SR, RAYMOND	BROUILLARD, RITA	N
ST GEORGE, JENNIFER	8/28/2023	LACONIA	TELLIER, EDWARD	NILGES, MARY	N
MCCORMACK JR, JOSEPH	9/2/2023	CONCORD	MCCORMACK SR, JOSEPH	TODD, MILDRED	Y
HOLMES, PETER D	9/17/2023	CONCORD	HOLMES, HERBERT	MARTEL, JOSEPHINE	Y
CLOUTIER, DONALD W	9/28/2023	BOSCAWEN	CLOUTIER, LEON	MAGOON, OLIVE	Y
SPEARMAN III, JAMES RUSSELL	10/19/2023	BELMONT	SPEARMAN II, JAMES	TAYLOR, HAZEL	Y
KINEVICH JR, PETER	10/24/2023	BELMONT	KINEVICH SR, PETER	UNKNOWN, ANN	N
CLEVELAND, MICHAEL JOHN	10/27/2023	LACONIA	CLEVELAND, WILLIAM	MOULTON, PATRICIA	N
CHAGNON, SHARON ANN	10/27/2023	CONCORD	BOUGHTON, ELIAS	HADDOCK, WINNIFRED	N
HITCHMOTH, JUDITH ELLEN	10/27/2023	FRANKLIN	DILLON, EDWARD	MARCHAND, LORRAINE	N
FISHER, JEANETTE CAROL	10/28/2023	CONCORD	BULLARD, HAROLD	TAYLOR, MILDRED	N

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CZERWONKA, PETER MICHAEL	10/31/2023	BELMONT	CZERWONKA, JOHN	PERRON, CELIA	N
MCNAMARA, DAVID THOMAS	11/4/2023	BELMONT	MCNAMARA, THOMAS	JENKINS, BLANCHE	N
DAY, RAYMOND ADAM	11/6/2023	CONCORD	DAY, BERTRAM	SLUSARZ, JOSEPHINE	N
BOLDUC, NATHAN JAMES	11/6/2023	CONCORD	BOLDUC, JAMES	GARLAND, KIMBERLY	N
ACORACE, JOHN DOMINIC	11/7/2023	BELMONT	ACORACE, DOMINIC	CALBRO, ANNA	N
HARLOW, MARK P	11/13/2023	CONCORD	HARLOW, WINIFRED	HUNT, JANICE	N
COBURN, ROGER W	11/21/2023	CONCORD	COBURN, MATTHEW	SWAN, ALICE	Y
GEDDIS SR, BRIAN L	12/1/2023	LACONIA	GEDDIS, LEON	GEDDIS, MARION	N
BRIDGES, JUDITH ANN	12/1/2023	LACONIA	SARGENT, HOMER	STEELE, SHIRLEY	N
ZAPORA JR, BERNARD M	12/10/2023	MANCHESTER	ZAPORA, BERNARD	POWELL, LILIAN	N
HEAL, JOYCE LORRAINE	12/12/2023	PORTSMOUTH	PAQUETTE SR, JOHN	CARTIER, RITA	N
SAVOY, FLORA WILLOW	12/16/2023	LEBANON	GOODWIN, RAYMOND	SHALLOW, ANN	N
KELLY, CHARLENE D	12/21/2023	BELMONT	TIBBETTS SR, DONALD	O'DOUGHERTY, BERNADINE	N
MCCORMACK, MARLENE DOROTHY	12/22/2023	CONCORD	HURD, GLENN	STICKMAN, DOROTHY	N

Vital Statistics-Marriages

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT 01/01/2023 -12/31/2023 -BELMONT -

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
MOORE, STEVEN EDWARD BELMONT, NH	RILEY, TALIA ALYSSA BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	LACONIA	2/12/2023
BENWELL, ROBERT A BELMONT, NH	MAUZY, DONNA L BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	04/06/2023
DEFEO, RICHARD JAMES WILTON, NH	LYNCH, DIANE JENNIFER BELMONT, NH	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	04/28/2023
DOUBLEDAY, JOSHUA ROBERT BELMONT, NH	BURROWS, KAILA MAE BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	05/22/2023
ANDERSON, ERIC ROBERT BELMONT, NH	ANDERSON, SHIRLEY ANNE BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	GRAFTON	07/01/2023
LAMBERT, GEORGINA T BELMONT, NH	GREY, REESE OLIVER BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	SANBORNTON	07/04/2023
CUNNINGHAM, SOPHIA MAE SANBORNTON, NH	LAPLANTE, ALEXANDRE KOLBE BELMONT, NH	SANBORNTON	LACONIA	07/08/2023
GAGNE, AARON M BELMONT, NH	LASATA, SARAH COOK LACONIA, NH	BELMONT	PITTSFIELD	07/15/2023
GILBERT, JODY ROGER BELMONT, NH	GILBERT, CHANTALLE JUNE BELMONT, NH	LACONIA	LACONIA	07/21/2023
ADAMS, PAULETTE J BELMONT, NH	KRUSE III, FRANCIS J BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	NORTHFIELD	08/05/2023
TANGUAY, JULIEANNE D BELMONT, NH	BRISTOW, PAUL J BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	08/26/2023
ALDEN, JENI BELMONT, NH	HAMMAR, BRIAN BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	09/22/2023
HENRIE, MADISON ANNE LACONIA, NH	THIBODEAU, JOSHUA DAVID BELMONT, NH	GILFORD	GILFORD	10/13/2023

Vital Statistics-Marriages

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
SCHNEIDER, ROBERT KENNETH MOULTONBOROUGH, NH	JENKINS, KATHRYN BELMONT, NH	MOULTONBOROUGH	MOULTONBOROUGH	10/21/2023
KEENE, KATRINA MARGUERITE BELMONT, NH	NIOLET SR, MATHEW JOSEPH BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	GILFORD	10/29/2023
GRAVALLESE, VINCENT A BELMONT, NH	BURRELL, ALEXA R BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	LACONIA	12/27/2023
BURKE, MICHAEL JOSEPH BELMONT, NH	WIKTOROWSKI, NICOLE ALEKSANDRA DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	BELMONT	BELMONT	12/29/2023
MORIN IV, ALFRED JOSEPH BELMONT, NH	SMITH, JAIDYN ELIZABETH BELMONT, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	12/29/2023
MACDONALD, JEFFREY RICHARD BELMONT, NH	MACKENZIE, SAGE HELENA DEERFIELD, NH	BELMONT	BELMONT	12/29/2023

Zoning Board of Adjustment



BELMONT ZONING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 2023

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

Special Exceptions Granted: King - Laconia Road; Central Baptist Church – Karen Drive; Tradz, LLC – Gilmanton Road; Good Fortune Trust of 2022 – Brown Hill Road; Ober – Jefferson Road; Georges Realty, LLC. - Sunset Drive

Special Exceptions Withdrawn: Haney - Dutile Road

Special Exceptions Denied: Tradz, LLC – Gilmanton Road

Variances Granted: Morgan - Wakeman Road; McCabe (3) – Walnut Street; JBC, LLC (2) – Sunset Drive; Conway (2) – Dutile Shore Road; Gagne (2) – Silkwood Avenue; Pickering (2) - Fox Hill Road; Patno – Province Road; Lafarr (2) – Mountain View Road; Evans – Donway Drive; Boyd – Stark Street; Beauchesne – Union Road; Georges Realty (2) - Sunset Drive

Appeal of an Administrative Decision: Morgan – Wakeman Road; Ladd-Kennedy – Bean Hill Road

Approval Extension: Loons of Winnisquam Rev Trust (2) – Gilman Shore Road

Rehearing: Tradz, LLC – Gilmanton Road

Community Participation: There are currently vacant alternate member positions available. Alternates serve an extremely important role on the Board and participate as voting members on a frequent basis. No previous Land Use experience is necessary. Statement of Interest forms are available at www.belmontnh.gov, in the Land Use Office, or by emailing landuse@belmontnh.gov.



Membership: With the 2023 elections, the Zoning Board welcomed returning members Peter Harris and John Froumy.

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, landuse@belmontnh.gov, 143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, (603) 267-8300 x 3, (603) 267-8307(Fax), and on the Town's website at www.belmontnh.gov.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Peter Harris, Chair, Planning Board Rep.
Mark Mastenbrook, Member
David Dunham, Member
Elizabeth Stewart, Alternate Member

John Froumy, Vice Chair
Sharon Ciampi, Member
Reese Grey, Alternate Member



Picture submitted by Rachel Bales

American Legion Charles Kilborn Post 58

Charles Kilborn American Legion Post 58 of Belmont, NH has been in existence since September 20, 1920. After one hundred and three years Post 58 is still accomplishing a proud resume of assistance to our veterans and local community programs. We donate thousands of dollars annually to local food pantries, provide college textbook grants (similar to scholarships) and other awards to graduating Belmont High School seniors, support the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, place flags on all veterans' graves in town, offer our support to the Wreaths Across America program, organize and fund the Memorial Day parade, we donate our time, maintenance expertise, and financial support to the two covered bridges across the Tioga River behind the Belmont Mill and behind Great Brook Village as part of the Village Rail Spur Trail, among our other contributions.

This year has been a repeat of the past with more additions. We continue to donate \$500 apiece to the Belmont Baptist Church Food Pantry and the St. Joseph's Church Food Pantry. We award \$500 textbook grants to two deserving Belmont High School graduating seniors, as well as Good Sportsmanship Trophies to two outstanding students. We are sponsoring outstanding BHS Junior to attend Boys State to learn by doing how Federal, State and local governments work. We also offer the same opportunity for a female student to attend Girls State. Our Post hosts an Oratorical Contest at BHS, with the winner going on to the District contest and possibly to the State contest. Contestants must speak on parts of the US Constitution, demonstrating a solid understanding of this most important document. We also provide speakers when asked for the Veterans Day programs at both Belmont High School and the Middle School.

The Memorial Day parade and ceremonies were once again organized by our Post. We made donations to the Belmont High School Band, the Fire and Police Relief Associations, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and several other participants in thanks for their support. A Thanks to Tony Brown for providing the public address system. We also contribute to the ice cream cones given to any child who attends the parade. Our Post also keeps the flags in condition at the Veterans Memorial, The Library, South Road Cemetery and our schools, replacing them when needed.

We annually inspect and replace American Flags on all veterans' gravesites throughout Belmont. This year on Saturday May 13th, Cemetery Trustee Sharon Ciampi and her daughter Hillary Horne once again provided excellent assistance and guidance as we completed our sacred duty. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are also invited to join us.

This year we purchased two cases of the famous Girl Scout cookies from our local Girl Scout troops. One case went to the Veterans Home in Tilton and one case went to Pease Greeters located in Portsmouth.

Post 58 collects worn and unusable flags throughout the year and on Flag Day we conduct a respectable flag retirement ceremony. Worn or unusable flags may be dropped off at the Belmont Fire Department any time during the year.

American Legion Charles Kilborn Post 58

This year at our Memorial Day Weekend and Veterans Day Weekend fundraisers we sold T-shirts, commemorative dog tags, bracelets with a military theme, and hats with patriotic emblems. Poppies were also on display and were free as always. The Tilt'n Diner and the Belknap Marketplace grant us permission to set up our booths.

On August 12th of 2023 amidst a summer of record rainfall and high humidity Mother Nature blessed us with sunny skies and a soft summer breeze. Post 58 enjoyed one of the most productive days of the year. It was Old Home Day. Our fundraising booth had been very successful as we sold our T-shirts, hats, dog tags, bracelets, awarded patrons visiting our table free coasters and poppies. Moe Gouin also donated hand-crafted items to our cause. We held our annual raffle at 3:00 pm. Belmont Police Chief Lewandowski did the honors for the raffle draw. As the drawing came to a close the sunny skies started to wane, and clouds began forming. The rainy summer was about to resume as skies transformed from a gorgeous blue to an ominous grey. With gift card donations from, Fratello's, The Ninety-Nine, Shooter's Restaurant & Tavern and Brookside Pizza/The Tap, free inspections and lube jobs from Rusty's Towing and Al's Used Parts, the donation of a top-of-the-line Ryobi drill from The Home Depot of Tilton, A beautiful hand-made quilt from Terri Weeks and hand-crafted wooden projects from our fellow legionnaire Moe Gouin. We had sold all of our 500 tickets and no matter what the weather would dictate, our mood would not be dampened.

September 22nd was Brush Removal and Bridge Repair Day. With the assistance of Morrisette & Sons and the skillful maintenance capabilities of Post 58 members, Slippery Rock Bridge repairs were completed early in the afternoon. All the trim around the bridge was replaced and with the staging provided by Kevin Morrisette, we were able to complete the project safely. We also worked at Penstock Park Garden and enhanced its beauty with bouquets of mums. Not only did we do bridge repair, but we also participated in the brush removal project.

Veterans Day Weekend fundraising went extremely well this year. With the permission of the Belknap Marketplace and the Tilt'n Diner we had excellent locations in which to set up our tables. We sold our patriotic hats, T-shirts, dog-tags, bracelets and accepted donations. Poppies were free and coasters were available at no cost. Our proceeds exceeded \$2000.00.

November 8th we paid a visit to the Veterans Home. We shared coffee hour with our fellow veterans and presented our annual donation of \$500. We provided some light humor with the presentation, and we were thanked profusely.

On December 16th we presented a Wreaths Across America ceremony in front of the library. Our Post Historian Ron Mitchell gave an introductory speech and we then proceeded to all the cemeteries in Belmont and placed wreaths on every veteran's gravesite. December 31st, with the assistance of cemetery trustee Sharon Ciampi, we mustered at the South Road cemetery and, following cemetery protocol, honorable removed wreaths.

American Legion Charles Kilborn Post 58

Post 58 extends our thanks to the Town of Belmont for all the support and encouragement we receive and for the excellent working relationship we enjoy with our Fire, Police and Public Works Departments, with our schools and with the staff and the Board of Selectmen in Town Hall.

Our Post is busy, active and close knit. Congress changed the American Legion's charter to allow any veteran with an honorable discharge to become a member. 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 4th Thursday of every month with the exception of July and August. For more information contact Post 58 Adjutant Glen Jester. (603) 568-2722 gglenjester@gmail.com

In continued service,

Russell A. Fabian
Post Commander

Michael Poirier
1st Vice Commander

Harold R. "Rich" Stanley
2nd Vice Commander

G. Glen Jester
Adjutant



Belknap Range Conservation Commission



Belknap Range Conservation Coalition

2023 Annual Report (October 2022 to October 2023)

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, Greg Arnold, Alton resident, was newly appointed, and Bev Divaio, Brian Hotz, Bruce Jacobs and Nanci Mitchell were reappointed to the Board of Directors, all for 3-year terms. Also at the Annual meeting, the current officers: Russ Wilder, Chairperson; Bruce Jacobs, Vice Chairperson; Lisa Morin, Secretary; and Nanci Mitchell, Treasurer, were reappointed.

During the year, with the exception of July, the Directors met quarterly via Zoom conference. The July meeting was held in person at Russ Wilder'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. In September, Russ Wilder made a presentation to the Alton Historical Society about BRCC's land conservation activities. 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 2023 Annual Report

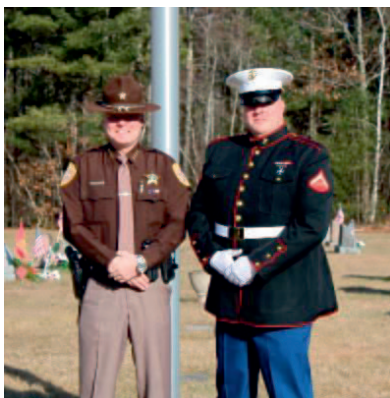
2023 brought a lot of changes to our board with the retirement of founding member Norma Patten. She was first elected in 1998 and has been a board member until she announced she would not be running in 2023. We marked the beginning of our year in March with the Town Meeting election. This year we have a new elected member, Hillary Horn. She has become a great asset to our board.

The Trustees asked the Board of Selectmen to allow us to appoint 2 alternates. We chose to appoint longtime board member Norma Patten for her knowledge of our cemeteries, and Kevin Sturgeon for his experience with the Planning Board, and for his knowledge in the field of construction.

The weather this year was challenging in a different way than we are used to. Usually we worry about dry conditions, but this year it was rain and mud. The grass grew beautifully and was green, but it grew quickly which caused some difficulties for our maintenance crew Community Helpers. Despite the challenges, they did a great job keeping our cemeteries clean.

We continue to work on our stone cleaning and restoration projects. If anyone wants to learn, we would love to form a team to work on this with us. If anyone wants to see some completed stones, we have done a few in the Perkins Road, Church Hill and Jamestown Road cemeteries.

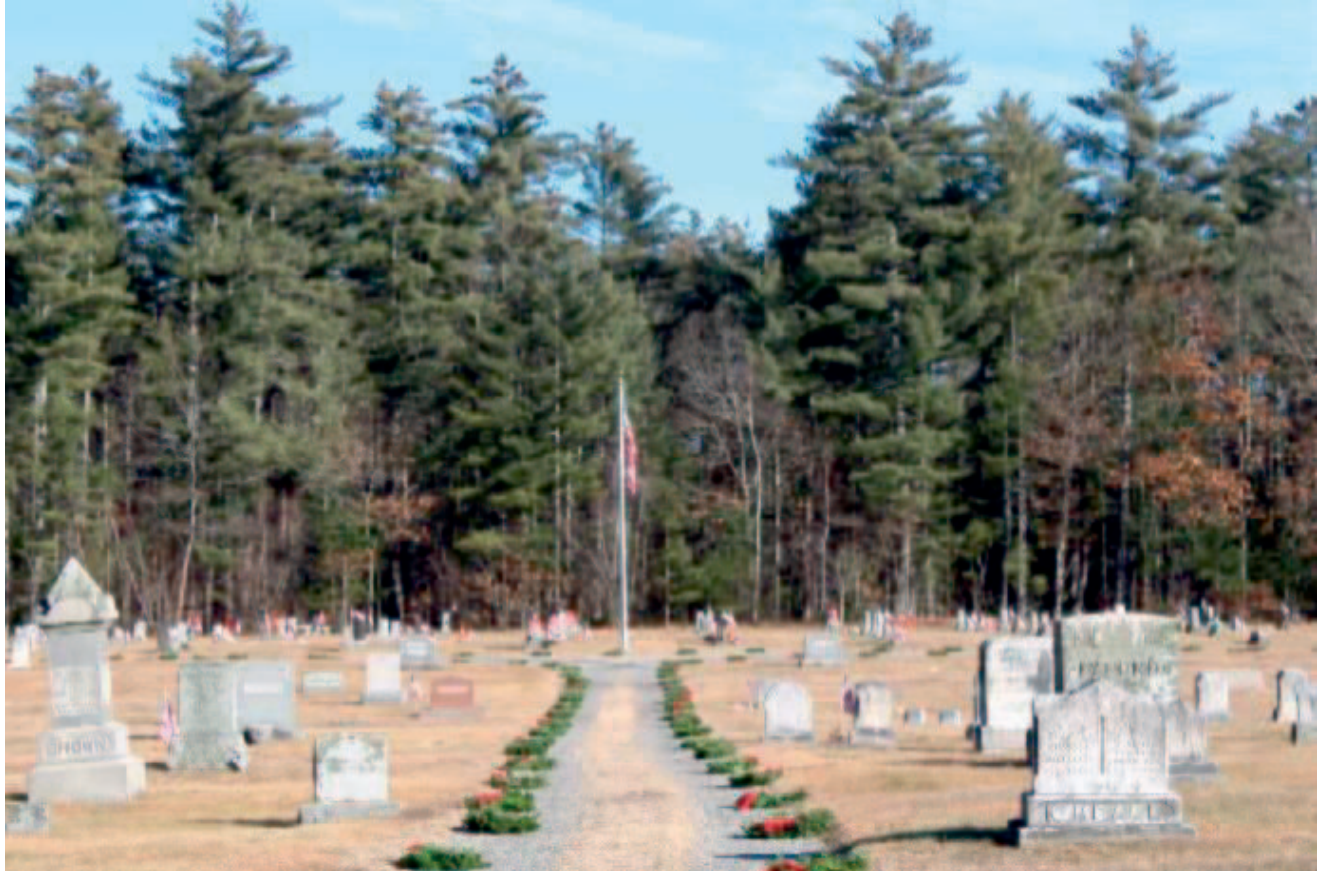
2023 marked the 3rd annual Wreaths Across America Day event on December 16, 2023. This would not be possible without our partners, American Legion Post 58 of Belmont. The weather was beautiful the day of the event. Ron Mitchell performed the ceremony in front of the library, then we moved to South Road Cemetery to start the wreath laying process. Joining us were the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Sheriff Bill Wright, and several other members of our community. We look forward to our 4th year in 2024. Thank you to the Belmont Police Department for helping with traffic control during the ceremony. We



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would also like to thank the South Road Cemetery Association. South Road has the highest number of veterans laid to rest there and we are honored to remember them for the holidays every year.

We continue to work on building our records through the Ancestry database.



We want to thank our Highway Department, Town Selectmen and the Budget Committee for their continued support in our mission.

For updates and event dates, be sure to check out the monthly Belmont Newsletter. If you are interested in learning more about us and our mission, please reach out to us at belcem2015@gmail.com or by calling (603) 581-9746.

Cemetery Trustees

Sharon Ciampi, Chairman

Hillary Horn

Kyle Dodge

Norma Patten, Alternate

Kevin Sturgeon, Alternate

Conservation Commission

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

2023 was a busy year filled with conservation activities and projects! Your Conservation Commission continues to fulfill its mission to ensure the proper utilization and protection of Belmont's natural and watershed resources. Belmont's open spaces provide a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities whether it's hiking, fishing, hunting, swimming, or boating for our residents and neighboring communities. Healthy forests, fields, clean water and air have been shown to significantly contribute to our health and welfare.

Membership: We welcome our new alternate member, Jeffery DeFrancesco; new student member, Emerson DeCato; new selectmen's representative, Sharon Ciampi, and the new Town Land Use Technician, Rod Cameron. We thank student William Riley and member Keith Bennett for their contributions to the Commission and wish them well.

Open Space: Your Conservation Commission worked with the Town to acquire approximately 89 acres of open space off Mile Hill Road, which abuts the 4-H Belknap County Fair Association property. Owners John (Skip) and Lynn Peterson worked closely with the Commission and the Town to make this acquisition a reality! The property's uplands, Durgin Brook, small streams and associated wetlands are preferred habitat for a number of threatened or endangered species. According to the [NH Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan](#), this property is part of an important wildlife corridor. A forest management plan will be developed in the future. At this time, there are no marked trails. If you choose to explore this property, only low impact activities are allowed. Please use caution and utilize a GPS or compass to navigate the property. And please note, Mile Hill Road is not maintained during the winter.



*Mile Hill Property Evaluation – 11/19/2023
Photo by Georgina Lambert*

The Wuelper family donated a 2.2-acre parcel of wetland off Depot Street (Route 140) to Belmont and the Commission. This property is just over the border from Northfield into Belmont on the right. It will be protected as a part of a vital wetland/floodplain complex. This area contains a diverse wildlife population, protects human areas from flooding and helps to safeguard water quality for recreational and drinking purposes.

Community Outreach: Our new member, Jeff DeFrancesco, developed an unofficial Belmont Conservation Facebook page! This is a great method to let the community keep up to date with your Commission's programs and activities. Thank you Jeff! Last November, we hosted a presentation on Eastern Coyotes in New Hampshire. The speaker, Chris Schadler, is a founding member of the NH Wildlife Coalition. The program was well attended and was entertaining as well as informative! More public programs are in the planning stage for 2024.

Conservation Commission

Our Old Home Day booth attracted many folks. Residents and visitors learned about conserved Town properties through posters, maps and discussions. We were able to add \$317.00 to the Jeff Marden Scholarship fund through proceeds from raffles and plant sales.

Projects: The Tioga Marsh Conservation Area has been receiving a lot of attention. Located on



*Tioga Marsh Conservation Area Parking - Before and After
Photo by Denise Naiva*

Depot Street (Route 140) the parking area and trail needed some updating to make it more welcoming. A big shout out to our commissioner, Pauline Tessier, who procured a donation from Pike Industries of 2 loads of bank run gravel to improve the parking area. Thank you, Pike Industries and thank you to our Town's Department of Public Works who spread the gravel! Pauline also has headed up cleaning up the existing trail and clearing a new 1.5 mile loop trail. That trail will be completed in 2024. The Town Forest trails received a mowing hair cut

done by the Commission and local volunteers. The kiosks are in the process of cleaning and maintenance.

Partnerships: We continue to support the Winnisquam Watershed Network's (WWN) projects such as water testing, milfoil and other invasive species monitoring and remediation. The WWN received a grant from the Clean Water Act which will be applied to 3 property sites for storm water management. The Silver Lake Association has been active with milfoil remediation which contributes to the health and enjoyment of that water body. The Conservation Commission has also partnered with the Merrimack River Watershed Council with the Tioga Floodplain Tree Planting project. This project is aimed at reintroducing native trees and shrubs to stabilize the banks of the Tioga from erosion.

Jeff Marden Scholarship Recipients: Three Belmont high school seniors pursuing higher education in environmental related studies received \$200 each from the Jeff Marden Scholarship Fund. The 2023 recipients were: Abigail Clark, Tanner McKim and Christopher Pare. We wish them congratulations and good luck with their studies!

Thank you to our residents and to the Town's leadership, Boards, Committees and employees for your support! We are proud of our community and will continue to help the Town of Belmont maintain its special rural character and open spaces for the health and welfare of all residents.

Belmont Conservation Commission

Chair: Denise L. Naiva
Jane Jordan
Deborah Woodcock
Student Members:

Vice Chair: Ed Stephenson
Pauline Tessier
Sharon Ciampi: Ex Officio
Emilie DeFrancesco

Susan Irving
Richard Moreau
Emerson Decato

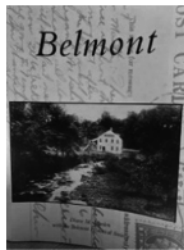
Georgina Lambert
Jeffery DeFrancesco

Heritage Commission

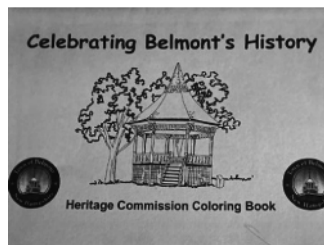
Heritage Commission 2023 Annual Report

The year was busy for the Heritage Commission. Our goals are to always put learning about the past first (especially for the youth of Belmont) and to help the community in understanding the heritage of our town. Some of our highlights this year were recognizing community members for their dedication to the preservation and history of our town, involving the youth in assisting Belmont's Senior Citizens and coordinating work with the Historical Society and the American Legion. Our project to install a Tioga Trail sign was finally completed and we created a Picture Walk for Old Home Day. We appreciate those who have contributed information through our questionnaires and from other's suggestions to improve on the preservation of the heritage and history of Belmont.

We especially thank the townspeople, Selectboard, Town Office personnel and the Public Works Department for their continued support with our efforts.



Belmont Postcards
(2006) written by
Diane Marden and
the Historical



Belmont History
Coloring Books given
yearly to Belmont
Elementary 4th Graders
from the Heritage

The Heritage Commission members worked together with Belmont Elementary Students and staff and the Belmont-Gilford Hockey team in organizing a Soup Drive. BES Students and hockey players collected soup and side snacks to surprise a group of Senior Citizens on Valentine's Day.



Belmont Elementary Student Council with Vicki Donovan Heritage Commission Chair

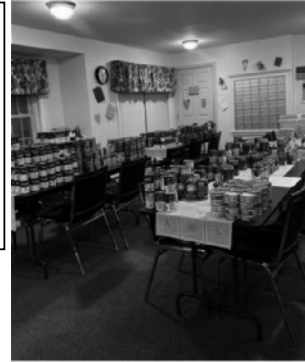
The commission, along with the support from *The Sargent Fund* and *Hannaford's Supermarket*, also contributed to the "WE LOVE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS" project. Our goal was to make a connection with the youth of Belmont to assist senior citizens and shut-ins during a difficult economic time. Our Food Drive also contributed to the Got Lunch Program and the Baptist Church Food Bank.

Heritage Commission



Left: Heritage members after bringing in collected boxes of soup, assorted groceries and dairy items.

Right: Senior Community Room decorated with Valentine's Day cards supplied by Belmont Elementary students. The room was packed with grocery items, dairy and paper goods for Senior Citizens to choose from.



OLD HOME DAY

The Heritage Commission created a Picture Walk for Old Home Day to tie in with the OHD theme "Picture This". Large, old, and new pictures of special moments in the town's history and historical buildings were marked out on the lawn behind the library.

Each picture had a caption explaining the significance of the photo. As community members walked through, the photos also showed a timeline of events that have happened over the decades in Belmont. The Children's games as always were a big hit for the little ones! Thank you to the Old Home Day Committee for a fantastic job organizing this event!



TIOGA TRAIL SIGN

In April, the commission announced the installation of a new sign at the entrance of the Tioga Trail.

The Belmont Rail Trail sign matches the signs located in the Village. The sign is titled, *Tale of a Trail*. The information depicts the story behind the purchase and maneuvering of the walking bridges. The sign also explains the historical significance of the Belmont Railroad from the 1900's to its present day use as a very popular walking trail.



Heritage Commission



Row 1: Selectmen: Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney, Sonny Patten and Sharon Ciampi. Row 2: Recipients: Ray Brake Sr. James Marden Sr., Barbara Binette, Heritage member: Claire Bickford, Recipient: Sara Kaye Mirski, Heritage members: Priscilla Annis and Jack Donovan.

Preservation of Traditions Award – Sara Kaye Mirski and Peter Spencer

Earlier in the year the Dudley-Gilman Homestead was honored by the United States Secretary of the Interior by being listed to the National Register of New Hampshire Historic Places. It was an easy choice to award one of Belmont's 2023 Community awards to the homestead owners, Sara Kaye Mirski and Peter Spencer. The *Preservation of Traditions Award* humbly goes to Sara and Peter for all of their hard work in preserving such an outstanding example of a late eighteenth homestead farm. The homestead has quite a remarkable background in history as well. Corporal Dudley – Gilman had served under John Stark during the Revolutionary War.



Heritage Commission



Preservation of Town History and Heritage Award - Diane Marden

The Preservation of Town History and Heritage carried an emotional piece as it posthumously honored Diane Marden. Diane always had her hand in letting others know about the history of the town. She even published a book with the Historical Society about Belmont Postcards (see first page). This book featured very old postcards from Belmont. Each postcard gave a unique perspective of the town's beginning and highlighted both comical and historical aspects of Belmont's past. Diane was a member of the Historical Society, the Cemetery Trustees, and an original member of the Heritage Commission. Family and friends of Diane's were at the presentation and Barbara Binette accepted the award on Diane's behalf.



COLLABORATION WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Members of the commission have been assisting the Historical Society to preserve and protect artifacts that have been donated and collected from the community. The American Legion has also offered to assist the commission in the purchase and placement of Town and patriotic banners.



With Sincere Appreciation,

2023 Heritage Commission

Vicki Donovan - Chair, Claire Bickford - Vice-Chair, Ben Rolfe - Secretary, members Jack Donovan, Jill Rolfe, Sharon Ciampi, Selectmen Representative and Adam Riberio, Belmont High School Student Representative.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Collection 2023

This year's collection had a light turnout, but these things tend to go in cycles. Most folks at our Belmont site came from Belmont and Gilmanton, but some came from half a dozen other participating communities. Total vehicles attending the event was 109, with 62 vehicles of Belmont residents. Our local signage and websites seemed to be the most effective advertising in getting the hazardous waste to our site. We also had Belmont residents who attended collections in other communities such as Gilford and Laconia.

As for waste collected at our Belmont site, more than two tons (4,635 lbs.) of household hazardous waste (HHW) was collected and disposed of properly. That keeps it from being dumped, keeps it out of the surface and groundwaters, avoids costly clean-ups, and keeps our households a bit safer.

The Belmont Department of Public Works collected all of the waste oil to be used as heating fuel through the winter. We collected 12+ car batteries for recycling. And although we did not collect fluorescent bulbs and hazardous hard goods, it was a good turnout!

We appreciate all the people who participated in bringing in hazardous waste to help keep our environment clean. We are looking forward to the new June collection date (both Belmont and Franklin). Check our website belmontnh.gov for more information coming soon!

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to our volunteers who came to help out with the collection day!

See you in 2024!

The HHW Collection Team,
Brad Jameson and Kyle Dodge

If you are preparing for our 2024 HHW collection, here is a list of the items accepted:

YARD AND GARDEN

- Herbicides/Weed Killer
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Coal Tar-based Driveway Sealer

Household Items

- Toxic Art Supplies
- Cleaning Fluids
- Roofing Tar



**HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS**

GARAGE

- Car Wax Polish
- Antifreeze
- Carburetor Cleaners
- Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
- New, Used & Mixed Oil

WORKBENCH

- Paint Stripper
- Oil-based Paint
- Stains & Varnishes

Belmont Old Home Day

This year's Belmont Old Home Day celebration was held on August 12, 2023. Hundreds of community members, their families, friends and residents of nearby communities came to celebrate this annual tradition. This year's theme "Picture This" was centered around the idea of what people pictured when they thought of the Town of Belmont in the past, present and future.

The event kicked off with the 54th annual 10-Mile Road Race. Lieutenant Tom Murphy was once again at the finish line announcing the winners as they made their way across. Mike Laplume of Bristol, NH was the first of over 40 participants to cross the finish line.

This year brought a new location and a new addition for the Tioga Fun Run. Participants began at the entrance of the Village Spur Rail Trail, made their way to the covered bridge and all the way back to the start, through a tunnel of spectators with bubbles in what will surely be a great addition to this annual race.

Over 50 vendors and community groups lined Mill Street to offer food, handcrafted goodies and more. Mark Padula once again challenged our youth by running the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull. The Belmont Library had some great children's activities to enjoy and Cassandra Prescott offered Yoga at the Pavilion near the river. An inflatable obstacle course and other interactive attractions were set up for kids and adults to enjoy. Community members and visitors enjoyed performances by the Belmont High School Band, Witches of the Lakes Region and live music by Topper and Fed in the town center.

This year, Denise Naiva and Emilie DeFrancesco of the Conservation Commission served as the parade Grand Marshals. The Jake Deware Kindness Project, promoting community enrichment through acts of kindness, were the recipients of this year's Heart of the Community Award for both their terrific float and their generous contributions to the community throughout the year. The Witches of the Lakes Region, American Legion Post 58 and Belmont Parks & Recreation Summer Camp were also recognized for their amazing creativity and float designs.

The Belmont Fire Department did a fantastic job hosting the annual chicken BBQ. This provided a nice relaxing sit-down dinner before our activities shifted to Bryant Field for the evening. Once at Bryant field guests were able to enjoy a great selection of food and games. Several area businesses sponsored a mini-golf course for community members to play and the inflatable ax throwing was a hit for all generations. Evening entertainment started with the Jamestown Union Band. The Duncan Idaho Band then took the stage with a great performance leading up to the much-awaited fireworks display.

This year's event would not have been possible had it not been for some great members of our community coming together. Thank you to Belmont Old Home Day Committee members and community volunteers: Ricci Comire, Edee Takantjas, Nicole Sturgeon, Sharon Ciampi, Jolene Galarza, Jeff & Courtney Roberts, Mark Padula, Tom Murphy and Gretta Wilder. 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.

Respectfully submitted by,

Danielle St.Onge

Recreation Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Belmont, New Hampshire

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will

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always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, schedule of Town OPEB contributions, schedule of changes in the Town's total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of Town pension contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Vashon Clukay & Company PC

Manchester, New Hampshire
January 22, 2024

Auditor's Report

TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Year Ending December 31, 2022

Presented herewith, please find the Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2022. The responsibility for accuracy of the data, the completeness and fairness of this documentation (including all disclosures) rests with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein is accurate in all material aspects. This report and its content have been designed to fairly present the Town's financial position, including the results of operations of all the funds of the Town. All the disclosures necessary to enable and to assist the reader in acquiring an accurate understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

The Town's management is responsible for establishing accounting and internal control structures designed to ensure that the physical, data, informational, intellectual, and human resource assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft and misuse, and to ensure that adequate accounting information is maintained and reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management also strives to ensure that these assets are put to good and effective use. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable assurances that these objectives are attained.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire using the integrated approach as prescribed by GASB Statement 34.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Belmont, New Hampshire's financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of the following three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the basic financial statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the remaining difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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The government-wide financial statements have separate columns for the following two fund types:

Governmental activities – Represent most of the Town's basic services.

Business-type activities – Account for the Town's water and sewer operations and receive the majority of their revenue from user fees.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain the control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Town maintains three fund types: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of expendable resources, as well as on balances of expendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, our readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental activities statement of net position and statement of activities.

The Town maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and Permanent Funds, which are considered major funds. Other governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The Town adopts an annual appropriation budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds provide water and sewer services to customers and charge a user fee. They are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town. Fiduciary Funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund, the Town's only major governmental fund with an adopted budget. It also includes the schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, schedule of Town OPEB contributions, schedule of changes in the Town's total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of Town pension contributions.

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for the nonmajor governmental funds.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As illustrated below, the implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and No. 75 during the years ended December 31, 2015, and 2018, respectively, have created deficit unrestricted net position balances at both year ends. This is a result of differences between how the Town budgets for Pension and OPEB benefits, based on statutorily required contributions, compared to how they are recognized for financial reporting purposes. A deficit unrestricted net position balance is expected to continue into subsequent years.

Governmental Activities

Statement of Net position

Net position of the governmental activities as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	2022	2021
Capital assets, net	\$ 19,951,917	\$ 19,885,066
Other assets	11,473,553	10,708,846
Total Assets	31,425,470	30,593,912
 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	 1,445,835	 1,467,826
 Long-term liabilities	 11,853,936	 11,689,629
Other liabilities	1,815,290	1,230,287
Total Liabilities	13,669,226	12,919,916
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 742,593	 2,047,227

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Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	16,123,712	15,419,157
Restricted	3,330,083	3,731,615
Unrestricted (deficit)	(994,309)	(2,056,177)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 18,459,486</u>	<u>\$ 17,094,595</u>

The Town's net position for its governmental activities totaled \$18,459,486 as of December 31, 2022, an increase of \$1,364,891 when compared to the previous year.

Statement of Activities

Changes in net position of the governmental activities for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	2022	2021
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 496,373	\$ 382,256
Operating grants and contributions	695,580	723,906
Capital grants and contributions	138,455	
General revenues:		
Property and other taxes	6,977,482	6,040,385
Licenses and permits	1,858,871	1,910,269
Intergovernmental	646,612	539,574
Interest and investment earnings (losses)	(376,772)	348,764
Miscellaneous	30,742	179,063
Total revenues	<u>10,467,343</u>	<u>10,124,217</u>
Expenses		
General government	1,983,635	1,815,749
Public safety	4,218,994	3,885,593
Highways and streets	1,772,575	1,807,360
Sanitation	463,890	454,352
Water distribution and treatment	10,160	
Health and welfare	183,161	185,497
Culture and recreation	376,197	297,302
Conservation	13,598	14,125
Interest and fiscal charges	86,692	87,302
Total expenses	<u>9,108,902</u>	<u>8,547,280</u>

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Excess before contributions to permanent fund principal	1,358,441	1,576,937
Contributions to permanent fund principal	<u>6,450</u>	<u>8,556</u>
Change in net position	1,364,891	1,585,493
Net Position, beginning of year	<u>17,094,595</u>	<u>15,509,102</u>
Net Position, end of year	<u>\$ 18,459,486</u>	<u>\$ 17,094,595</u>

As shown in the above statement the Town's governmental activities experienced an improvement in financial position of \$1,364,891 on the full accrual basis of accounting.

Business-type Activities

Statement of Net position

Net position of the business type activities as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ 4,938,866	\$ 5,182,567
Other assets	<u>1,966,904</u>	<u>1,801,251</u>
Total Assets	<u>6,905,770</u>	<u>6,983,818</u>
 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>17,745</u>	<u>33,008</u>
 Long-term liabilities	447,836	874,665
Other liabilities	<u>263,442</u>	<u>5,787</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>711,278</u>	<u>880,452</u>
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>10,234</u>	<u>44,926</u>
 Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	4,427,938	4,473,235
Unrestricted	<u>1,774,065</u>	<u>1,618,213</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,202,003</u>	<u>\$ 6,091,448</u>

The largest portion of the Town's net position for its business-type activities reflects its net investment in capital assets, primarily utility plants (Water and Wastewater) in service and equipment, less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. These assets are not available for future spending.

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Statement of Activities

Changes in net position of the business-type activities for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	2022	2021
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 802,720	\$ 814,388
Capital grants and contributions	20,471	20,620
General revenues:		
Interest and investment earnings (losses)	8,601	2,519
Total revenues	<u>831,792</u>	<u>837,527</u>
Expenses		
Water Department	284,776	349,442
Sewer Department	<u>436,461</u>	<u>573,982</u>
Total expenses	<u>721,237</u>	<u>923,424</u>
Change in net position	110,555	(85,897)
Net Position, beginning of year	<u>6,091,448</u>	<u>6,177,345</u>
Net Position, end of year	<u>\$ 6,202,003</u>	<u>\$ 6,091,448</u>

The main funding source for the business-type activities is charges for services. Overall net position increased by \$110,555 from the previous year, largely as a result of reductions in expenses compared to the prior year and overall revenues in of the related expenses for those services.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

General Fund and Budgetary Highlights

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, the General Fund had a fund balance of \$5,383,106 on the modified accrual basis of accounting, an increase of \$1,017,673. This increase was largely a result of expenditures less than amounts budgeted for Public Safety and Culture and Recreational activities, as well as additional revenues above estimates in taxes and charges for services. For more detailed comparison of budget versus actual expenditures refer to the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund.

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Permanent Funds

Permanent funds account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings and not principal may be used for purposes that support the Town's programs. At December 31, 2022, a balance of \$2,599,309 was non-spendable for principal and \$458,648 was restricted for income. The total fund balance in the permanent funds decreased \$466,346 from the prior year end, due primarily to current year investment losses resulting from market declines.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

At December 31, 2022, the Nonmajor Governmental Funds had a total fund balance of \$1,334,972 which represents an increase of \$115,274 from the prior year, primarily resulting from Ambulance Fund revenues from charges with service in excess of expenditures of \$81,406.

Proprietary Funds

The focus of the Town's proprietary funds is on total economic resources, and changes to net position, much as it might be for a private-sector business. The Town's proprietary funds (Water and Sewer Funds) had total unrestricted net position of \$1,774,065 as of December 31, 2022, which represents an increase of \$155,852 or approximately 10% from 2021.

Capital Assets

The Town of Belmont considers a capital asset to be an asset whose costs exceed or equal \$15,000 and has a useful life of greater than one year. Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the course of their estimated useful life. During the year the Town's net capital assets for governmental activities increased by a total of \$66,851. Significant additions during the current year included the fire and police department vehicles and major road reconstruction. The Town's net capital assets for the proprietary funds decreased by (\$243,701) due to depreciation expense in excess of ongoing construction projects. Additional information on capital assets can be found in Note 3 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended 2022, the Town had a net decrease in general obligation debt payable for governmental activities of (\$267,656) due to scheduled payments made on existing obligations. General obligation debt for business-type activities decreased during the year by (\$198,404) due to scheduled payments made on existing obligations, including bond premium amortization and principal forgiveness. Finance purchase obligations for governmental activities decreased during the year by (\$156,103), due to scheduled repayments on existing obligations. The compensated absences for governmental activities had a net increase in balances accrued of \$87,055 for the year.

Under GASB Statement #68 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, the Town reports a net pension liability, as well as the related deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension. The Town's proportionate share of the New Hampshire Retirement System's (NHRS) unfunded pension

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liability as of December 31, 2022 is \$7,140,265 for governmental activities and \$84,428 for business-type activities, for a total liability of \$7,224,693.

GASB Statement #75 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* requires the Town to account for its single employer other post-employment benefits (OPEB) plan on an accrual basis rather than a pay-as-you-go basis. Although the Town is not required to fund this contribution, it is recognized as a liability in these financial statements. Additionally, the Town is required to report its proportionate share of the NHRS unfunded OPEB liability. The net OPEB obligation as of December 31, 20202 is \$1,063,800 for governmental activities and \$17,479 for business-type activities, for a total liability of \$1,081,279.

Contacting the Town of Belmont's Financial Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show a measure of accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need to get additional information, contact the Board of Selectmen at, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, telephone number (603) 267-8300.

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EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2022

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,215,205	\$ 1,080,459	\$ 5,295,664
Investments	6,090,726	633,104	6,723,830
Taxes receivable, net	674,082		674,082
Accounts receivable, net	267,534	133,907	401,441
Unbilled charges for services		65,634	65,634
Due from other governments	97,246	3,800	101,046
Prepaid items	36,377		36,377
Internal balances	92,383	(92,383)	-
Total Current Assets	<u>11,473,553</u>	<u>1,824,521</u>	<u>13,298,074</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Due from other governments		50,000	50,000
Capital assets:			
Non-depreciable capital assets	8,517,483	32,972	8,550,455
Depreciable capital assets, net	11,434,434	4,905,894	16,340,328
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>19,951,917</u>	<u>4,988,866</u>	<u>24,940,783</u>
Total Assets	<u>31,425,470</u>	<u>6,813,387</u>	<u>38,238,857</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to OPEB liability	106,374	1,907	108,281
Deferred outflows related to pension liability	1,339,461	15,838	1,355,299
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,445,835</u>	<u>17,745</u>	<u>1,463,580</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	381,199	3,245	384,444
Accrued liabilities	128,276	2,815	131,091
Retainage payable	20,701		20,701
Advances from grantors	695,819		695,819
Deposits	18,427		18,427
Current portion of bonds payable	97,088	164,999	262,087
Current portion of notes payable	177,187		177,187
Current portion of financed purchase obligations payable	133,507		133,507
Current portion of compensated absences payable	163,086		163,086
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,815,290</u>	<u>171,059</u>	<u>1,986,349</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Bonds payable	50,595	345,929	396,524
Notes payable	3,153,939		3,153,939
Financed purchase obligations payable	191,346		191,346
Compensated absences payable	253,991		253,991
OPEB liability	1,063,800	17,479	1,081,279
Net pension liability	7,140,265	84,428	7,224,693
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>11,853,936</u>	<u>447,836</u>	<u>12,301,772</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>13,669,226</u>	<u>618,895</u>	<u>14,288,121</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Uncollected land use change tax	5,784		5,784
Deferred inflows related to OPEB liability	167,362	3,500	170,862
Deferred inflows related to pension liability	569,447	6,734	576,181
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>742,593</u>	<u>10,234</u>	<u>752,827</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	16,123,712	4,427,938	20,551,650
Restricted	3,330,083		3,330,083
Unrestricted (deficit)	(994,309)	1,774,065	779,756
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 18,459,486</u>	<u>\$ 6,202,003</u>	<u>\$ 24,661,489</u>

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EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:							
General government	\$ 1,983,635	\$ 22,978			\$ (1,960,657)		\$ (1,960,657)
Public safety	4,218,994	445,939	\$ 191,196	\$ 138,455	(3,443,404)		(3,443,404)
Highways and streets	1,772,575		485,284		(1,287,291)		(1,287,291)
Sanitation	463,890	6,738			(457,152)		(457,152)
Water distribution and treatment	10,160		11,527		1,367		1,367
Health and welfare	183,161				(183,161)		(183,161)
Culture and recreation	376,197	20,718	7,573		(347,906)		(347,906)
Conservation	13,598				(13,598)		(13,598)
Interest and fiscal charges	86,692				(86,692)		(86,692)
Total governmental activities	9,108,902	496,373	695,580	138,455	(7,778,494)	\$ -	(7,778,494)
Business-type activities:							
Sewer Department	436,461	537,488		2,568		103,595	103,595
Water Department	284,776	265,232		17,903		(1,641)	(1,641)
Total business-type activities	721,237	802,720	-	20,471	-	101,954	101,954
Total primary government	9,830,139	1,299,093	695,580	158,926	(7,778,494)	101,954	(7,676,540)
General revenues:							
Property and other taxes					6,977,482		6,977,482
Licenses and permits					1,858,871		1,858,871
Grants and contributions:							
Rooms and meals tax distribution					646,603		646,603
State and federal forest land reimbursement					9		9
Interest and investment earnings (losses)					(376,772)	8,601	(368,171)
Miscellaneous					30,742		30,742
Contributions to permanent fund principal					6,450		6,450
Total general revenues and contributions to permanent fund principal					9,143,385	8,601	9,151,986
Change in Net Position					1,364,891	110,555	1,475,446
Total Net Position at beginning of year					17,094,595	6,091,448	23,186,043
Total Net Position at end of year					\$ 18,459,486	\$ 6,202,003	\$ 24,661,489

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EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2022

	General <u>Fund</u>	Permanent <u>Funds</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,129,193		\$ 1,086,012	\$ 4,215,205
Investments	3,032,769	\$ 3,057,957		6,090,726
Taxes receivable, net	674,082			674,082
Accounts receivable, net	7,676		259,858	267,534
Due from other governments	97,246			97,246
Due from other funds	131,600		28,319	159,919
Total Assets	<u>7,072,566</u>	<u>3,057,957</u>	<u>1,374,189</u>	<u>11,504,712</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 7,072,566</u>	<u>\$ 3,057,957</u>	<u>\$ 1,374,189</u>	<u>\$ 11,504,712</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 381,199			\$ 381,199
Accrued liabilities	93,305			93,305
Retainage payable	20,701			20,701
Advances from grantors	695,819			695,819
Due to other funds	28,319		\$ 39,217	67,536
Deposits	18,427			18,427
Total Liabilities	<u>1,237,770</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>39,217</u>	<u>1,276,987</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Uncollected property taxes	445,906			445,906
Uncollected land use change tax	5,784			5,784
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>451,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>451,690</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable		2,599,309		2,599,309
Restricted	259,809	458,648	12,317	730,774
Committed	3,050,536		1,322,655	4,373,191
Assigned	185,682			185,682
Unassigned	1,887,079			1,887,079
Total Fund Balances	<u>5,383,106</u>	<u>3,057,957</u>	<u>1,334,972</u>	<u>9,776,035</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 7,072,566</u>	<u>\$ 3,057,957</u>	<u>\$ 1,374,189</u>	<u>\$ 11,504,712</u>

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EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 6,915,651		\$ 25,276	\$ 6,940,927
Licenses and permits	1,858,871			1,858,871
Intergovernmental	1,472,727		7,920	1,480,647
Charges for services	132,741		363,632	496,373
Interest and investment income (loss)	45,091	\$ (423,892)	2,029	(376,772)
Miscellaneous	30,742	6,450		37,192
Total Revenues	<u>10,455,823</u>	<u>(417,442)</u>	<u>398,857</u>	<u>10,437,238</u>
Expenditures:				
Current operations:				
General government	1,920,462	41,582		1,962,044
Public safety	4,294,801	133	182	4,295,116
Highways and streets	2,030,072			2,030,072
Sanitation	463,890			463,890
Water distribution and treatment	10,160			10,160
Health and welfare	184,488			184,488
Culture and recreation	276,997	7,189	816	285,002
Conservation	13,500		98	13,598
Capital outlay	166,664			166,664
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	267,656			267,656
Interest and fiscal charges	91,947			91,947
Total Expenditures	<u>9,720,637</u>	<u>48,904</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>9,770,637</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>735,186</u>	<u>(466,346)</u>	<u>397,761</u>	<u>666,601</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	282,487			282,487
Transfers out			(282,487)	(282,487)
Total Other financing sources (uses)	<u>282,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(282,487)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,017,673	(466,346)	115,274	666,601
Fund Balances at beginning of year	<u>4,365,433</u>	<u>3,524,303</u>	<u>1,219,698</u>	<u>9,109,434</u>
Fund Balances at end of year	<u>\$ 5,383,106</u>	<u>\$ 3,057,957</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,972</u>	<u>\$ 9,776,035</u>

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EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2022

	Business-type Activities		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 89,593	\$ 990,866	\$ 1,080,459
Investments	227,339	405,765	633,104
Accounts receivable	43,623	90,284	133,907
Unbilled charges for services	21,047	44,587	65,634
Due from other governments		3,800	3,800
Total Current Assets	<u>381,602</u>	<u>1,535,302</u>	<u>1,916,904</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Due from other governments		50,000	50,000
Capital assets:			
Non-depreciable capital assets	17,963	15,009	32,972
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>1,788,427</u>	<u>3,117,467</u>	<u>4,905,894</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>1,806,390</u>	<u>3,182,476</u>	<u>4,988,866</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,187,992</u>	<u>4,717,778</u>	<u>6,905,770</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to OPEB liability	1,342	565	1,907
Deferred outflows related to pension liability	<u>8,500</u>	<u>7,338</u>	<u>15,838</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>9,842</u>	<u>7,903</u>	<u>17,745</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	2,375	870	3,245
Accrued liabilities		2,815	2,815
Due to other funds	1,476	90,907	92,383
Current portion of bonds payable	<u>22,259</u>	<u>142,740</u>	<u>164,999</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>26,110</u>	<u>237,332</u>	<u>263,442</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Bonds payable	77,001	268,928	345,929
OPEB liability	11,786	5,693	17,479
Net pension liability	<u>45,312</u>	<u>39,116</u>	<u>84,428</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>134,099</u>	<u>313,737</u>	<u>447,836</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>160,209</u>	<u>551,069</u>	<u>711,278</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to OPEB liability	2,625	875	3,500
Deferred inflows related to pension liability	<u>3,614</u>	<u>3,120</u>	<u>6,734</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>6,239</u>	<u>3,995</u>	<u>10,234</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	1,707,130	2,720,808	4,427,938
Unrestricted	<u>324,256</u>	<u>1,449,809</u>	<u>1,774,065</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,031,386</u>	<u>\$ 4,170,617</u>	<u>\$ 6,202,003</u>

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EXHIBIT F

TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Proprietary Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Business-type Activities		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 265,232	\$ 537,488	\$ 802,720
Total Operating revenues	<u>265,232</u>	<u>537,488</u>	<u>802,720</u>
Operating expenses:			
Personnel services	20,466	309	20,775
Contractual services	128,093	224,307	352,400
Materials and supplies	10,700	24,422	35,122
Utilities	25,014	11,583	36,597
Depreciation	99,721	161,943	261,664
Total Operating expenses	<u>283,994</u>	<u>422,564</u>	<u>706,558</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(18,762)</u>	<u>114,924</u>	<u>96,162</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):			
Interest revenue	2,767	5,834	8,601
Interest expense	<u>(782)</u>	<u>(13,897)</u>	<u>(14,679)</u>
Net Non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>1,985</u>	<u>(8,063)</u>	<u>(6,078)</u>
Income (Loss) before capital contributions	(16,777)	106,861	90,084
Capital contributions	<u>17,903</u>	<u>2,568</u>	<u>20,471</u>
Change in Net Position	1,126	109,429	110,555
Total Net Position at beginning of year	<u>2,030,260</u>	<u>4,061,188</u>	<u>6,091,448</u>
Total Net Position at end of year	<u>\$ 2,031,386</u>	<u>\$ 4,170,617</u>	<u>\$ 6,202,003</u>

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EXHIBIT G

TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Business-type Activities		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 264,800	\$ 532,872	\$ 797,672
Cash paid to suppliers	(182,341)	(272,290)	(454,631)
Cash paid to employees	(39,332)	(31,803)	(71,135)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>43,127</u>	<u>228,779</u>	<u>271,906</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Capital contributions		6,368	6,368
Purchases of capital assets	(17,963)		(17,963)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(34,608)	(142,740)	(177,348)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(2,492)	(17,050)	(19,542)
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	<u>(55,063)</u>	<u>(153,422)</u>	<u>(208,485)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of investments	(102,435)	(3,862)	(106,297)
Redemption of investments	39,874	32,455	72,329
Interest on investments	2,767	5,834	8,601
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(59,794)</u>	<u>34,427</u>	<u>(25,367)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(71,730)	109,784	38,054
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	159,847	790,175	950,022
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 88,117</u>	<u>\$ 899,959</u>	<u>\$ 988,076</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (18,762)	\$ 114,924	\$ 96,162
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	99,721	161,943	261,664
Change in deferred outflows related to OPEB	1,666	595	2,261
Change in deferred outflows related to pension	5,445	7,557	13,002
Change in deferred inflows related to OPEB	479	156	635
Change in deferred inflows related to pension	(16,724)	(18,603)	(35,327)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(432)	(4,616)	(5,048)
Accounts payable	2,189	(206)	1,983
OPEB liability	(14,810)	(6,979)	(21,789)
Net pension liability	(15,645)	(25,992)	(41,637)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 43,127</u>	<u>\$ 228,779</u>	<u>\$ 271,906</u>
Noncash transactions affecting financial position:			
Amortization on bond premium		\$ 3,153	\$ 3,153
Principal forgiveness on debt	\$ 17,903		17,903
	<u>\$ 17,903</u>	<u>\$ 3,153</u>	<u>\$ 21,056</u>

Auditor's Report

EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2022

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,113,369
Investments	1,585,907
Taxes receivable	<u>703,707</u>
Total Assets	<u>8,402,983</u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to other governments	<u>6,668,256</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,668,256</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
School District	1,585,907
Others	<u>148,820</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,734,727</u>

Auditor's Report

EXHIBIT I
TOWN OF BELMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Contributions:	
Miscellaneous	\$ 665,730
Total Contributions	<u>665,730</u>
Investment earnings:	
Investment income (losses)	<u>(79,489)</u>
Total Investment earnings (losses)	<u>(79,489)</u>
Property tax collections for other governments	14,387,206
Motor vehicle fee collections for other governments	<u>570,655</u>
Total Additions	<u>15,544,102</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Beneficiary payments to other governments	267,168
Beneficiary payments to others	277,648
Payments of property tax to other governments	14,387,206
Payments of motor vehicle fees to other governments	<u>570,655</u>
Total Deductions	<u>15,502,677</u>
Change in Net Position	41,425
Net Position at beginning of year	<u>1,693,302</u>
Net Position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,734,727</u></u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations/Expenditures

Title of Appropriation	Total Appropriation 2023	Total Expended		Total Encumbered 2024	(Over) Under
		Unaudited 2023			
Executive	\$ 351,822	\$ 313,588.63			38,233.37
Town Clerk Functions	\$ 124,894	\$ 123,432.36			1,461.64
Elections	\$ 11,314	\$ 8,440.78			2,873.22
Financial Administration	\$ 313,988	\$ 292,758.06	\$ 2,700.00		18,529.94
Revaluation of Property	\$ 107,756	\$ 100,327.72			7,428.28
Legal	\$ 35,000	\$ 31,657.63			3,342.37
Planning & Zoning	\$ 393,035	\$ 302,177.17			90,857.83
General Gov. Buildings	\$ 476,389	\$ 424,434.13	\$ 20,627.67		31,327.20
Cemetery	\$ 21,000	\$ 19,494.68			1,505.32
Insurance	\$ 251,159	\$ 246,259.01			4,899.99
Police	\$ 2,603,185	\$ 2,375,111.23	\$ 44,957.45		183,116.32
Fire	\$ 2,112,947	\$ 1,855,252.49			257,694.51
Building Inspection	\$ 118,206	\$ 118,710.33			(504.33)
Emergency Management	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00			-
Public Works Admin.	\$ 80,895	\$ 80,643.88			251.12
Highways & Streets	\$ 1,182,102	\$ 1,058,707.10			123,394.90
Street Lights	\$ 19,649	\$ 12,551.73			7,097.27
Highway Block Grant	\$ 194,965	\$ 7,174.18			187,790.82
Solid Waste	\$ 682,908	\$ 664,838.13			18,069.87
Health Appropriations	\$ 68,891	\$ 68,891.00			-
Gen. Asst. Administration	\$ 86,739	\$ 87,313.87			(574.87)
Gen. Asst. Vendor Payments	\$ 94,050	\$ 91,279.42			2,770.58
Recreation & Beach	\$ 162,005	\$ 100,692.25			61,312.75
Library	\$ 217,919	\$ 215,818.05			2,100.95
Patriotic Purposes Inc. Heritage	\$ 22,250	\$ 16,065.35			6,184.65
Conservation Commission	\$ 16,874	\$ 14,623.50			2,250.50
Long Term Debt	\$ 274,275	\$ 274,307.39			(32.39)
Long Term Interest	\$ 84,371	\$ 84,338.44			32.56
TAN Interest	\$ 1	\$ -			1.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 378,181	\$ 237,330.00	\$ 140,851.00		-
Capital Reserve Transfer to Trust	\$ 1,209,388	\$ 1,209,388.00			-
			\$ 18,836.50		
Total	\$ 11,701,158.00	\$ 10,440,606.51	\$ 227,972.62		1,260,551.49

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
\$ 3,080,362	2023	\$ 145,387	\$ 77,418	\$ 222,805
\$ 2,931,485	2024	\$ 148,876	\$ 73,929	\$ 222,805
\$ 2,779,036	2025	\$ 152,449	\$ 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	\$ 163,691	\$ 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	\$ 197,891	\$ 24,914	\$ 222,805
\$ 637,570	2037	\$ 202,640	\$ 20,165	\$ 222,805
\$ 430,067	2038	\$ 207,503	\$ 15,302	\$ 222,805
\$ 217,583	2039	\$ 212,483	\$ 10,322	\$ 222,805
\$ -	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
\$ 146,879	2023	\$ 97,088	\$ 3,764	\$ 100,852
\$ 49,791	2024	\$ 49,791	\$ 635	\$ 50,426
Total		\$ 146,879	\$ 4,399	\$ 151,278

Statement of Bonded Debt

Hoadley Road Culvert

2017-2026

Original Bond: \$330,000

Interest Rate: 2.9%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$ 132,000	2023	\$ 33,000	\$ 3,828	\$ 36,828
\$ 99,000	2024	\$ 33,000	\$ 2,871	\$ 35,871
\$ 66,000	2025	\$ 33,000	\$ 1,914	\$ 34,914
\$ 33,000	2025	\$ 33,000	\$ 957	\$ 33,957
Total		\$ 132,000	\$ 9,570	\$ 141,570

Enterprise Fund - Sewer

Sewer Pump Station

Replacement Project SRF

2014-2023

Original Bond: \$1,320,746

Admin Rate: 1.7%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$ 123,740	2023	\$ 123,740	\$ 2,104	\$ 125,844
Total		\$ 123,740	\$ 2,104	\$ 125,844

Statement of Bonded Debt

Silver Lake Sewer

2012-2033

Original Bond: \$432,000

Interest Rate: 3.1183%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$ 269,000	2023	\$ 19,000	\$ 6,231	\$ 25,231
\$ 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	\$ 29,596
\$ 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		\$ 239,000	\$ 38,938	\$ 277,938

Water Meter

Replacement Project

2015-2024

Original Bond: \$336,332

Admin. Rate: 1.635%

Beginning Balance	Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
\$ 69,364	2023	\$ 22,259	\$ 1,623	\$ 23,882
\$ 47,105	2024	\$ 23,117	\$ 1,015	\$ 24,132
\$ 23,988	2025	\$ 23,988	\$ 392	\$ 24,380
Total		\$ 69,364	\$ 3,030	\$ 72,394

Statement of Estimated vs. Actual Revenues

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual 2023 Revenues Unaudited	Over/ (Under)
Taxes			
Timber Taxes	\$15,479.00	\$33,788.71	\$ 18,310
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$19,000.00	\$14,673.98	\$ (4,326)
Other Taxes - Boat Taxes	\$18,000.00	\$18,098.80	\$ 99
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$100,000.00	\$94,438.19	\$ (5,562)
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. Yd.)	\$10,821.00	\$10,821.20	\$ 0
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	\$47,000.00	\$44,572.79	\$ (2,427)
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,716,855.64	\$ 116,856
Building Permits	\$35,000.00	\$54,714.16	\$ 19,714
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$65,000.00	\$65,918.77	\$ 919
From State			
Shared Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$646,602.00	\$646,603.00	\$ 1
Highway Block Grant	\$196,965.00	\$195,302.08	\$ (1,663)
Water Pollution Grant	\$6,939.00	\$6,240.00	\$ (699)
Housing & Community Development (CDFA)			\$ -
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$8.00	\$7.68	\$ (0)
Other (Including Railroad Tax, and Grant Inc.)	\$2,588.00	\$1,918.00	\$ (670)
From Other Governments*	\$0.00	\$41,267.12	\$ 41,267
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	\$300,000.00	\$492,144.00	\$ 192,144
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$100,000.00	\$95,504.57	\$ (4,495)
Interest on Investments	\$100,000.00	\$135,914.95	\$ 35,915
Other (Dividends/Reimbursements)	\$22,000.00	\$20,782.64	\$ (1,217)
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Special Revenue Funds*	\$438,957.00	\$438,957.00	\$ -
From Enterprise Funds			
Sewer - (offset)	\$633,561.00	\$596,022.74	\$ (37,538)
Water - (offset)	\$355,141.00	\$333,172.83	\$ (21,968)
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds			
From Capital Reserve Funds			
Other Financing Sources			
Proc. From Longterm Bonds & Notes	\$48,646.00	\$48,646.00	\$ -
Amounts Voted from F/B (Surplus)	\$230,888.00	\$230,888.00	\$ -
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to reduce taxes	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$ -
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$ 5,292,595	\$ 5,637,253	\$ 344,658

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

	Balance on January 1, 2023	Receipts and Transfers during the Year	Disbursements and Transfers during the Year	Balance on December 31, 2023
GENERAL FUND				
Northway Operating	\$ 8,656,695.13	\$ 39,928,470.14	\$ 40,494,257.42	\$ 8,090,907.85
Northway Police Bond	48,097.02	2,277.43	50,374.45	0.00
Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund	26,095.15	1,620.00	1,547.00	26,168.15
GENERAL FUND - NHPDIP INVESTMENT				
NHPDIP Investment	-	12,632,551.78	11,595,537.38	1,037,014.40
PD DRUG FORFEITURE FUND				
Northway	12,317.03	28.20	-	12,345.23
AMBULANCE FUND				
Northway	705,577.50	340,548.00	380,629.09	665,496.41
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Northway	327,941.86	154,066.85	286,737.69	195,271.02
SEWER DEPARTMENT				
Northway	944,801.37	1,154,552.16	1,033,551.26	1,065,802.27
Northway - Investments	181,295.92	75.02	181,370.94	-
WATER DEPARTMENT				
Northway	68,267.72	299,582.80	252,979.43	114,871.09
ESCROW ACCOUNT				
Northway	148,820.02	4,474.03	18,716.23	134,577.82
HERITAGE FUND				
Northway	43,645.06	347.20	3,203.74	40,788.52
FOREST MANAGEMENT				
Northway	9,365.05	0.86	-	9,365.91
	\$ 11,172,918.83	\$ 54,518,594.47	\$ 54,298,904.63	\$ 11,392,608.67

Unaudited - subject to change

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Segalini

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Treasurer

Trustees of Trust Funds Report

Summary of Capital Reserve Funds

PDIP #	Description	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
5	Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 30,172.35	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,479.04	\$ 33,651.39
11	Economic Development NCR	\$ 38,662.45			\$ 2,023.37	\$ 40,685.82
14	Library Improvement	\$ 339,162.48	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 17,764.76	\$ 381,927.24
21	Highway Heavy Equipment	\$ 134,972.54	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 79,854.00	\$ 4,555.24	\$ 119,673.78
22	Police Vehicle	\$ 62.82			\$ 3.28	\$ 66.10
25	Information Technology NCR	\$ 23,018.03	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,517.32	\$ 918.16	\$ 25,418.87
26	Town Drainage Program	\$ 50,858.30			\$ 2,661.63	\$ 53,519.93
28	Bridge Repair Maintenance	\$ 206,009.75	\$ 125,888.00		\$ 15,787.70	\$ 347,685.45
30	Sidewalks	\$ 22,658.26			\$ 1,185.82	\$ 23,844.08
34	Road Inventory	\$ 54,683.33			\$ 2,861.82	\$ 57,545.15
35	Property Revaluation	\$ 77,015.16	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 3,227.71	\$ 121,242.87
36	Digital Radio Equipment	\$ 1,856.47			\$ 97.17	\$ 1,953.64
37	Water System Repair	\$ 227,339.37	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 33,559.56	\$ 11,391.43	\$ 305,171.24
38	Highway Reconstruction	\$ 1,334,280.64	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 593,114.72	\$ 67,696.16	\$ 1,308,862.08
39	BRATT	\$ 109,878.37			\$ 5,750.40	\$ 115,628.77
40	Municipal Facilities	\$ 468,173.69	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 79,249.05	\$ 22,489.17	\$ 711,413.81
41	Accrued Benefits LIA	\$ 25,170.57	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 31,808.44	\$ 4,201.88	\$ 97,564.01
44	Sewer System Repair	\$ 65,285.50		\$ 9,136.93	\$ 3,102.95	\$ 59,251.52
47	Dry Hydrant & Cistern	\$ 22,099.22	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,158.04	\$ 25,757.26
48	Sewer Pump Station Upgrades	\$ 159,183.08			\$ 8,330.71	\$ 167,513.79
50	ADA Compliance	\$ 5,063.88			\$ 265.00	\$ 5,328.88
51	Village Spur Rail Trail	\$ 26,437.86			\$ 1,383.61	\$ 27,821.47
54	Election Equipment	\$ 6,101.07	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 319.88	\$ 7,420.95
55	Durrell Mtn. Road Maintenance	\$ 5,591.88	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 491.48	\$ 11,083.36
56	Public Health & Safety ET	\$ 50,840.74			\$ 2,660.70	\$ 53,501.44
Town Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 3,484,577.81	\$ 1,309,388.00	\$ 872,240.02	\$ 181,807.11	\$ 4,103,532.90
6	SRSD Facilities and Grounds	\$ 318,294.70	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 19,142.31	\$ 487,437.01
27	SRSD Special Education Fund	\$ 328,169.77			\$ 17,174.50	\$ 345,344.27
45	SRSD School Technology	\$ 78,921.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 4,461.54	\$ 103,382.54
46	SRSD Energy Conservation	\$ 968.56			\$ 50.69	\$ 1,019.25
49	SRSD Land Purchase	\$ 27,073.29			\$ 1,416.84	\$ 28,490.13
52	SRSD Accounting Software	\$ 36,345.33		\$ 36,345.00	\$ 962.91	\$ 963.24
SRSD Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 789,772.65	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 36,345.00	\$ 43,208.79	\$ 966,636.44
53	Sunray Shores Water District	\$ 129,888.27	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 27,550.01	\$ 6,810.58	\$ 141,148.84
SS Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 129,888.27	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 27,550.01	\$ 6,810.58	\$ 141,148.84

Trustees of Trust Funds Report

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

Trust Funds													
Name	Principal			Realized Gain (Loss) on Securities			Balance			Income Receipts & Expended During Year			Total Value of Fund
	2022 Beginning Balance	Additions, Purchases, Transfers	Expenses During Year	Cash Capital Gains	Fees	2022 Ending Balance	Beginning	During Year	Income	Fees	Expended	End Year	
BEAN HILL	\$ 8,947.40			\$ 3.66	\$ (59.77)	\$ 734.40	\$ 9,625.59	\$ 5,053.44	\$ 374.76	\$ (59.77)		\$ 5,368.43	\$ 14,994.02
SOUTH ROAD CEMETERY	\$ 448,249.34			\$ 140.64	\$ (2,305.64)	\$ 28,332.36	\$ 474,416.70	\$ 93,289.21	\$ 14,455.52	\$ (2,305.63)	\$ (2,930.43)	\$ 102,508.67	\$ 576,925.37
HIGHLAND CEMETERY	\$ 115,496.57			\$ 47.69	\$ (779.55)	\$ 9,575.63	\$ 124,340.34	\$ 67,080.93	\$ 4,886.97	\$ (779.55)		\$ 71,188.36	\$ 195,528.70
JAMESTOWN CEMETERY	\$ 49,917.10			\$ 20.60	\$ (336.86)	\$ 4,138.21	\$ 53,739.05	\$ 28,986.37	\$ 2,112.09	\$ (336.86)		\$ 30,761.60	\$ 84,500.65
PERKINS CEMETERY	\$ 796.39			\$ 0.29	\$ (4.82)	\$ 59.26	\$ 851.12	\$ 333.33	\$ 30.23	\$ (4.82)		\$ 358.74	\$ 1,209.86
LEAVITT CEMETERY	\$ 2,410.47			\$ 0.95	\$ (15.40)	\$ 189.14	\$ 2,585.16	\$ 1,195.98	\$ 96.51	\$ (15.40)	\$ (2,777.09)	\$ 1,277.09	\$ 3,862.25
WOODMAN	\$ 1,634.32			\$ 0.70	\$ (11.45)	\$ 164.38	\$ 1,764.38	\$ 1,050.38	\$ 71.85	\$ (11.45)		\$ 1,110.78	\$ 2,875.16
KINSMAN HALL	\$ 839.35			\$ 0.41	\$ (9.71)	\$ 82.37	\$ 915.42	\$ 731.22	\$ 42.02	\$ (6.71)		\$ 766.53	\$ 1,681.95
GILE CEMETERY	\$ 3,955.79			\$ 1.61	\$ (26.40)	\$ 324.40	\$ 4,255.40	\$ 2,229.90	\$ 165.57	\$ (26.40)		\$ 2,369.07	\$ 6,624.47
CHERTOK CEMETERY	\$ 40,963.91			\$ 12.24	\$ (200.11)	\$ 2,458.34	\$ 43,234.38	\$ 5,909.89	\$ 1,254.68	\$ (200.11)	\$ (807.69)	\$ 6,156.77	\$ 49,391.15
UNION CEMETERY	\$ 886.62			\$ 0.39	\$ (6.37)	\$ 78.16	\$ 958.80	\$ 603.36	\$ 39.90	\$ (6.37)		\$ 636.89	\$ 1,595.69
LOUDON CEMETERY	\$ 1,696.74			\$ 0.77	\$ (12.62)	\$ 155.00	\$ 1,839.89	\$ 1,258.54	\$ 79.11	\$ (12.62)		\$ 1,325.03	\$ 3,164.92
OTHER FUNDS													
Vincent Hadley	\$ 1,602.75			\$ 0.62	\$ (10.07)	\$ 123.79	\$ 1,717.09	\$ 757.72	\$ 63.17	\$ (10.07)		\$ 810.82	\$ 2,527.91
John Sargent	\$ 1,048,737.12			\$ 284.51	\$ (4,673.27)	\$ 57,574.56	\$ 1,101,922.92	\$ 61,316.58	\$ 29,512.01	\$ (4,673.27)	\$ (20,924.74)	\$ 65,230.58	\$ 1,167,153.51
John S. Folsom	\$ 808.36			\$ 0.33	\$ (5.34)	\$ 65.64	\$ 868.99	\$ 443.68	\$ 33.51	\$ (5.34)		\$ 471.85	\$ 1,340.84
Swain Scholarship	\$ 9,874.03			\$ 4.04	\$ (66.00)	\$ 810.82	\$ 10,622.89	\$ 5,586.26	\$ 413.82	\$ (66.00)		\$ 5,934.08	\$ 16,556.97
Duffy Trust	\$ 508,168.58			\$ 177.43	\$ (2,901.60)	\$ 35,645.12	\$ 541,089.53	\$ 171,482.46	\$ 18,192.53	\$ (2,901.60)		\$ 186,773.39	\$ 727,862.92
Sarah Lamprey Fund	\$ 20,873.44			\$ 7.73	\$ (126.48)	\$ 1,553.80	\$ 22,308.49	\$ 8,752.92	\$ 793.04	\$ (126.48)		\$ 9,419.48	\$ 31,727.97
Jamestown Cemetery	\$ 10,371.18			\$ 4.56	\$ (74.53)	\$ 915.51	\$ 11,216.72	\$ 7,085.28	\$ 467.26	\$ (74.53)		\$ 7,478.01	\$ 18,694.73
BHS Graduation Funds	\$ 52,476.70	\$ 4,353.50		\$ 16.40	\$ (250.83)	\$ 3,074.83	\$ 59,670.60	\$ 6,275.12	\$ 1,592.55	\$ (250.83)		\$ 7,616.84	\$ 67,287.44
BHS Award Funds	\$ 81,385.09			\$ 24.27	\$ (397.49)	\$ 4,877.46	\$ 85,889.33	\$ 12,136.66	\$ 2,490.16	\$ (397.49)		\$ 13,682.10	\$ 99,571.43
Hutchins Scholarship Fund	\$ 415,663.39			\$ 110.37	\$ (1,818.54)	\$ 22,324.75	\$ 436,279.97	\$ 12,529.31	\$ 11,390.00	\$ (1,818.53)	\$ (5,600.00)	\$ 16,500.78	\$ 452,780.75
Matthew A. Thibault Scholarship	\$ 35.12	\$ 150.00		\$ 0.05	\$ (0.17)	\$ 1.94	\$ 186.94	\$ 5.85	\$ 1.78	\$ (0.17)		\$ 7.46	\$ 194.40
James Goulette Scholarship	\$ 599.55			\$ 0.17	\$ (2.77)	\$ 34.03	\$ 630.98	\$ 49.01	\$ 17.37	\$ (2.77)		\$ 63.61	\$ 694.59
Elizabeth Roach Fund	\$ 2,006.25			\$ 0.54	\$ (8.86)	\$ 108.83	\$ 2,106.76	\$ 68.94	\$ 55.55	\$ (8.86)		\$ 115.63	\$ 2,222.39
Belmont K9 Care & Maint. Fund	\$ 12,609.01	\$ 150.00		\$ 3.53	\$ (57.41)	\$ 665.99	\$ 13,371.12	\$ 854.28	\$ 334.60	\$ (57.41)		\$ 1,131.47	\$ 14,502.59
Belmont K9 Replacement	\$ 10,279.30	\$ 1,300.00		\$ 3.04	\$ (36.97)	\$ 624.23	\$ 12,169.60	\$ 232.72	\$ 304.03	\$ (36.98)		\$ 499.77	\$ 12,669.37
Total Trust Funds	\$ 2,851,283.87	\$ 5,953.50	\$ -	\$ 867.54	\$ (14,199.03)	\$ 174,669.38	\$ 3,018,578.16	\$ 495,299.34	\$ 89,270.59	\$ (14,196.02)	\$ (30,810.09)	\$ 539,563.83	\$ 3,558,142.00

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		67.8%
\$1,158,120,472	2022	\$6.33	\$0.88	\$10.95	\$0.95	\$19.11		91.8%
\$1,373,954,888	2023	\$5.86	\$0.89	\$9.47	1.25	\$17.47		TBD

*Ratios are rounded to nearest %

Summary of Inventory of Valuation

	<u># of Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
I. Value of Land Only		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A	8,857.11	\$ 1,027,985
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B		
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	1.21	\$ 46,859
E. Residential Land (Improved & Unimproved Land)	5,440.97	\$ 337,287,170
F. Commercial/Industrial Land	1,793.36	\$ 71,824,105
G. Total of Taxable Land	16,092.65	\$ 410,186,119
H. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	1,815.99	\$ 21,052,462
II. Value of Buildings Only		
A. Residential		\$ 683,135,412
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 103,207,200
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$ 91,806,565
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D # of Structures	7	\$ 52,000
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$ 878,201,177
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$ 41,328,400
III. Utilities		
A. Public Utilities		\$ 23,275,689
IV. Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		
V. Valuation before Exemptions		\$ 1,311,662,985
	<u># Granted</u>	
VI. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	2	\$ 1,698,114.00
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		\$ 1,309,964,871
XII. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	3	
Amount granted per exemption	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000
XIII. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	64	\$ 5,631,400
XIV. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	0	
XV. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	14	\$ 679,700
XVI. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	0	
XVII. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	29	\$ 915,312
XVIII. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	0	
XIV. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23IV		
XX. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$ 7,271,412
XXI. Net Valuation		\$ 1,302,693,459
XXII. Less Commerical/Industrial Construction Exemption		\$ 5,146,150
XXIII. Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is Computed		\$ 1,297,547,309
XXIV. Less Utilities		\$ 23,275,689
XXV. Net Valuation without Utilities on which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is computed		\$ 1,279,417,770

Summary of Lands In Current Use

In accordance with State of New Hampshire Current Use Booklet

Current Use Assessment Ranges

April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

FARMLAND	\$25 - \$425 per acre	*****
FORESTLAND	Forest Land <u>WITHOUT</u> Documented Stewardship	Forest Land <u>WITH</u> Documented Stewardship
White Pine	\$123 - \$185 per acre	\$74 - \$111 per acre
Hardwood	\$65 - \$98 per acre	\$39 - \$59 per acre
All Other (Including Naturally Seeded Christmas Trees)	\$40 - \$60 per acre	\$24 - \$36 per acre
Unproductive Land	\$24 per acre	\$24 per acre
Wet Land	\$24 per acre	\$24 per acre

Farm Land	1,376.37	\$ 399,371
Forest Land	5,701.13	\$ 560,768
Forest Land w/Stewardship	964.16	\$ 49,542
Unproductive Land	815.45	\$ 18,304
Wetlands	0	\$ 0
Current Use Totals	8,857.11	\$ 1,027,98
Total Number of owners in Current Use:		234
Total Acreage removed from Current Use in 2023:		4.77

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

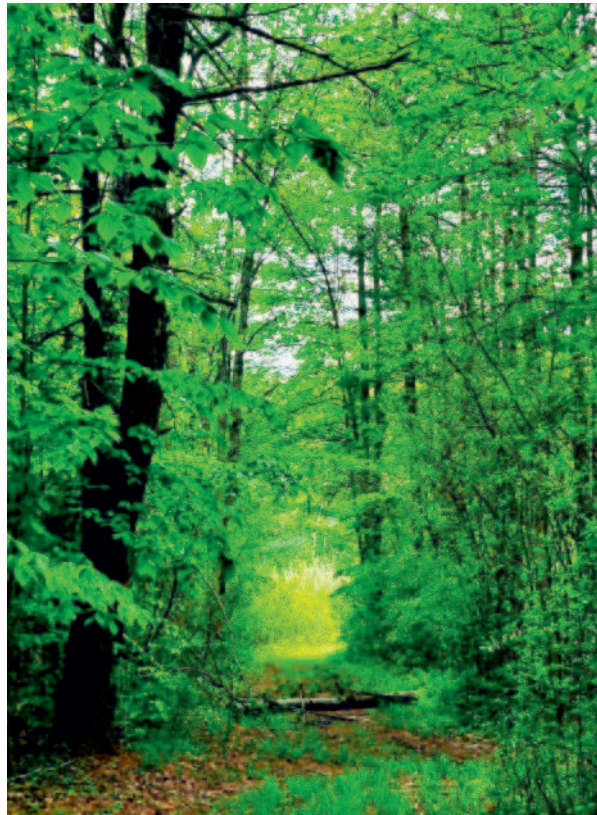
<u>Location</u>	<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Old State Road	101-006-000-000	2.6	11,600.00
Ladd Hill Road	102-020-000-000	0.1	31,343.00
Elaine Drive, Land	104-021-001-000	0.18	8,000.00
Elaine Drive, Land	104-038-000-000	0.28	22,400.00
Ladd Hill Road, Land	105-020-000-000	5.84	79,400.00
Down's Court (Ladd Hill, Land)	106-026-000-000	0.31	46,500.00
Down's Court (Ladd Hill, Land)	106-027-000-000	1.13	60,600.00
Nancy Drive, Pump Station, L&B	107-050-000-000	0.32	58,000.00
Elaine Drive, Land	107-103-000-000	0.08	13,500.00
Elaine Drive, Land	107-104-000-000	0.17	17,900.00
Elaine Drive, Land	107-119-001-000	0.08	200.00
24 Wakeman Road, Building	111-025-001-000	0	7,400.00
38 Gilman Shore Road, Building	111-072-001-001	0	1,600.00
24 Chestnut Street, Building	114-009-000-001	0	-
37 Bayview Drive, Building	115-006-000-001	0	-
Jefferson Road, Land	116-007-000-000	1.6	54,700.00
Jefferson Road, Land	116-021-000-000	0.39	65,600.00
Union Road, Land	116-023-000-000	0.43	77,600.00
Union Road, Land	116-024-000-000	2.08	193,300.00
Union Road, Land	116-025-000-000	1.52	183,400.00
Woodland Drive, Land	116-026-000-000	1.39	58,700.00
Island on Silver Lake	118-006-001-000	0.02	168,200.00
14 Coons Point Road, Building	119-072-000-001	0.01	3,200.00
150 Gardner's Grove Road	120-015-000-000	76	1,916.00
Gardner's Grove Road	120-020-000-000	0.27	333,600.00
Holly Tree Circle, Land	121-009-000-000	0.14	24,200.00
4 Leisure Lane, Land	121-093-000-000	0.21	36,400.00
143 Main Street, Town Hall, L&B	122-001-000-000	0.15	679,500.00
Mill Street, Land	122-006-000-000	0.26	133,000.00
Mill Street, Bandstand, L&B	122-007-000-000	0.2	123,600.00
Main Street, L&B	122-008-000-000	0.71	388,000.00
Main Street, Library, L&B	122-009-000-000	0.17	373,400.00
Main Street, Land	122-010-000-000	0.29	152,800.00
Church Street, Land	122-023-000-000	2.2	31,600.00
Main Street, Parking Lot, Land	122-044-000-000	1.2	169,200.00
14 Gilmanton Road, Fire Station, L&B	122-082-000-000	3.85	860,000.00
Fuller Street, Parking Lot, Land	122-134-000-000	0.11	36,400.00
Fuller Street, Parking Lot, Land	122-136-000-000	0.07	66,700.00
16 Fuller Street, Police Station, L&B	122-138-000-000	0.26	892,000.00
Mill Street, Land	123-002-000-000	1.24	269,600.00
Mill Street, Land	123-003-000-000	5.92	209,700.00
14 Mill Street, Mill Building, L&B	123-004-000-000	1.03	1,155,900.00
Depot Street, Land	123-006-000-000	18	268,000.00

Summary of Town Owned Property

<u>Location</u>	<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Sargent Street, Park, L&B	125-008-000-000	2.8	200,500.00
Concord Street, Land	125-037-000-000	0.15	14,900.00
110 Concord Street, Land	126-019-000-000	0.6	94,500.00
Daniel Webster Highway, Town Beach, L&B	201-013-000-000	4.9	1,041,400.00
Peter Court Cul-De-Sac, Land	202-001-000-000	1.1	6,000.00
Mile Hill Road	202-012-001-000	1.85	7,400.00
Mile Hill Road	202-015-001-000	51.08	120,900.00
Brook Hollow Road	209-002-011-000	1.3	-
Mile Hill Road	210-028-000-000	51	4,352.00
Off Horne Road	210-038-000-000	38	4,518.00
Leavitt Road, Land	211-091-000-000	69.74	3,014.00
Federal Street, Land	211-091-016-000	17.23	-
Stonington Drive, Land	211-091-031-000	1.43	-
Off Swallow Road, Land	212-029-001-000	0.17	89,100.00
Off Swallow Road, Land	212-079-000-000	0.11	3,000.00
Off Swallow Road, Land	212-080-000-000	0.04	2,400.00
Durrell Mountain Road, Land	214-009-000-000	168.02	246,500.00
Durrell Mountain Road, Land	214-014-001-000	46.08	322,600.00
Province Road, Land	215-003-000-000	19.73	118,200.00
Province Road, Land	215-003-001-000	7.88	43,800.00
Dutile Road, Land	217-037-000-000	15.36	72,900.00
Dutile Road, Land	217-038-000-000	57.2	172,900.00
Dutile Road, Land	218-042-001-000	0.60	200.00
Dutile Road, Land	218-083-001-000	1	400.00
Dutile Road, Land	218-097-000-000	9.36	63,100.00
149 Hurricane Road, L&B	223-058-000-000	4.51	931,000.00
Hurricane Road, Closed Landfill, Land	223-059-000-000	114	701,700.00
Farrarville Road, Land	225-017-000-000	1	1,800.00
Bean Dam	225-018-000-000	61	1,037.00
Off Province Road, Land	228-024-001-000	54	21,600.00
Province Road, Land	228-029-000-000	0.91	55,700.00
Grimstone Drive, Land	229-024-000-000	36.88	101,800.00
Grimstone Drive, Land	229-034-000-000	8.65	87,200.00
Wildlife Boulevard, Town Forest, Land	230-005-000-000	65	206,900.00
Wildlife Boulevard, Land	230-028-000-000	2.1	3,500.00
Hurricane Road, Land	231-009-000-000	12.96	9,100.00
Hurricane Road	231-009-001-000	2.1	6,400.00
Depot Street, Land	234-003-000-000	2.7	65.00
490 Depot Street, Land	234-004-000-000	188	564,000.00
South Road, Land	235-034-000-000	7.7	15,400.00
Depot Street, Land	235-036-000-000	18	836.00
Depot Street, Land	235-037-000-000	10.46	495,000.00
Depot Street, Land	236-002-000-000	2.1	7,600.00
Depot Street, Land	236-003-000-000	10.7	38,500.00
798 Laconia Road, Park & Ride, Land	237-020-000-000	1.5	218,600.00

Summary of Town Owned Property

<u>Location</u>	<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Aiden Circe (Roadway)	238-004-001-000	6.6	-
Sargent Lake, Land	238-016-000-000	0.04	13,700.00
Arnold Road, Land	239-043-000-000	0.59	20,600.00
Dock Road	239-044-000-000	0.61	30,000.00
Sargent Lake, Land	239-089-000-000	0.07	15,000.00
Gilmanton Road, Water Tank	241-020-000-000	6.5	432,300.00
Shaker Road, L&B	242-031-000-000	37	322,700.00
South Road, Land	243-008-001-000	4	16,000.00
South Road, Land	243-024-000-000	1.3	30,600.00
South Road, Land	243-031-000-000	1.8	400.00
South Road, Land	247-005-000-000	0.92	2,600.00



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Town of Belmont 2023 Tax Assessment

Town Share of Rate:

Total Town Appropriations		\$	12,760,013
Less: Revenues		\$	4,980,592
Add: Overlay		\$	100,974
Add: War Service Credits		\$	250,400
Net Town Appropriations:		\$	7,599,907
Approved Town Tax Rate:	\$	5.86	(33.5% of Total Rate)

School Share of Rate:

Regional School Apportionment		\$	18,911,114
Less: Adequate Education Grant		\$	(5,022,801)
Less: State Education Taxes		\$	(1,599,682)
Approved School Tax Effort:		\$	12,288,631
Local Education Tax Rate:	\$	9.47	(54.5% of Total Rate)

State Education Share of Rate:

		\$	1,599,682
State Education Rate (Equalized):	\$	1.25	(7% of Total Rate)

County Share of Rate:

County Assessment:		\$	1,161,849
Approved County Tax Effort:		\$	1,161,849
Approved County Tax Rate:	\$	0.89	(5% of Total Rate)

Total Property Taxes Assessed:		\$	22,650,069
Less: War Service Credits		\$	(250,400)
Add: Village District Commitment (s)		\$	-
Total Property Tax Commitment:		\$	22,399,669

	Proof of Rate	
Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax \$1,279,417,770	\$ 1.25	\$ 1,599,682
All Other Taxes \$1,297,547,309	\$ 16.22	\$ 21,050,387
	\$ 17.47	\$ 22,650,069

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FORM MS - 6 1

Levy Year: 2023 Year Starting: 01/01/23 Cutoff Date: 12/31/23

Tax Authority: Consolidated Authorities

UNCOLLECTED TAXES		LEVY FOR YEAR	+-----P R I O R L E V Y Y E A R S-----+		
BEGINNING OF YEAR		OF THE REPORT	2022	2021	2020...
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PROPERTY TAXES	#3110	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1113911.27	0.00	0.00
RESIDENT TAXES	#3180	XXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	#3120	XXXXXXXXXXXX	6050.00	0.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	#3185	XXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	#3187	XXXXXXXXXXXX	1639.12	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	#3189	XXXXXXXXXXXX	122226.81	90.00	-287.08
BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES		XXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST		XXXXXXXXXXXX	-115.80	0.00	-104.61
PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX		XXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES		XXXXXXXXXXXX	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER CHARGES		XXXXXXXXXXXX	320.42	0.00	363.41
PROPERTY CR BAL		0.00	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
UTILITY CR BALS		-12.99	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

PROPERTY TAXES	#3110	22455315.03	0.00
RESIDENT TAXES	#3180	0.00	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	#3120	110050.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	#3185	37433.29	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	#3187	10821.20	0.00
UTILITIES	#3189	907317.56	0.00
BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES		0.00	0.00
OTHER CHARGES		9774.60	21.00

OVERPAYMENT

PROPERTY TAXES	#3110	32381.25	112596.74	0.00	0.00
RESIDENT TAXES	#3180	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	#3120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	#3185	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	#3187	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	#3189	108.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER CHARGES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

INTEREST PENALTIES & COSTS

COLLECT.INT.-LATE TAXES	#3190	7738.98	33594.82	0.00	7.95
PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX	#3190	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES	#3190	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COSTS BEFORE LIEN	#3190	2817.00	4012.00	40.00	19.25

TOTAL DEBITS	23573744.04	1394256.38	130.00	-1.08
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FORM MS - 61

Levy Year: 2023 Year Starting: 01/01/23 Cutoff Date: 12/31/23

Tax Authority: Consolidated Authorities

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	+-----P R I O R L E V Y Y E A R S-----+		
	OF THE REPORT	2022	2021	2020...

PROPERTY TAXES	21431385.14	848926.71	0.00	27.71
RESIDENT TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	84572.81	6050.00	0.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	33719.23	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	10821.20	1378.87	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	731439.69	104908.43	0.00	45.00
BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	7738.98	33595.74	0.00	7.95
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	1662.00	281891.72	0.00	0.00
COST NOT LIENED	1155.00	1351.00	40.00	19.25
OTHER CHARGES	8135.83	341.42	0.00	0.00
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ABATEMENTS MADE				

PROPERTY TAXES	56574.88	113087.87	0.00	0.00
RESIDENT TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	1092.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	1470.20	503.40	0.00	0.00
BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	0.00	-94.75	0.00	0.00
PENALTIES -RESIDENT TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENALTIES -OTHER TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				

PROPERTY TAXES	1027695.52	2112.71	0.00	-27.71
RESIDENT TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	24384.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	3714.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	177349.67	225.23	90.00	-332.08
BETTERMENT & OTHER TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	0.00	-21.97	0.00	-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	1638.77	0.00	0.00	363.41
PROPERTY CR BAL	-27959.26	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
UTILITY CR BALS	-2833.88	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
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TOTAL CREDITS	23573757.03	1394256.38	130.00	-1.08

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FORM MS-61

Levy Year: 2023 Year Starting: 01/01/23 Cutoff Date: 12/31/23

Tax Authority: Consolidated Authorities

D E B I T S				
	LAST YEAR'S LEVY (2022)	+-----P R I O R L E V Y Y E A R S-----+		
DEBITS		2021	2020	2019...
UNREDEEMED LIENS -BEG. OF YEAR	0.00	169241.18	121041.86	391689.09
LIENS EXECUTED DURING YEAR	297547.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST & COSTS	2272.85	8057.01	7412.47	49483.50
TOTAL DEBITS	299820.00	177298.19	128454.33	441172.59

C R E D I T S				
	LAST YEAR'S LEVY (2022)	+-----P R I O R L E V Y Y E A R S-----+		
REMITTED TO TREASURER		2021	2020	2019...
REDEMPTIONS	80967.87	62092.71	33879.99	64956.17
INTEREST & COSTS #3190	2272.85	8057.01	7412.47	51638.34
ABATEMENTS OF UNREDEEMED TAX	8236.44	2527.28	1416.49	4307.03
LIENS DEEDED TO MUNICIPALITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNREDEEMED LIEN BAL #1110	208342.84	104621.19	85745.38	320271.05
TOTAL CREDITS	299820.00	177298.19	128454.33	441172.59

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

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.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE:

J. Cashman

DATE:

2/12/24

Tax Exempt Properties

<u>Owner/ Location</u>	<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., L&B	205-018	5.65	547,900
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., Land	205-020	7.76	75,500
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., Land	205-016	6.58	82,400
Belknap County 4-H Fair Assoc., Land	205-017	7.5	94,300
Belknap County 4-H Foundation, Land	210-029	59	229,200
Belknap County 4-H Foundation, Land	210-030	43.78	231,100
Belmont Elderly Housing, Inc., L&B	124-021	4.5	2,163,200
Belmont Historical Society, L&B	212-065	3.32	321,200
Catholic Church Parish, L&B	122-045	1.4	1,346,200
Catholic Church Parish, L&B	122-117	7.29	681,400
Central Baptist Church, L&B	222-024	2.96	339,600
First Baptist Church, L&B	122-022	2.94	1,118,600
First Baptist Church, L&B	122-021	0.95	407,800
Genera Corporation, L&B	243-017	3.18	359,000
Genera Corporation, Land	243-018	3.1	654,900
Lakes Region Child Care	217-104	0.82	399,500
Lochmere Village District	117-004	1.5	228,200
NH Public Utilities, Land	201-012	5.6	663,400
NH, State of, DOT, Land	237-019	1	180,300
NH, State of, DOT, Land	126-016	2.48	196,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	241-007	0.66	16,800
NH, State of, DOT, Land	230-039	0.368	14,700
NH, State of, DOT, Land	224-020	1	30,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	224-043	1.15	181,900
NH, State of, DOT, Land	224-044	0.22	125,700
NH, State of, DOT, Land	201-014	3.5	14,000
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-083	0.28	79,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-074	1.7	136,800
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-060	1.55	68,900
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-071	0.46	69,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	122-066	0.25	87,800
NH, State of, DOT, Land	204-022	1.2	96,100
NH, State of, DOT, Land	205-067	0.3	34,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	217-094	0.33	14,200
NH, State of, DOT, Land	230-038	0.057	2,800
NH, State of, DOT, Land	243-030	0.11	3,000
NH, State of, L&B	235-033	23	933,300

Tax Exempt Properties

<u>Owner/ Location</u>	<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
NH, State of, Land	115-005	1.6	94,400
NH, State of, Land	126-010	3	202,800
NH, State of, Land	230-042	3	107,400
NH, State of, L&B	229-089	6.5	226,400
NH, State of, L&B	230-110	3.7	457,700
NH, State of, Land	228-016	29.1	130,600
NH, State of, Land	201-004	9.3	14,900
NH, State of, Land	201-010	21	545,700
NH, State of, Land	201-006	1.2	1,900
NH, State of, Land	201-015	2.4	130,400
NH, State of, Land	205-065	0.26	33,200
NH, State of, Land	210-021	0.63	41,600
NH, State of, Land	211-050	1.6	6,200
NH, State of, L&B	122-084	0.97	166,400
NH, State of, Land	121-121	0.69	42,300
NH, State of, Land	104-065	0.6	289,200
NH, State of, Land	102-004	1.4	246,000
NH, State of, Land	102-014	1.9	63,200
NH, State of, Land	101-005	2.7	26,500
NH, State of, Land	114-002	13.42	185,400
NH, State of, Land	230-103	1.2	182,400
NH, State of, L&B	243-028-000-001	0.13	56,200
NH, State of, Land	117-005	2.2	330,900
NH, State of, DOT, Land	104-001	2	15,900
NH, State of, DOT, Land	104-020	5.6	19,500
NH, State of, DOT, Land	107-003	1	31,700
NH, State of, DOT, Land	111-048	3.6	17,600
NH, State of, DOT, Land	114-001	8.1	22,100
NH, State of, Land	210-006	0.35	144,700
NH, State of, Land	114-006	0.2	42,600
NH, State of, Dept of Safety	126-011	6.58	1,795,100
Province Road Grange, L&B	212-064	0.48	150,500
Save our Gale School	126-026-001-000	1	502,200
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	121-117	55	5,253,900
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	125-019	22.36	5,787,500
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	125-026	0.8	95,900
Shaker Regional School District, L&B	237-014	36.88	15,180,500
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-068	0	20,600

Tax Exempt Properties

<u>Owner/ Location</u>	<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-015	0	400
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-050	0	1,600
Solar Village Association, Bldg	206-062	0	3,500
South Road Cemetery, L&B	244-003	3	75,200
Sun Lake Village LLC, Bldg	101-001	0	14700
Sunray Improvement Assoc., L&B	107-169	0.09	62,500
Sunray Shores Imp Association	107-072	0.5	2,000
Sunray Shores imp Association	107-063	0.21	2,600
Water Resources Board, Land	114-004	3.1	810,300
Water Resources Board, L&B	114-005	3.9	1,211,900
Westview Meadows Homeowners	106-012	27	0



Photo taken by Lisa Fontaine-Storez

American Red Cross



Belknap County Service Delivery July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **12 disaster cases** in **Belknap County**, providing assistance to **34 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Belmont	1	5
Center Barnstead	4	10
Center Harbor	2	6
Gilford	1	5
Laconia	1	3
Meredith	3	5

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Belknap County to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We made **9 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Blood Drives

We collected **2,822** pints of lifesaving blood at **126** drives in Belknap County.

Training Services

Last year, **642 Belknap County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **44** of **Belknap County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Volunteer Services

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 disasters 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.



CASA



January 2024

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of
New Hampshire
FY23 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 2023	1,549 children	110 children	67 Children

Since 1989 CASA of NH has been helping abused and neglected children in our state by giving them a voice in our family courts.

Recently, the effects of the pandemic have begun to surface, leading to a rise in both the number and complexity of cases. We are faced with some of the most severe neglect of children that I have witnessed during my tenure. Children and families clearly struggled during the long months of isolation.

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, likely to receive better services, and more likely to 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.

Although the goal of a CASA advocate is to ensure that victimized children are placed in stable and permanent homes, there is still a constant flux of children in and out of the child protective system. These children are often relocated multiple times throughout the course of an abuse/neglect case- moving from one foster or relative home to another and transferring schools multiple times a year. Your support also helps children who are in a relative placement or foster home in the Town of Belmont, children who use the Belmont school system, or children with relatives/caretakers in Belmont.

Community Action Program



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.

While the Laconia Center provides referrals and information for a variety of needs, there are two major areas of direct support provided to community members fuel and electric assistance. Below are the specific data from Belmont residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide \$728,543.50 in energy assistance 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

ENERGY AND FOOD ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN PAST YEAR

PROGRAM	Description	Units of Service	Value
Fuel Assistance Program	Assists income eligible households with cost of energy during prime heating season. This year, benefits were also given to assist with cooling costs.	Enrolled: 320 households 614 people	\$513,838.86-heat
Electric Assistance Program	Assists income eligible households by providing a specific tier of discount ranging from 8% to 76% off electric bills	Enrolled: 253 households	\$141,239.18 amount of discount
Weatherization	Improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households	9 households	\$92,804.00
Other (smaller programs, agency funded)	Smaller programs with funds assisting with urgent energy needs (shut offs, disconnects, etc)	28 households	\$15,347.31
Emergency Food Assistance Program	This program provides USDA food to local food pantries for free	Cases of food allocated to First Baptist Belmont	\$11,394.25
Laconia Food Pantry	This food pantry is run 100% by our resource center staff with only local funding	176 households approx 1,584 meals	\$7,920 Value: \$5/meal

Franklin VNA & Hospice

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 completing advanced directives to community groups upon request.

Our agency also participates in the Winnepesaukee 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 2023:

- Provided 10,255 visits to 735 patients in homes, facilities, and retirement communities.
- Provided 2,216 Hospice visits to 65 patients in homes, facilities, and retirement communities.
- Held 32 blood pressure clinics servicing 150 community members.
- Held 51-foot care clinics servicing 306 community members.
- 110 flu shots were administered to patients and community members.
- Provided \$242,591 in unreimbursed care and community health clinics.

Service Summary for Belmont:

Service Type	Number of Visits
Skilled Nursing	308
Therapy	231
Medical Social Work	26
Home Health Aide	63

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 www.Franklinvna.org 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



Report to the Town of Belmont, NH 2023

Granite VNA (formerly Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice and Concord Regional VNA) is a nonprofit home health and hospice agency serving 82 communities in the Central, Capital, and Lakes Regions of New Hampshire. The agency provides professional healthcare services in people's homes to allow them to recover from illness or injury, manage a chronic disease, or receive end-of-life care in the peace and comfort of their own home. We are proud to note that the agency has been providing services to New Hampshire's Lakes Region for over 100 years.

We are grateful to the Town of Belmont for the continued financial support. We are privileged and honored to provide the residents with services from all of our programs. This past year Granite VNA made a total of 161,537 home healthcare visits throughout New Hampshire (see details below). Of those visits, 5,405 were to residents of Belmont. In addition to home care and hospice services, the agency provides free wellness education presentations such as aging well and managing stress.

Granite VNA by the numbers:

- 134,090 visits to 8,904 home care patients in homes, facilities, and retirement communities
- 27,447 visits to 1,143 hospice patients in homes, assisted living communities, retirement communities, skilled nursing facilities, and at Granite VNA Hospice House
- Team members traveled 1,838,643 miles to deliver services and programs to community members in need
- 3,400 visits to Foot Care Clinics
- 884 community members participated in 94 group and online community wellness programs
- 1,384 flu shots were administered by our nurses to adults and children
- 939 "Baby's First Homecoming" in-home nursing visits for new mothers and their infants to safely transition home from Concord Hospital
- 1,188 encounters for bereaved individuals during support groups, visits, memorial services, and educational presentations
- 6,373 hours that our volunteers generously gave of their time and talent

Services Summary, Belmont:

- 278 residents served by Granite VNA
- 5,405 home care, hospice, and community health visits in community
- 33 residents served at four wellness education presentations
- 14 residents served through PATHS (Positive Aging Through Home Supports)
- 10 residents served at preventive health classes
- 7 residents served at balance screenings

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Lakes Region Mental Health



Request for Belmont Allocation in Fiscal Year 2023: \$14,000

Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) is designated by the state as the 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.

A CMHC serves the most vulnerable people that require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access needed services. Because of the nature of this work, LRMHC's annual budget is comprised of up to 70% Medicaid reimbursements. The resulting loss of Medicaid reimbursement revenue due to the expiration of the public health emergency (COVID), known as "unwinding", combined with increased case management efforts to re-engage this population and help those that are eligible to access benefits, has resulted in an unprecedented, extremely challenging 2024 Fiscal Budget year for LRMHC, as well as other community health agencies. The support of the towns we serve is more important than ever so that we can maintain services.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) "Mission Zero" plan to eliminate hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding by 2025 is a top focus of NH's 10-year Mental Health Plan. Because of the central location in the state, LRMHC has agreed to be a leader of this initiative and will dedicate part of the LRMHC Plymouth office location as a crisis center called "**A Place to Go**", expected to open in 2024. A Place to Go will offer people in crisis with acute psychiatric needs access to care and supports to address their immediate psychological needs.

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, 2021, to June 30, 2023, LRMHC served **3,622** patients, and provided over **\$319,000** in charity care.

270 residents of Belmont accessed LRMHC services: 93 children (0-17), 143 adults (18-61), and 34 elders (62+). **\$26,132** in charity care was provided by LRMHC to Belmont residents.

Belmont residents represent over **8%** of the LRMHC catchment area. Similar to 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. Your appropriation ensures the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduces the burden on your town.

Respect

Advocacy

Integrity

Stewardship

Excellence

Diversity

40 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246 | 81 Highland Street, Gilmanton, NH 03264
Tel 603-524-1100 * www.lrmhc.org

New Beginnings

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 2022-2023 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 dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support, and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence.

New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, providing services to 36 residents of Belmont in FY23. Advocates provided 108 services to Belmont residents, including counseling, hospital accompaniment, accompaniment to court and the Child Advocacy Center, parental support, support groups, safety planning, financial assistance, 76 bed nights in emergency shelter, and assistance obtaining pro-bono legal counsel. 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 with the goal of reducing 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 Executive Director 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.

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,

Shauna Foster
Executive Director





Belmont Focused 2023 Report:

Substance Misuse and Suicide Prevention

National Night out in Belmont: disseminated Parent Handbooks for elementary, middle, and high school aged children, Detera Drug Disposal bags, Fentanyl test strips, 211/988 informational products, Veteran crisis line informational products, Dear Me and My Life My Quit resources and informational pamphlets, and community resource pamphlets.

Meeting set up with Vanessa Sandvil from the Belmont SAU to discuss the needs of the town and high school and set up this school year's supports and events.



Emergency Preparedness and Response

PPH also serves as the lead agency for coordinating public health emergency preparedness and response activities ranging from ice storms to bioterrorism. In partnership with town officials, health officers, firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, school systems and others the Partnership has successfully developed, tested, and evaluated the Lakes Region's Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. We believe that ongoing collaboration to enhance preparedness and response capabilities is essential to the safety and well-being of the public.

Although the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency declaration ended in May 2023, the Partnership for Public Health, Winnepesaukee Public Health Network continues to work with federal, state, and local governmental partners and non-government agencies to monitor disease spread in our communities and maintain a state of operational readiness to respond to outbreaks as directed by NH Department of Public Health Services.

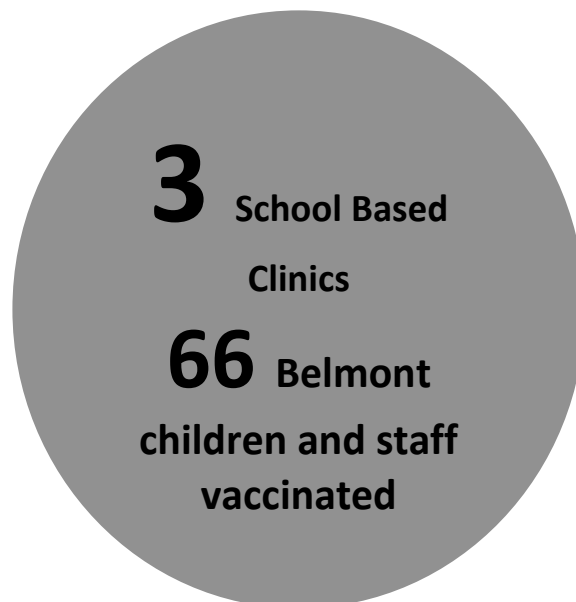
Partnership for Public Health

We continue to work with our community partners to provide information and resources to our local communities. The Partnership is engaged with our partners in developing strategic initiatives to address and implement policy and operational improvement opportunities identified in the COVID 19 After Action/Improvement Plan report.

The Partnership has invested significant resources to enhance emergency sheltering operations. Although each community by RSA is responsible to provide emergency sheltering for its residents, the Partnership stands ready to support those efforts with a 12-person Rapid Response Emergency Shelter Trailer. This response unit offers all needed materials to shelter 12 individuals and pets. The Partnership makes this unit available through each community's Emergency Management Director.

The school-based flu clinic program offers free flu immunizations to students ages 4-19 and is offered to schools in the region in the hopes of reducing influenza outbreaks, creating herd immunity, and increasing access to care. Through this program the Partnership dispensed free seasonal flu vaccines to the community's high school, middle school, and elementary school students. These clinics were scheduled for October 23, 24, 26, 2023. In the previous clinic season the following clinics were provided:

FREE SCHOOL BASED SEASONAL FLU CLINICS Fall 2023		
Belmont Elementary School	12 doses administered	
Belmont Middle School	19 doses administered	
Belmont High School	35 doses administered	



Partnership for Public Health

ServiceLink

The Partnership offers many programs and services in the town of Belmont. Among them is ServiceLink Resource Center that provides FREE information, referrals and assistance to connect older adults, adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers with resources in their communities. ServiceLink continues to offer long-term care options, Medicare counseling, care transition services as well as support for caregivers. Last year, ServiceLink helped over **300** Belmont residents.

337

**Belmont
resident
assistance calls**

Public Health Council

The Partnership's service area includes the communities of Alton, Barnstead, Belmont, Center Harbor, Danbury, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hill, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton. Facilitated by the Partnership the Winnepesaukee Public Health Council (WPHC) is the region's Public Health Advisory Council. The role of the Council is to identify regional public health priorities based on assessments of community health; guide the implementation of programs, practices, and policies that are evidence-based to meet improved health outcomes; and advance the coordination of services among partners. Additionally, the Council structure builds on existing leadership and coordinating groups across a number of public health priorities based on regional priorities and capacity. It has **33** members representing **15** communities and is responsible for completing a Community Health Needs Assessment for the region.

Community Health Needs Assessment:

[Concord-Lakes-Region-2023-Community-Health-Needs-Assessment-9.4.23-2.pdf \(pphnh.org\)](#)

PPH partnered with Concord Hospital in 2023 to complete a community health needs assessment, the first involving the new hospital partnership. There were 19 respondents from Belmont for the needs assessment. This assessment is used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which the members of the council use to collectively focus efforts to improve the wellbeing of the community members.

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



WAYPOINT

Help Along the Way

January 2, 2024

Board of Selectman, Town of Belmont
PO Box 310
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RE: Town of Belmont Annual Report 2023

Waypoint was founded in 1850 in response to the adverse impact that New England's Industrial Revolution had on the well-being of children and their families. Our mission is to empower people of all ages through an array of human services and advocacy. Waypoint serves 7,500 individuals on average each year with 90% of our clients living in poverty or with extremely low incomes.

Historically, Waypoint has been the first service provider to respond to the state's most pressing needs and is increasingly focusing on prevention. Research shows that 60 percent of the US population will experience at least one year of poverty, and three-quarters will experience either poverty or near poverty. Poverty, homelessness, and the toxic stress associated with both have long-term impacts on a personal, community, and economic level.

The services listed are all available to the residents of Belmont and are extensively utilized. The funds received from the Town of Belmont play a crucial role in supporting these services, ensuring they remain accessible and effective for those in need. This partnership exemplifies our shared commitment to fostering a supportive and thriving community.

Waypoint's Family Resource Center is a community-based hub offering support to strengthen families and build resilience, so all household members thrive. Through the FRC, we provide a broad range of voluntary programs and services that promote successful parenting, increase family stability, promote socialization in families, enhance child development, and provide concrete support in times of crisis, all at no cost to families. When a family is in crisis, they need solutions right away. Family Resource Centers can bridge this gap. They are designed to help stabilize families and meet immediate needs (diapers, food, etc.) while a more extensive plan is developed to support the family.

We work closely with the local schools and Salvation Army as well as food pantries. Our goal is to connect families to resources that exist without duplicating services.

Specific activities include:

- Children and Family Programs: Activities like Playgroups and family fun nights bolster social connections and help build parental knowledge and social and emotional competence in children.
- Home Visiting: Family Support Caseworkers provide a range of support that helps improve family well-being and prevent future involvement with DCYF.



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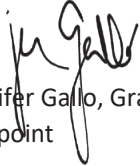
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- Health Care Coordination: Support program for families with children who have special health care needs.
- Family Support: Helping families enhance life skills and independent living skills as outlined in goal plans families create with staff. Offering strength-based workshops/presentations that focus on family success and resiliency.
- Local Resource Connection: Connecting families to local resources such as food pantries and enrollment in longer-term solutions such as SNAP and health insurance.
- Emergency Support Provision: Providing concrete support through a basic need closet stocked with food, hygiene supplies, emergency supplies, basic necessities, and gift cards.

We deeply appreciate your ongoing support, which is instrumental in ensuring we can continue to provide these high-quality, comprehensive services to Belmont residents. On behalf of the children and families we serve, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Warm Wishes,



Jennifer Gallo, Grant Specialist
Waypoint

Veteran's Acknowledgement

*We proudly thank the men and women of Belmont
who have served our country.*

In 2023, Belmont had

395 qualified Veterans

who received a Veteran's Exemption.

We thank you for your service!





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