

# **Belmont Town Election**

## **Voter Guide**

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**7AM to 8PM**

This Guide is prepared by volunteers, 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, Beatrice Circle), schools, financial management (e.g. taxes, overrides), traffic, and transparency."** Responses, limited to 100 words, is printed verbatim. Contact information, if provided by the candidates, is included.

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. If candidates were previously elected at caucuses or moved within Belmont, they are not incumbents, but their attendance is noted.

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# PLEASE READ: ELECTION CHANGES IN 2022

## **NEW PRECINCT BORDERS FOR PRECINCTS 1, 2, 6 & 8:**

Due to the 2020 United States Census, half of Belmont needed to be Reprecincted, meaning the borders of the precincts were moved to accommodate areas of the town that are growing and those that are not. Belmont has 8 Precincts, and that will continue. **Four Precincts have new borders. Your Precinct and your Voting Location might have changed** since last year! If you were affected by the change, you should have received a notice from the Town Clerk's office.

**Precincts 3, 4, 5, & 7 remain unchanged.**

**In Precincts 1, 2, 6 & 8, all Thirty-Six (36) Town Meeting Member (TMM) seats will need to be elected this year.** All current TMMs' terms expire this year, regardless of when they were elected.

In these precincts, Thirty-Six (36) candidates will be elected as TMMs with terms determined as follows: Twelve (12) receiving the highest number of votes, will be elected for three (3) year terms; the next twelve (12) candidates will be elected for two (2) year terms, and twelve (12) more candidates will be elected for one (1) year terms. This is set up to create a cycling of members – just Twelve (12) TMMs will be elected for Three (3) year terms in these Precincts in future years.

If you live in **Precincts 1, 2, 6 or 8**, please check your address against this site, to be sure you know who you are voting for, and where you vote:

<http://wheredoivotema.com/>

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## **NEW TOWN-WIDE OFFICE – MEMBER OF THE LIGHT BOARD:**

Belmont Light is established as Belmont's municipal light plant (MLP) under Mass. General Laws, Chapter 164. Since 1938, the Belmont Select Board has served as the Municipal Light Board, with guidance from the Light Board Advisory Committee (previously the Municipal Light Advisory Board) since 2005. With the Town Meeting vote in approval of Article 2 on May 3, 2021, a new elected, 5-member Municipal Light Board, separate from the Select Board, will be chosen during the Annual Town Election. There are 41 municipal light plants in Massachusetts. Belmont was one of only four governed by its Select Board and the only one governed by a three-member Select Board. With certification of the 2022 Town Election, the Select Board will cease to act as the Municipal Light Board and the Light Board Advisory Committee, which was created under the current Municipal Light Board setup, will be dissolved.

In Massachusetts, Light Boards are comprised of individuals who may or may not have extensive technical experience in power supply, transmission, distribution, and other matters. The Legislature created a system in which Light Boards establish policy that is executed by a general manager. Because this is the first time Belmont is electing the Light Board, Two (2) members will be elected for three-year terms; Two (2) members will be elected for two-year terms; and One (1) member will be elected for a one-year term. This is set up to create a cycling of members – just Two (2) Light Board Members will be elected for Three (3) year terms in future years.

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# 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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As Town Meeting Moderator, I have encouraged informed and civil discussion of contentious issues. I spend hours with sponsors of articles, on all sides of issues, to ensure they get a fair hearing. With Belmont facing several difficult issues and passions unleashed, it is especially important that Town Meeting commit to civil debate. My other major responsibility is to appoint members of key committees including the Warrant and Capital Budget committees. Several members who have devoted years of extraordinary service will soon be stepping down. As always, I am seeking qualified candidates to replace them. Thank you for your support.

## MEMBER OF THE SELECT BOARD

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* ROY EPSTEIN

34 Cushing Avenue

Contact: rje@royepstein.com, royforbelmont@gmail.com

I'm running for re-election to the Select Board. Examples of my proven judgment and experience: Capital projects: initiated feasibility study for new skating rink accepted by School Committee in May 2021; drafted bylaw for new Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee and will propose releasing \$1 million from reserve account for capital for 2022 Town Meeting. Traffic: found solution for parking by high school students when BHS opened last fall. Beatrice Circle: my arguments led the 40B developers to scale back their proposal (Summer 2020). Financial management: opposed \$12.5 million override in Summer 2020, imposed new controls on school budget in 2021.

JEFFERY DEAN LASSETER

15 Woodland Street

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I am a Belmont father, coach, business owner (Jamaica Jeff's restaurant) and former Senior Operations Officer with the CIA. My goal is to serve on the Select Board to represent everyone in Belmont. A serious divide exists between the people of Belmont and our local government. Over 24 years in the federal government I developed communication, organizational, diplomatic and problem-solving skills and will contribute these strengths to address each of Belmont's challenges and goals. Belmont needs leadership with integrity that is results-driven for everyone – senior citizens, homeowners, renters, business owners and families.

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**TOWN CLERK**  
**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* ELLEN O'BRIEN CUSHMAN  
38 Scott Road  
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Serving as Town Clerk since 2010, I am honored to act on your trust by representing the interests, concerns, needs and suggestions of every resident of the Town of Belmont, whether a homeowner, home renter, adult, senior, child, business owner, voter or non-voter. The years 2020 to 2022 have been challenging years for the Town Clerk's office to run safe, accessible and accurate elections, hold remote-access Town Meetings, produce certified vital records and licenses. We've expanded our communications making information accessible by deploying broad-distribution emails, comprehensive web pages, easy-to-use public records portal and targeted Facebook posts.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* CHARLES R. LAVERTY, III  
10 Cedar Street  
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With home prices and values continuing to rise in Belmont, it is imperative for the Board of Assessors to capture the appropriate tax revenue in light of current and future projects being discussed by the Town. The assessors obtain this revenue based upon the full and fair market value of all personal and real property. With projects such as a possible new skating rink and library, the assessors continue to look at the tax impact of these projects in relation to the associated tax bills relative to possible overrides.

**BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**  
**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* WILLIAM J. CHEMELLI  
11 Ripley Road  
Contact: (617) 489-0416

I am looking forward to serving another term with the Board of Commissioners. We have two of the most beautiful cemeteries, thanks to the staff of the Belmont Department of Public Works for their dedication and hard work. I thank you for the opportunity to serve, once again.

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* JULIE C. LEMAY

37 Statler Road

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I have worked hard over the past six years on a broad range of public health issues facing our community: we pushed the Cushing Square developer to respond to environmental contamination issues; we developed regulations to guide adult use marijuana establishments; we addressed various wildlife issues; and we brought back the Youth Commission. Our amazing Health Department Staff and Board work together to assist those in our town by promoting public health and managing disease. Thank you for supporting me on the Board for the past years. I will continue to work hard to give back to my community.

MARINA E.R. ATLAS

49 Newton Street

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Transparency is step one to uphold an accountable government, maintain trust, and assure quality. For the last 5 years, I've worked to preserve access to PFAS chemical class and public health information in my academic life. I translate this science into walking the talk in Belmont. Encouraging specific steps towards best practices improves residents' health and climate. For example, I currently serve as a volunteer technical expert and member of Healthy Lawns, Sustainable Belmont. We are moving Belmont to healthier, safer, less toxic practices and encouraging environmental incentives. Let's keep protecting air quality, quality of life, and everyone's health.

## **TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

\* MARK CARTHY

21 Stone Road

Contact: (617) 489-6028

Belmont Library staffing and budget has been cut over the past 25 years. Trustees continue to work with the town and Library Director to restore services and add opening hours – all at a reasonable cost. The Belmont library building is held together with duck-tape. We have experienced closures due to system failures. We continue working with the town to schedule the timing of a new library at a reasonable cost.

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\* MARY DONAHUE STEARNS

15 Winthrop Road

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Our library is a heavily used community resource and the only town building open seven days a week. Library usage and programs are thriving, even with Covid, but the building is failing. The building has serious structural issues, it is not code compliant and the mechanical systems have exceeded their useful life. Three independent studies recommended a new library building as the most cost-effective solution to address these problems. The need is urgent and I support the anticipated debt exclusion vote in November 2022 to finance a new library building.

## MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

DAVID M. BEAVERS

316 Trapelo Road

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It's been a pleasure serving on the Light Board Advisory Committee (LBAC) for four years to help Belmont Light define and realize goals that better serve our community. Due to owning our own utility, our electric rates have been running at 20% to 30% lower than comparable rates in neighboring communities served by an investor-owned utility. I believe we can maintain this affordability while meeting the goals of the Town's Climate Action Roadmap by continuing a strategy of "hedging" energy purchases to mitigate the impact of price spikes in the wholesale market, and pursuing cost-competitive long-term renewable energy contracts.

TRAVIS R. FRANCK

45 Horace Road

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I'm running for Belmont's Municipal Light Board to help guide Belmont Light's transition to a 21st Century utility. Belmont Light is an award-winning municipal utility that has recently made significant progress incorporating renewable energy, while maintaining electricity rates that are lower than surrounding communities. As Chair of the Light Board Advisory Committee, I championed policies that kept prices low and decreased Belmont's carbon footprint. My goal is to improve Belmont Light's delivery of services in a fiscally responsible manner. I work for an energy and climate non-profit, after receiving my PhD from MIT in Engineering Systems.

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**MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
For Two Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

JEFFREY P. GEIBEL

39 Hillside Terrace

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Town meeting voted by a huge 83% margin to change the Light Board. Clearly, that signaled a desire for new leadership - Steve Jobs said: "Think different". The challenge facing the Light Board is to get our 11,000 customers to understand, embrace and participate in our strategic electrification programs and adjust their electrical use to get affordable power. In a word - that's marketing. Sustainability takes understanding and committed action by Belmontonians. That will be my goal - getting buy in and participation - which has been clearly lacking. I would like to request your vote to start making progress to these goals.

STEPHEN KLIONSKY

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I am running for a two-year seat on the newly-constituted Municipal Light Board to continue my efforts as a long-time member and chair of the Light Board Advisory Committee to make Belmont Light as progressive an electric utility as possible. This means, in part, working with the community, Belmont Light's General Manager and staff to promote sustainable efforts such as contracting for more renewable resources, encouraging the electrification of energy uses in town, and implementing energy efficiency measures, while at the same time ensuring that Belmont Light continues to provide reliable service at an affordable price.

MICHAEL MACRAE

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My motivation to serve on the Light Board is simple - to ensure low-cost electricity that is reliable and sustainable. I have worked in energy budget management, policy, and facility operations for a decade, am a member of Belmont's Light Board Advisory Committee (since 2019), am an ambassador for the Heat Smart Belmont program, and am knowledgeable of Belmont's energy needs. I am excited to continue applying this expertise toward achieving our town's energy priorities and maintaining Belmont Light's award-winning reliability at low costs. My family moved to Belmont in 2017. I earned my PhD in Chemistry and am LEED accredited.

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**MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**  
**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

ANDREW MACHADO

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Belmont Light has grown into one of the leading municipal light plants in Massachusetts, although it now faces a critical inflection point. Responsible financial management is always demanding, but even more so when confronted with challenging climate goals, evolving regulations, and continuing infrastructure needs. I support a holistic, data-driven decisioning-making process which prioritizes collaboration and equity among stakeholders. I hope to help lead a strong, dedicated Municipal Light Board as it faces capital projects decisions, budgeting, and rate-setting with transparency, grounded analysis, relevant expertise, and consideration for our neighbors, our businesses, and our entire community.

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM MORRIS

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The Belmont Light Board is transitioning from the Selectmen to an elected board. This is an opportunity to provide new leadership at Belmont Light as well as look out for the rate payers of Belmont best interests. I will focus on outage readiness, utilization of distributed renewable generation by rate payers and implementation of smart load peaking concepts. I have worked in the renewable energy industry and have been responsible for the development of more than 1,000 MW of wind power in the US. I will bring my understanding of the energy industry to Belmont to ensure that we are prepared for the future energy demands with the increased push towards electrification.

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## MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Two

\* AMY E. CHECKOWAY

26 Pequossette Road

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I have worked hard to listen to and represent the range of perspectives in our community and improve trust and transparency. One of the most important issues that we face is management of the operating budget, which necessitates a different approach to budget monitoring, prioritization of needs, communications, and data use. The School Committee needs to work closely with district and town leadership, including the Select Board, Warrant Committee, and Capital Budget Committee, to address Belmont's fiscal challenges. It will be critical to frequently seek community input to ensure that future budgets include the level of services that residents expect.

JEFFREY W. LIBERTY

43 Worcester Street

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I'm running for the open seat on the Belmont School Committee because our community faces complex issues that will require strategic planning, disciplined leadership, and relevant expertise over the next several years. I believe that I have the vision, the values, and the skills to help us address our most pressing challenges. I want to put my deep educational and management experience to work for the Belmont Public Schools. I would be honored to represent you and help the Belmont School Committee restore its reputation and realize the enormous potential of our schools for all of our students and families.

# PRECINCT I

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For One, Two or Three Years

Vote for not more than Thirty-Six

*Borders have changed. All 36 TMMs seats in Pct 1 are up for election this year. See Page 3 for more details.*

\* JENNIFER G. AUSROTAS

65 Richardson Road

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My priorities continue to be student and elder care, as well as safety. I supported the high school/middle school development and will support efforts to ensure that the proposed new traffic configuration on Concord Ave is not implemented. While biking should be encouraged, I am concerned about the safety and congestion problems that are likely to be created by the proposal. In addition, as a volunteer for the Beech Street Center, I have seen the enormous benefits provided by its programming and will support funding for senior activities and care, as well as efforts to provide greater senior housing.

\* HEATHER A. BARR

180 School Street

(20 of 20)

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I believe in investing in schools and supporting our teachers so that Belmont can continue to strive for academic excellence. I have joined efforts to preserve open spaces in Belmont and will continue to advocate for recreational use of the space in our parks and around the schools. Belmont has substantial cut through traffic, especially in Precinct 1. I have worked with Safe Routes to School to promote biking and walking and have encouraged town government to install safer infrastructure, including speed tables on School Street. The town needs a new library, which should be prioritized among capital projects.

\* CAROLYN J. BISHOP

7 Orchard Street

(17 of 20)

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Pandemic or not, important Town decisions await, many impact Precinct 1. Concerns: BMHSBC should commit to PVSolar for future economical energy for the new high tech system. Related concerns are increased traffic, parking and the future of land next to Harris Field. The delay of the rink, library and JV fields needed until schools are complete. Other issues need addressing: building maintenance, increased taxes impacting many, serious road maintenance needed. How manage frugality over frills? Praise to the Belmont Health Department for coordination with Arlington for vaccinations, local boosters, tests avoiding the "Mass vax-chaos."

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\* REED F. BUNDY

259 School Street

(17 of 20)

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Since 2017, I have proudly served as your Town Meeting Member and hope to continue to do so. During that time, I have focused on supporting Belmont's thriving schools and safe streets. I led the effort to install traffic safety measures on School Street and am a strong supporter of thoughtful capital efforts that allow Belmont to be so much more than a "Town of Homes". I hope you will join me as we continue to build a sustainable, small business-friendly, and welcoming town for our residents and generations to come.

\* MARK CARTHY

21 Stone Road

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The town and school are taking parking and bus stops from Concord Avenue and surrounding streets for high school parking and expanded bike lanes. Residents are losing access to public transport and the right to park outside their houses. The town needs leaders to consider other options to high school parking and bike lane safety. I offer my forty years business experience to work on these issues. Lived in Belmont for 32 years and a homeowner for 28 years.

\* PETER J. DIZIKES

34 Randolph Street

(19 of 20)

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Education is a vital part of our society, and I have worked extensively to keep Belmont's schools strong, including serving on the campaign committee for the successful high school and middle school project. We also need to diversify Belmont's revenues to improve our long-term fiscal footing. I have supported the town's adoption of better energy policies, and have worked to make Belmont more user-friendly for pedestrians and cyclists; let's prioritize the safety and convenience of Belmont residents, not cut-through drivers. In all areas, we should keep building a Belmont that serves residents of all ages.

\* CHRISTOPHER GRANDE

64 School Street

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Financial management: There is no doubt in my mind that most of the other issues on the concerns list directly relate to our financial capability, and whether we even have the choice to address these concerns or not. Belmont citizens rely on us to do the research and debate to bring the important points to the front. We have financial challenges that need to be researched and discussed thoroughly, and more importantly, immediately. And I will help to do that.

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\* KIMBERLY NICCOLE HALEY

26 Merrill Avenue

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Belmont has faced several challenges over the past few years in our schools and affordable housing. I have served on the Diversity Task Force to address these challenges in our town. As an advocate for affordable housing, I will work with appropriate stakeholders to establish at least one area for multi-family zoning by right, for those families with children according to Massachusetts law. I will continue my work with the School Administration to address student concerns around diversity, equity and inclusion.

\* JESSICA OLANS HAUSMAN

11 Sharpe Road

(20 of 20)

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I have served as your TMM for 4 years while campaigning for the public/private-funded new library and 2 school committee candidates. I was on the steering committee for the recent override to hire teachers to fill our new school and reduce classroom size. I support the predominantly state-funded bike path to promote safety and reduce traffic. As a parent of small children, I provide information and spearhead campaign outreach to constituents in spaces where they're less reached, including playgrounds, splash pads, and soccer fields. My business background enables me to evaluate cost-effectiveness of different infrastructure projects for Belmont's future.

\* JOCELYN C. HAYES

5 Colonial Terrace

(18 of 20)

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Many elders in Belmont are having to leave the home and the town they love because they can no longer pay their high taxes. The town needs more low income housing and the Housing Trust is working to find solutions that will make this possible. The Belmont Diversity Task Force has completed a year-long study of steps that will improve greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in town. This will help ensure that every resident in town feels welcomed, safe, and respected. As a former teacher, I support small class sizes and classroom aides who provide academic or behavioral assistance.

\* DAVID ALEXANDER LIND

68 Fairmont Street

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I grew up in town, graduating from Belmont High in 2001. Lara and I are raising our five children in the town we love, wanting it to be a welcoming, caring, tight-knit community for all. I will continue to bring the same skills, passion, and approach to Town Meeting as I

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have over the past two years, and while serving as one of the Belmont Recreation Commissioners. Our schools and library, our roads and recreation, our town services and budget, all need creative problem solving that balances both short and long-term needs. Thank you for your vote.

\* DAWN MACKERRON

(7 of 7)

70 Becket Road

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I am an Automation Engineer for a manufacturer's rep firm working with local manufacturing companies and am involved with our industry trade group, ISA. I gratefully participate in EnCourage, a faith-based cancer support group. I am an advocate for common sense spending by our town officials. I actively participate in committee and department meetings to understand how our tax dollars are being spent. I conclude from this that the town is very much in need of a balanced spending plan – having a goal to live within our means. Being in Town Meeting is a way to help us get there.

\* ANNE MARIE S. MAHONEY

24 Goden Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-0419; virtuesandgrace@gmail.com

I chaired the successful DPW/ Police Station building project. Utilizing creative design, partnerships with Town departments, CPA funds, and generous donations we renovated and added to both facilities for \$13.0 million without a debt exclusion. Rink and Library should rely on modest solutions and donations, too. I serve on Long Term Capital Planning and Capital Budget Committees. Belmont needs a long-term Capital plan and more funding for Capital requests. CBC's annual discretionary allocation cannot adequately address school building repairs, technology, public safety equipment and sidewalks. I support residents' pleas for traffic mitigation; pedestrian and bicycle safety; on-campus BHS student parking.

\* ROBERT EDWARD MCGAW

23 Louise Road

(19 of 20)

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Let's all get involved and advocate for the Town's best interests. I am advocating to keep solar panels included in the Middle & High School project. Let's make sure that the new library and ice rink comply with Belmont's Sustainable Building Design Policy. I am opposing the Traffic Advisory Committee's proposal to park cars in the middle of each of the Concord Avenue lanes (with bike lanes at curbside), dangerously narrowing travel for vehicles, especially buses and wide vehicles. As Chair of the Board of Registrars, I encourage everyone to register and vote.

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\* HOLLY HART MUSON

40 Temple Street

(18 of 20)

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As a 20-year resident of Belmont with two children who have graduated from the public schools, I support the commitment of the Town to building and maintaining excellent human and physical resources for our youth. As a member of the Community Path Project Committee, I am working to integrate what residents desire in creating safe and attractive infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages. As a Town Meeting Member, I communicate with my neighbors frequently about how town decisions impact their lives, and welcome their input to further inform my positions on local issues.

\* DANIEL J. O'CONNELL

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23 Becket Road

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I am a 36 year resident of Belmont with three sons who attended the Belmont schools. I am a candidate for re-election to Town Meeting who hopes to help identify opportunities for new revenue streams for the Town to ease the tax burden on homeowners. The need for future capital projects to sustain the vibrancy of our community is known. I hope to encourage thoughtful pursuit of revenue streams which will enable us to build and maintain these required facilities. Our collective goal is to make our Town healthier and more beautiful, I look forward to working towards that goal.

\* HENRY MCFARLAN OGILBY

96 Taylor Road

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As a lifelong resident I love Belmont! If elected as a town meeting member I will do my best to represent all constituents including those who need preschool as well as those requiring elder services. We need to fix the parking situation at the high school, and we need a new library. Thank you

\* CORINNE MCCUE OLMSTED

28 Stone Road

(20 of 20)

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Successfully addressing Belmont's current needs is critical to Belmont's future. The town budget and needed capital projects require effective solutions. Precinct 1 is directly affected by multiple capital projects and traffic. I have served as a TMM for 5 years and have experience in economic and financial analysis. I have children in Belmont schools and serve as a library trustee. I participate in public meetings regarding budget and capital projects and have supported residents' concerns regarding traffic and parking. I am an informed and

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active TMM and will continue to support solutions that are effective, sustainable, and fiscally responsible.

\* EMILY A. PETERSON

22 Glendale Road

(19 of 20)

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The last 4 years as a TMM, I voted for roll call voting to increase transparency, affordable housing at McLean, and the community path. I am active in our community: spearheaded a tree planting project on Orchard Street, member of Belmont Math Parents group to maintain quality math instruction for all learning levels in our public schools, soccer coach. I support traffic measures to reduce cut-through traffic and seek to maintain the solar array at BHS to achieve ZNE. I will advocate for responsible ways to invest in additional tree canopy, safe roads for biking, the library, and skating rink.

\* ADRIANA POOLE

53 Louise Road

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Maintaining our schools' excellence by assuring funding to protect class size and course offerings remains a top priority. Finding/promoting climate action measures has entered a phase of urgency. We need to narrow the affordable housing gap between demand and availability while working within the zoning bylaws frame to preserve our town's character. I have been actively involved in addressing traffic/parking challenges related to the new construction of the High/Middle school which have negatively impacted my neighborhood. I ask for your vote and I will be humbled to serve you for a fourth consecutive term. Questions? Email me at: [apoole@pooleweb.com](mailto:apoole@pooleweb.com).

\* YVETTE J. TENNEY

70 Bow Road

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During eleven years as a Town Meeting member, I have worked for passage of the Community Preservation Act, renovation of the Belmont pool, overrides to support the schools, debt exclusion for the new Middle and High School, Belmont Goes Solar, the tunnel under the tracks, and the community path. The new library and hockey rink will further enhance our community. While I am thrilled to live in a walkable town, we also need sufficient convenient parking. Affordable housing, such as that proposed at McLean, will meet critical needs and avoid forced development, as occurred at Beatrice Circle.

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\* JENNIFER WALKER THOMAS

55 Bright Road

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\* ALEX K. THURSTON

101 Baker Street

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Traffic is a town-wide issue. To attempt to mitigate the challenges of traffic in Belmont and Precinct 1, I am part of the High School Traffic Working Group. 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 also have children in Chenery and the new BHS and am a strong supporter of Belmont Public Schools.

\* STEPHEN TOMCZYK

47 Hamilton Road

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My children attended the Belmont Public Schools and I am committed to maintaining the quality of education in the Town. But with the construction of the new High School/Middle School, traffic and parking have become a major concern in our neighborhood. I think we can help alleviate this problem by completing the Community Path – including the tunnel under the railroad tracks – as soon as possible. I have attended meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the High School Building Committee, and I urged the Building Committee to keep myself informed and to express my opinions.

\* JOHN J. WEIS

30 Chenery Terrace

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Finding the right balance between investing in our community and doing so in a fiscally-responsible manner is the key on-going issue facing Belmont. This issue manifests each budget cycle, and in the periodic evaluation of various critical capital infrastructure projects. As a member of the Warrant Committee, I have worked diligently to ensure that the Town budget achieves that optimal balance. As a Town Meeting member since 2009, I have strived to remain informed on the issues, to actively participate in Town Meeting deliberations, and to vote in a way that I think represents the best interests of all citizens.

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\* ELIZABETH F. WOO

16 Randolph Street

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A Belmont resident since 1999 and mother of 2 (college freshman & 8th grader), I actively campaigned for the new School Committee members during the last election that has resulted in improved direction and oversight of Belmont Schools. I was one of the initial organizers of the parent group that supports the restoration of the Math Acceleration program after Belmont School Administration chose to eliminate it in late 2019 with little notice to parents. After 2 years of disruption, we must prioritize keeping our kids in school in person and return to focusing on academic excellence and their social emotional health.

\* BREDA ZIMKUS

134 Concord Avenue

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As a 10-year resident of Belmont and Town Meeting Member up for re-election, I will continue to educate myself on every article on the Town Meeting warrant and vote in a way that invests in our community while being fiscally responsible. I am committed to ensuring that Belmont's students have the infrastructure and support that they need to be successful in school, and I believe that Belmont should continue to consider public-private partnerships and outside grants to assist in funding future capital expenditures.

LEONARD G. ABRAM

55 Hill Road, #710

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A neighbor in our apartment building moved to New Hampshire. She was in her 40s, single, a job on 128, a daughter in college. Why was she leaving Belmont after so many years? She replied, "It's too expensive." As a Town Meeting Member, I'd be focused on restraining, if not reducing, the cost of government – so that longtime residents can afford to live here. A major cost of government is our excellent schools. After several hundred million dollars invested, let's make sure we aren't teaching our kids to dislike their own country. Criticism, yes. Indoctrination, no.

ALEXANDER DEREK DEWINTER

29 Madison Street

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If elected, I will be a pragmatic and progressive voice for Precinct 1. One issue that prompted my run is the development at Beatrice Circle. Belmont does need more affordable housing, but the Beatrice Circle proposal exploited Chapter 40B to build with excessive density, dis

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rupting a neighborhood. While Beatrice Circle isn't a Precinct 1 issue, this sort of development could happen anywhere in Belmont. I will work in Town Meeting to counter future proposals like that at Beatrice Circle to ensure that Belmont remains the Town of Homes.

DIANE M. DIDEO

24 Trowbridge Street

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I am a proud third generation Belmontian and my sons are fourth generation and attended the Belmont Public Schools. I have been an active member of CFRB (Citizens for a Fiscally Responsible Belmont) and believe in CFRB's goals to increase accountability, responsibility and transparency in our town and school government. I am a retired high school history teacher, am on the board of the Belmont Historical Society and volunteer on Fridays at the Belmont Senior Center. I am hopeful that the voters in Precinct 1 will give me the opportunity to be a member of Town Meeting where I will always be vigilant regarding the best interests of all Belmont residents.

JASON THOMAS DIDEO

22 Trowbridge Street

Contact: [jaeguy7399@yahoo.com](mailto:jaeguy7399@yahoo.com)

My name is Jason Dideo. I am a life long resident of Belmont. I am a registered nurse, and proudly serve our veteran population working in mental health and addressing homelessness in our country. I am a member of CFRB. I believe the soul of this town is in its diversity and inclusiveness of all of its citizens and would love the opportunity to serve my community and listening to all who have to offer and being a voice for Precinct 1 of this wonderful town.

NICOLE ANNA BARRY DORN

42 Madison Street

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I believe in the future of Belmont and want to help protect this future by ensuring we have a plan for fiscal sustainability. As past chair of Yes for Belmont, I understand the need to address our deficit so we can provide effective town services and adequately fund our schools. Doing so will require solutions on multiple fronts – from identifying cost savings to raising additional revenue to making it easier to start and maintain businesses here. We also need key capital investments – including a new library and hockey rink – to ensure Belmont remains a vibrant community for years to come.

MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY

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I am a graduate of Boston Latin School and UMass married to a Belmont High School

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graduate so I definitely appreciate the value of a high-quality public education. I cycle in the Pan Mass Challenge and bike to work in Boston which helps me appreciate the importance of safe public roads and traffic control. Of particular concern to me is helping people such as my 98 year-old Belmont mother-in-law, who have lived in Belmont for 30, 40 and 50 years remain in their homes and the town they love by keeping taxes manageable through careful spending decisions.

ALISA L. GARDNER-TODREAS

16 Chenery Terrace

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I've lived in Belmont for 17 years with my husband and children, who attended the Belmont Public Schools. One issue I've been involved with is housing. I was on the Belmont Housing Trust (BHT) for 9 years; Chair for 2 years. During my tenure with the BHT, I worked with multiple Town committees, Town departments, and other stakeholders to advocate for affordable housing. Accomplishments include updating the Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw and passing the Community Preservation Act. I also volunteered in the public schools for over a decade and will continue advocating for sustainable funding and excellence in our schools.

JAMES Y. KNIGHT

55 Watson Road

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I grew up in Belmont, graduated from BHS in 1997, and returned in 2011 with my wife Amitha. Our two children attend Belmont public schools along with their cousins, one of whom is in LABBB. Belmont's schools and infrastructure have long been an interest of mine, and while much has been accomplished recently, we still need to ensure the library, skating rink, and community path projects are prudently and successfully completed. Belmont is a caring, diverse community, and I hope I can help to keep our town thriving and on a sustainable footing for many years to come.

MARY DEWHURST LEWIS

34 Randolph Street

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I support a forward-looking Belmont that is walkable and bicycle-friendly, and that seeks sustainable revenue streams for funding public schools, recreation, and green infrastructure. I have a track record of commitment to important town projects. In 2014, I helped fundraise for the Underwood Pool. In 2015, I joined the campaign to fund our schools when they faced overcrowded classrooms. In 2018, I was on the Steering Committee for the 7-12 School Campaign, which has resulted in a beautiful new space for students and townspeople alike. I commit to building on my strong record and advocating for Belmont's future.

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LAWRENCE J. LINK

49 Orchard Street

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On the re-activated Belmont Library Foundation, I have worked to manage assets and raise philanthropic support to offset any proposed borrowing, and to promote this important and highly successful community organization. I also serve on the Traffic Advisory Committee, Safe Routes and the temporary “Working Group” focused on safety and parking issues related to the new HS/MS Campus, Safe corridors and streets (and the anticipated Alexander Tunnel) will help us to promote more biking/walking and alleviate unnecessary SOV travel. Finally, I follow the Capital Budget and Structural Change committees closely, and support a sustainable long-term financial plan, and disciplined annual [LWV truncated at 100]

JEFFREY S. NORTH

138 School Street

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The high quality of education produced by Belmont schools reflects community strengths that are not strictly proportional to spending. Better strategies to augment those strengths in our schools is an alternative to overrides. Similarly, improving local transportation, built- and natural infrastructure can be achieved via best practices borrowed from neighboring towns, and by leveraging regional resources and shared services where possible. Serving on the Conservation Commission and Land Management Committee since 2010, and recently as managing editor of the Belmont Citizens Forum Newsletter, I have gained a broad view of town governance that will enable me to effectively serve Belmont.

MEREDITH MOSS QUINN

29 Myrtle Street

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Across all issues facing Belmont, I value our ability as neighbors to speak and listen respectfully to each other. I bring experience bridging differences and facilitating difficult conversations. You can count on me to listen to you and to other elected representatives with an open mind and heart, and a commitment to do what is best for all our neighbors. In addition, I have an MBA and a solid grounding in finances, and I’m not afraid to get into the weeds to understand the choices before us. Please don’t hesitate to be in touch – I welcome conversation!

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JAMAL SAEH

72 Watson Road

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As an immigrant and Belmont resident for 10 years, I believe in the importance of local government in creating a welcoming community that balances the needs of all of its citizens. As an elected School Committee member, I worked tirelessly to safely open schools in-person and to negotiate fair contracts that centre students and community values; I chair the Equity Subcommittee and supported the hiring of an equity director; I serve on the Finance Subcommittee to manage the budget and align resources to student needs; I serve as a liaison to the Warrant Committee to bring a holistic view of [LWV truncated at 100]

MATTHEW S. TAYLOR

59 Edgemoor Road

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Alphabetically at the bottom of your ballot: I'm a parent of two BPS (Burbank) students. I'm a logistics guy. During committee meetings, I show up informed and eager to listen. You'll hear how I've studied other towns and what can be applied to our community—such as calming traffic, noise ordinances, business regulations and infrastructure projects. I support public schools that prepare children to compete globally, and our tradition of local government services. I view community as a multi-generational team sport. I love hearing from you, especially when we think differently. Please write me or visit [02478.org](https://02478.org)

JOSEPH B. WHOLLEY

15 Emerson Street

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As a long-time Belmont resident (33 of the last 41 years) I love the town and am proud to call it home. While I think the town does many things right, it consistently gets one thing wrong year after year: Belmont woefully underfunds on-going maintenance and capital improvements, leading to the deterioration of town buildings (schools, libraries, etc) and, most obviously, roads and sidewalks. Before we embark on any major new capital programs, we need to ensure basic requirements can be met. Example: The two million FY23 budget for roads and sidewalks is a perfect example.

## PRECINCT 2

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For One, Two or Three Years

Vote for not more than Thirty-Six

*Borders have changed. All 36 TMMs seats in Pct 2 are up for election this year. See Page 3 for more details.*

\* LESLIE J. AITKEN

70 Evergreen Way

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Education and infrastructure are important. If the override passes, we should be in a good place to make sure that they remain a continued priority. The pandemic has been unfortunate for the town and our citizens, but by keeping our town up on the priorities we will not fall behind and have to play catchup.

\* MARTY BITNER

207 Claflin Street

(20 of 20)

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I am a parent of two children in Belmont Public Schools and will work to maintain the high quality of our school system. As a Town Meeting Member and Co-chair of the Energy Committee, I have sought win-wins such as making new building projects like McLean and the new high school all-electric and as energy efficient as possible. This benefits Belmont residents by sending our energy dollars to our municipal utility Belmont Light (of which all of us are essentially shareholders) and benefits future generations by helping Belmont achieve its climate goals.

\* W. SUMNER BROWN

35 Ross Road

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I have particular interest in Belmont traffic, our sewer system, school security, and affordable housing. I have published in the Belmont Citizens Forum or reported to town committees about these topics. Please be aware that Town Meeting Members always wish to save money and improve services. Still we have high taxes. And few are completely satisfied with services. At best, Town Meeting is able to push back on the occasional rare items that come before Town Meeting from town administration that do not smell right, such as town yard fuel storage tanks.

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\* M. PATRICIA BRUSCH

52 Radcliffe Road

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Contact: (617)489-3778

I have been on Capital Budget Committee and various building committees for a number of years. I have tried to find cost effective and appropriate solutions to maintain our assets and upgrade or replace them when needed. I am currently serving on Middle and High School Building Committee, working with others to keep it within budget. I also have served on many library study committees and recently worked with Selectmen to move the rink project to the next stage. Beatrice Circle is a travesty. Town needs more affordable housing but in appropriate settings.

\* SUSAN E. BURGESS-COX

135 Radcliffe Road

(20 of 20)

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Belmont needs to invest in our capital assets. As a member of the Capital Budget Committee, I have worked diligently to approve capital projects on a limited budget. The town needs to allocate additional funds to the discretionary capital budget to protect town assets. Belmont operates on a lean budget. As a member of the School Committee and Capital Budget Committee, I worked to address town needs while facing these budgetary constraints. I intend to continue to address similar issues as a town meeting member.

\* THOMAS CAPUTO

63 Richmond Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617)932-1722

In my time serving on the Select Board, School Committee, and Warrant Committee, I have worked to develop and promote thoughtful strategic and financial planning for Belmont. We have made progress in this regard, but we continue to face a structural deficit that we must address. We need to grow revenue, manage costs, and identify innovative ways to deliver Town and School services. I'm committed to investment in capital projects (albeit prudently) with a focus on managing on-going operating costs and embracing sustainability in order to ensure Belmont remains a great community in which to live, work, and attend school.

\* JULIA FOSTER CORBETT

48 Stella Road

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I strongly support the building of a new Library as the next major capital project. The town's financial health would benefit from a wider tax base: more commercial businesses. I support a review of both the commercial and private property zoning in Belmont. I also

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support allocating money on infrastructure projects in need of repair: roads, sidewalk, and sewer. I have been a town meeting member for 3 terms. Thank you for considering me as a precinct 2 town meeting member.

\* JOSEPH G. DESTEFANO

3 Sumner Lane

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Contact: NONE PROVIDED

As a life-long resident and father of 2 children with my wife Sarah. The town of Belmont is special to me. I am a local Real Estate Developer in town I care deeply about ensuring a great future for all people to enjoy. Throughout the years I have served on various boards and committees including the Zoning and Belmont Planning Boards. I believe smart planning and development will be essential for Belmont's continued excellence in education and overall quality of life. I respectfully ask for your vote.

\* ELIZABETH HARMER DIONNE

55 Wellesley Road

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As Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, I have prioritized spending restricted CPA funds on projects with maximum public impact, such as park and field renovations, repairs to Town Hall and the police station, increased affordable housing units, and the community path. As a member of the Warrant Committee, I meet annually with department heads to review their budgets and ensure efficient spending. I also monitor Belmont's retirement system (BRS), which currently has inferior investment returns to PRIT (the state-run system). We cannot force BRS to join PRIT, but identifying and publicizing shortfalls exerts pressure for them to do so.

\* FRANK E. FRENCH

44 Evergreen Way

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\* RONALD H. GEIGER

27 Stella Road

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Contact: (617) 489-0539

Belmont faces many challenges that include: 1. Need to increase Town revenue by fostering commercial development. I support the Economic Development Committee plan to examine Waverley Square with recommendations for redevelopment. Extend this approach to our other commercial centers. 2. Need transparent negotiations with the Middle and High School Building Committee to avoid cutting promised solar panels on the MHSB. 3. Oversight of

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the American Rescue Plan Act distribution and funding plans. Belmont has finite resources that need to be spent wisely. 4. Help Belmont become a more sustainable community. Support Municipal Light Board initiatives to achieve Belmont's Climate Action Plan goals.

\* ANNE K. HELGEN

243 Marsh Street

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Contact: (617) 489-1102

As a member of the Warrant Committee (and its Education and Public Safety Subcommittees), the Structural Change Impact Group and the Recreation Commission, I'm deeply involved in town finances and issues, and bring an analytical and thoughtful approach to finding opportunities and solutions to town and school challenges. I am particularly focused on bringing reform and more visibility to the budget process, rethinking the decentralized governance of the town, and bringing more public engagement and understanding to the process. All of these are critical to managing the structural deficit.

\* KAREN BARMAKIAN HEROSIAN

585 Pleasant Street

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As a 45 year Belmont resident, BHS graduate and successful business owner, I strongly support projects that make Belmont an economically viable place to live for young families as well as an aging population. I support new library, primarily through private donations and new skating rink through Public/Private partnership. To alleviate our residential tax burden while maintaining quality services, I endorse commercial development consistent with neighborhood needs. As our community grows, safety on our roads must be maintained with budgetary constraints. Additional lit crosswalks, clearly designated bicycle lanes and well maintained roads are imperative.

\* KELLY ANN HIGGINS

11 Garfield Road

(18 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-9212

I've been a resident of Belmont for 50 years and a homeowner for 30. My husband and I chose to stay in town to raise our two children. We believe in this community and support the need of giving back. I understand that the town is facing many requests for capital improvement projects including schools, library, fields and the ice rink. All are vital to the fabric of our community. It is crucial we work together to stay informed to prioritize the requests of the residents while staying mindful of the budget.

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\* DAVID C. HURLEY

20 Birch Hill Road

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As usual, Belmont faces major fiscal challenges. Unrelenting demands on the operating budget, unfulfilled capital projects, increasing school enrollment and unfunded mandates are constantly attacking the bottom line. We must continue to think outside the box and explore every state/federal/private funding opportunity. We must treat all our town employees, committee volunteers and taxpayers fairly and honestly. We need to make Belmont more affordable for our seniors.

\* KATHLEEN KEOHANE

19 Rutledge Road

(20 of 20)

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We need comprehensive and responsible planning for Belmont's challenging operating and capital needs. Plans must consider the needs of all citizens and be informed by input from the residents. With balanced decision-making that carefully weighs the demands of continued investment in capital projects with the maintenance of core services and public safety, we can find our way forward. The town's remaining capital projects must be addressed thoughtfully. I will continue to leverage my skills and experiences to drive the right decisions for all in the community we love. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.

\* LYDIA L.W. KOGLER

30 Rutledge Road

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With three young children, I'm interested in the success of Belmont Schools. To help ensure our children could return to a full-length school day in Spring 2021, I co-led the Winn Brook PTA Lunch Program, creating operational processes and communications to recruit and staff volunteers for monitoring/assisting during lunch periods. With four parent volunteers per two daily shifts, we were able to fully staff the cafeteria and tent spaces all Spring and Fall, thus ensuring our children had a safer and consistent lunch time routine during a pandemic. I'm eager to continue developing/implementing solutions for our town via TM participation.

\* ANNE-MARIE M. LAMBERT

79 Chilton Street

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I joined Town Meeting 18 years ago. Our daughters attended Winn Brook, Chenery, and BHS, and I've always strongly supported our schools. I co-founded the Belmont Stormwater Working Group, engaging with citizens and town officials in efforts to reduce flooding risk, curb pollution, and build climate change resilience. We've worked with high school students,

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and I've lectured at BHS about our local watersheds. Our efforts helped inform drainage features of the design for a new library, which I support. At Town Meeting, I've been open-minded, practical, and collaborative, remaining focused on matters in our purview. Please vote for Anne-Marie Lambert!

\* LINDA LEVIN-SCHERZ

75 Woodbine Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 834-4682

A 31-year Belmont resident, I've served on the School Committee, the executive board of the Foundation for Belmont Education (I organized the FBE's first spelling bee!) and was precinct captain for Chenery's debt exclusion. I introduced a bylaw at TM to ban plastic bags, which passed overwhelmingly. I am currently chair of the Belmont Democratic Town Committee. Education and environmental stewardship are priorities.

\* BARRY LUBARSKY

257 Rutledge Road

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As a 12-year resident of Belmont, my priorities are to ensure broad awareness of the issues and decisions Belmont is facing and bring the voice of my neighbors to those discussions. The continued challenges the Town faces during these unprecedented times requires broad civic engagement to achieve an inclusive approach that balances the needs of town infrastructure, safe schools for our children, and services for our aging population, while preserving a stable financial future. Similarly, we need to ensure the town has a say in affordable housing growth that is consistent with the needs of current Belmont residents.

\* PETER R. MAGNI

140 Radcliffe Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-9572

After upgrading the police station and building a new high school, we must resolve the library issue and the skating rink. We also must complete these capital projects without further increasing an ever-growing tax burden on our citizens, especially our senior citizens. At the same time, we must continue to retain our town's high bond rating. It can be done by Town Meeting Members working together to identify additional revenue sources within our town and region. We must improve our town's business climate so that we can keep our businesses thriving and invite new businesses quickly when openings exist.

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\* ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN

81 Wellesley Road

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Contact: (617) 233-5660

I am socially liberal and fiscally conservative. I try to bring that philosophy to bear in my service to Belmont on the Warrant Committee, Middle and High School Building Committee, Library Building Committee, Permanent Building Committee and, of course, as a long-standing Town Meeting Member. I ask for your vote so that I may continue. When the federal COVID funds are soon exhausted, it will require a balance to provide Belmont's services without forcing my fellow senior citizens out of Belmont.

\* JUDITH A. McSWAIN

35 Ross Road

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I strongly believe in supporting our excellent schools. We must maintain first-rate education for our students. I'm retired Belmont Library staff. Having worked in the library many years I saw firsthand the enormous benefits of a high-quality library for all our Belmont students and residents. Our library is loved! We must support it!! Town Meeting members must also keep in mind Belmont has some of the highest taxes in the state. We must be ever vigilant to control spending with creative problem-solving.

\* MEGHAN A. MORIARTY

22 Garfield Road

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As Secretary for the Belmont School Committee, Belmont students are my top priority as is our Town as demonstrated by me serving on the Preliminary Rink Design Committee, Structural Change Impact Group, and Capital Budget Committee. The rink is part of the fabric of Belmont serving students, youth, and women who play hockey. On SCIG, I suggested next steps for numerous ideas submitted by the community to increase transparency around operations and decision-making. I aim to increase communication between the CBC and SC to address the Capitol needs of the schools in a fiscally responsible manner.

\* DERAN M. MUCKJIAN

108 Village Hill Road

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As a current Town Meeting member, as well as a small business owner in Belmont Center and lifelong Belmont resident, I have a solid understanding about what makes Belmont a desirable place to live. I am also on the Economic Development committee and serve as the Vice President of the Belmont Center Merchants Association. I believe that fiscal responsibility is critical to maintaining a vibrant community. With the current state of high inflation and increased energy costs we have to be more judicious with the way we manage our town government. If reelected I will continue to offer the perspective [LWV truncated at 100]

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\* WILLIAM MUSSERIAN

7 Greybirch Circle

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I have been a Belmont resident for over 20 years, and I'm a proud graduate of Belmont High School who is running for reelection in Precinct 2. As a current MBA student, I am passionate about responsible financial management because it strongly determines our ability to fund desirable projects and protect our town's assets, the greatest being our school system. We should prioritize our spending where it makes the most sense based on our limited budget and support fair tax policy that ensures financial stability and affordability.

\* KARNIG OSTAYAN

35 Lantern Road

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My wife Linda and I lived in Belmont for 30 years. Our four children attended the Belmont Schools. As a former builder, I am keenly aware of the imperative nature of maintaining infrastructure and the importance of developing the appropriate plans while navigating a challenging fiscal environment. In Belmont, we are blessed to have a small tight-knit community. This is not without its challenges. As TMMs we have responsibility to ensure it is preserved for our residents, our children, and their families. Change is Constant. We have to adapt and make the best decisions we can for our beloved Belmont.

\* JOHN S. ROBOTHAM

19 Scott Road

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Contact: (617) 489-0602

Library: the one resource that benefits the entire town year-round. Affordable housing: the right thing to do, and the only way to stop predatory 40B developers. Leaf blowers: it's time to phase out the noise and air pollution. Differential tax rate for commercial property: towns like Lexington make sure commercial properties pay their fair share by charging a much higher rate. Meanwhile, Belmont caters to the small number of landlords that control the vast majority of our commercial property; while the town constantly raises residential rates. We have a wonderful community. Let's keep working together to make it better.

\* SUZANNE H. ROBOTHAM

19 Scott Road

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The proposed development on Beatrice Circle highlights the risk Belmont faces from the lack of affordable housing. We should look into allowing accessory units, by special permit, to help bump up the number of affordable units to 10% and eliminate the threat of unfriendly

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40-B developments. Astute financial management is required for Belmont to thrive. Phase in performance-based budgeting for all town departments. Review (compare with private sector) the sustainability of town employee retirement benefits. Increase oversight of spending on new high/middle school and upcoming capital projects.

\* MARYANN L. SCALI

19 Prospect Street

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Contact: NONE PROVIDED

To obtain fair and responsible solutions to the issues facing our community, we need Full Transparency from our Town Fathers. This would help me make responsible decisions, I would then advocate for the Library and Hockey Rink. Presently, as a member of the Council on Aging, I have been an advocate for our Senior population. I have served my constituents in Precinct 2 for over 50 years as a Town Meeting member, therefore gaining lots of experience in Town government.

\* JAMES T. SULLIVAN

32 Richmond Road

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Communication is an important element of Town Government, both from the citizens to the Town Meeting Members (TMM), between the TMM's and bi-directional of all with the Town Administration and department heads. We need to focus on the Town needs in our spending versus what we want. The direction of the Long Term Capital Planning Committee for capital projects will require critical decisions and creative solutions by all of us. It will be a good point of focus for all TTM's and citizens. I plan to be involved in this effort.

\* AMY TROTSKY

10 Clairemont Road

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Contact: (617) 484-1994

The town should practice fiscal financial management to limit the increasing tax burden on residents. Regarding Beatrice Circle, elected officials should respect the preservation of neighborhoods. We must develop affordable housing in areas such as McLean to prevent developers from ravaging our neighborhoods with apartment unit complexes on single family plots. I believe that upcoming capital projects, such as the library and skating rink, should be financed with a combination of private funding and debt issuance, in addition to town funding, to restrict the necessity for tax increases. We should improve our roads.

\* JULIA HINMAN WEEKS

585 Concord Avenue

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As a Town Meeting Member for over twenty years, I have seen Belmont face and manage

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the many difficult challenges of funding future capital projects with a limited budget. To fund a new library and skating rink, we must prioritize and seek creative public/private partnerships in order to reduce the burden on residential tax payers. Increasing transparency regarding town government's decision-making processes empowers Belmont citizens to become better informed voters. Funding for our schools and aging infrastructure, traffic safety, calming and mitigation remain important priorities for me going forward.

\* ELIZABETH FALLON WEINTRAUB

51 Prentiss Lane

(20 of 20)

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As mom to four young children, schools, class size, and resources for educational support and equity are among my top priorities, as is managing traffic patterns to keep families safe as they walk and bike on our roads. I will continue to support measures to promote and maintain an inclusive and welcoming Belmont community, including through support for public resources like the library. Thank you so much for including me, and for the reminders to submit!! This is such a wonderful service you are providing to all of Belmont's voters.

\* DAVID ZIPKIN

137 Claflin Street

(18 of 20)

Contact: david.zipkin@gmail.com

In order for Belmont to thrive, we need to be willing to invest. I stand for sufficiently funded schools, a structurally sound library and hockey rink, safe roads for cars, bikes, & walkers, progress on our town's climate plan, and efficient government. I've worked towards these goals for Belmont as a Town Meeting Member for the past 4 years and played leadership roles on the campaigns for the successful middle and high school debt issue and the recent override campaign.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, II

76 Stony Brook Road

Contact: (617) 549-0942; bill@whanderson.net; linkedin.com/in/anderson1

Belmont faces challenges including a structural deficit. As a 25-year resident and school age parent, first in precinct 7, now precinct 2, I know and understand our issues and concerns. As a Town Meeting Member I will listen to residents and act on their opinions and ideas. Currently Fiscal Director at a municipal authority, I will contribute my 30+ years of financial management, budgeting and organizational experience to implement change that moves Belmont in a better direction – one that solves these issues in a socially, environmentally and fiscally responsible way that is sustainable over the long term.

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SUNYOUNG HONG

6 Cumberland Road

Contact: (917) 538-7070

I am most interested in managing and spending tax properly and wisely in order to minimize the tax increase/burden. We should invite more businesses, which can help more tax revenue. At the same time, we should find a way to tax Belmont Hill School or to stop them from buying homes in Belmont Hill area. This reduces the number of tax payers and worsens our tax problem.

JEFF LEVIN-SCHERZ

75 Woodbine Road

Contact: jlevinscherz@gmail.com

I'm a proud dad of two Belmont HS graduates and a 31-year Belmont resident. My priorities are support for educational excellence and environmental protection. I recognize that Belmont needs to do more to promote affordable housing. I'm a physician, healthcare consultant, and teach at the Harvard School of Public Health. Thanks for your consideration.

TAYLOR YATES

85 Lawrence Lane

Contact: yatesfor2.com/contact

Hi neighbor! I live on Lawrence Lane with my wife and two children and I am running to represent Precinct 2 at Town Meeting. As a member of Belmont's Vision21 Implementation Committee and a local real estate agent, I have deep knowledge about how our town can retain its character while seizing new opportunities. I support adopting an official town master plan because it is the easiest way to tackle some of our precinct's most pressing issues, such as 40B housing, taxes and budgeting, and capital projects like the library.

GANG ZHAO

75 Marsh Street

Contact: (781) 956-4847

As a town meeting member, I will promote a more friendly environment for small business owners in Belmont. Helping them will not only improve life quality for residents but also start the transformation that Belmont needed for a more diversified tax base and better financial standing.

# PRECINCT 3

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* JOHN T. DIECKMANN

47 Lorimer Road

(20 of 20)

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\* ARIANE ELIZABETH GOODMAN-BELKADI

12 Woodland Street

(20 of 20)

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We need more commercial tax revenue, and Waverley Square and South Pleasant Street are best positioned to address that need. However, it must be done in a way that improves the quality of life for residents. With thoughtful planning, creative vision, and input from business owners and residents, Waverley Square has great potential to become an even more vibrant, welcoming area of town. As an increasingly desirable place for home buyers and renters, further development is inevitable. We must commit to being proactive, rather than reactive, in the way we address development in this important commercial and transportation hub.

\* VERA L. ISKANDARIAN

338 Waverley Street

(18 of 20)

Contact: (617) 999-6306

I believe in a democratic and fair government that is transparent and works for everyone with a budget that is understood by all. Belmont needs efficient short and long term planning. We need to be at the forefront of green initiatives such as solar, EVs and ZNE buildings. Not being proactive on these issues will cost us more later in higher energy costs which will decrease our ability to provide services in town.

\* RAFFI M. MANJIKIAN

35 Summit Road

(18 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-1775; rmmpec@verizon.net

Financial Management. A lifelong resident and parent of four students that have attended our school system, financial management of our budget has been a focus since 2005 as TMM. The next two fiscal years relies on nearly \$10MM of one-time money from free cash and federal pandemic aide, which will force critical decisions on leadership ahead. Balancing the

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burden on residents and preserving services will be important for me and the residents of our “Town of Homes.” How we decide is as important as what we decide, to manage our budget. Listening to both sides of the issues will inform [LWV truncated at 100]

\* JILL SOUZA NORTON

96 Clark Street

(16 of 20)

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\* LISA A. OTERI

31 Waverley Terrace

(17 of 20)

Contact: laoteri@gmail.com

Current Town Meeting Member, Information Technology professional and educator. Parent of recent BHS graduate. Past and present volunteer for SEPAC, Decoding Dyslexia-Belmont, and workplace Inclusion, Diversity & Equity initiatives. Co-sponsor of 2021 amendment to town warrant in support of clean energy future for Belmont neighborhoods. Supporter of education, smart economic and residential development, environmental initiatives, and long-term economic and infrastructure planning for Belmont.

\* MARTIN PLASS

10 Stanley Road

(14 of 20)

Contact: mplass@yahoo.com

I am deeply concerned about a healthy environment for Belmont and have been very engaged in the Belmont Goes Solar campaign (as solar coach) and the Belmont Drives Electric campaign. Belmont’s parks and recreational opportunities are also high on my agenda, i.e. preserving and improving Rock Meadow, Lonetree Hill, and creating a better recreational program. I further support traffic calming measures and improving pedestrian and bicycle pathways as well as public transportation options. Regarding financial management, I feel that we must strive to minimize tax burdens on citizens, while ensuring that we have a working library and skating rink.

\* JUDITH ANANIAN SARNO

30 Waverley Terrace

(18 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-2553; judithas30@comcast.net

My priorities continue to be issues that most critically affect our neighborhoods. I co-sponsored the Demolition Moratorium to halt replacement of single-family homes with multiple-unit dwellings in the General Residence (GR) District; helped remove a 150kw diesel generator at the Senior Center; chaired the Kennel and Dog Noise Regulation Committee; helped to prevent the demolition of the Grove Street Tennis Courts; and, most recently, fought to prevent the town from spending over a \$million to install two 6,000 gallon above-ground gasoline and diesel fuel tanks 125 feet from our residential neighborhood. I currently serve on the DPW/Police Building Committee.

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\* ROBERT L. SARNO

30 Waverley Terrace

(18 of 20)

Contact: bobsarno@comcast.net

As a Town Meeting Member and former Warrant Committee member, I have consistently supported efforts to conserve the town's limited financial resources. Belmont faces a structural budget deficit and, although we clearly want high quality town and school services, we are a small residential town and already pay a larger percentage of our household incomes on property taxes or rents than most of our peer communities. Addressing these facts requires careful financial management that prioritizes the most critical programs and services, reduces operating costs where possible, and is creative in developing alternate revenue sources to lessen the burden on taxpayers.

\* HELI TOMFORD

72 Pinehurst Road

(15 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-0170; htomford@gmail.com

In the Commonwealth's library circulation statistics, Belmont continues to be in the top ten. Our Town, however, also continues with a "way overdue"—its Memorial Library building. As a past Library Trustee and member of the current Building Committee, I am familiar with the recurring and increasingly serious building problems, and support the commendable collaboration among Library Trustees, the Friends, and the Foundation advocating for a new library. Please see: <https://belmontpubliclibrary.net/about/building-committee/>. Covid brought greater appreciation and use of local outdoor spaces. More than ever, Belmont needs a Community Path. Let's extend the Fitchburg Cutoff Path from Alewife to Belmont Center.

KATHRYN ST. CLAIR COLBURN

34 Centre Avenue

Contact: claircolburn@gmail.com

The fate of the library is near and dear to my heart. As a member of the Belmont Library Foundation (BLF) and the Chair of the Library Building Committee, I have worked for nearly a decade to ensure that everyone in Belmont has access to a great library. I also feel passionately about the environment and the health of our school system – our two children have attended public school since we moved here 13 years ago.

CHRISTINA ANITA MARSH

218 Orchard Street

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Our town isn't a static entity, and as it evolves, we must consistently plan for the ongoing and future needs of our community. Capital projects are one example. I supported the new

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Belmont Middle and High School project, participating in workshops and co-organizing the visibility effort for the campaign. I am on the Belmont Library Foundation board and a key contributor to the current fundraising effort. Making strategic, thoughtful investments in our built environment helps enable a thriving and sustainable community. I am a parent, a small business owner, and an architect, and hope to represent you at Town Meeting.

ELLA MILLER

80 Clark Street

Contact: (617) 388-9539; ellamiller@college.harvard.edu

As a 2020 graduate of Belmont High School, I am running for town meeting because I want to give back. I am grateful for the education I received here and I am committed to ensuring continued high quality education for the children of Belmont. I also feel passionately that we need to do better in terms of implementing proactive, strategic processes and policies that address environmental issues and meet our climate action goals.

**For Two Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

JOLANTA K. ECKERT

68 South Cottage Road

Contact: 1989jke@gmail.com

As a two-year Belmont resident, I bring many years of experience in balancing town financial and capital challenges. I served for six years as member and Vice Chair of the Sherborn Advisory (Warrant) Committee, when the community was struggling with already high tax bills while financial demands required operational and capital overrides (aging town/school infrastructure, growing population). This necessitated building consensus on priorities while developing strategies for longer term solutions. I subsequently served as Chair of Capital Budget Committee (five years) and worked with proponents to develop private/public partnerships to support projects such as a library renovation.

# PRECINCT 4

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* HELEN E. BAKEMAN

92 Lexington Street

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\* MICHAEL B. CHESSON

21 Whitcomb Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: chesson65@gmail.com

As the Historic District Commission's representative on the Community Preservation Committee (and vice president of the Belmont Historical Society) I've worked diligently for historic preservation, preserving iconic structures, while supporting the CPC's efforts for open space, recreation, and housing. I want to keep Belmont's small-town feel. As a member of the Shade Tree Committee, I want to cool Belmont by planting more trees and investing in our children's future. To prepare for more extreme weather I support adding to our skeleton DPW crew, and paying for those new workers by laying off administrators, not teachers.

\* KEVIN M. CUNNINGHAM

20 Chandler Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: kcunning@alum.mit.edu

Extremism on both ends of the political spectrum threatens to undermine rational discourse everywhere, including the town level. What to do? We should continue to focus on solving real-world problems, working with actual data, and realistically weighing options and impacts. I support efforts to keep our government processes transparent. I also strive to keep Town and School discussions in the real world: what are the actual drivers of the almost-forgotten "structural deficit"? What are the actual physical, mental, economic, and social risks of Covid, and how should we weigh them? I support thoughtful, resilient, nuanced government.

\* DAVID RICHARD FLEWELLING

36 Sycamore Street

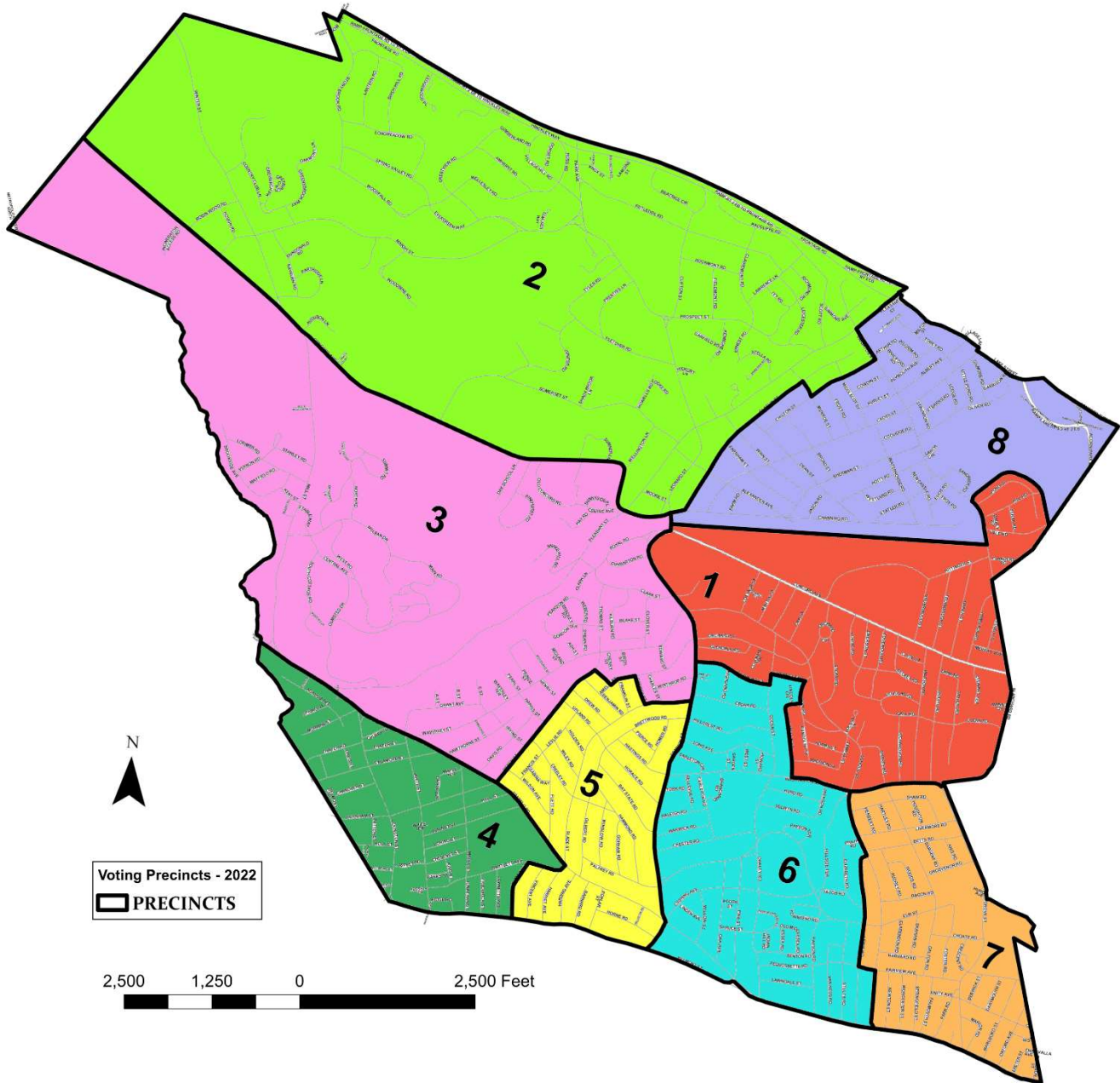
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Contact: (617) 484-2184

The Town faces many challenges. Balancing the budget, providing quality services to residents and educating our students. It is important that we commit to making the Town affordable so that those wishing to stay in their homes are able to do so. Our neighborhoods should remain neighborhoods, our streets should be safe to drive on and walking routes

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# PRECINCT MAP



For more information about Precincts, including detailed Precinct Maps, go to the Town Clerk's website:

<https://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-general-information-voter-registration>

<https://www.mapsonline.net/belmontma/voting.html>



# POLLING PLACES

7AM to 8PM

**Early Voting, By Mail or In-Person, will NOT be available for this Local Election**

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.

should be safe for all pedestrians. As the Wellington Station Master it is important that we promote the History of our Town and why this is a great place to live.

\* SHEILA M. FLEWELLING

36 Sycamore Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-2184

Communication, respect and transparency are vital in solving the many issues the Town is facing. Thoughtful development that interfaces with both the neighborhoods and abutting businesses with attention to traffic, parking, bicycle and pedestrian safety are key elements to success. Revitalizing Waverley Square while maintaining as much open space as possible and keeping with the Town's sustainable goals can be realized. Keeping the Town an affordable place to live and supporting increased revenue opportunities are high priorities for me.

\* JOHN B. OCCHINO

18 Hull Street

(19 of 20)

Contact: johnocchino718@aol.com

As a resident of Belmont for over sixty years and Town Meeting Member of Precinct 4 for many years I have seen many changes. I have chosen to stay in Belmont because the things important to me when I first moved here are still important. Belmont is a great town to live in and own property but Belmont must plan for the future. I take responsibility as Town Meeting Member seriously. Listen to the concerns of constituents and vote as their elected representative. I hope you will re-elect me to represent you for the next 3 years. Thank you.

\* SANDRA M. OCCHINO

18 Hull Street

(19 of 20)

Contact: sandraocchino@aol.com

As a home owner and Town Meeting Member of Precinct 4 for many years I am running for re-election as I feel strongly committed to Belmont. If re-elected I will work together with other Town Meeting Members to help solve problems and vote on issues in the best interest of Belmont's future and the Waverley area. We need to identify the opportunities available to increase the town's revenue and limit the tax burden on residents and property owners.

\* JOHANNA MARTHA SWIFT

92 Hull Street

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\* LAURA VANDERHART

96 Agassiz Avenue

(20 of 20)

Contact: lvanderhart@hotmail.com

I have been on the boards of Butler PTA and Chenery PTO for many years, and feel a special dedication to the students, teachers, and families of Belmont. I am also excited for the Community Path and other town improvements.

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\* JOSEPH P. WHITE

14 Maple Terrace

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KATHRYN BOUNDY AUFFINGER

211 Lexington Street

Contact: kauffinger@gmail.com

One of Belmont's highest priorities should be adequately funding our public school system so that our district can meet more students' needs. After serving as a Butler PTA board member for five years, I understand the role that the PTAs/PTOs/FBE have played for a long time in providing technology, enrichments, and classroom libraries. Belmont should look to expand its commercial tax base in ways that make our neighborhoods more vibrant and livable, while increasing revenue for all town services. I support thoughtful economic development in Waverley Square to revitalize the area.

ERIC JAMES PERKINS

32 Thayer Road

Contact: ejperkins76@gmail.com; @AllostEricSite

I have been a Belmont resident for 14 years, and I have three children in three different district schools. During my years of active volunteerism with both the Butler and Chenery PTOs, I've seen firsthand the challenges these schools face with the current budget limitations. My 20 year career in the nonprofit sector has taught me how to stretch a dollar, but there needs to be a dollar to stretch! I'm also a frequent pedestrian and cyclist and will thoughtfully advocate for traffic control and safety on our streets and sidewalks.

**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

KENROY R. CAYETANO

426 Trapelo Road, #3

Contact: (617) 501-7605

Transparency is the thread that ties everything together. Our town has repeatedly had difficulty funding our most important priorities. One of my goals is to engage more people in setting priorities for the town. By communicating with people in our precinct through playground meet ups for young families, a few zoom meetings with break out rooms to meet town meeting members, and in-person meetings for those who are not as comfortable with technology, we can talk about needs in town and opportunities we have to foster the community we want and deserve.

# PRECINCT 5

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* ARTO N. ASADOORIAN

40 Slade Street

(14 of 20)

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During my sixteen years working for the Belmont Public Schools I have become acutely aware of two things: The residents of Belmont have very high expectations for the level of services, facilities and infrastructure that the town provides, AND that the resources to provide those things are often very limited. As a Town Meeting Member I have tried to be mindful of both of these realities. Town funds need to be managed carefully – and at the same time, if we want to have excellent schools, town services and facilities then we have to be willing to pay for them.

\* KRISTEN R. BELL

121 Slade Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: kristen.rose.bell@gmail.com

I have been working in the Belmont Public Schools for over ten years. The schools are an important part of our community. In recent years, I have been active in the work of my school's Equity Team. We work to celebrate the diversity of our school community and create equitable learning environments for all students. As a Town Meeting Member I have a unique perspective on how the schools fit into the larger financial needs of the town. If reelected, I will continue to listen to community members to understand how I can best represent our interests.

\* MARY BRADLEY

12 Leslie Road

(16 of 20)

Contact: madagaluna@gmail.com

Transparency is essential. As a TMM/ former Recreation Commission member, I have insight into areas in town government which would benefit from more transparency. I introduced an article at TM to collect/ publish TMM votes which eventually lead to TMM votes being recorded/ published at [BIT.LY/TMMVotes](http://BIT.LY/TMMVotes). Now I am focusing on the CPC process. TMMs learn about CPA projects when the warrant is published. Community members are unaware of conversations shaping projects paid for by their taxes. Stakeholders have been left out of conversations. I'm advocating for a CPA webpage to foster community participation/provide TMMs with timely information.

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\* JANICE M. ELLARD

12 Horace Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: janicemaxine@verizon.net

Capital projects offer Belmont the opportunity to renew and revitalize our beautiful town in a fiscally responsible way. These lasting improvements add value and enjoyment for all residents for years to come. The library is one such improvement. A focal point in our town and a heavily utilized resource, the Belmont Library welcomes life-long learners of all ages, offering space to meet, gather, study, work, collaborate, create, socialize, learn and read. Currently the building is not ADA compliant, prone to unforeseen repairs and in need of modernization to meet the increasing demands of the 21st century.

\* JUDITH D. FEINS

71 Bay State Road

(16 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-6302; bell.feins@verizon.net

Belmont's housing planning is bearing fruit at McLean in flats and townhouses for seniors and apartments for families of all kinds, a mix of affordable and market-rate units. As a member of the Housing Trust, I helped make this happen, which brings us nearer "safe harbor" status, giving Belmont more control over 40B and other developments. I've supported the library's movement toward a new building we can afford, one which will continue to serve the entire community. And I will work to help residents regain trust in local government and Town Meeting's commitment to the good of all Belmont.

\* TRAVIS R. FRANCK

45 Horace Road

(17 of 20)

Contact: travis.belmont@travler.net

I've been volunteering for Belmont committees for over five years. As the Chair of the Structural Change Impact Group, I have led a talented group of residents to examine Belmont's financial problems. The process has been open and participatory - gathering input from the community and town employees. We're identifying many opportunities for Belmont to reduce costs and increase revenues. My family has lived in town for over a decade and attends the schools. I will represent my neighbors in an honest and open manner.

\* MATTHEW GARVER

33 Homer Road

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\* BENJAMIN MONTGOMERY

51 Horne Road

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\* AZRA NELSON

26 Vincent Avenue

(19 of 20)

Contact: azrabart@gmail.com

We are not a town run efficiently or transparently. It has been an ongoing battle to bring awareness and accountability for many self-inflicted issues we are facing. In the last 6 years, much of my energy went to ensuring taxes paid by residents in precinct 5, fund the improvements in the precinct's infrastructure, safety, and quality of life. The town is in a perpetual crisis mode. Framework needs to change. Belmont's government, and mindset, require a complete overhaul, fit for the 21st century, and current financial challenges. I fight, and continue to fight, for change, budget transparency and accountability.

\* JOHN WALTER POLLOCK

383 Common Street

(20 of 20)

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Maintaining our school quality and prioritizing efficient investment of resources streams to sustain essential services and to promote citizen participation in a dynamic community are my focal points as a TMM. We benefit from effective management by town officials. The voices in Town Meeting add assurance that pragmatic and non-monetary elements of decisions are balanced. I ask for your vote to allow me to continue as one of those voices.

\* ANDRES T. ROJAS

72 Drew Road

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BARRY GAIMAN

53 Winslow Road

Contact: (617) 489-3317; barry.gaiman@gmail.com

I am an MIT Grad, Patent Attorney, senior citizen and I have lived in Belmont for almost 40 years. Unfortunately, I no longer look to our current Select Board and Town Administrator for fair and responsible solutions so that is why I am running for TMM. I support reasonable solutions to our neglected and failed library building. I support the Senior Center. In the past I have forced the town to repair Gorham Rd. in order to prevent flooding homes in the Winslow, Creeley, Gilbert, Gorham neighborhood. I will make sure the town rebuilds Gorham correctly this year.

CATHERINE A. UMINA

14 Benjamin Road

Contact: (978) 397-6692

I have previously served as a Belmont Town Meeting Member for one year and would like to be re-elected. My husband and I have been Belmont tax payers since 1973. I have managed our electronic business for many years, encountering many issues, that entrepreneurs face and need to address. At this time, I volunteer at a family day care working with children here in Belmont. As a mother of five and grandmother of twelve I am passionate about our schools which are Belmont's greatest assets. I believe our schools need to be balanced with needs of other residents in the. [LWV truncated@100]

# PRECINCT 6

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For One, Two or Three Years

Vote for not more than Thirty-Six

*Borders have changed. All 36 TMMs seats in Pct 6 are up for election this year. See Page 3 for more details.*

\* DANIEL PATRICK BARRY

129 Goden Street

(20 of 20)

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

As a very strong supporter of our schools who wants Belmont to remain affordable, I'm concerned that we only get 5% of our property taxes from commercial uses (comparable communities average 15%). That's why I've been urging our town leaders to pursue responsible economic development that will bring in much-needed revenue at very little expense. Belmont currently faces a multi-million-dollar structural budget deficit that threatens the educational, public safety and senior services upon which we rely. Encouraging commercial development in our non-residential neighborhoods, especially near Route 2, could generate substantial funds that can stabilize our finances and secure our future.

\* KAREN McNAY BAUERLE

59 Hurd Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: kmb1984@protonmail.com

I have participated in enhancing procedural transparency with former TM member Jill Clark on the successful passage of accessible publication of votes taken by individual members of TM. I supported the McLean project and am an advocate for expanding affordable housing and desegregating Belmont. I support the work of the Human Rights Commission as Belmont investigates and changes policies that have structurally benefitted White folks at the expense of Black and Indigenous folks. As Belmont becomes more diverse through immigration, new constituencies are emerging in a more multi-cultural Belmont. Let's move forward together.

\* KATHRYN M. BONFIGLIO

84 Long Avenue

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-2552; kmbonfiglio@gmail.com

I support the Housing Trust's Housing Production Plan. Belmont should reach required 10% Affordable Housing quota to avoid 40 B construction. We need more affordable and low-income housing in general for young and old alike. Support smart growth near transportation and Belmont's Climate Action Road Map. Let's get the new library built with a combination of state, local, and private funds. It is used by all ages and is valuable as a space

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that brings us together. Support getting the community bike path built for recreation and commuting. Phase out/replace air and noise polluting gas leaf blowers.

\* JOHN JOSEPH BOWE

20 Elizabeth Road

(20 of 20)

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Belmont is finally emerging from the pandemic. Challenges the past 2 years have presented some opportunities – the Town has devised some efficiencies and has increased transparency and participation through remote meetings and modern online info management. TM must continue to promote these as we head back to “normal times”. In recent years Town Meeting, our legislative body, has been more vigorous in bringing your needs and ideas – from neighborhoods and businesses – forward into actual policies and spending decisions. You are part of Belmont's talent pool. Please allow me to continue that for you.

\* AMY E. CHECKOWAY

26 Pequotsette Road

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Contact: (617) 970-1097; amy.checkoway@gmail.com

Over the past three years, I have served on the School Committee (including as Chair), Capital Budget Committee, Structural Change Impact Group, and rink working group. These experiences, along with my track record of working with the Superintendent and district central office staff, principals, Belmont Education Association, PTOs/PTAs, Foundation for Belmont Education, Human Rights Commission, Select Board, and Warrant Committee, have provided me with a deep understanding of the needs facing our schools and town and the diverse range of perspectives in our community. I hope to continue to bring this knowledge to bear to inform Town Meeting decisions.

\* ROGER DUANE COLTON

34 Warwick Road

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\* SUSANNE M. CROY

95 Stults Road

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Contact: susanne.croy@gmail.com

Capital Improvement: As Co-chair of Friends of Payson Park, I am leading the process to obtain funding through the Community Preservation Act for the “Revitalization of Payson Park”. This CPA project will improve safety and access to the park by replacing aging benches, tables and playground equipment. Including paved walkways and repairing stairways and entrances will make the park accessible for play, relaxation, or attending concerts and performances. By volunteering to create and execute this CPA project, it takes the pressure off town employees to rebuild the park, and doesn't require funds from the Capital Budget.

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\* TARA DONNER

47 Payson Road, #2

(18 of 20)

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The burden of residential property taxes coupled with desire to maintain excellent quality town services is a challenge. We must work together to maintain our major assets—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 former School Committee member and a 14-year TMM, I believe that we need to aggressively pursue development of neighborhood-friendly business, lobby state/national representatives for funding, and seek out creative funding sources to expand our revenue stream to reduce the need for frequent overrides while fully funding our town's needs.

\* CHRISTINE M. DOYLE

15 Cedar Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: chris@bramsdoyle.com

I am running for reelection to TM as a constructive, practical problem-solver. Financial constraints require careful and transparent evaluation of the short – and long-term needs of the Town and Schools. I support use of federal ARPA funds for one-time (not ongoing) needs. Sustainable operating choices and capital investments advance both our financial and climate goals.

\* THEODORE DUKAS

236 Payson Road

(18 of 20)

Contact: dukassoc@aol.com

As a dedicated incumbent TMM, I am asking for your vote in order to continue to explore housing options that allow Belmont citizens to age in place, including ways to deal with the ever increasing cost of living. I am also interested in evaluating library proposals, transportation issues, discussion of the Concord Avenue bike lane, and environmental issues impacting us all. I welcome hearing the opinions of precinct members as their representative at Town Meeting and am grateful to be a part of our Town's democratic process.

\* ROY EPSTEIN

34 Cushing Avenue

(20 of 20)

Contact: rje@royepstein.com, royforbelmont@gmail.com

I'm running for re-election to Town Meeting. Examples of my proven judgment and experience: Capital projects: initiated feasibility study for new skating rink accepted by School Committee in May 2021; drafted bylaw for new Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee and will propose releasing \$1 million from reserve account for capital for 2022

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Town Meeting. Traffic: found solution for parking by high school students when BHS opened last fall. Beatrice Circle: my arguments led the 40B developers to scale back their proposal (Summer 2020). Financial management: opposed \$12.5 million override in Summer 2020, imposed new controls on school budget in 2021.

\* STEPHEN A. EVANS

100 Van Ness Road

(17 of 17)

Contact: (617) 872-8689; Stephen.a.evans@gmail.com

I have been a TMM for several years and previously served on the boards of the Foundation for Belmont Education and the Wellington Afterschool Program (when my kids were younger!). If elected, I will support capital projects like the new library/rink and advocate for the responsible use of town financial resources to maintain and improve the services Belmont provides to its residents and through our schools. I hope to build on the efforts of prior generations and make our town a wonderful place to live for all. I welcome questions, so please contact me by email or phone.

\* JUDITH F. FEINLEIB

87 Oakley Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-5304; feinleib@gmail.com

Transparency requires communication and discussion. My volunteer *If I May* columns in the Citizen and now, in Belmont Buzz, help increase transparency by highlighting difficult issues and suggesting approaches. Subjects and article examples include, but are not limited to, the need for in-depth vetting of projects on which Town Meeting votes in Safeguarding the Democratic Process, Legislating Responsibly on fuel tanks, Town Meeting and the Civil Service on changing Civil Service protections, welcoming The Loyal Opposition, Harbingers of Change and Good Manners on administration, employee, citizen interaction, and Rewarding Excellence about the Health Department's remarkable Covid vaccine clinic model.

\* MARY T.W. GAVIN

12 Long Avenue

(19 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-0857; marygavin7@gmail.com

I am eager to represent Precinct 6 at Town Meeting. I am a long-time Belmont resident and have served as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 1 since 2003. As a former public-school teacher and parent of children who were educated in the Belmont Public Schools, I have been an active supporter of Belmont athletics and art programs and have been particularly engaged in quality-of-life issues, as demonstrated by my many years previously serving on the Traffic Advisory Committee. I would like to represent you and continue Belmont's history of a warm and welcoming community for all.

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\* ELIZABETH S. GIBSON

15 Oakley Road

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Contact: esgibson5@gmail.com

Careful stewardship of our financial resources and thoughtful planning are important. We must safeguard our future. I am a strong supporter of the Belmont Public Schools and the Belmont Public Library. I support our continuing efforts to improve Belmont's infrastructure and protect our town services while being mindful of tax implications. Citizen involvement is one of Belmont's greatest assets and I value being a Town Meeting member.

\* LAURIE A. GRAHAM

46 Lawndale Street, #1

(18 of 20)

Contact: (617) 413-9622; iamlaurieg@yahoo.com

I have been an elected Town Meeting member for 13 years, a three-term former School Committee member and an appointed member to numerous permanent, and temporary Town of Belmont and Belmont Public School committees and sub-committees. Despite having different missions or charters, a common denominator for all committee participants must be a commitment to transparent, two-way communication with the community and various constituencies. This can be achieved by describing the issue(s), sharing information and possible outcomes; providing multiple opportunities for input and feedback; responding to questions and explaining decisions made and votes taken. I ask for your vote in April.

\* SUZANNE JOHANNET

45 Warwick Road

(17 of 20)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

As a member of the team that brings the Farmers' Market to town, I support green transportation in town (streets and sidewalks that are safe for walking and bicycling and a community path linking us to Alewife and beyond). I support net zero buildings, affordable housing, and a new library. I endorse financial planning that improves efficiency without cutting essential services.

\* MARY ANN KAZANJIAN

355 School Street

(16 of 20)

Contact: hyenote1@gmail.com

As a lifelong resident, homeowner and former teacher, my children and grandchildren have attended Belmont Schools. I am a supporter for Belmont Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility and an active participant in defining municipal and school fiscal issues.

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\* STEPHEN KLIONSKY

196 Payson Road

(19 of 20)

Contact: sklionsky@gmail.com

I want to continue serving as a TMM in Precinct 6 to contribute to solving the issues facing Belmont, including maintaining our excellent schools and town services. We must also keep up our infrastructure and I supported the new 7-12 grade school and the renovation of the police and DPW facility. More needs to be done as our library and skating rink are in dire need of replacement. Finally, we must also think globally and do our part to address the societal problem of climate change by reducing our town's carbon footprint.

\* PRIYA ADHIKARI LICHT

174 Lewis Road

(18 of 20)

Contact: (617) 407-1571; Priya.licht@gmail.com

As an immigrant, small business owner and parent of two kids in the Belmont public schools, I hope to bring a fresh perspective, a commitment to maintaining and improving our wonderful schools, and transparency on town matters. I have worked with Belmont Math Parents to advocate for challenging, rigorous and accessible math programs at the Cheney and in our high school. I have voted in favor of affordable housing and the community path. I will continue to stand up for the library and the skating rink.

\* BETSY LIPSON

89 Townsend Road

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Contact: betsylipson2014@gmail.com

I am co-chair of the Belmont Housing Trust which works on creating a diversity of housing types that meet the needs of a range of incomes and households. The Housing Trust recently spearheaded the town-approved plan for McLean. This will create 40 age-restricted for sale townhomes and 110 rental units (about half of which are age-restricted), some of these reserved for households making less than the area median income. I am an active advocate for our Town. I believe we are at a really exciting moment where we can design a future for Belmont that is vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable.

\* GAIL S. MANN

196 Payson Road

(19 of 20)

Contact: gailsmann@aol.com

As a long-time resident of Belmont and a Town Meeting member, I support maintaining the high quality of educational and other town services we in Belmont value through continued strong fiscal management. As a Library Trustee I understand first-hand the importance of providing adequate capital funding to ensure that our Town facilities are and remain safe, welcoming, accessible, and functional. I ask for your vote on April 5 and look forward to continuing service to Belmont.

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\* JEANNE R. MOONEY

60 Oak Avenue

(19 of 20)

Contact: (617) 899-5155; jeannemooney@gmail.com

As a TMM for 24 years, I make being informed a priority. I attend meetings and hearings via Zoom on many projects and issues: McLean, Community Path, storage tanks, leaf blowers, civil service, zoning, land conservation, climate sustainability, and diversity. I follow what's going on in our schools. I support the bylaw proposal to replace the Capital Budget Committee with a "Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee" to provide better understanding of capital needs and funding requirements. I support public/private funding a new library and new rink. I participate in activities and programs to help make Belmont a welcoming community for all.

\* KATHERINE OATES

82 Cushing Avenue

(17 of 20)

Contact: katherineoates@gmail.com

I have served 3 years as Belmont Town Meeting Member, Pct 6. I volunteered for the Yes for Belmont campaign for the building of the new High School and Middle School, and I have been active as a school volunteer at Wellington for 4 years. I am a strong believer in sustainability - both environmental and financial, and at the same time, I am very pragmatic. I support migration to electric cars for town services as much as is practical, as well as solar panels on town buildings, including the new school.

\* LINDA N. OATES

302 Payson Road

(17 of 17)

Contact: (617) 484-3322; loates1@verizon.net

43+ yr. involvement with Payson Park upgrades, now presently focusing on plans to improve safety and access to the Park. Also a supporter of rec dep't. programs and school music programs. Belmont's borrowing needs will continue with projects proposed. The borrowing must be made only after close scrutiny of the projects, downsizing wherever possible to decrease costs and the recognition that delays which increase costs of construction are present now. It is important to keep our triple-A bond rating to help minimize total costs. We've had 2 very difficult years. It's going to be hard work again this year.

\* AARON B. PIKCILINGIS

24 Branchaud Road

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Contact: aaron.pikc@gmail.com

I believe we should secure Belmont's future by making plans that enable us to fund public services, address long-term capital needs, and support those in need. Last year I devised,

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sponsored, and fought tirelessly to pass articles to adopt provisions of the BRAVE Act, providing support to residents and employees of our town who sacrifice for the greater good. I will continue to lead at Town Meeting and as a member of the Structural Change Impact Group and Vision 21 Implementation Committee, supporting efforts that will make Belmont a better place to work, learn, and live for all.

\* BRIAN S. SAPER

16 Old Middlesex Road

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 489-4651; briansaper@yahoo.com

Belmont is the Town of Homes, but for many longtime residents it is getting difficult to afford the increasing real estate taxes as Belmont tries to keep up with budget increases. Listening to the public forums on the McLean housing projects over the years, it now seems likely that housing for downsizing could become available and offer new affordable opportunities for the seniors in Belmont. As the 73 bus is being replaced by electric buses, perhaps it is time to extend bus service from Waverley Square to Belmont Center.

\* JUDITH R. SINGLER

53 Selwyn Road

(19 of 20)

Contact: (617) 997-1202; jsingl@aol.com

For several years I have served on the Housing Trust. I am pleased with our work on the McLean project, which resulted in more housing units, including smaller units, rental apartments and 25% affordability. The Trust, and Town Meeting, will be active as Belmont addresses the State's efforts to increase housing through new zoning changes. At present I also serve on the Age Friendly Task Force, which will promote livability features for all ages in all areas of Belmont, including housing, streets and sidewalks, recreation, education, etc.

\* LAURIE RUTHERFORD SLAP

95 Long Avenue

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-9242; lqslap@gmail.com

Belmont continues to face budget challenges as we strive to maintain excellent school and town services and address important needs like a new library and skating rink. I have served on the School Committee and now serve on the Warrant Committee. I believe that elected officials and other town leaders must work together to set clear budget guidelines, develop and continually update a multi-year plan that responsibly addresses residents' priorities in the face of limited revenues, and effectively communicate this plan to Belmont's taxpayers so they have a clear sense when debt exclusion and/or override funds will be requested.

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\* MARIE VIRGINIA WARNER

39 Hillside Terrace

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Contact: (617) 826-9899; warner4precinct6@gmail.com

My commitment is to represent all neighbors in Precinct 6 - homeowners, renters, families, couples, and retirees. I'm a 25-year Belmont homeowner. Professionally, I'm an executive at a cybersecurity firm and Director/Founder of a Women's Entrepreneurial organization. As an advocate for transparent and efficient financial stewardship, I have frequently raised questions and awareness at Select Board meetings. Without strong stewardship, our quality of life in Belmont is jeopardized. Maintaining schools, roads and services for our vulnerable neighbors becomes unsustainable and unaffordable. I ask for your vote so that I may continue to represent you and serve our community.

\* JULIE WU

66 Hillside Terrace

(19 of 20)

Contact: (978) 496-5506; jwusauk@aol.com

As part of the Diversity Task Force, I have consulted with many town entities including the Housing Trust, the Human Rights Commission, Belmont Public Schools, and the Special Education Parent Advisory Council to make recommendations that would further fair housing, increase housing affordability and housing inventory, bring in businesses, diversify our school employees and curriculum, and support both learning disabled and gifted children. I support the creation of multifamily, multi-use, transport-accessible districts that, if meeting certain criteria (Chapter 40R) would bring state money into Belmont. I also support reducing the restrictiveness of our requirements concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

LAURA G. BURNES

24 Branchaud Road

Contact: lgburnes@gmail.com

I am a Branchaud Rd resident, Wellington and Chenery parent and a Business owner. I believe we can build a more equitable and accessible Belmont through smart financial plans to fully fund our schools and address capital needs including rebuilding our library and the skating rink. As a town meeting member I will work collaboratively to stabilize and protect these critical resources that promote community and joy.

CABELL T. EAMES

26 Lewis Road

Contact: (978) 994-9014

As a parent of two children in the Belmont school system, I was proud to vote for the override, ensuring a safe school for my children and future generations. However, I continue to be con

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cerned about the fiscal sustainability of our town and our ability to retain the residents whose children are no longer in the system or will soon be moving on. With federal dollars still available for use and more yet to be allocated, we have the opportunity to invest further in town services. If elected, I'd work diligently with the town to find the needed budgetary balance.

JEFFREY P. GEIBEL

39 Hillside Terrace

Contact: [jgeibel@geibelpr.com](mailto:jgeibel@geibelpr.com); [www.geibelpr.com/precinct6.htm](http://www.geibelpr.com/precinct6.htm)

Two of the biggest drivers of costs of town management are capital projects (the infrastructure – planning, budget and financing) and town property management, such as buildings, Belmont's roads (which need attention) and recreational facilities. Assessing and setting priorities for Belmont's future requires a knowledge of how to develop an integrated infrastructure plan, and also the economics of cost/benefit decisions for different options. Belmont is quickly approaching limits to additional capital expenditures - prudent oversight of the current infrastructure and a clearer vision of future needs is necessary. I would ask for your vote to accomplish this.

EVELYN GARCIA GOMEZ

41 Carleton Road

Contact: [egomez@mit.edu](mailto:egomez@mit.edu); [evelyngomez.org](http://evelyngomez.org)

As an educator and former school committee member, I work to amplify the voices of students and our community. While on the school committee, I advocated for inclusion of student and family voices in the decision-making process, including hosting open office hours and encouraging the superintendent to conduct systematic data-collection of all stakeholders. Furthermore, I spearheaded the creation of the equity subcommittee, which examined the systems within our school district that lead to inequitable outcomes for marginalized communities, including Black and brown students. I want to continue to promote equity in the Town of Belmont.

JERREL A. JONES

8 Payson Road

Contact: [jjonesconnect@outlook.com](mailto:jjonesconnect@outlook.com)

I am a parent of a 4th grader & PreK-er, and a professional with 15+ years in city economic development and management consulting. With respect to schools and financial management, my approach to fair and responsible solutions is based in my experience that investment in education, infrastructure, and economic development are foundational to healthy, thriving communities and businesses. Working with city and town government across the country, I help leaders make hard budget choices. I offer this experience so we can learn from successes and mistakes of others rather than only learning from our own.

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EDWARD AVEDIS KAZANJIAN

355 School Street

Contact: eakazanjian@gmail.com

A fifty plus year resident and homeowner. My children and grandchildren attended Belmont Schools. I have fifty years of experience in education administration, finance, budgeting, and facilities management. I have a Master's in engineering and certification as a MA school Superintendent. I have the knowledge and experience to ensure educational quality is maintained in a fiscally responsible manner and municipal fiscal issues are properly vetted. I have written on these issues ("Obiter Dictum" column) in the Citizen Herald for 15 years. I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the BCFR.

MELISSA A. MCKENNA

15 Warwick Road

Contact: melissa@ideadrop.com

As a ten-year resident of Belmont and parent of two Belmont Public Schools students, I am running for Town Meeting to continue my commitment to supporting our schools, ensuring access to services and resources for all Belmont residents, and increasing opportunities for small businesses and economic growth in Belmont. I will prioritize transparency and reasoned collaboration, while committing to understanding the issues facing our town. I support maintaining community resources, including the library, rink, safe town infrastructure, and robustly staffed schools. We must continue to meet the needs of our diverse student population and community, as equitably as possible.

MICHAEL PRIDHAM

6 York Road

Contact: (617) 489-5268; michaelpridham2@gmail.com

I have been a homeowner in Belmont for 25 years and enjoy living here with all that Belmont has to offer. I have worked very hard running a successful small business for the past 20 years and just recently retired. I am looking forward to traveling, playing more golf and duplicate bridge. I would also like to give back to the community by participating in our town government. The one thing I am most concerned about is the state of our roads and sidewalks. I hope there are opportunities for Town Meeting to take up proposals to repair them.

JOEL MICHAEL SEMUELS

18 Bellevue Road

Contact: (617) 489-0530; jsemuels@yahoo.com

As a town, Belmont has among the best quality schools in the state. Let's keep it that way. The library is beyond its useful life, systems are breaking down and it should be replaced,

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before it is closed. I am a retired attorney, Belmont resident of 44 years, was a Town Meeting Member for 15 years, have served on the Council on Aging Board since before the Beech Street Center was built and serve as the President of Friends of the Council on Aging, Inc., to raise funds for the senior center. Be prudent but innovative.

OWEN TOLAND

84 Pine Street

Contact: (617) 803-0591; owen.toland@commonmoves.com

I am a 2008 BHS Graduate and have lived in Belmont for 25+ Years. I also work in Belmont as a real estate agent for the past 10+ years. I think it's important that our town can be enjoyed by all its residents from our seniors to our children. I believe there is a fine balance between investing in our town and doing so in a financially responsible manner. I look forward to the opportunity of giving back to the town I love!

KRISTEN F. ZECCHI

32 Warwick Road

Contact: (773) 368-6521; kfz2@hotmail.com

Having recently moved from Precinct 1 where I was a two-term Town Meeting Member, I am eager to continue to serve. As the mother of two children in Belmont's public schools, I am committed to maintaining the highest caliber of education for all, but also understand that fiscal needs must be balanced. I believe in facilitating small business growth and broadening our commercial tax base. I support policy that ensures we are welcoming to all. Attention to quality-of-life issues is critical, including managing increased traffic, pedestrian safety, and access to affordable housing for seniors and new families alike.

# PRECINCT 7

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* PATRICIA A. KELLEY

30 Grove Street

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Contact: (617) 678-7884; pattiannlori@yahoo.com

I'm concerned about the taxes. It's getting difficult to pay them so I would like to see more done, for the elderly.

\* MICHAEL McNAMARA

41 Marlboro Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 872-9105; mcnamara.michael10@gmail.com

As a Belmont Town Meeting Member in precinct 7, I have spoken out in favor of making all significant votes by Town Meeting be part of the public record. I feel that it is important for voters to know how their representative voted. I also spoke out for this information to be easily accessible to our residents on the town's website. We voted and I am proud to say it passed. I have fought to increase the percent of affordable housing in the McLean development project. We worked with the Belmont Housing Trust and won changes from the developers.

\* KIMBERLEY KELSEA SELNESS

48 Unity Avenue

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 800-3397; kkselness@gmail.com

I came to Town Meeting in 2019 as a write-in candidate for Precinct 7. For Belmont to thrive, I believe we, and the town, need to be strategic, agile, and transparent. As an active member of the Website Renewal Committee, I've been working to unravel how [www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov) can better serve residents, employees, and businesses. I'm encouraged to see so many candidates running and respectfully ask for your vote!

\* SUSAN REBECCA TITUS

26 Livermore Road

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JOHN F. AVILLA

42 Worcester Street

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

As a Belmont resident I have enjoyed the library, whether it be visiting with my wife and twin nine-year-old daughters or enjoying the quiet study spaces while working towards

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designations in my profession as an insurance agent. After viewing the video posted regarding the failing condition of the building by the Library Building Committee it was clear that the current state of the library is potential disaster waiting to happen. As a risk manager it was unsettling to see the multitude of issues the staff need to combat. I will focus on this issue as a town meeting member.

KATHRYN A. BOWERS

14 Marion Road, #1

Contact: bowers\_kate@hotmail.com

As a long-term resident of Belmont, I would be honored to represent Precinct 7 in Town Meeting where it has been historically underrepresented. I appreciate how crucial town services are to everyday quality of life. From trees and traffic to schools and the library, I favor a common-sense, practical approach to our choices. Penny-pinching today often ends up costing more down the road. Short-term thinking often limits options and wastes precious resources. The current state of the library is a fitting example that needs to be addressed with both the current year and future of Belmont in mind.

HEATHER C. BRENHOUSE

42 Bacon Road

Contact: (617) 549-4549

I have been a Belmont resident for 13 years with two children in the Belmont schools. I was an active volunteer for the campaign to build a new high school and middle school, which leveraged a grant from the state to keep Belmont current and competitive. I will work with all Town Meeting members to ensure that our collective pride in our town will be reflected in responsible, sustainable, and transparent governance that provides equity, diversity, and forward-thinking solutions to secure the value of our homes, the education of our families, and a mutual respect for all perspectives.

PAUL J. GRIFFIN

9 Anis Road

Contact: (617) 480-9005

One issue that cuts across several of the topics is modernizing infrastructure. This can include: PV on the high school. More on-line activities, capabilities. More visibility, opportunities for communications. Modernizing can take many forms and can be used to improve efficiency, reduce maintenance costs. It should be used for transparency of “town” meetings, using live and virtual meetings, recording proceedings, and making them available to the community. It is a responsibility of town meeting members to provide feedback from their Precincts on issues before the town and I have provided my contact information to support this. Thanks for your consideration.

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SUSAN C. GRIFFIN

9 Anis Road

Contact: (617) 543-8298

Over the years, I have been a TMM, school volunteer for social action, fundraising, BHS PTO President, Foundation for Belmont Education Board Member and soccer coach. I believe in the importance of a good education and hope to help Belmont schools continue to provide the great education received by my children. I strongly believe in giving back to our community. Recently I helped organize our neighborhood to mitigate a rodent problem by working with town officials and neighbors. I am recently retired and am ready to re-dedicate myself to volunteer work. I respectfully ask for your vote.

SHANNYN MARY HEYER

62 Berwick Street

Contact: (617) 905-1694

I am a 13 year resident of Belmont and the mother of three (4th, 5th, and 9th grade). As a Town Meeting member, I will support funding for our schools and capital investments, including construction of a new library and rink. Looking ahead, I am concerned about our heavy reliance on residential property taxes to fund Town operations. As an accountant, I want to use my skills to help identify ways to diversify our tax base and fund future investments. I will also advocate for investment in Precinct 7, where our roads and sidewalks have been ignored and pose safety risks to residents.

BRIAN EDWARD ILER

482 School Street

Contact: brianiler.tmm@gmail.com

I'm a 23-year Belmont resident, with three kids who attended and graduated from our public schools. I'm closely monitoring the Middle/High School Building Committee, providing information to the public and feedback to the committee. I've learned that there are opportunities to improve the management of this and other projects. Belmont has big challenges: crumbling infrastructure, sky-high home prices with attendant sky-high taxes, and a limited tax base. With sober planning, aggressive cost management and creative revenue ideas, we can keep Belmont EXCELLENT for young and old, rich and poor, black and white, red and blue.

PAUL JOY

9 Harvard Road

Contact: paul.joy1@gmail.com

As the parent of three young Joys and member of Belmont's Economic Development Committee (EDC), I think the critical question we face is how to fix our structural town deficit and simultaneously invest for the future. As your representative, I would support increased solar and battery deployment, electrifying Belmont's auto feet, and ensuring a secure and responsive IT infrastructure. Second, I soundly support building a new Belmont library. Given the state of our current library, we must act now to ensure we have a 21st century learning and community space. Vote Joy!

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SARAH E. KIRSHNER

16 Marion Road, #3

Contact: esseekay@yahoo.com

As longtime residents (24 years), my family has been part of the Wellington, Chenery, and Belmont High communities often in aging, unsafe facilities; the timely construction of functioning, sustainable schools is a benefit to all of us. As a homeowner in a high-density neighborhood, my concerns are pedestrian safety, traffic, sidewalks, and reasonable parking, and access to trees, green space, and public transportation. Belmont residents of all ages and abilities deserve equitable access to the town's amenities and services. I support the vision of Belmont as a tolerant, welcoming community with thriving businesses.

JOHN DEAN KOLIS

237 Washington Street

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PAUL J. LOONEY

406 School Street

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

As a TMM, I'd prioritize spending on people (Police/Fire/Highway/Classroom Teachers). I would push to repeal the CPA Fee and return those spending decisions to the Voters. The skating rink should be enclosed and renovated at half the current new cost. The current Library proposal should be reduced in scale and scope. The Benton should be repurposed as a children's library. Adding liquor licenses, expanding operating hours, and allowing live entertainment will make Belmont more competitive in keeping and attracting business. I will try to keep Belmont somewhat affordable for the middle class to remain.

VITALIY B. LVIN

40 Falmouth Street

Contact: vitaliyl@gmail.com

Belmont prides itself on being a "Town of Homes". To me, a home is first and foremost a place for family. The expectations that families have for their municipalities are evolving, and therefore our town must evolve too. As a TMM, I will vote to support town services needed by our families - schools, library, senior center, etc. I think we can distribute the costs of these services equitably between the residents of Belmont.

GREGORY THOMAS PIOTROWICZ

10 Marlboro Street, #3

Contact: greg.piotrowicz@gmail.com

As a member of the town's energy committee and a new dad, I support investments in energy efficiency, schools, pedestrian safety, and the tree canopy. In the last three years on the energy

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committee, I provided feedback on town capital projects and housing developments, including McLean, advocating that developers meet ambitious energy standards to reduce emissions. I believe investments in energy efficiency will reduce operating costs and save the town money in the long term. As a member of town meeting, I would push the town to meet the goals established by Belmont's Climate Action Roadmap.

FARIBA SAFARPOOR-MONFARED

61 Unity Avenue

Contact: fariba.sm22@gmail.com

**Tax Overrides:** High taxes in Belmont are pushing many senior citizens out of Belmont and replacing the normal ratio of seniors to young families to a point that is detrimental to our schools. There needs to be an oversight on adhering to the project's set budget and it's allocated spending. Delaying parts of a project in order to spread the expenditure.

**Traffic:** Making daytime winter parkings on working days only on one side of the street, to alternate to each side weekly. To reduce speed, it's more fiscally feasible to place speed bumps instead of narrowing Belmont's already narrow roads.

KENNETH M. SISKIND

27 Skahan Road

Contact: (617) 489-5633

My wife and I have lived in Belmont for 30 years and our two children attended Belmont schools. I have chaired the Belmont Solid Waste and Recycling committee and coached youth soccer. My priorities are to maintain our excellent school system and a community that is affordable and welcoming to all. I support efforts to increase our Town's climate resilience by encouraging a transition to renewable energy. I am an avid cyclist and support expanding the bike path in Belmont and efforts to make biking safer. Our library is falling apart and I support efforts to replace it.

STEVEN WARNER

66 Oxford Avenue

Contact: (617) 710-0386

I grew up in Precinct 7 and have returned to town as a newlywed and homeowner. With deep roots in the community, I come to Town Meeting with a focus on the long-term. As TMM, I will support: Capital investments that serve our residents but don't jeopardize the town's stability; Maintaining public spaces and parks to align with the community's needs; and, Preserving the town's character while making room for growth. As a strong believer in the power of local government, I promise to be a well-informed decision maker for a prosperous, sustainable Belmont.

# PRECINCT 8

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For One, Two or Three Years

Vote for not more than Thirty-Six

*Borders have changed. All 36 TMMs seats in Pct 8 are up for election this year. See Page 3 for more details.*

\* KATHLEEN M. BASKIN

73 Munroe Street

(17 of 20)

Contact: baskin\_kathy@yahoo.com

I support long-term maintenance of infrastructure, including public buildings, roadways, and energy systems. Belmont should continue long-range planning for capital expenditures, maximizing the use of creative funding alternatives such as lessons learned and new tools developed during the pandemic, outside grants, and public-private partnerships for funding. I also support a high-quality school system that provides a strong foundation for our children's futures and protects property values by keeping Belmont a desirable community.

\* KEVIN P. BROSNAN

31 Tobey Road

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\* CAROLYN A. BUNYON

50 Albert Avenue

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 489-0866

As a native Belmontian, a lifelong resident, and a town meeting member representing Precinct 8, 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 especially our seniors; and, 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.

\* BRIAN C. CAPUTO

75 Oliver Road

(17 of 20)

Contact: bccaputo@gmail.com

To maintain Belmont's strong community and schools, we need to actively confront the looming structural deficit. Among other solutions, I will support any steps we can take to increase the commercial tax base in town. I also believe increased transparency around taxes is needed so community members understand what their taxes pay for and why they change.

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\* LAURA S. CAPUTO

75 Oliver Road

(17 of 20)

Contact: Lscaputo@gmail.com

We need more affordable housing in Belmont. Last year the State adopted changes to zoning laws to encourage the creation of more housing – in particular multi-family housing near transit centers like Belmont Center. Due to the new law, we will see more proposed zoning changes coming before Town Meeting. I see opportunities around town to put more housing above retail and to allow by right units like inlaw apartments. We need to actively encourage the development we want or we will continue to leave ourselves open to hostile 40B projects like we saw at Beatrice Circle.

\* ALEXANDER E. CORBETT, III

114 Alexander Avenue

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NO REPLY RECEIVED

\* KATHLEEN “FITZIE” COWING

278 Cross Street, #1

(20 of 20)

Contact: mrs.cowing@gmail.com

As a TMM I believe in representing all viewpoints, both residents spanning decades and those who just arrived. It is the blending of the value of old and new that I feel is most important to solve our problems. I demonstrated this in my work on the DPW/BPD Building Committee; we utilized existing buildings, renovations and additions to create a temporary solution to the problematic working conditions at the DPW and a long-term solution to the needs of the Police Department. Our work created solutions without the need for an override and we worked to demonstrate fiscal responsibility throughout.

\* MICHAEL F. CROWLEY

119 Farnham Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 752-2250

Financial management: The temporary Covid-related federal grants that have sustained Belmont’s schools and town government will be exhausted by the end of FY24. There’s no plan for the looming deficit that comes next. Some Select Board and Warrant Committee members believe Belmont residents need to feel pain – layoffs of school and town employees – before they’ll vote an override. If this happens, it will take years to rebuild the schools and town services that contribute to the community we all live in. We need a better plan.

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\* DAVID J. DEMARCO

36 Lodge Road

(4 of 7)

Contact: d.demarco3@aol.com

Having grown up in the town of Belmont and residing for most of my life, attending the Belmont public schools, and as an employee of the town, I have a unique and vested interest in the town. My platform is broad based, open-minded and interested in seeing the town thrive.

\* SHARON L. DEMARCO

36 Lodge Road

(5 of 7)

Contact: shademarco@yahoo.com

Being a resident of Belmont for most of my life and having attended the Belmont public schools, I have a vested in the town. The last few years have been very challenging and I would like to represent the voice of my constituents regarding the Belmont schools, and the many projects that the town is facing.

\* ANTHONY A. FERRANTES

15 Westlund Road

(18 of 20)

Contact: aafbelmont@verizon.net

I am currently Vice Chair of the DPW-BPD Building Committee. With the help of a creative architect, we preserved the historic police station and added a modern addition at far lower cost than estimates and without requiring a debt exclusion. This was achieved through collaboration with all stakeholders including the BPD, DPW, Select Board, Town Administrator's office, Accounting, and Community Preservation Committee. We provided frequent updates to Town Meeting and to the public. This level of teamwork will be crucial to support future capital projects.

\* MELISSA ANN IRION

132 Dean Street

(19 of 20)

Contact: melissa\_irion@yahoo.com

I have two middle school and one high school students in the Belmont Public School system, and am highly invested in ensuring the high quality of our public schools. I am a strong supporter of the Belmont Community Path, and have consistently advocated for the tunnel at Alexander Avenue for our precinct to have access to the middle and high schools, library, and post office. This will also result in reduced traffic when our precinct is more walkable to town services. I try to respond to all emails I receive from constituents and keep these concerns as a priority.

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\* RADHA IYENGAR

76 Dean Street

(9 of 9)

Contact: riyengarTMM8@gmail.com

Preserving Belmont's open spaces, while ensuring affordable housing, is a top priority and passion for me. As co-chair of the Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill (LTH), I participated in multiple meetings to discuss the McLean Zone 3 development. In support of the development, I joined the Committee in advising on the Design and Site Plan Review to ensure that the adjourning LTH open space under a Conservation Restriction was preserved. The issues addressed included effects of hydrology, stormwater runoff, lighting, landscape plantings, buffer and maintenance, trail head location to LTH, emergency response access, snow removal and boundary markers.

\* MARK KAGAN

160 Claflin Street

(7 of 7)

Contact: (978) 621-7760; mark.s.kagan@gmail.com

As one of the 6 under-35 year old Town Meeting Members, I represent the growing younger population, while bringing 19+ years of political activism to the table. With two toddlers, education is my primary issue, I will fight to increase funding to schools, particularly in STEM education. With my PhD in Climate Economics, I will provide my expertise to Belmont Utility to ensure Belmont does its part in shifting towards renewable energy. My connections in tech (especially bio-tech start-ups) will be used to attract more businesses to Belmont bringing in Commercial tax revenue.

\* STEPHEN MICHAEL KERINS

27 Sandrick Road

(17 of 20)

Contact: (617) 592-9198

The revitalization of Cushing Square has stayed true to our Belmont values and traditions. I supported 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 systems. This includes expanding cutting edge technology, support and training for after school programs. I support zoning enforcement, sound planning, traffic calming, and public safety. I support tax relief for the over burdened seniors. I am sensitive to our residents that are on fixed income. I respectfully ask for your vote April 5th 2022.

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\* ALLISON V. LENK

145 Sherman Street

(7 of 7)

Contact: (617) 877-4792 cell; (617) 484-6346 home

A third generation Belmontonian, I care deeply about our town, honoring its past through serving on the Belmont Historical Society board, while working with residents to address issues that impact us today: traffic concerns, balancing smart growth with preservation of open space, and rising property taxes that threaten residents' ability to remain in the town we love. When re-elected, I'll continue collaboration with residents to increase accountability, responsibility and transparency in all aspects of town government.

\* MELISSA MACINTYRE

94 Winn Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: melissa4belmont@gmail.com

Hello! I consistently voted for increased Town Meeting transparency. I worked on the BHS/MS building project through group discussions and canvassing in Precinct 8. I support, and will vote for important, ecologically sustainable and economically sound Town building projects, including the library, skating rink, and affordable housing initiatives, all of which will contribute to Belmont. I favor safe, energy efficient, and business, resident, & commuter friendly transportation and parking options & measures, and enthusiastically support the Community Path. I value my commitment to service, evidenced by my TM attendance. Contact me for any reason, and thanks for your consideration!

\* DONALD HUGH MERCIER

96 Cross Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-5655

Recommendation's for reducing housing cost for seniors. Put on the front of all real Estate tax bills the following information. If you are 65 or older with an annual income \$61,000 or less (adjusted annually not included assets). You may defer your real estate taxes. Apply at the assessor's office for this program and others. This would allow the seniors extra discretionary income.

\* LYNN PETERSON READ

62 Munroe Street

(17 of 20)

Contact: lpetersonread@gmail.com

On the Warrant Committee and Town Meeting, I work on financial management by examining and questioning the proposed budget for each department. I focus on Human Services and Public Safety. I give high-capital projects like the Library intensive consideration, because we recognize that it is in dire physical condition and a vital community

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center for all Town residents, but residents also recently funded large investments like the new middle and high school. I am committed to both Belmont's quality of life and fiscal responsibility. Please vote for me so I can continue to work for our town.

\* ROGER H. READ

62 Munroe Street

(19 of 20)

Contact: roger.read22@gmail.com

Infrastructure projects in Belmont proceed best when residents can voice concerns and offer constructive ideas that are taken into account. Challenging assumptions is a key factor in producing better design and controlling costs. Creative, thoughtful action by residents last year led to a fresh look at the DPW fuel tank replacement. If re-elected to Town Meeting, I will work to ensure that residents continue to have input to improve projects such as the Community Path, the Winn Book courts, the Library, and Payson Park Revitalization. Please vote for me for re-election.

\* PAUL C. RICKTER

119 Cross Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: rickter@gmail.com

I'm a three-term Town Meeting member and currently serve on multiple town committees. On the Warrant Committee, I've provided helpful information about town finances to residents and analyzed the town budget. On the Structural Change Impact Group I've found ways to provide town services more efficiently and reduce costs. On the Housing Trust, I helped improve the McLean project so it takes a huge step toward our affordable housing goals. We need a new library and a new rink and we need more commercial development. I ask you for your vote to continue working to make Belmont better.

\* ANN M. RITTENBURG

42 Farnham Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: (617) 484-1483; amrawb@verizon.net

The perennial challenge for Belmont is delivering an excellent public education to our children, providing high quality services to our citizens, maintaining our buildings and infrastructure, and preserving our small town appeal, in as efficient and effective a manner, as possible, given our limited resources. This can only happen through collaborative problem-solving. My commitment to grappling with the challenges facing Belmont remains unwavering.

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\* PAUL F. ROBERTS

54 Cross Street

(19 of 20)

Contact: paulroberts@gmail.com

I'm a Cross Street resident; five term Town Meeting member; father of three; and Chair of the Town's Information Technology Advisory Committee. I believe Belmont's best days are ahead of us and strongly support construction of a new Library and rink, which bring our community together, create joy, reduce inequality and increase civic engagement. If re-elected, I will push for reforms to Town government that streamline decision making, increase accountability and transparency and facilitate better long-term planning. We run a 'horse and buggy'-era government in an age of Teslas. We can do better. I hope you will vote for me!

\* DEBORAH MARIE ROSALES

48 Farnham Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

Belmont must encourage commercial development to expand tax base while preserving Belmont's small town character. Empty storefronts and buildings create blight in our commercial districts. Must encourage wider variety of businesses to locate here and balance "walkability" with plentiful parking to make commercial areas thrive. Large-scale development needs practical analysis and compromise to balance neighborhood interests with Belmont's revenue needs. Crumbling roads must be repaired and given higher budget priority.

\* STEPHEN B. ROSALES

48 Farnham Street

(18 of 20)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

To increase revenue for needed services and thrive, Belmont must actively expand its commercial tax base. Town must proactively recruit, encourage and assist commercial development and streamline its permitting process to fill empty storefronts in our commercial districts. Promote wider variety of retail and service businesses to locate here. Belmont has \$7.8 Million in one-time federal American Rescue Plan funds. Use these one-time finds for one-time capital needs, rather than ongoing operational costs that don't address or fix Belmont's desperate capital needs. Fix our crumbling roads, sidewalks and infrastructure, the Town assets everyone uses. Don't miss this one-time opportunity.

\* ELLEN SCHREIBER

49 Sandrick Road

(18 of 20)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I have worked for 11 years to address our aging and failing buildings and recreation facilities. I co-chaired the project to rebuild Joey's Park and serve(d) on the building committees for the Underwood Pool and the Middle & High School, the Skating Rink financing committee,

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and the Library Foundation board (doing private fundraising). We are a stone's throw away from completing a long list of urgent projects created twenty years ago – only the library and rink remain from this list. In this, and many other ways, I am committed to doing the work needed to serve our community.

\* ELLEN J. SUGARMAN

119 Cross Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: [ejugarman@yahoo.com](mailto:ejugarman@yahoo.com)

I look for creative ways to build community, be fiscally responsible, and move Belmont's capital projects forward. As a member of the Community Path Project Committee I help design the path and search for funding sources. I'm a member of the Belmont Library Foundation whose mission is private fundraising so, when the time is right, the town will be able to afford a new library. I worked on the 'yes' campaign for the new 7-12 school that allowed the town to accept a state grant toward construction costs. Re-elect me to Town Meeting and I will continue to work for you.

\* GI YOON-HUANG

107 Winn Street

(20 of 20)

Contact: [threehyacinths@gmail.com](mailto:threehyacinths@gmail.com)

I seek for Belmont to be a green, walkable community where residents feel welcome and safe. On the Safe Routes to School Program, I have worked to improve crosswalks, decrease vehicular idling, and educate drivers around schools. I have served on the Police Chief Search Committee and the Return to In Person Learning Working Group. I voted to increase transparency in our local government which made available the Town Meeting members' voting record. We should work together to continue to support our schools, local businesses, and environment.

BRIAN W. BRADY

219 Cross Street

Contact: (617) 227-7682

I have been fortunate to live in Belmont for 21 years. My wife is Julie Monahan Brady, who is a life long resident of Belmont. We have three children that are in the Belmont school system. I have never volunteered to serve Belmont and believe I can contribute. I am an attorney that has been practicing for 26 years and believe the following issues are most important: maintaining responsible fiscal management; addressing the impact of Covid on the school children; keeping Belmont affordable for the elderly; and promoting a culture of civility for all residents.

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JULIE MONAHAN BRADY

219 Cross Street

Contact: (617) 489-4931; juliembrady@hotmail.com

I am running for town meeting because I care about Belmont. I attended the Belmont Public Schools and graduated from Belmont High School. My husband and I moved back to Belmont 21 years ago because of superior schools, excellent town services and small town feel. We have three children. I also work in Belmont, as an attorney with the firm of Avery, Dooley and Noone. We must ensure that Belmont continues to be a place where people want to raise a family. High quality schools, responsible fiscal management and long term planning are all essential to preserve Belmont.

COSMO CATERINO

241 Channing Road

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I have been living on Channing Road for the last 14 years. My education includes degrees in both Chemical and Environmental Engineering, and I am well versed in many environmental and energy subjects and issues. These issues affect many of the decisions Belmont will make in the future. It is the last word of the question posed, transparency, that I want to focus on as a Town Meeting Member. To have fair and responsible solutions on any issue, it is necessary to have full transparency. I believe there is nothing more important than honest and open government.

PAUL CORADESCHI

3 Cross Street

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

My wife Carol Galloway and I purchased a home in Belmont in 2004. We have four children in Belmont Public Schools. I have a vested interest in ensuring our property taxes and property valuations are appropriate and that tax dollars are being spent wisely. I support a holistic analysis of proposed capital projects to prioritize our needs in light of our scant revenue resources.

ROGELIO "ROGER" A.P. FUSSA

153 Channing Road

Contact: (617) 826-9517

As a BPS supporter, I wrote an op-ed ([bit.ly/3qkuD5a](https://bit.ly/3qkuD5a)) backing the 2021 override. I discussed special education services and said pandemic-traumatized students will need mental health help. To support CMS students, staff, and teachers, I joined its PTO board last summer as the fundraising chair — our team exceeded the fundraising goal. I have also served on the CMS PTO diversity and inclusion committee, which helped to prepare me for joining Belmont's Diversity Task Force in March 2021 as a representative of the town's Vision 21 Implementation Committee. Looking forward, I want to help Belmont update its master plan.

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GUANGHUA "MICHAEL" GAO

9 Plymouth Avenue

Contact: nmrfan@gmail.com

Belmont is a great place to live and raise a family. However, there is a lack of long-term and strategic planning that threatens our ability to keep it that way. The real danger of losing our beloved library serves as a perfect example: as community hubs, libraries are so much more than the books. It is a disservice to residents if we allow it to fail, so I have been raising funds for a new library. If elected, I will advocate for essential capital projects such as the library and support the development of sustainable plans at Town Meeting.

HEATHER H. IVESTER

23 Stearns Road

Contact: (781) 686-8580

Belmont is a special town with a diverse community. As our infrastructure ages, it's critical we make fiscally responsible decisions to properly spend our limited funds so we can continue to flourish. As a homeowner in Belmont for 24 years and a civil engineer, I will bring the perspective our town needs to make smart choices for all residents – seniors, families, and young professionals who strive to enjoy our assets. I am committed to providing solutions that won't force our seniors out and welcomes newcomers. I ask for your vote – I am committed to serve Belmont!

KARL A. IVESTER

23 Stearns Road

Contact: (617) 319-9845; karl@newenglandshutter.com

Belmont has always been a great place to grow up, raise children, and retire. But unfortunately, we have lost our way: The quality of our public education system – for generations a point of pride in Belmont – for the first time has begun to erode. Affordability for seniors is at a crisis level. The condition of our local infrastructure – roads and sidewalks – in many places is mediocre and some spots downright terrible. Our seniors deserve not to be taxed out of their homes, Our children deserve an outstanding education. And we deserve passable roads and safe sidewalks. We can do better.

AMY COHEN KIRSCH

8 Jason Road

Contact: (617) 306-9279

I'm a REALTOR® at Leading Edge, town resident for over a decade, proud parent raising 2 Belmont Public Schoolers & an avid volunteer including Founding and Co-Chairing Belmont Helps, Admin of the Belmont Massachusetts Parents Group on Facebook, &

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Member of the Belmont Vision 21 Town Committee. I am passionate about school quality and have served as Winn Brook PTA President. As an advocate of town resources for all generations, my priorities include more town-planned affordable housing, a new library and ice rink, and increasing commercial tax revenue streams. I love Belmont and am committed to helping our community!

NATALIE MACLEAN LEINO

27 Sherman Street

Contact: nmleino@gmail.com

I am passionate about bringing Belmont together and helping residents stay informed and become involved in local government. I spent several years working on town committees pursuing these goals and as a Town Meeting Member spearheaded the effort to rename the “Board of Selectmen” the “Select Board,” which passed overwhelmingly. As Chenery PTO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Co-Chair, I work to help make schools more equitable and inclusive. In addition to maintaining our excellent school system, my priorities include welcoming businesses and encouraging smart growth, thoughtful and environmentally responsible planning for capital projects, and completing the community path and underpass.

MARIA ALEIDA LEZA

91 Channing Road

Contact: (617) 489-2952

I have been active in the Belmont community for over 20 years doing volunteer work daily on conservation land and as a member and volunteer of the Belmont Victory Gardens. Seven year ago, my husband and I moved to Belmont to decrease our CO<sub>2</sub> footprint. I would like to strengthen our commitment to transparency as exemplified by the Open Meeting Law, to increase responsiveness of town hall to residents’ concerns and questions, and to facilitate information flow so that all of us can make informed decisions.

CAITLIN ANNA MADEVU-MATSON

32 Frost Road

Contact: caitlin.matson@gmail.com

As a graduate of Belmont High, a mother, and a public health professional, I believe strongly in smart investments in the people and infrastructure of our town. Responsible management of town funds involves ensuring efficiency but also appropriately funding and fully spending according to needs. I have been impressed by the resilience and resourcefulness of town administrators, teachers, and other staff and volunteers who showed up and maintained a strong sense of community throughout the pandemic. I hope to work to continue to invest in making Belmont the best place to live and raise our children.

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HILTON MADEVU-MATSON

32 Frost Road

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Funding major projects like the new middle and high school has required drawing on our diverse backgrounds and skillsets. We need creative solutions to our budget issues like broadening our tax base by supporting business growth, tapping into state and federal funds, and/or the financial markets. I envisage a Belmont that works for the young and for seniors, and for people in all income brackets, through upcoming achievements like the new library project. I hope to contribute my experience from a career in banking and consulting. We can do this!

CONNOR MAGUIRE

17 Hurley Street

Contact: ct.maguire18@gmail.com

As a lifelong Belmont resident and father, I feel it is crucial for us to invest in the future generations as well as ensure our seniors are not driven out of their homes by increased taxes. To achieve success, we must take a sensible and responsible approach to all issues. We also must continue to invest in our towns centers to ensure small business have a chance to thrive.

KARA A. MORIN

153 Channing Road

Contact: kateriemorin@hotmail.com

I served on the WBE<sub>x</sub>L (Winn Brook Child Care) Parent's Advisory Committee for seven years, including as Vice Chair and Chair. Key issues I worked on as a committee member over those years included: expanding student enrollment, raising the staff hourly pay to the Massachusetts living wage of \$15 per hour, and increasing tuition scholarships for families in need. As a former educator, I am a booster for the public schools. As a fundraiser with twenty years of experience, I'm interested in finding ways to defray capital costs through public/private partnerships, including fundraising and corporate sponsorships.

LISA SONIA STAROBIN

54 Cross Street

Contact: lstarobin@gmail.com

I am a 17-year resident of Belmont and the proud mother of two BHS graduates and one BHS junior. As a practicing physician, I see every day how important a supportive community and strong public services are to our health and well being as individuals. If elected to Town Meeting, I will work to maintain strong support of our public schools and

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library, and to expand essential Town services like recreation, public health and senior services. Belmont's government should work for all residents. As a Town Meeting member, I will work to make sure it does.

JIN CHANG XU

84 Claflin Street

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

My family recently moved to Belmont in early 2021. At my first town election, I realized the variety of issues facing Belmont. I started conversations with fellow residents to understand what's happening fiscally and what we can do to improve Belmont for everyone. As a manager, I solve problems, understand different perspectives, and consider both short and long term implications of a decision. I'm also a mom to 2 children, and I deeply care about the future of our community. We need to ensure we are spending responsibility and impactfully. I look forward to serving Precinct 8 as TMM.

ERICA ZIDEL

105 Farnham Street

Contact: [ericaforbelmont.com](http://ericaforbelmont.com)

To build a vibrant, sustainable Belmont, we must address our budget deficit: it costs more to run the Town than we generate in revenue each year. With long term financial planning, we can fund town services, respond to capital needs, and invest for our future. In addition, we should implement measures to attract businesses and support our commercial districts. Bringing business to Belmont will increase revenue while also contributing to quality of life. I've served Belmont as a member of the Disability Access Commission and the Vision Implementation Committee and welcome the opportunity to continue as a Town Meeting Member.



The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a non-partisan, multi-issue, grassroots 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. Founded by leaders of the women’s suffrage movement, for over 100 years we have believed all voters, women and men, should play a critical role in democracy.

### What does the League of Women Voters do?

- Conducts studies on issues and develops positions based on member consensus. Study topics have included: education, housing, open space, regionalization, marijuana, and transportation.
- 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.
- 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<sup>®</sup> OF BELMONT

## 2022–2023 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](http://LWVMA.org)) and National ([LWV.org](http://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


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	\$ FREE
Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contribution*	\$ _____
2nd Email (family) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dues Assistance Fund*	\$ _____
		Total amount	\$ _____

League at 617-771-8500 to arrange to have The Voter mailed to you.

*This membership expires on June 30, 2023.* 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](mailto:pathawk4@gmail.com), or Jocelyn Hayes at [jchayes60@icloud.com](mailto: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

# Submitting the Application

Applications can be mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered.

*Requester's signature must be visible.*

Applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, March 30<sup>st</sup>.

Send the completed application to:

Mail to: Town Clerk,  
Belmont, Town Hall,  
P.O. Box 56, Belmont,  
MA 02478; or

## Massachusetts Official Absentee Ballot Application

See reverse side for instructions



William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

**1**  
**Voter Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Voting Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2**  
**Ballot Information**  
*(Independent voters may vote in a primary without registering with a party)*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**3**  
**Special Circumstances**  
*(If applicable)*

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 is incarcerated, but not for a felony conviction.

Voter has been admitted to a healthcare facility within 7 days of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**4**

Signed (under penalty of perjury): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan or take of picture of the completed application and...

Email to: [voting@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:voting@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, 8pm, on Election Day, Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.***



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# **Voter Guide**

**Including**

**Absentee Ballot Application**

**for**

**Belmont Town Election**

**on**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**