

Belmont Town Election

Voter Guide

for the

April 7th Town Election

to be held on

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

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LETTER FROM OUR TOWN CLERK URGES EVERYONE TO VOTE ABSENTEE

The Belmont Select Board voted to postpone the Annual Town Election from April 7th, 2020 to June 23, 2020 due to the Covid-19 State of Emergency. In keeping with the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for social distancing and the Governor's State of Emergency and Stay at Home order, the **Belmont Town Clerk recommends voting by mail**. On March 23, 2020, the Massachusetts Legislature passed special legislation to **allow expanded absentee voting because of health concerns during the COVID-19 State of Emergency**.

To receive an absentee ballot by mail, you need to request the ballot in writing, with your signature. On the **back cover** is an **application**, that may be completed, signed and submitted. We can also accept a written note with your name, voting address, mailing address and signature. You may request absentee ballots be mailed to you for the remainder of 2020. If you do request ballots for the remainder of 2020, you must specify which Massachusetts party ballot you would like to receive for the September 1st Massachusetts State Primary: Democratic, Green-Rainbow, Libertarian, or Republican. If the all-year request does not include the party ballot choice, no primary ballot can be sent to the voter. An Absentee Ballot Application form is included in this Voter Guide and is also available on the Town Clerk's web pages: <https://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-absentee-voting-early-voting>

Many hundreds of voters have already requested and received their absentee ballots. All Belmont ballots were printed for the original April 7th date. Per Special Act of the legislature, those absentee ballots are valid and will be used for the June 23rd Annual Town Election. We will be mailing ballots out in the order we receive requests, so we recommend filing your request as soon as possible. The legal deadline to request an absentee ballot is at noon, June 22nd, but, realistically, you should allow plenty of extra time for mail delivery in both directions.

At this time, Town Hall is closed to the public, so there is no in-office absentee voting. The only absentee option is to have a ballot mailed to you.

You may submit your *signed* request (application or note) by email to townclerk@belmont-ma.gov (by a clear scan, pdf, or photo), by fax to 617-993-2601, by mail, or by depositing your request in the Town Clerk's new mailbox at Town Hall, located directly outside the doors facing the parking lot.

As always, every voted absentee ballot received by the close of polls will be counted on Election Day.

Lastly, the last date to register to vote in Belmont, to qualify for the Annual Town Election of June 23rd, as well as any future elections, is Friday, June 12th. Register online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com and you will receive a letter, confirming your status as a voter, from the Town Clerk's office.

Any questions, please email townclerk@belmont-ma.gov or call us at 617-993-2603 during the pandemic when Town Hall is closed to the public. We are still working and happy to help.

Thank you.

Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Belmont Town Clerk

VOTER GUIDE

for the

BELMONT TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

7AM to 8PM

This Guide is prepared by members of the League of Women Voters of Belmont to provide you with information on all of the candidates who will appear on your ballot for this election.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization. It does not endorse or oppose any candidates. The League's purpose is to promote political responsibility through the informed and active participation of all citizens.

All candidates were contacted by email and asked to respond to the following question: **"Belmont citizens look to our elected officials for fair and responsible solutions to the issues facing our community. Please pick an issue or two from this list, and describe what you have done recently &/or how you would deal with this in the future: capital projects (e.g. library, skating rink), housing (e.g. McLean), schools, taxes, traffic, and transparency."** Responses were limited to 100 words and printed verbatim as written by the candidates. For the first time, we are also including contact information, if provided by the candidates.

Candidates who did not reply to the questionnaire sent to them by the League are included in the Guide so that you will have a complete list of candidates.

An asterisk (*) preceding the candidate's name denotes an incumbent. Where applicable, attendance at Town Meeting for the past three years, according to the Town Clerk's records, is given in parentheses. The second number indicates the number of Town Meetings the candidate was eligible to attend. If one or more Special Town Meetings are held on the same night as a regular Town Meeting, each is counted as a separate meeting. Some candidates were previously elected at caucuses or moved within Belmont. They are not incumbents, but their attendance is noted.

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The League usually offers free rides to the polls for every election, but not during this COVID-19 time. **The LWV encourages all voters to vote Absentee!** For more information about the League, go to our web page: BelmontLWV.org

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN-WIDE OFFICE

MODERATOR

For One Year

Vote for not more than One

* MICHAEL J. WIDMER

126 Gilbert Road

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Belmont's Town Meeting is going through a transition with the electronic roll call vote. The issue caused serious disagreement at last spring's meetings. I and other Town leaders subsequently oversaw a process which led to a good debate at last fall's Town Meeting and the meeting's decision to use the electronic roll call for almost all votes. This spring will be the first test of the new system. I will make sure we have a smooth transition and that we collectively assess whether we need to make any refinements. Thank you for supporting me as Moderator for these many years.

MEMBER OF THE SELECT BOARD

For Three Years

Vote for not more than One

* ADAM DASH

12 Goden Street

Contact: electadamdash@gmail.com, www.electadamdash.com

I have worked hard over the past three years on these issues and produced results. With the help of Town committees, and with the dedication of Town Staff, we extended the 2015 override for a sixth year, pushed the McLean developer to provide more affordable units, improved tax relief for seniors, conducted a town-wide traffic study, created a traffic calming policy, brought back the Youth Commission, and drafted rules to make the Select Board's operations more transparent, all while keeping our AAA bond rating and having top-notch schools. We face challenges ahead, but we can tackle them together.

TREASURER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than One

* FLOYD S. CARMAN

184 Brighton Street

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Belmont faces many financial challenges. They include sustaining voter-approved levels of town and school services while investing in roads, water & sewer system, electric system and school & town buildings. The Treasurer must represent the financial interest of all residents, those that have

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the financial resources and those that may not. I will continue to implement sound financial practices and planning efforts in debt management, revenue collections, cash flow and investment management.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For Three Years

Vote for not more than One

* ROBERT P. REARDON

73 Van Ness Road

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The problems facing the Town of Belmont are many, including school and government funding issues and numerous capital and infrastructure needs. State aid, efficiency in town government and cuts in the labor force have allowed the Town to mask the hidden problem of limited revenues to keep pace. Although there are many worthy projects that need to be addressed difficult decisions must be made to use available funds in the most prudent manner and not overburden the homeowners with tax increases. Town meeting must promote responsible development through zoning and continue to make government operations more efficient.

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

For Three Years

Vote for not more than One

* ALEXANDER E. CORBETT, III

114 Alexander Avenue

Contact: (617) 908-3363

I am truly looking forward to another term and working with my fellow commissioners. We have some exciting things planned for both of our beautiful cemeteries! A shout out and thank you to the Department of Public Works staff for their support and assistance, as well. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, once again!

BOARD OF HEALTH

For Three Years

Vote for not more than One

* DONNA SUE DAVID

589 Belmont Street

Contact: (617) 943-6513

As a long-standing member of the Board of Health, my priorities remain with keeping our town informed on current health issues, with up to date and accurate information on health issues.

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Working with our Staff and Board, the goals of taking preventive measures toward achieving healthy lives remains of importance. Emergency preparedness is also a priority, and along with our Health Department Staff and Board, we stand ready to assist those in our Town.

MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

For Five Years

Vote for not more than One

* DONNA BRESCIA

14 Fairview Avenue

Contact: donnabrescia@aol.com

I have served on the Housing Authority Board for 10 years. I worked with the Board to hire a new Executive Director, begin the redrafting of policies and negotiate labor contracts. Recently, the Department of Housing and Community Development asked for proposals to develop new affordable housing. We have started reviewing this as an option, perhaps using the parking lot at Belmont Village, to build more senior housing for low and moderate income households. This will become an urgent need as people age and have lower earned income, yet may own a home they can no longer afford to maintain.

TRUSTEES OF BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Two

* KATHLEEN KEOHANE

19 Rutledge Road

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The Library is a vital resource that serves everyone in our community. 64% of Belmont residents have a library account and use the services that we offer. In my tenure as Trustee, we have continued to drive innovation in programming while enhancing partnerships with the schools, the Senior Center, and community groups. We have increased children's room and Sunday hours, and have done all this with strong budget management. I am committed to continuing to be a champion for our information and innovation objectives in partnership with each of our patrons. I ask for your support, engagement, and vote.

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* GAIL S. MANN

196 Payson Road

Contact: gailsmann@aol.com

During my two terms as Trustee, I have worked collaboratively and diligently with my fellow Trustees, the Library Director and staff, and all stakeholders to support excellent programs and services that adapt to the community's changing needs and priorities. As Trustee, I will continue to support the construction of a new 21st century Library facility that is safe, accessible to all, cost-effective, and energy-efficient to better serve the thousands of patrons of all demographics that visit the Library each year. I ask for your vote on April 7th.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Two

* CATHERINE AC BOWEN

67 Bartlett Avenue

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I hope to continue to support the 7-12 school project in its educational goals and alignment with community expectations. I support and commend the interdisciplinary and project-based learning initiatives and the critical focus on social and emotional learning — all paths to life-long learning and engaged citizenry. Continuing to partner in collective projects such as the Community Path, ensuring adequate resources for operations, addressing deferred maintenance, sustaining and restoring natural play areas, improving safety and health in the learning environment, and planning for the impacts of climate change are top priorities.

* MICHAEL F. CROWLEY

119 Farnham Street

Contact: (617) 752-2250

I'm completing a one-year term and seeking reelection to the School Committee. Funding is the most important issue facing Belmont's schools. Most of our children get a good education, but we operate a financially lean school system with growing enrollment. We also have unmet needs. Some class sizes are too large. We need math coaches. We should fully staff special education teams. I'm paying special attention to the school budget, but more resources are needed, including a significant November tax override. Without it, we will have potential layoffs, classroom overcrowding, and worse outcomes. We can't afford to fail Belmont's children.

PRECINCT I

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* HEATHER A. BARR

180 School Street

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Contact: heather_a_barr@hotmail.com

My two top priorities are the environment and education. Throughout my time in Belmont, I have worked to keep our streets safe for pedestrians and to ensure that open spaces stay available for recreational use. This past year I have advocated for tennis courts at the new high school, campaigned to keep advanced math opportunities for middle school students and supported outdoor learning at Burbank's garden classroom. Town Meeting informs my work on these targeted initiatives, and the understanding I have gained helps me to better represent our community.

* DANIEL PATRICK BARRY

129 Goden Street

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Contact: (617) 489-5144, danbarbarai@verizon.net

Over the last decade, student enrollment has climbed dramatically and our class sizes are now much higher than they once were. I actively campaigned for the 2015 override and the 2018 debt exclusion for the Grade 7-12 school to maintain the quality of our educational system, preserve critical police, fire and other town services, and protect our property values. I will continue to support our excellent schools while also promoting responsible commercial development to ease our tax burden, encouraging housing alternatives that will permit our seniors to stay in Belmont, and advocating for greater transparency in our municipal affairs.

* CAROLYN J. BISHOP

7 Orchard Street

(22 of 25)

Contact: pick4carry@hotmail.com

Historically Belmont has relied on dedicated volunteers for major project plans. With BMHS underway, other projects loom. By attending meetings, staying informed, commenting on details, I consistently urge practicality, efficiency and ease of future maintenance with a focus on functionality over extravagant frills. Obvious concerns are high taxes, cut-through traffic, sustainability as we proceed. Additional priorities include supporting our superb music program, BMHS tennis courts, PVSolar, and a regulation size ice rink built largely with donations and controlled/managed to meet OUR needs with the future in mind. I'm grateful for your consideration.

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* REED F. BUNDY

259 School Street

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This past term, I prioritized the safety and well-being of Belmont's children and pedestrians by personally working with town planners, Belmont Police and Superintendent Phelan to install traffic calming measures on School Street and surrounding the Burbank School. I hope you will re-elect me so that I can continue building our vibrant community by thoughtfully investing in our youth, supporting Belmont's local small businesses, and of course, strengthening town-wide traffic safety initiatives. Thank you for your support and for taking the time to vote on April 7th.

* HOLLY HART MUSON

40 Temple Street

(19 of 25)

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Belmont is very proactive in working to keep our environment healthy. One effort currently underway is to construct a community path from Brighton Street to Waltham to enable safe access for all residents across the town. Having a deep interest in developing attractive routes that separate pedestrians and cyclists from automobile traffic as much as possible, I am delighted to be a member of the Community Path Project Committee, working to make this path a reality for students, adults, commuters and recreational users. I will continue to strive to make the town as safe, welcoming and sustainable as possible.

* CORINNE MCCUE OLMSTED

28 Stone Road

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Successfully addressing Belmont's public safety, infrastructure, traffic and economic needs is important to Belmont's future. As an economist, I have experience in objective economic and financial analysis — I have and will continue to support solutions for Belmont that are effective, sustainable and fiscally responsible. I support education in Belmont — schools and library — serving as a library trustee and liaison to the school committee; I actively participate in public meetings regarding budget and capital projects; I have supported residents' concerns regarding proposed traffic changes and speeding. I am an informed and active TMM and I will continue to be your advocate.

* EMILY A. PETERSON

22 Glendale Road

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Last year representing Precinct 1, I supported transparency in Town Meeting votes, advocated with the Orchard Street neighborhood to achieve appropriate traffic solutions to mitigate the impact of

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the new high school entrance. More capital developments are on the horizon, and we need to strike the balance between optimal benefit to town residents, supporting future growth and keeping costs reasonable, especially considering recent significant tax increases. The library, public-private skating rink and continued safe roads for biking are priorities. I support affordable senior housing in the McLean property and will promote the increase and replacement of Belmont's tree canopy.

* YVETTE J. TENNEY

70 Bow Road

(25 of 25)

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Funding for schools and construction of the library — partially supported by private donations — are top priorities. The cost to taxpayers will be offset by the positive changes to our community as we complete the list of long-awaited building projects. As property values rise, there is a need for housing that seniors and others can afford. However, proposed development of rental apartments and small townhouses at McLean must be weighed in light of the projected impact on schools (currently being studied) and traffic. Reducing carbon emissions and not eliminating the new school's solar panels is critical for Belmont's climate action plan.

ANDREW W. BAKER

168 Watson Road

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Belmont faces unique and difficult challenges over the next few years. People who have lived here for years are having difficulty paying their rising taxes. Also, we need to deliver on many community projects that will help us build for the future, such as the high school, police station and the library. I intend to seek out creative solutions to our problems that do not raise individual taxes, but allow us to move forward as a community. Thank you for your support.

DAVID ALEXANDER LIND

68 Fairmont Street

Contact: (617) 717-8441, davidlind@gmail.com

I grew up in town, graduating from Belmont High in 2001. Lara and I are happy to be back, to raise our five children in the town we love. My hope is that Belmont remains a welcoming, caring, tight-knit community for all. My professional life is built on understanding and representing the diverse, evolving needs of customers. I will bring the same skills, passion, and approach to Town Meeting. Our schools and library, our roads and recreation, our town services and budget, all need creative problem solving that balance both short and long-term needs. Thank you for your vote.

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ALEX K. THURSTON

101 Baker Street

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Traffic is a townwide issue. To educate myself on the challenges of traffic in Belmont, I have attended Traffic Impact Study meetings and regularly read Senator Brownsberger's traffic newsletter. In the future, I will attend traffic-concerned committee meetings. Larger scale, I would encourage ways for the town to work with neighboring towns to mitigate traffic flow into and out of Belmont, as this is not only a Belmont issue, but a region wide issue. I have children in Burbank and BHS and am a strong supporter of Belmont Public Schools.

ELIZABETH F. WOO

16 Randolph Street

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Last spring, I was voted in by caucus of elected Precinct 1 TMMs to fill the vacant spot. I then gathered the handful of minority TMMs to discuss how to improve diversity representation within TM. As a Belmont resident for over 20 years, I have deep ties to this community since my husband grew up here and my boys are students at BHS & CMS. As a local business owner, I have helped town non-profits to fundraise. I believe in supporting our schools, maintaining town services, and developing housing options for seniors to stay in town while prioritizing fiscal sobriety.

BREDA ZIMKUS

134 Concord Avenue

Contact: bzimkus@outlook.com

I was involved in the YES for Belmont campaign to fund the 7-12 School because I saw the value not only for my children (who attend Burbank Elementary and Chenery Middle School) but for our entire town. I would like to represent Precinct 1 to ensure that fiscally responsible decisions continue to be made in regards to our schools and future capital projects. As a resident of Concord Avenue, I am also very concerned with increasing traffic and want to help find solutions that keep Belmont's roadways safe for both pedestrians and cyclists. Contact me at bzimkus@outlook.com.

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For One Year

Vote for not more than One

HENRY MCFARLAN OGILBY

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The highest quality of life for all Belmont residents is my goal. Excellent schools are important for our young people, and so is the care and concern for our senior citizens. The traffic congestion in town is a major concern, and "cut through commuters" cause serious delays on a town wide basis. Strong and effective local government is very important for all of us. Your vote would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

PRECINCT 2

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* M. PATRICIA BRUSCH

52 Radcliffe Road

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-3778

Caring for our capital assets is an issue that I have been working on for years as a member of the Capital Budget Committee and Vice Chair of the Middle and High School Building Committee. We have been working to provide a facility that should serve the educational needs of Belmont students for the next 50 years. Our emphasis is on creating a building that is flexible enough to be used with changing educational standards and changing student needs. In addition, we have planned a building that is environmentally responsible, which will help Belmont meet its 2050 Carbon Emissions goal.

* RONALD H. GEIGER

27 Stella Road

(24 of 25)

Contact: chiefgei@comcast.net

One important issue facing Belmont this year is the proposed By-Law Amendment for the McLean development. Necessary measures: ensure maximal affordable housing units are built; mitigate projected increased traffic in an already congested area; weigh projected tax revenue against increased demand for town and school services; housing for seniors who are being priced out of Belmont. Encourage development of our commercial districts to raise revenue and decrease tax burden on home owners. Support Belmont Energy Committee efforts to meet Climate Action Plan goals. Address cut through traffic and congestion and employ traffic calming measures to increase pedestrian safety.

* THOMAS J. LOWERY

123 Winter Street

(22 of 25)

Contact: tjlowery@gmail.com

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on Town Meeting for the past three years. Going forward, I will support approaches to capital projects and new sources of revenue that avoid increase in property taxes.

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* ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN

81 Wellesley Road

(24 of 25)

Contact: remsr@gilmac.com

Since 2000, we have rebuilt Harris Field, built two fire stations, Wellington School, rebuilt Underwood Pool, rejuvenated Belmont Center and currently are renovating and expanding the Police Station, Town yards and building a new middle high school with a new library project envisioned. I have supported all of these projects. We have all felt the pain in our tax bills for these capital expenditures to catch up on years of neglect. Now, more than ever, it is important to reign in any discretionary spending and as a fiscal conservator and member of the Warrant Committee, I will do my best

* DANIEL D. NOLAN

1015 Concord Avenue

(19 of 25)

Contact: danieldnolan@gmail.com

I am proud to have served as Town Meeting representative to precinct 2 for the last six years and ask for your vote again this year. In addition to my continual support for our school system and the preservation of our open space and conservation land in Belmont, I've worked with several town and state departments and commissions to improve traffic safety and to prevent neighborhood impositions (such as the anaerobic digester that was proposed on the former incinerator site) — both issues of great impact to the quality of life of residents in the southwest region of Belmont.

* JOHN S. ROBOTHAM

19 Scott Road

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 852-3580, john.robotham@gmail.com

After the new library, which I support, our capital spending spree must come to an end. To avoid another round of major capital outlays, our long history of neglecting maintenance has to stop. We need to be far more strategic with CPA project funding, our only real source of discretionary spending. And to pay down our debts, let's stop subsidizing commercial landlords and raise their relative tax rate, the same way Lexington does.

* AMY TROTSKY

10 Clairemont Road

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* JULIA HINMAN WEEKS

585 Concord Avenue

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-4500

In my 25 years at Town Meeting, the issue of traffic has negatively impacted our quality of life in Belmont. Deteriorating road conditions and safety and congested residential streets are the consequences. Our state senate proposes automated enforcement of traffic laws by installing traffic cameras to record and ticket moving violations. Belmont's TAC studies cut-through traffic patterns in town and proposes timed Do Not Enter and No Right Turn signs at critical junctions to curtail cut-through traffic and hopefully reroute GPS navigation systems. I support these measures and seek other solutions to reduce cut-through access to Belmont roads.

* DAVID ZIPKIN

137 Claflin Street

(22 of 25)

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I have been and will continue to be an advocate for education, sustainability, and responsible spending. I supported the new Middle and High School by serving as treasurer of the campaign committee that advocated for the school. I also served as treasurer for the election committees for two members of the Select Board. Looking ahead to the next three years, I plan to use my seat and vote to help Belmont continue to make the investments our town needs in a way that is respectful to the needs of our newer and long-time residents, as well as our broader community.

JULIA F. CORBETT

48 Stella Road

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I believe that fiscal responsibility is the cornerstone of any healthy community. And that there are levels of importance in spending; we need to focus on investing in basic infrastructure (sewers, roads, public buildings). The public schools in Belmont receive the lion's share of our tax dollars, and anything we can do as a town to stabilize enrollment is important. For example, find a way to encourage 'empty nest' home owners to stay in Belmont; discourage the rental of homes to revolving sets of families with children. I also am interested in the evolution of Belmont's housing stock by re-thinking [LWV truncated at 100]

FRANK E. FRENCH

44 Evergreen Way

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1) I have been involved in various Hockey programs in Belmont for many years. I have followed and attended meetings concerning Public/Private partnership in rink operation. I do believe it is

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time to upgrade this facility and I'm hopeful that this process will have a positive outcome. 2) I applied and was appointed to the committee to screen candidates for Police Chief. The process was quite transparent and I found it quite interesting and a variety of thought provoking questions and answers came from it. We are lucky to have so many citizens who give of their time to Belmont.
[LWV truncated at 100]

JAMES T. SULLIVAN

32 Richmond Road

Contact: (617) 489-2897

I believe Belmont voters need easier access to upcoming issues and votes with an open, online discussion forum with Town Meeting Members to assure reflective representation. My recent participation on a school department working group gave me a new appreciation of how Belmont functions and a need for other Belmont voters to be given an easier option to be involved.

PRECINCT 3

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* LIZ ALLISON

69 Pinehurst Road

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If reelected as TMM, I hope to: 1) press for financial transparency about the full list of major projects voters will be asked to support (override, library, affordable housing, hockey rink, long term fix for DPW building, et. al.) so that voters fully understand their choices, 2) prepare for the increased residential growth that will occur when our excellent school system has a spectacular new physical plant, and 3) keep all of Belmont's current transit hubs in operation.

* SUZANNE R. BASS

530 Concord Avenue

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-4729, henrysuebass@gmail.com

Traffic affects the quality of our lives every day. I am insisting on shuttle buses to see that the new McLean development is not too damaging, and I am part of a neighborhood group aiming to reduce speeding on Concord Avenue, to keep cut-through traffic off tiny lanes, and to make it safer for residents to walk. Given the large increase in taxes to pay for the new high school, it will be hard to pass any new capital projects, but I hope that Belmont can manage a library, with the help of private support.

* DAVID R. CHASE

14 Waverley Terrace

(19 of 25)

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My priorities (in order) are schools, housing supply, climate change, transportation, taxes, and generally we make compromises (as we have for some time). Some of these are regional problems and our narrowly-defined incentives are to make them worse, and I will tend to compromise there as well. If I'm unsure about an issue, I try to see if there are metrics that will clarify it for me.

* JAMES PATRICK HERRON

28 Hawthorne Street

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As a Town Meeting member, I have supported and, if re-elected, I will continue to support measures that enhance the public good, including the new library building, the skating rink, and adequate

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funding for the public schools. I also believe the town should enact less restrictive zoning in order to allow for the creation of more affordable housing. I will support efforts to make town government more democratic and transparent.

* ANN M. JANSEN

59 Lorimer Road

(25 of 25)

Contact: ann.jansen@alum.mit.edu

As a TMM, I have been a strong advocate for our schools, working to ensure all students have an outstanding experience. Overall, BPS does an excellent job with limited resources, yet we can still identify places where improvement is needed, such as meeting the needs of dyslexic students. Not only is meeting their needs the academically and emotionally right thing to do for them, but also, if done well and early, it is the financially responsible thing to do for our town. I have raised awareness on this issue to ensure all Belmont students have the support needed to read.

* RALPH T. JONES

56 Summit Road

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Contact: (617) 484-2276, ralph.jones@cadmusgroup.com

Motor vehicle speeding is a public safety issue. Rigorous control of speeding also would reduce cut-through traffic in Belmont. Automated traffic enforcement (S. 1376 introduced by Sen. Brownberger) is a least-cost approach to speeding and other motor vehicle moving violations. I actively support this bill. It provides significant protections for drivers, and local police retain authority for the most serious violations. Belmont would be reimbursed for the cost of equipment and administration. If this bill becomes law, I will work with the Select Board to implement it.

* SARAH G. LEMIEUX

57 Common Street

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Contact: NONE PROVIDED

Neighbors, Traffic and pedestrian safety are a concern. I have worked to improve safety in the area around Wellington Elementary School. Five years ago, I worked with the Traffic Advisory Committee, resulting in improved signage and police monitoring. I subsequently wrote a grant application for Safe Routes to School funding that was approved. The area around Wellington will be improved with construction beginning in Summer 2021; the current estimated project cost is more than \$1.6 million, funded by federal and state resources. I will continue to seek financial resources beyond our taxpaying residents. Thank you for considering my re-election.

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* MARTHA C. MOORE

331 Waverley Street

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Contact: (617) 489-2129

As your representative from Precinct 3, I pledge to continue advocacy for smart cost effective school and community planning. I am actively supporting solar panels at the new high school, the most cost effective/ economical choice. I pushed for clean energy at the new library planning sessions and for the increase in affordable housing units in the McLean mixed use development. Traffic management across town is an ongoing concern. I favor protection of Belmont's historic buildings and open spaces. I pledge to be a responsive and respectful voice for Precinct 3 and in the Town as a whole.

* MARY DONAHUE STEARNS

15 Winthrop Road

(21 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-1624

The Financial Task Force has reported that Belmont faces a structural deficit in its finances at a time when Belmont also faces important decisions. As a Town Meeting Member, I will take into account the full picture of any proposals to ensure they do not contribute to the Town's structural deficit. For example, the housing proposal for the McLean site needs to be examined in terms of its potential to increase the school population net of tax revenue.

* IAN P. WATSON

81 Clark Street

(22 of 25)

Contact: ian.watson30@yahoo.com

It will be very difficult to balance our tax burden with the need for updated facilities such as; DPW, Police station, high school and soon to come library and skating rink. At some point we must draw lines so as to avoid making the property tax situation prohibitive, especially for those without children in the public school system. Some consideration must be made for older residents as well, with regards to affordable housing and property taxes. It will not be easy but it is necessary to plan ahead better, as well as understand where our tax dollars are going.

JOHN P. ALCOCK

5 Stables Way

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-1021

The proposal to provide a zoning overlay for the McLean Zone 3 district presents an opportunity to make major improvements by greatly reducing the size of development in the current zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board will provide necessary amendments for the type of housing the residents want for the town at the same time moving toward compliance with the Commonwealth's benchmark of

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10% town wide affordable housing. The Town Administrator will have an impact study of the proposed development soon and depending on traffic mitigation, school enrollment projections and possible financial benefits, this proposal should be worthy of approval.

RACHEL A. HELLER

44 White Street

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I am committed to a thriving and inclusive Belmont. By focusing development along train and bus lines, we can foster the creation of homes affordable across incomes, enhance walkability, help local businesses thrive, and reduce our impact on climate change. As co-chair of Belmont's Housing Trust, I have advocated for the approval of Belmont's Housing Production Plan, changes to our inclusionary zoning policy to increase the number of affordable homes created through development, and have worked with members of our community and the developer of the proposed new homes at McLean to ensure these homes meet needs of our community.

PRECINCT 4

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* ROLA M. BAGHDADY

14 Loring Street

(22 of 25)

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I have lived in Waverley for 26 years, where Sami and I have raised our five children. I have observed tremendous changes between the overcrowding of our school system and the difficulty of keeping our town affordable. Any future residential development of the Mclean property must generate positive net tax revenues and not overburden our schools and town resources.

* CATHERINE AC BOWEN

67 Bartlett Avenue

(24 of 25)

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Spending and planning should reflect our values. Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. Period. All levels of planning and spending are critical to meeting the demands we will face as a community. State grants provide some additional benefits, but given our collective resources, every decision should support a resilient and sustainable community. Clean air — enforce laws, reduce emissions, improve open space — especially in our densely populated areas. Transportation — support all transit modes equitably, with public and active transit still needing major attention. Planning — ensure a range of affordable housing, integrated sustainably with [LWV truncated at 100]

* JUDITH L. BROWN

300 Trapelo Road, #19

(25 of 25)

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Easing the tax burden affecting all residents is an important focus. I will continue to support thoughtful commercial development fitting neighborhood interests to enhance tax revenue for the Town. Support for continued improvements to our roads and sidewalks, and maintaining the quality of education in our schools are also both important for Belmont.

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* WILLIAM J. CHEMELLI

11 Ripley Road

(25 of 25)

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I have lived in Precinct 4 since 1958. Strong zoning by-laws are essential to the community, any zoning changes must ensure development is consistent with the character of our neighborhoods and commercial centers. Real Estate taxes are rising. New revenue sources should be developed keeping in mind that we should not tax our residents out of their homes.

* BRIAN KEEFE

195 Lexington Street

(23 of 25)

Contact: (617) 593-8542

I believe the largest task in front of Town Meeting is how to balance new potential capital projects against additional tax increases. I thought the solution for the DPW and Police department was very well thought out and fiscally responsible for a couple of must do projects. The next must do project in my opinion is a new skating rink for the over 200 families that participate in the Belmont youth Hockey and Belmont high school. I am an advocate for the public /private concept as the best solution if possible and will work towards that goal. This solution will [LWV truncated at 100]

* PHILIP W. LAWRENCE

68 Agassiz Avenue

(15 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I would like to keep Belmont running equitably for all its citizens. I believe this requires a balanced approach to our Town leadership. I was born in Belmont and moved back to raise my two (soon to be 3) boys. I am concerned about (1) keeping our schools running efficiently while still attracting and retaining the highest quality teaching staff, and (2) preserving our open spaces and creating new resources such as a community path, and (3) revitalizing existing business centers. As a TMM, I will listen to and consider all sides of the issues.

* SHONOO MALIK

4 Sycamore Street, #1

(8 of 25)

Contact: shonool@gmail.com

Rallied for safer traffic laws in town after the Sycamore incident. Gathered community support and data and presented it to the traffic advisory committee. Diversity of culture in town and arts activism.

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* ROSE E. O'NEIL

77 Maple Street

(25 of 25)

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I am committed to continuing as an active and engaged Town Meeting participant. In addition to TM work, I have volunteered with the Friends of PQ Park, the PTA and other local interests. I will continue to support proactive measures for funding and maintaining our schools and town assets. This includes encouraging efficient long-term planning and maximizing other revenue sources to alleviate the residential tax burden.

* LISA A. PARGOLI

223B White Street

(24 of 25)

Contact: essentials1@yahoo.com

I'm a 34yr resident and taxpayer who has served many years as a town meeting member. As a town meeting member I will continue to seek the truth and bring transparency to the issues which will adversely affect the taxpayers and residents. Belmont is facing serious financial issues: 3 overrides in next 10 yrs, it was 1 in Nov.; new school too small, needs another bldg.; \$3 million doesn't include McLean's housing, etc. This is not a reality we can afford. It's time to hold the right people accountable not the taxpayer!

* DAVID POWELSTOCK

23 Alma Avenue

(14 of 25)

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Belmont has a lot of big decisions coming up, including large capital projects and a possible override. While the authority of Town Meeting is limited, one thing we can do is demand maximum transparency from the most powerful town committees and the Board of Selectmen. This has always been a priority for me. In addition, as we deliberate about these major decisions, I am committed to seeing that ALL Belmontians are represented. This is how Belmont will stay strong in these times of great changes. We need to look out for each other and seek consensus in town government.

* OGDEN R. SAWYER

181 Lexington Street

(15 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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DEBORAH ABELMAN

3 Jeanette Avenue

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I grew up in Belmont, recently returning after having been away for a number of years. While the town has become more diverse ethnically and culturally, it has been disturbing that the town has become economically less diverse. We are losing an integral part of our population as two family rental units are being converted to condos at price points that many cannot afford. With the lack of a substantial commercial tax base those rental units that still exist will become unaffordable as landowners will raise their rents as their taxes go up. It's time to rethink who we are.

KEVIN W. SMITH

18 Frederick Street

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I'm a 37-year resident of the precinct interested in contributing to decisions about Belmont's future. The perennial issue is how to balance revenue and spending for looming projects such the library, hockey rink, incinerator site, and employee health insurance, which will likely culminate in an override vote. I will support progressive, sustainable infrastructure investments by the town. I will also monitor new development projects and concerns about dangerous traffic intersections in our neighborhoods.

PRECINCT 5

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* ELAINE C. ALLIGOOD

265 Beech Street

(20 of 25)

Contact: (617) 957-3756

I'm a precinct 5 TMM and acutely aware of the complex decisions ahead for 2020 Town Meeting. The public library project, for example — Belmont Public Library is the busiest building in Belmont, serving all Belmont, 7 days a week. There's also the skating rink, roads, traffic, taxes, and overrides that loom over TM this year. My focus is also on assessing priorities—understanding each project/article's evidence for acting now, near term, or longer term. We must remain open to new ideas, reasonable, rational, and future focused as we evaluate, ask tough questions, and vote on TM articles, proposals, and strategies.

* NANCY A. CARLSON

12 Poplar Street

(22 of 25)

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I am a second generation Belmontian who cares about Belmont's future. I have been a TMM for many years focused on maintaining the character of our town of homes with smart development. I value providing our children a high quality education, and believe it is important to budget and plan capital expenses realistically. The current state of our infrastructure presents challenges that will require diligent management, and I want to help the Town stay focused on the future.

* JOANNE E. COAKLEY

95 Horace Road

(18 of 25)

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Belmont needs more innovative, fiscally accountable and community-enhancing policies. New economic and smart development projects will broaden the tax base. Implementing significant sustainable practices will mitigate traffic issues and help reach Belmont's climate action goals. The McLean Zone 3 proposal shows potential for more affordable housing options. Develop better transparency and communication among town employees, elected officials and residents to envision solutions for current infrastructure and quality of life issues. Collect and analyze data about town problems using greater input and ideas from a wide range of residents representing diverse neighborhoods, ages and income levels.

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* JULIE SCHWENDIMAN CROCKETT

232 Trapelo Road

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 299-0348 (call or text)

As a Town Meeting Member, I do my best to help neighbors navigate how to effectively get their concerns heard and addressed. I helped secure CPA funds to revitalize PQ Park. I want to ensure schools receive adequate funding, including communicating with neighbors about the upcoming November 2020 Override. I am an advocate of transparency, supported Electronic Roll Call Voting, and starting in May 2020, constituents will be able to go to www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk to see the voting records of all Town Meeting Members. I invite you to contact me with your questions and concerns.

* LOIS J. POLLOCK

383 Common Street

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 484-9063

Transparency is an interesting issue. What does it mean to be transparent? And how do you achieve it? A consensus on meaning should be the first step, then agreement on how to get there. I feel it would be beneficial to have a committee formed to get public input and define what we as a community consider transparency in town business and ways to get there.

* ANDREA SERRA-MASCIARI

51 Flett Road

(17 of 25)

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A vital part of ensuring that Belmont remains a safe and desirable community is living within the means of all residents, including middle-class and working-class folks. This segment of Belmont's population is an important demographic of homeowners and renters, many of whom are being taxed and priced out of their homes. Government transparency and fiscal responsibility must be part of the solution of mitigating Belmont's ever-increasing property taxes and municipal expenses. I will continue to use my voice and my votes to keep safety, environmental, educational and municipal issues in balance, benefiting and supporting all residents.

* JOHN P. SULLIVAN

72 Palfrey Road

(25 of 25)

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A new 7-12 school building will provide space to address increasing enrollment in our public schools. Providing adequate resources to address class size, which has grown beyond School Committee Guidelines, needs to be addressed in the next year. In addition to increased taxes, we need to

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encourage alternative sources of revenue including development and advocating for increased funding from the state. We need to maintain our infrastructure and services while respecting the work and dedication of town employees.

* MARK D. WAGNER

21 Hastings Road

(24 of 25)

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I strongly support the Energy Committee's continuing efforts to deliver on Belmont's 2009 commitment to carbon emission reductions. In 2020 and beyond Town Meeting will be asked to vote on measures that are bold and no doubt controversial, including a ban on new oil/gas hookups for heat/hot water on construction projects in town. We will need to ask ourselves if we want Belmont to help lead the way on fighting climate change or maintain the status quo. I wish for Belmont to lead, and that others may follow us.

* JEANNE WIDMER

126 Gilbert Road

(23 of 25)

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A major challenge for Belmont is continuing to provide key services — library, schools, safety, senior services and recreation — while controlling a soaring tax burden. Yes, development dollars can help but it is critical to protect neighborhoods by regulating oversized buildings. I have worked tirelessly for schools but I would limit further tax increases driving seniors from their homes. And, as a photographer, I hope that my exhibit of Cushing Square's unsightly, massive and years-long development project, which has driven out small businesses and stressed neighbors, will not be repeated elsewhere.

COSMO MACERO, JR.

4 Palfrey Road

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The shortage of housing in Greater Boston — affordable, workforce, senior, transit-oriented — is a regional challenge not only with local impacts, but also local responsibility to contribute to the solution. I've studied and worked closely around the entitlement process and strategic planning in communities across Massachusetts for close to 30 years. I'm a 1985 Belmont High graduate and I'm proud that both my sons will graduate from BHS. I am confident we can improve access to our community for new residents and help longtime Belmont residents stay here — while still preserving the educational experience so many families covet.

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For Two Years

Vote for not more than One

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PRECINCT 6

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* DAVID B. ALPER

1 Oak Avenue

(22 of 25)

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As projects continue, and taxes and inconvenience factors rise, transparency becomes more crucial. I commend the Select Board for their office hours, but perhaps weekly/monthly updates through email or posted on the Town Website, could further impart information that help citizens have comfort in the goings-on and make informed decisions.

* KAREN McNAY BAUERLE

59 Hurd Road

(25 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

Greetings! I support the current development plans for the McLean parcel. I support complete transparency in Town Meeting and will tell you how and why I have voted. I speak with Precinct 6 voters prior to deciding my votes and welcome discourse about how to vote. I support Sustainable Belmont's emphasis on renewable energy. I voted to remain in the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District although I lost that vote. I will support another override for the Town's school budget if required to keep the schools open and in usable repair.

* ROGER DUANE COLTON

34 Warwick Road

(22 of 25)

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The primary responsibility of a Town Meeting Member is to provide active, engaged, representation on issues presented to TM as Belmont's legislative body, whatever those issues may be. In addition, my responsibility is to serve as a good steward of Belmont financial and capital resources, both in the immediate and in the long-term. In the biweekly column (Community Conversations), (coltonconversations.wordpress.com), which I author for the Belmont Citizen-Herald, you can find my "positions" on virtually any issue that has been presented to the Town over the past six years, ranging from budgets, to environmental policy, to planning and zoning and others.

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* TARA DONNER

47 Payson Road, #2

(23 of 25)

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The burden of residential property taxes coupled with the desire to maintain excellent quality town services is a challenge. We must work together to maintain our major assets in town — superb schools, a dynamic library, high-quality safety services — as well as to improve the walking/biking infrastructure and carbon footprint of the town. As a current School Committee member and a 12-year TMM, I believe that we need to aggressively pursue development of neighborhood-friendly business, lobby our state/national representatives for funding, and seek out creative funding sources to expand our revenue stream to reduce the need for frequent overrides.

* STEPHEN A. EVANS

100 Van Ness Road

(24 of 25)

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My family has lived in Belmont for 15 years, both of our kids have attended the public schools and my daughter will be in the graduating high school class this spring. To stretch our limited capital resources, I support a public/private partnership for a new skating rink and believe that private donations can cover a significant portion of the cost of the new library. I would like to see renewed focus on how we use Community Preservation Act money to ensure that only CPA projects that have the broadest benefit to our community are approved.

* SUZANNE JOHANNET

45 Warwick Road

(20 of 25)

Contact: (617) 484-5073, sjohannet@yahoo.com

As president of the Belmont Food Collaborative, I care deeply about Belmont and strive to make sure the community serves all its members. Providing affordable housing and a new library are two ways to make sure that Belmont remains accessible to a wide range of people to live and work. Through my work with the BFC and the Farmers' Market I seek to provide wide ranging access to healthy food, both at the market and at the food pantry. The market also provides a sense of community. I believe that affordable housing and the new library will do the same.

* JULIA M. KIRrane

23 Lawndale Street

(17 of 25)

Contact: (617) 893-2945

Staying informed about the work of our town's boards and committees is critical. My goal is to support important actions by the town that promote quality education, functional facilities, affordable housing and options for seniors, vibrant business centers, traffic management, green

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transportation alternatives, recreation, open space and quality of life. Critical investments can and should be made in a sustainable manner. My decade plus voting record has been aligned with maintaining progress in these areas. I bring education planning and management experience, and I would like to continue to serve our town.

* PRIYA ADHIKARI LICHT

174 Lewis Road

(22 of 25)

Contact: priya.licht@gmail.com

Belmont is an attractive town in which to live — for years our excellent schools and proximity to Boston have drawn families to our community. Our responsibility as town meeting members is to maintain this legacy while being responsive to the needs of a changing population. I will continue to support adequate funding for our schools, to ensure that we realize the substantial investment we've made in the new high school building. Recognizing the financial burden this imposes on the community, we must use all available tools to ease the impact on our neighbors on fixed incomes.

* JEANNE R. MOONEY

60 Oak Avenue

(24 of 25)

Contact: (617) 899-5155

Town Meeting will likely vote this spring on a proposed by-law amendment to Zone 3 in the McLean District. For over 20 years I have followed the development of the district and worked to see that zoning provides both benefits and protections to our town. I attend the current Planning Board public hearings and look for a solution that balances the need for more housing options for seniors and expands our affordable housing stock closer to the state's 10% mandate. The Cost of Service Study due in April is critical information in determining that services will not exceed needed revenues.

* LINDA N. OATES

302 Payson Road

(23 of 25)

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Town services and capital projects remain major annual budget concerns. Residents' concerns re home tax levels will continue. Need prudent approach to projects that will increase taxes. Public-private projects need consideration. Need to minimize future tax impacts at this time. Cut-through traffic paralyzes roads at peak times. Still no good solution proposed. Need re-routing to distribute traffic and lessen cars being dumped on just a few streets at peak times. Re-examine 1999 Mclean MOA "Senior district" proposal. "AffordAble" has no age limits. Must distinguish between "want" vs. "need". Goal: excellent town services and schools.

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* MICHAEL A. SMITH

40 Warwick Road

(20 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-1786

1. Capital Projects – I am currently an active member of the DPW and Police Station Building Committee, the Permanent Building Committee and the Historic District Commission. I have served on Belmont Building Committees for nearly twenty years (Homer Building, Town Hall, School Administration, Underwood Pool, etc.) I support the new Library and Rink. 2. Housing – I support Planning Board and Housing Trust efforts to rezone the McLean properties for diverse housing types including for low income residents. My architectural profession and the Purpose exemplified by Lydia Ogilby help guide my responses to the issues facing our community.

AMY E. CHECKOWAY

26 Pequossette Road

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I am data-driven and pragmatic, and will contribute to strategic thinking about how to sustain quality services while controlling any additional tax burden on residents. As a Town Meeting member, I will consider all perspectives and advocate for fiscally responsible decision-making. On the Belmont School Committee, I serve on three subcommittees (including Finance) and represent the district's interests in a regional education collaborative that provides special education and professional development via shared resources. I am part of the working group that is exploring a public-private partnership for a new rink and am participating in the school district's collective bargaining negotiations.

SUSANNE M. CROY

95 Stults Road

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As a past Town Meeting Member (19 years experience) I will continue to:

- Support Town building projects that have been designed to meet our growing needs and include private funding, without putting undue financial burdens on residents (library, rink).
- Welcome concerns from neighbors to ensure my votes reflect their wishes.
- Stay fully informed about current issues, watching Town committee meetings
- Attend public hearings to support issues and address their town-wide impacts (building projects, zoning laws, traffic).

Priorities:

- Mitigate traffic for public safety.
- Create senior housing for Belmont's residents (McLean), resulting in greater availability of homes for younger families.

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MARCIE S. HIRSCH
64 Old Middlesex Road
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Before taking a break, I served for 12 years on Town Meeting. I am running for Town Meeting again because I am eager to contribute to this community. While we are facing a challenging set of issues, ranging from affordable housing to increasing traffic congestion, we are also successfully maintaining fine schools and good public services and are developing a more sound town infrastructure through repairs and rebuilds of public facilities. Done thoughtfully and responsibly, these improvements will serve our community well in both the immediate and longer term future.

BRIAN M. KOPPERL
42 Hurd Road
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During 2019/20, I've attended a dozen BMHS building committee meetings to advocate for solar on the BMHS roof so that our high school gets both clean energy and \$3 million of net energy savings. On McLean zone 3 project, I support sustainable development and increasing our affordable housing supply, but believe select board should be encouraged to reconsider the town's 1999 tax agreement with McLean in light of two decades of renovations, expansion and land re-use. As a lawyer, solar energy developer and former mutual fund manager, I promise a balanced perspective on community needs and supporting businesses in Belmont.

BETSY LIPSON
89 Townsend Road
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As co-chair of Belmont's Housing Trust for the past two years, I have worked to increase residents' understanding that for Belmont to be a welcoming, inclusive town — one that is economically, racially, and culturally diverse — we need more homes that are affordable to people across a range of incomes. Not only does this create a more vibrant community, it benefits our kids' education. The Housing Trust's strategic plan was adopted by the Select Board and the state. As a Town Meeting member, I will work hard to make sure Belmont maximizes the housing potential of key sites, such as McLean.

PRECINCT 7

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* MARGARET C. CALLANAN

21 Sargent Road

(16 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-1677

It is a privilege to serve as a Town Meeting Member. As a former member of the Warrant Committee, I know that future capital projects, housing, and educational funding all require long term, sustainable planning. We must maximize revenue and ensure strong fiscal management. Additionally, future overrides must continue to be managed closely with attention to financial burdens on taxpayers. I recommend:

- Increased collaboration between Selectboard and Board of Assessors to secure PILOT payments
- Immediate, comprehensive, vetting and prioritizing by CPA Committee of all CPA projects prior to approval, with attention to town – wide needs and previously approved projects.

* CLARE G. CRAWFORD

134 Dalton Road

(22 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

My main goal in being part of Town Meeting is facilitating increased civic engagement in our precinct. Issues that are of particular interest to me include how to maintain the excellence of our schools in our current enrollment crunch; how to keep our town walkable and reduce car traffic; and how to continue to invest in much-needed capital projects around town.

* BENJAMIN T.C. GEIGER

3 Anis Road

(22 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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* ROBERT NEAL IMBERMAN

450 School Street

(20 of 25)

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It has been a privilege to serve Precinct 7 in Town Meeting, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve again. Regarding schools: I canvassed and campaigned in favor of funding the new school because it was a once-in-generation chance to get significant help from the state in fulfilling one of

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our core responsibilities as a town: providing a sustainable and sufficient learning environment. Ensuring support for teachers and staff to deliver what we need for our children is a priority for me. Regarding transparency: I support increased visibility to Town Meeting voting records, including my own.

* NATALIE M. KOSTICH
262 Grove Street (10 of 10)
Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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* JENNIFER DEWEY KUNDROT
101 Fairview Avenue (22 of 25)
Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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* HANNAH S. LIBERTY
43 Worcester Street (22 of 25)
Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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* BENJAMIN JOEL MESHOULAM
54 Newton Street (16 of 25)
Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I am proud to have served on town meeting for the last 3 years, during which time we have been able to advance the middle/high school project and other key priorities. Going forward, I want to make sure that Belmont continues to find ways to invest in its neighborhoods, and make progress improving the quality of services that residents receive.

* ALISON M. RHODES
54 Newton Street (12 of 25)
Contact: alisonmrhodes@gmail.com

I am a social worker and parent of two children. As a town meeting member for the past 3 years, I have supported the middle/high school project and other key priorities to improve our town. Looking ahead, I am committed to ensuring that Belmont continues to invest in our schools and capital projects such as a new library while also attending to fiscal responsibility.

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* HEATHER MAXWELL RUBESKI

133 Dalton Road

(19 of 25)

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With four years of experience on Town Meeting I have actively participated in the decision making processes for our list of capital projects and issues facing our schools. With limited resources available, there is a balance that must be struck between cost and impact on every decision. I review each decision by asking myself how this balance applies as well as striving for a positive long-term impact for the town.

* BRETT C. SORENSON

30 Woods Road

(23 of 25)

Contact: (617) 484-0152

As a resident for over 30 years and a TMM for over 20, I am committed to Belmont. I try to stay informed on the issues that come before town meeting so that I can vote responsibly.

NANCY HEMPSTEAD DONALD

31 Marlboro Street

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Transparency in government is a crucial issue. Senator Brownsberger has done an admirable job in addressing transparency at the State House level. I believe that the citizens of Belmont have a right to know how their town meeting members have voted and I support efforts at maximizing transparency of town meeting. Traffic in Belmont is a serious safety issue that needs our full attention.

For Two Year

Vote for not more than One

KYLE A. MCELROY

23 Springfield Street

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As the Boston Metro Area continues to grow, Belmont too will grow in population. To accommodate these new residents, we must endeavor to create a welcoming community that provides adequate housing, transportation options, and municipal services for all. I would work to ensure that as Belmont builds for its residents, it does so with policies that are environmentally responsible and economically equitable; as Belmont plans for its residents, it integrates options for diverse and decarbonized modes of transit; and as Belmont serves its residents, it does so with sensitivity and equality across socioeconomic strata. Thank you for your consideration.

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For One Year

Vote for not more than Two

ALANA MARIE AUBIN

23 Springfield Street

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Traffic congestion in the Boston area is the worst in the country. Sitting in traffic is a waste of precious time, and it is killing our planet. We need to invest in transportation infrastructure to ensure every Belmont resident can move around safely and efficiently. I believe we should prioritize public transit with bus-only lanes, more frequent service, and better bus stops. We must protect our most vulnerable road users by designing safe streets that include thoughtful intersections, ample sidewalks, and protected bike lanes. These measures will help reduce congestion while creating a more equitable Belmont for all. Thank you.

ABIGAIL C. JACOBS

19 Marlboro Street

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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PRECINCT 8

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Twelve

* MARTY BITNER

207 Claflin Street

(23 of 25)

Contact: (617) 817-6726

I am committed to supporting the continued excellence of our public schools and making sure that any new buildings (ice rink, library) are constructed with energy efficiency in mind to minimize operating expenses. As a TMM, I have voted to support policies which help older residents afford to remain in Belmont. As co-chair of the Energy Committee, charged with helping achieve Belmont's climate action goals, I have been active with the Belmont Drives Electric and HeatSmart Belmont campaigns. I have also been engaged in early discussions about a potential McLean development to make sure it is energy efficient.

* CAROLYN A. BUNYON

50 Albert Avenue

(25 of 25)

Contact: (617) 489-0866

As a native Belmontian, a lifelong resident, and a town meeting member; I have the following concerns:

- We can no longer put off the rebuilding of our roads and sidewalks.
- We must maintain quality town and school services.
- We must consider the financial burden of the taxpayer.
- We must focus on the utilization of the town's finances in order to keep the high standards for which Belmont is known.

My plan is to work toward a balanced budget resulting in affordable taxes for Belmont residents.

* ALEXANDER E. CORBETT, III

114 Alexander Avenue

(17 of 25)

Contact: (617) 908-3363

Belmont needs tax revenue, responsible tax revenue. New development is inevitable. Let's all help craft responsible development that doesn't tip the scales the wrong way! Again, I will say, I was 100% "in" on the wonderfully renovated Underwood Pool Complex. The Underwood serves a very important population, but for only TWO or THREE months each year. Let's be creative, think outside the box, and accept a "non-traditional Belmont project" ... and get ourselves a new rink for an 11- or 12-month population! We are lucky to have a rink ... but the time has come to replace it, PLEASE!

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* ANNE COVINO GOLDENBERG

36 Stearns Road

(24 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

Resident of Belmont since 1956; two daughters, ages 5 and 2, attended Belmont Schools from Kindergarten through High School. Organized a Fair Housing Committee in 1959, which joined the Fair Housing Coalition of Greater Boston. Joined the Belmont League of Women Voters in 1958, chaired its Committee on Basic Needs, studied and produced a report on Housing Needs of Belmont's Elderly. Helped organize a committee to study the State Community Preservation Act. Campaigned to place it on the Town ballot, which voters approved in 2010. Helped establish a Belmont CPA Committee, which set procedures. Town Meeting Member since 2007.

* MELISSA ANN IRION

132 Dean Street

(24 of 25)

Contact: melissa_irion@yahoo.com

This past term, I met with other Town Meeting Members and the Office of Community Development to implement traffic improvements on Sherman Street for families walking to Winn Brook Elementary School. There are now stop signs and crosswalks at Sherman and Dean St., Sherman and Waterhouse Road., a crosswalk on Sherman St. to the school, and an updated school zone sign. As a parent of three children in our schools, I am continuously monitoring and advocating for improvements within our budgeted constraints. I support the community path, especially the development of the Alexander Avenue tunnel.

* STEPHEN MICHAEL KERINS

27 Sandrick Road

(21 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

The revitalization of Cushing square was a great improvement for Belmont values and traditions. I support this new expanding revenue stream as a growing need for a wider commercial tax base. I will also continue to be a strong voice for excellence within the Belmont school system, expanding cutting edge technology support and training. I support zoning enforcement, sound planning, traffic calming and public safety, a tax relief for the overburdened seniors. I am sensitive to our residents that are on a fixed income. I respectfully ask for your VOTE on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020.

* NATALIE MACLEAN LEINO

27 Sherman Street

(25 of 25)

Contact: nmleino@gmail.com

I am passionate about bringing Belmont together and demonstrating we are a welcoming community for all, and about helping residents stay informed about and become involved in local govern-

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ment. I spent several years working on town committees actively pursuing these goals, and as a Town Meeting Member spearheaded the effort to rename the "Board of Selectmen" the "Select Board," which passed overwhelmingly last spring. My priorities include maintaining our excellent school system, successfully completing the new school, welcoming businesses and encouraging smart growth, thoughtful and environmentally responsible planning for long-term capital projects, and completing the off-road community path and underpass.

* MELISSA MACINTYRE

94 Winn Street

(25 of 25)

Contact: melissa4belmont@gmail.com

I consistently voted for increased Town Meeting transparency, and always encourage resident input at townwide meetings. I actively worked on the BHS re-build project by participating in group discussions and canvassing in Precinct 8. I strongly support, and will vote in favor of ecologically sound and sustainable town building projects. I favor safe, energy efficient, and resident & commuter friendly transportation options and measures, and enthusiastically support the Community Path. I value my commitment to service, evidenced by my Town Meeting attendance. Please contact me for any reason: melissa4belmont@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration!

* STEPHEN B. ROSALES

48 Farnham Street

(23 of 25)

Contact: s.rosales@rosalesandrosales.com

To increase revenue for needed services and to thrive, Belmont must actively expand its commercial tax base. Town must proactively encourage and endorse commercial development and streamline its permitting process to fill empty storefronts in our commercial districts. Promote wider variety of distinctive retail and service businesses to locate here. Balance "walkability" with plentiful convenient parking to make commercial areas thrive. We must continue to fix and/or maintain our crumbling roads and sidewalks, the one Town asset everyone uses.

* ELLEN F. SCHREIBER

49 Sandrick Road

(23 of 25)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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* SCOTT D. STRATFORD

97 Alexander Avenue

(19 of 25)

Contact: (617) 484-5175, sdstratfrd@aol.com

I applaud the work of the Belmont Housing Trust in negotiating a McLean development that increases affordable housing and gives seniors an opportunity to stay in Belmont while “down-sizing”. After 12 years on the School Committee and past service on the Youth Commission and Media Center board, I convene Precinct 8 Town Meeting Members each year to ensure that we fully understand every article on the Town Meeting Warrant. I support both the library and skating rink, but they must be “private-public” partnerships because our tax burden has grown so sharply due to needed school projects and growing Town expenses.

RADHA IYENGAR

76 Dean Street

Contact: riyengartmm8@gmail.com

Belmont resident and volunteer for over 30 years whose sons are BHS graduates. Belmont Land Management Committee member familiar with challenges of upcoming developments: Belmont Public Library, Viglirolo Skating Rink, McLean property rezoning, and increased traffic. Belmont should prepare for increasingly intense storms and reduce pollution in its waterways. The Community Path must proceed swiftly and efficiently. Environmental stewardship, affordable housing and fiscal responsibility are my top priority. Please vote for Radha Iyengar.

ERICA ZIDEL

105 Farnham Street

Contact: (781) 929-4444, zidel@post.harvard.edu

It’s important to the vitality and sustainability of our town that we consider the issues and trade-offs facing Belmont in concert rather than in silos, especially as we deploy our capital budget efficiently. As a member of Belmont’s Vision 21 Implementation Committee for the past three years, I have been working on a revitalized Master Plan that sets forth a cohesive, transparent, and achievable roadmap for how to best develop our town infrastructure over the next decade. With a strategic guide, we can make informed decisions that produce excellent schools, reduce traffic congestion, and improve life for all in town.



The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a non-partisan, multi-issue organization, established at the national, state and local levels to promote voter education and participation in government. We study and take positions on issues, but do not endorse or support candidates or political parties.

What does the League of Women Voters do?

- Conducts studies on issues and develops positions based on member consensus.
- Studies local issues such as education, housing, open space, marijuana, and regionalization.
- Sponsors Candidates' Nights for local elections.
- Sponsors Warrant Briefings before Town Meetings.
- Hosts forums on issues including education, ballot questions and affordable housing.
- Hosts local speakers at our Winter Luncheon and regular "brown bag" lunches.
- Publishes the Belmont Voter (newsletter) for our members.
- Works with the State and National Leagues on issues of common concern.
- Publishes and mails the Belmont Voter Guide for local elections to every household in town.
- Registers voters and encourages individual participation in the political process.

We welcome new members. For more information contact:
info@BelmontLWV.org or look at our website **BelmontLWV.org**

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF BELMONT

2020—2021 Membership Form

We welcome your participation in and support of the Belmont League! When you pay your LWV Belmont dues, you are also automatically a member of the State (LWVMA.org) and National (LWV.org) Leagues.


To conserve volunteer resources, speed communication, and save money, the Belmont League uses email whenever possible. **The Voter is now sent by email to all members. If you use email, please provide your current email address below.** *If you do not have an email account:* please contact the League at 617-771-8500 to arrange to have The Voter mailed to you.

Name	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
2nd Name(s) (family)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50
Address	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 members)	\$ 75
Home phone	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family (3 members)	\$ 100
Cell/Work phone(s)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership	\$ 30
Email	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution*	\$ _____
2nd Email (family)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dues Assistance Fund*	\$ _____
			Total amount \$ _____

This membership expires on June 30, 2021. In addition to accepting personal checks (payable to Belmont LWV) for your membership payment, you may also pay your membership dues and/or make a donation to the Belmont LWV via **PayPal**. Please go to **BelmontLWV.org** and click on **JOIN LWV**, then select **MEMBERSHIP FORM**.

*Because the Belmont LWV advocates on policy issues, contributions of any amount, while gratefully accepted, are *not* tax deductible.

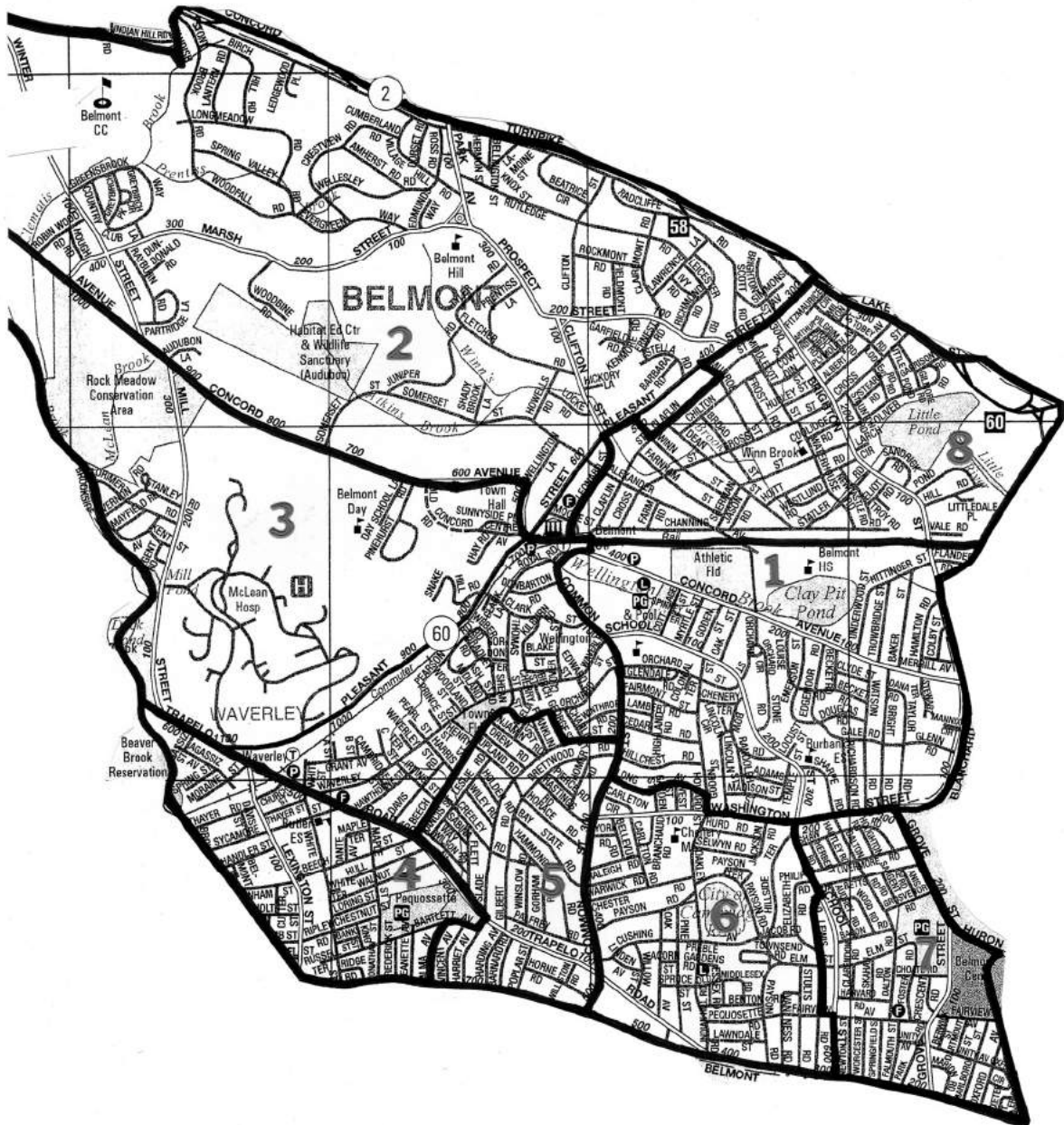
Questions: Contact the Membership Co-Chairs: Pat Hawkins at: pathawk4@gmail.com or Jocelyn Hayes at: jchayes60@icloud.com

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DUES PAYMENT OR SUBMIT VIA  PayPal.

Thank you for your support of the Belmont League of Women Voters

P.O. Box 426, Belmont, MA 02478

PRECINCT MAP



For more information about Precincts, including Precinct Listing by Street Name and Polling Locations with maps, go to the Town Clerk's website:

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-information-for-residents-media>

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/belmontma/files/file/file/precinctmap.pdf>

POLLING PLACES

7AM to 8PM

Precinct 1	Belmont Public Library 336 Concord Avenue Assembly Room
Precinct 2	Belmont Town Hall 455 Concord Avenue
Precinct 3	Beech Street Center 266 Beech Street
Precinct 4	Butler School Gymnasium Enter from White Street
Precinct 5	Beech Street Center 266 Beech Street
Precinct 6	Fire Station Headquarters 299 Trapelo Road
Precinct 7	Burbank School Gymnasium Enter from driveway
Precinct 8	Winn Brook School Enter from Cross Street

Note: Precincts 3 and 5 both vote at the Beech Street Center.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided on the ballot. Completely fill in the oval to the right of that line. It is helpful, but not required, to list the street address of the candidate as well.

Absentee Ballot Application

This application may be completed by...

- A registered voter; or
- A voter's family member (spouse, roommate, parent, sibling, child, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, in-law).

Use this application to request an absentee ballot for...

A registered voter who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to absence from Belmont during polling hours, disability, or religious beliefs.

OR

COVID-19 health concerns — MA Legislature has expanded absentee voting.

Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide the voter's name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed and indicate for which election(s) you are requesting a ballot. For primaries, if the voter is not enrolled in a party, provide the desired party ballot. Applications for "all elections this year" are valid for this 2020 calendar year.
3. Special Circumstances – Check any of the listed circumstances which apply to this application, if any. *Not needed for COVID-19 health concerns.*
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

Submitting the Application

Applications can be mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered. *Requester's signature must be visible.* Applications must be received by noon on Monday, June 22nd.

Send the completed application to: Town Clerk, Belmont Town Hall, P.O. Box 56, Belmont, MA 02478; or

Email the completed application to: townclerk@belmont-ma.gov; or

Fax the completed application to: 617-993-2601; or

Hand-deliver to mailbox in front of Town Hall, 455 Concord Avenue.

Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, June 23rd.

Massachusetts Official
Absentee Ballot Application

See reverse side for instructions



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Voter Information

1

Name: _____

Legal Voting Residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ballot Information
(Independent voters may vote in a primary without registering with a party)

2

Mail Ballot to: _____

Ballot Requested For:

- All elections this year
- All general elections (No primaries)
- A specific election: _____
Date of Election

Party (only if requesting primary ballot):

State Primaries: _____

Presidential Primary: _____

Special Circumstances
(If applicable)

3

This application is being made by a family member of the voter.
Relationship to voter: _____

Voter is a member of military on active duty or dependent family member of active duty personnel.

Voter is a Massachusetts citizen residing overseas.

Voter has been admitted to a healthcare facility after noon on the fifth day before the election and has designated the following person to hand-deliver the ballot: _____

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.
Assisting person's name: _____

Assisting person's address: _____

Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____



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