

# **Belmont Town Election**

## **Voter Guide**

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# VOTER GUIDE

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## BELMONT TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

7AM to 8PM

This Guide is prepared by members of the League of Women Voters of Belmont to provide you with information on all of the candidates and ballot questions that 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. skating rink), housing (e.g. Beatrice Circle, MBTA rezoning), schools (e.g. public or private), financial management (e.g. taxes, overrides), traffic, and transparency."** Responses, limited to 100 words, are 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. Third number is **number of years served** as a Town Meeting Member.

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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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Several TMMs have asked about holding hybrid Town Meetings and I intend to explore the possibility, though current state law does not allow for such meetings. Given the unusually large size of Belmont's Town Meeting, the logistics and quality of a 350-person hybrid meeting pose a major challenge. Nevertheless, our recent virtual experience has underscored the importance of ensuring equal access. In the meantime, we will hold in-person meetings this spring. Separately, I am seeking the next generation of qualified individuals to serve on the Warrant Committee and other committees I appoint. Thank you for your continued support.

## **MEMBER OF THE SELECT BOARD**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

ELIZABETH HARMER DIONNE

55 Wellesley Rd.

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I am proud to have served Belmont as a long-time member of the Warrant Committee (monitoring town finances) and Chair of the Community Preservation Committee (which funds recreation, affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space). Belmont's single greatest challenge is fiscal sustainability. To realize future goals (including education funding and diversity), we must address this foundational problem. As a Select Board Member, I will work to increase commercial tax revenues by revising the zoning bylaw to encourage small business and reasonable development. Bylaw revisions should also protect current open space, simplify the process for home renovations, and promote mixed-use development.

## **TREASURER**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* ROBERT P. REARDON

73 Van Ness Rd.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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

**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

PATRICK JOSEPH MURPHY, IV

41 Cedar Rd.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

NO REPLY RECEIVED

**BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* ALEXANDER E. CORBETT, III

114 Alexander Ave.

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We most likely have seen the last of ANY skating in Belmont! If the April rink debt exclusion vote fails, the Select Board has definitively said ZERO dollars will be put into the current facility. "The Skip" is now being held together with Band-Aids and bubblegum. That is the truth! This new COMMUNITY sports facility will serve a large population, just like the Underwood Pool does! The added amenities in the facility will benefit many. Just think about having REAL restroom facilities and water bottle filling stations! PLEASE vote YES to COMPLETE the Harris Field complex! www.YES4rink.com

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

STEPHEN M. FIORE

34 Van Ness Rd.

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As an elected member of the Board of Health, I will work with colleagues on the Board and in the Health Department to prioritize maintaining the highest levels of safety for residents and the wider business community. Belmont citizens deserve full transparency in all aspects of government, and this is vital for health and wellness. I will communicate updates and educational materials that support disease prevention and health promotion. It's important to demonstrate responsible allocation of financial resources as we help facilitate best health practices, and I look forward to collaborating with residents and town employees to achieve these goals.

## **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**For Five Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* GLORIA E. LEIPZIG

48 Gorham Rd.

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Belmont Housing Authority is home to 245 low and moderate income households who live in our three properties, Sherman Gardens, Waverley Oaks and Belmont Village. These developments were built 50-75 years ago and need to be revitalized to ensure the future of these important Belmont resources. The BHA was awarded CPA funding to begin the planning process for Sherman Gardens and Belmont Village. This commitment by the Town will help leverage significant funds from state agencies that will be critical to the success of these large-scale redevelopments which include the creation of new affordable homes to meet Belmont's housing needs.

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## **TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

**\* KATHLEEN KEOHANE**

19 Rutledge Rd.

Contact: kkeohane722@yahoo.com

The next few years will be among the most exciting and challenging for the Belmont Public Library as we navigate through a temporary service model and complete the design and construction of the new library building. The library is a tremendous public resource. Strong and prudent financial leadership will continue to shape the future of it. I have shown the commitment, leadership, and oversight needed for the approval of this project. I am running for reelection to continue serving the community, and help bring the project to fruition, for residents today and generations to come.

**\* GAIL S. MANN**

196 Payson Rd.

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I have been a Trustee of the Library since 2014. I am passionate about the importance of the library and its array of high-quality programs and services to our entire community. Over the past several years I have worked on the new library project. After extensive study in collaboration with many stakeholders, the Trustees concluded that the most cost-efficient solution was to replace the existing building and the voters approved a debt exclusion for a new library. Most recently I have supported the administration of the fundraising effort which will defray the cost of the project to Belmont residents.

## **MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

**\* ANDREW MACHADO**

142 Waverley St.

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Responsible financial management is a foundational aspect of a successful organization, and I believe Belmont Light is on the right track. Belmont Light is one of the leading municipal light plants in Massachusetts and I am proud to have helped direct Belmont Light this past year as we examined our rates, our budget, our infrastructure, and our energy supply policy. Our team continues to work to help ensure affordable, equitable, reliable service both now and in the future. I hope to continue to serve Belmont Light and our community with your vote on April 4th.

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## MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Two

RACHEL M. WATSON

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Having served as superintendent search committee chair and SEPAC co-chair this year, I am optimistic that we can turn our district's challenges into opportunities. I also have specific ideas about how we can do this. For example, with the opening of the new school, we have the space to move more special education programs in district thereby increasing equity and creating significant budgetary efficiencies. I have the problem-solving skills and big picture orientation to create solutions that will increase the quality of our schools and improve our long-term financial outlook.

JUNG YUEH

151 Waverley St.

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I am running for the School Committee because our schools are in a critical transition stage. I bring the skills, experience, and commitment necessary to navigate this transition successfully. As an actuary and Chartered Financial Analyst, I have budgeting, long-term financial planning, and data analytics expertise. As a trained mediator, I listen to diverse opinions and bring people together. As a first-generation immigrant to the United States, I understand the value of education in providing an opportunity for — and meeting the needs of — all students, so all Belmont children can reach their fullest potential.

AMY A. ZUCCARELLO

78 Elizabeth Rd.

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I am running for School Committee because I am deeply invested in the strength of our public schools. I am a lifelong resident of Belmont, a graduate of the Belmont Public Schools and the parent of both a current student and a BHS graduate. My background as a financial restructuring lawyer will allow me to contribute immediately to the School Committee's work managing the school budget to address Belmont's fiscal challenges. My goals are to maintain academic excellence and to meet the needs of all students. I am committed to leaving Belmont better than I found it for future generations.

# Ballot Question 1:

Shall the Town of Belmont be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay for costs of designing, demolishing, constructing, originally equipping, and furnishing the Belmont Rink and Sports Facility, located at 345 Concord Avenue in Belmont, and all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES  NO

WHAT YOUR  
VOTE WILL DO:

A YES VOTE would ...

A NO VOTE would ...

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STATEMENT OF  
FISCAL  
CONSEQUENCES:

A YES VOTE would ...

A NO VOTE would ...

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No formal committee opposed to  
Question 1 has been formed.

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# Ballot Question 2:

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes become an appointed Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town?

YES  NO

WHAT YOUR  
VOTE WILL DO:

A YES VOTE would ...

A NO VOTE would ...

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STATEMENT OF  
FISCAL  
CONSEQUENCES:

A YES VOTE would ...

A NO VOTE would ...

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No formal committee opposed to  
Question 2 has been formed.

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# PRECINCT I

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* CHRISTOPHER GRANDE

64 School St.

(17 of 17; 2)

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When I initially ran for Town Meeting, I advised residents I'd focus on finances. And that I wouldn't be afraid to highlight problems. Subsequently, in various TM and online discussions I have pointed out our financial decisions' ramifications. Now unfortunately, I am seeing increasing corollaries between the 2020s and 1970s — and this is not good for municipal finances. The 1970s brought Proposition 2.5 in MA (& Prop 13 CA). Local finances were that bad to require such action from citizens. Going forward, I'll continue to make sure Belmont citizens enter budget discussions informed and prepared.

\* JAMES Y. KNIGHT

55 Watson Rd.

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: [james.y.knight@gmail.com](mailto:james.y.knight@gmail.com)

As a parent of kids in Belmont schools, and a Belmont resident for most of my life, it is important to me that Belmont remains a thriving town for all. My priorities: ensure Belmont's schools remain excellent, improve housing affordability, and continue to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The new statewide "MBTA community" law will require zoning changes in the next couple years; we need to do this wisely, increasing permitted housing density as required, while attempting to grow Belmont's commercial property tax base — without losing the idea of Belmont as a town of homes.

\* LAWRENCE J. LINK

49 Orchard St.

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

To work on our financial challenges, I have deepened my efforts and now serve our Comprehensive Capital Budget and Structural Change Implementation Committees, along with my ongoing work on Transportation, Neighborhood Traffic Working Group, Safe Routes To School and the Belmont Library Foundation. Our schools, streets/sidewalks, capital assets and core services will only improve with continued strong long-term planning and disciplined annual steps. I value hearing all points of view, and as a TM rep, I work collaboratively to identify the priorities and best solutions for our Town.

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\* JEFFREY S. NORTH

138 School St.

(10 of 10; 1)

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As the managing editor of the Belmont Citizens Forum Newsletter since 2021, I have recruited and coached writers from among Belmont citizens to inform our community on affordable- and MBTA-zoned housing, financial management and the Collins Center Report, the Community Path, electrification, zoning, and more. I have written about local environmental concerns, having served on the Conservation Commission and Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill. If re-elected to town meeting, I will support all fiscally responsible advances in our quality of living, working, learning, and connecting, and our adoption of best practices for town governance.

\* DANIEL J. O'CONNELL

23 Becket Rd.

(15 of 17; 2)

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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.

\* MATTHEW S. TAYLOR

59 Edgemoor Rd.

(10 of 10; 1)

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As a new Warrant Committee member and parent of two BPS students, I view community as a multi-generational team sport. Our town's long-term strength depends on investing in our public schools and our tradition of government services. I'm passionate about finding and sharing clear, accurate explanations for complex topics. To prepare, I study what works in other towns: calming traffic, budgeting, zoning, contracts, and infrastructure projects. I listen before I speak. Come to my website, 02478.org, to search Belmont's 500-page structural change report or review our library's economic value. Let's combine our ideas to make Belmont even better.

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\* ALEX K. THURSTON

101 Baker St.

(18 of 19; 3)

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Belmont faces town-wide issues as a partial result of current zoning requirements. I believe a fresh look at these requirements can begin to solve many of these issues. Belmont has found itself economically lagging behind its neighbor towns due to outdated policies and restrictive zoning bylaws. Commercial and creative residential development should be encouraged within the Town. Town Meeting should champion ways to foster that development via updates to town staffing, zoning bylaw revisions and other recently suggested changes to Belmont's structure to ensure the Town remains attractive to businesses opening and flourishing here.

\* JOSEPH B. WHOLLEY

15 Emerson St.

(10 of 10; 1)

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As a long-time Belmont resident (34 of the last 41 years) I love the town and am proud to call it home. Now that we are nearing the end of funding our major capital improvement projects, we need to make sure on-going maintenance is properly funded in order to ensure their longevity. In the past Belmont woefully underfunded maintenance leading to the deterioration of town buildings (e.g. schools, libraries, etc.) and, most obviously, roads and sidewalks. Hopefully, this will in the long run help to stabilize our taxes.

OLUMAKINDE "MAKINDE" ADEAGBO

80 Douglas Rd.

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As a parent of small children, I am committed to investing in Belmont's schools, infrastructure, recreation, and town services. I support the community bike path to make our town more walkable and rideable. I believe in pragmatic solutions (e.g. public/private partnerships) to build town infrastructure and want to make sure that we continue to be an amazing place for families to raise kids in.

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DYLAN CALLAHAN

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As a navy veteran, I've lived in many places, but Belmont is where I feel most at home. As town meeting member, my top priority would be to improve our material conditions. Our rental costs and property taxes are among the highest in the commonwealth. We must promote affordable housing and business development to reduce our financial burden. As a bicycle commuter, I support our town's goal of creating safe routes to school for our children through traffic calming. I support the Community Path, climate action, and maintaining our excellent schools. Please feel free to reach me through my email.

ADAM DASH

12 Goden St.

Contact: dash@adamdashlaw.com

As a member of the Select Board for the past 6 years, as a Town Meeting Member for the past 15 years, and as a member of both the Warrant Committee and the Zoning Board of Appeals, I have been intimately involved in all of these issues. We need to complete and maintain our capital projects, ensure a sound fiscal future by implementing the Collins Center's recommendations, and draft zoning and other bylaws which promote business and affordability. While I am leaving the Select Board, I would like to continue my work in these areas as a Town Meeting Member.

RACHEL SCHORR HIRSCH

256 School St.

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I grew up in Belmont and returned 8 years ago, heartened that my hometown had become increasingly racially and culturally diverse. I hope this brings a spirit of inclusion, emphasizing services and projects that serve collective town needs, rather than specific groups or interests. Our town's choice to support a new library serving all ages, abilities, and activities is inspiring. I will keep this collective focus central as we make thoughtful choices to help the full spectrum of our community, from schools to senior services, and including those who love this town but are stretching financially to stay.

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DAWN MACKERRON

70 Becket Rd.

Contact: dawnmackerron@earthlink.net

I am an Automation Engineer for a manufacturer's rep firm working with local manufacturing companies. I am passionate about advocating for common sense spending by our town officials. I listen to many committee and department meetings to understand how our tax dollars are being spent. I share my findings with town residents through Citizens for a Fiscally Responsible Belmont. I believe the town leadership should heed the Collins Center Report and present only a balanced budget for approval. The departments need to stay within their budget. Belmont is in deep fiscal trouble.

KELLY E. MICHAUD

11 Stone Rd.

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As an active Belmont resident and public school parent, I have closely watched Town Meeting and committee proceedings, while volunteering at Burbank, with Belmont Youth Soccer, and on the library campaign. These experiences have shown me the challenges and opportunities facing us. I am committed to Belmont's tradition of high-quality public education — an investment in our young people's future, and the value of our town and real estate. I have a business background and am committed to transparency and smart commercial growth. I want to see Belmont thrive and would be honored to represent Precinct 1.

KRISTIN A. NELSON-PATEL

82 Trowbridge St.

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I moved to Belmont with my spouse shortly after getting married in 1999. We have been homeowners and parents here since the mid-2000s. I care deeply about maintaining Belmont's high quality town infrastructure and services. This requires difficult trade-offs and complex planning to balance long and short term risks and benefits. Because I've also built a 20 year career in technical systems analysis, risk analysis, decision support, and now reliability governance, I would be honored as a town meeting member to use that professional skill set to help Belmont build its capability to navigate these decisions.

## PRECINCT 2

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, II

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(10 of 10; 1)

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This coming year Belmont faces the serious challenge of a “structural deficit” from our historical pattern of annually spending more than our revenue. As other available monies and one-time funds are being depleted, we must control the rate of spending growth while increasing revenue sources, or Belmont’s town government may run out of money. As your Town Meeting representative, I support meaningful controls over future spending growth to balance needed increases in town revenues. As a member of Belmont’s Warrant Committee (our Finance Committee) I will work towards a balanced approach to solving our fiscal problems.

\* FRANK E. FRENCH

44 Evergreen Way

(15 of 19; 3)

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I have been a lifelong resident of 70+ years in Belmont and have seen many changes, some good, some not so good. I have been a Town Meeting member for many years as well as having served on many committees and boards. I had served many years on Capital Budget Committee and attended many meetings discussing many need capital needs. The last one on that long list is a new Rink. I will continue to vote in favor of what I feel is best for Belmont.

\* KELLY ANN HIGGINS

11 Garfield Rd.

(20 of 20; 4)

Contact: (617) 484-9212

Belmont’s fiscal challenges continue! The town is in the process of completing the Middle and High School complex, finalizing the roll out of the new library and voting on a new rink which are all important to our residents. School enrollment is on the decline, our budget is limited, and the capital project list continues to grow. It is crucial that we work together to meet the needs of our community while making fiscally responsible and transparent decisions. Belmont is a special tight-knit community, and it is vital that we work together for the longevity of our precious town.

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\* JEFF LEVIN-SCHERZ

75 Woodbine Rd.

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: jlevin@hsph.harvard.edu

I'm a proud dad of two Belmont HS graduates and a 32-year Belmont resident. My priorities are support for educational excellence and environmental protection. I'm a physician, health-care consultant, and teach at the Harvard School of Public Health. I'm a member of the Belmont Town Democratic Committee, and work for progressive causes and candidates. I support smart development and denser zoning near public transit to comply with the state mandate and provide affordable multifamily housing. I oppose Belmont Hill School's plan to cut over 4 acres of forest to create more parking spaces. Thanks for your consideration.

\* BARRY LUBARSKY

257 Rutledge Rd.

(17 of 17; 2)

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As a 13-year resident of Belmont, I strive to ensure broad civic engagement in the issues and decisions the Town faces. We need an inclusive approach that balances the need to maintain our town's infrastructure, adequately resourcing our schools, and provide services for our aging population, while preserving a stable financial future for all our residents. Similarly, we need to ensure that the Town has a say in its affordable housing growth that is consistent with the needs of current Belmont residents. We also need to ensure the town government and procedures support the values and interests of our citizens.

\* PETER R. MAGNI

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(19 of 20; 21)

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After upgrading the police station and building a new high school, and now having voted yes to a new library, we must still address the skating ring issue. However, we must be aware of the 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 working to identify additional revenue sources within our town and region. We must approve our town's business climate so that we can keep our businesses and invite new business quickly when openings exist.

\* JUDITH A. MCSWAIN

35 Ross Rd.

(19 of 20; 22)

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I have been a TMM for many years. My priorities have always been to maintain our excellent schools, save what open space we have left, and try as much as possible to keep taxes in check. The Belmont traffic is a public safety concern. It must be controlled as much as possible and kept at a minimum. Belmont needs its own skating rink!!!

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\* ELIZABETH FALLON WEINTRAUB

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(20 of 20; 4)

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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 ice rink.

\* TAYLOR YATES

85 Lawrence Ln.

(10 of 10; 1)

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I support improving Belmont's financial foundation by revisiting parts of the zoning law that are either outdated or overly onerous for our residents and businesses. By making thoughtful zoning reforms, we can improve the town's tax revenues to support better services. As the Chair of the Yes for Appointed Treasurer Committee, I am working to improve Belmont's financial management by encouraging our town to the 98% of Massachusetts towns that hire a qualified, professional treasurer.

\* DAVID ZIPKIN

137 Claflin St.

(20 of 20; 6)

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I'm a parent of two school-age kids. I've enjoyed coaching their town soccer teams and have gotten to know many of their classmates. My priority for the town is to ensure we have the resources to provide the services, especially high-quality education for these kids, that Belmont needs to be a modern, vibrant, equitable, sustainable, thriving town. To support this goal, I've held leadership roles on the campaigns for both the Middle and High School and the 2021 override. If re-elected I will continue to pursue this aim through efficiency, developing a commercial tax base, and overrides as necessary.

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EDWARD P. BARKER, JR.

21 Garfield Rd.

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Belmont faces difficult choices in the years ahead, and I'm eager to help develop forward-looking, fair, and fiscally responsible solutions. I played a leadership role in the successful library campaign because it was an excellent combination of these factors: it serves all citizens, it leverages private resources to create greater value for taxpayers, and it's an essential quality-of-life investment that protects property values. I will take this same approach as we decide how to invest in our schools, revamp our capital planning process, and identify the resources necessary to sustain Belmont as a desirable place to live for all.

KRISTIAN ROBERT CIBULSKIS

141 Claflin St.

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As a parent of 4 children currently enrolled in Belmont schools, I will work to ensure that Belmont maintains educational excellence for all students. I also support creating safe and effective transportation options for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers by addressing shortcomings in our traffic patterns and projects such as the community path. Additionally, I believe we must manage our town finances in a responsible and sustainable manner and create new revenue opportunities. As a Town Meeting Member, I will seek out and listen to diverse points of view and try to find practical, common ground solutions.

JOHN JOSEPH MCCANN

161 Claflin St.

Contact: John.McCann+Belmont@gmail.com

Born and raised in Belmont, graduate of BHS ('88). Moved away after college, and returned to Belmont 6 years ago. We are delighted by the community we have found here. As a parent of a child at Chenery, working to maintain our outstanding public school system is a priority. I will work to help Belmont become a more sustainable community and support efforts to encourage sensible and sustainable commercial development to broaden our tax base. I am eager to give back to this community that I love, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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PAUL MCDONALD

595 Concord Ave.

Contact: paulm1@gmail.com

As a relative newcomer, I am optimistic about Belmont's future. Investments by past generations have made Belmont a strong community, great for families. Selective and strategic continued investments will allow the town to continue to thrive. My priorities are: 1) modernizing our zoning & bylaws to encourage commercial/mixed-use developments, support local businesses, and streamline homeowner improvements/renovations 2) funding our schools to continue delivering top-notch education that enables all students to reach their potential 3) Road/Sidewalk/Bike safety and accessibility - safe streets for people, not drag strips 4) protecting and increasing access to parks/recreation and open space.

ANDREW JOSEPH POULSEN

1105 Concord Ave.

Contact: poulsen@alum.mit.edu

I would appreciate your vote to serve as a town meeting member representing precinct two. I serve as chair of the Disability Access Commission and member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Implementation Committee. I am determined to advocate for an excellent quality of life for all in Belmont with a fiscally responsible approach. We need to find creative ways to meet the town's financial obligations and sustainable future while striving to reduce residential property tax burdens. Having raised our children in Belmont, I am committed to maintain access to a high-quality public education for Belmont children.

SIMONE MUZZIOLI TROPEANO

1047 Concord Ave.

Contact: smtropeano@gmail.com

I am a lifelong resident of Belmont, homeowner, and mother. As a Town Meeting Member, I will strive to ensure balance between the needs of the community and what we can afford. There are many assets which are critical to maintaining a strong community including a skating rink, sports facilities and strong public schools, among others. What has been lacking for many years is fiscal responsibility and transparency. We need to ensure our tax dollars are being spent responsibly and we must be smart about operating expenses while seeking additional sources of federal and state funding.

# PRECINCT 3

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* JOHN P. ALCOCK

5 Stables Way

(20 of 20; 12)

Contact: (617) 489-1021; jalcock1009@gmail.com

The Belmont Veterans Committee is grateful for the large number of private donations and funds from the Belmont CPC for the memorial site at Clay Pit Pond. Its members take great pride in the remarkable transformation of the site, and we enjoy seeing residents make use of this place that honors our fallen military members. As a former Warrant Committee member, it is encouraging to see the Collins Center Report recommendations being used to make changes in the financial planning of this year's preliminary draft budget.

\* LIZ ALLISON

69 Pinehurst Rd.

(17 of 20; 19)

Contact: (617) 489-1897; elisabeth.allison@gmail.com

Belmont offers its residents fine schools, public safety, economic diversity, strong neighborhoods and geographic convenience. In the short run, preserving these strengths requires realism about the fiscal impact (tax revenues minus cost of services) of projects, and about the number of residents benefiting from a project so that we can prioritize rather than turning Belmont into Wellesley. In the longer run, we need to find a way to diversify our tax base past residential development. More personally, I am a supporter of a new rink and of the Beatrice Circle residents, having pledged or made financial contributions to both.

\* SUZANNE R. BASS

530 Concord Ave.

(20 of 20; 25)

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

Belmont can be smarter in handling its financial challenges. We should pare back over-staffed departments and restore staff to those, like planning, that will make sure construction is good for our neighborhoods, not just profitable for developers. Instead of remaining vulnerable to development on a Route 2 onramp like Beatrice Circle, we should meet affordable housing requirements with housing in our business centers. Residents will support occasional overrides if they believe the town is thoughtful with its spending. And we need to protect our remaining open space. We're lucky to have it.

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\* DAVID READ CHASE

14 Waverley Ter.

(17 of 20; 22)

Contact: dr2chase@gmail.com

My ordered priorities are housing supply, schools, climate change, transportation, taxes, and generally we make compromises (as we have for some time). Some of these are regional problems and our narrowly-defined incentives are to make them worse, and I will tend to compromise there as well. If I'm unsure about an issue, I try to see if there are metrics that will clarify it for me. I support MBTA rezoning (it will be painless, Waverley Square is almost that dense already), skating rink, community path, override votes, and actually building enough affordable housing to stop unfriendly 40B developments.

\* RACHEL A. HELLER

44 White St.

(19 of 19; 3)

Contact: heller.housingtrust@gmail.com

Belmont is a great place. Decisions we make today can preserve what we love and set Belmont on a path to a bright future. As co-chair of Belmont's Housing Trust and Belmont's MBTA Communities Advisory Committee, I am committed to putting policies in place that foster inclusion, affordability, thriving local businesses, walkability, and sustainability. I helped create and implement Belmont's Housing Production Plan, strengthen our inclusionary zoning bylaw to increase affordable homes included in new developments, and shape the development coming to McLean that won 98% support at Town Meeting and will offer housing opportunities to people across income levels.

\*ANN M. JANSEN

59 Lorimer Rd.

(20 of 20; 12)

Contact: ann.m.jansen@gmail.com

Maintaining exceptional schools, restoring roads, sidewalks and trees, enabling vibrant business districts, and being creative in solving budgetary constraints are my priorities for Belmont. Most recently, I have been working closely with neighbors and Town officials to support a shade tree restoration plan in my district which hopefully can be a blueprint that enables Belmont residents to volunteer and/or financially support similar desirable projects that have struggled to be completed with available Town funds. I will support efforts to maintain the quality of life in Belmont.

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\* RALPH T. JONES

56 Summit Rd.

(16 of 20; 24)

Contact: (617) 320-5712; ralph.t.jones9@gmail.com

There should be a long-term capital plan for water and sewer infrastructure financed by the water and sewer enterprise funds. I also endorse a proposal by Senator Brownsberger for automated speed enforcement for major roads in Belmont. The Belmont Police Department does not have sufficient personnel to enforce the posted speed limit. Speeds of 40 mph or higher are common on major roads used by cut-through commuters. Automated speed enforcement could help protect bicyclists and pedestrian in Belmont.

\* SARAH G. LEMIEUX

57 Common St.

(12 of 20; 6)

Contact: SarahLemieux5@gmail.com

The traffic reconstruction project at Common and Waverly/School Streets and the sidewalk construction along School Street near Wellington Elementary result from a grant application I submitted in 2014, when my oldest child was in kindergarten. Frustration with the lack of sidewalk adjacent to the school fueled my action and the \$1mm+ project that now benefits our residents was funded by Safe Routes to School. I also dedicate many hours a week to coaching Belmont's youth hockey players and volunteering for the Rink campaign, including fundraising. Finding alternate funding methods to reduce the burden on Belmont's taxpayers is a priority.

\* MARTHA C. MOORE

331 Waverley St.

(19 of 20; 23)

Contact: (617) 489-2129.; marmoor@aol.com

1. Rallied neighbors and elected officials to protect Waverley St pedestrians & residents from unsafe, ill advised MBTA proposal to locate new bus route along Waverley Street. I will continue advocacy for safe sensible town planning! 2. Lengthy advocacy to keep rooftop solar panel installation in construction plans of new schools. This one element of the expensive project will reimburse the town for construction & bring in revenue, a benefit for all residents, especially seniors & less affluent taxpayers. I will continue to advocate for planning consistent with Belmont's Climate Action plan, Town Vision statement and it's budget.

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\* MARY DONAHUE STEARNS

15 Winthrop Rd.

(18 of 20; 6)

Contact: (617) 680-3989

These are challenging times for Belmont as the town faces significant financial issues and residents pay high property taxes. As a Town Meeting Member, I review proposals to ensure they will contribute to the town's fiscal health and do not worsen the Town's structural deficit. I will support proposals that focus on better maintenance of town resources to reduce the need for capital expenditures and implement the MBTA Communities Zoning Requirements which may offer ways to improve the town's tax revenue.

\* IAN WATSON

81 Clark St.

(20 of 20; 6)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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CHRISTINE O. DUNN

15 Blake St.

Contact: CDunnBelmont@gmail.com

Belmont has been my home for over 20 years. It has been a privilege to have my three children attend our schools; to serve on the Executive Committee and Board of the Foundation for Belmont Education and the founding Board of the Belmont Media Center; and to have built a business with offices in town that encouraged employees and clients to enjoy our Center. I'm running for Town Meeting because I'm committed to helping our community face the critical financial decisions regarding capital projects, infrastructure, and our excellent school system that are necessary to ensuring Belmont remains a vibrant community.

MERYL ANN JUNIK

14 Royal Rd.

Contact: meryljunik@gmail.com

Belmont resident for 11+ years and parent of two children in Belmont Public Schools. As a former co-President and Treasurer of Wellington PTO, I understand the challenges our schools face with the current budget limitations. I am running for Town Meeting to continue my commitment to supporting our schools and ensuring equitable access to services and resources for all Belmont students and residents. I believe in the future of Belmont and am hopeful that the voters in Precinct 3 will give me the opportunity to represent them in Town Meeting.

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ROBERT L. SARNO

30 Waverley Terrace

Contact: bobsarno@comcast.net

As a past Town Meeting and Warrant Committee member, Belmont's financial health and quality of life have guided my work. I have supported efforts to increase our revenue base, including commercial and mixed-use development, and to safeguard existing financial resources, sponsoring Citizens' Petitions to transfer free cash into the General Stabilization Fund to meet future critical needs. I also co-sponsored successful warrant articles to prevent the installation of aboveground fuel tanks at the DPW, both to protect nearby residential neighborhoods and to align more closely with Belmont's Climate Action Plan to reduce the town's reliance on fossil fuels.

KATE B. VIGOUR

3 Thomas St.

Contact: kate.vigour@gmail.com

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JUNG YUEH

151 Waverley St.

Contact: (857) 299-5299; jungforbelmont@gmail.com; JungForBelmont.com

I am running for both the School Committee and Town Meeting Members to better represent all of Belmont. As an actuary and Chartered Financial Analyst, I am well-versed in long-term financial planning. I believe my skills and perspective will be valuable to our town dialogue. As a trained mediator, I am attuned to listening to people with different perspectives. If elected, I pledge to listen to the residents of Precinct 3, fellow town meeting members, and town officials before making careful and considerate decisions about Belmont's future.

# PRECINCT 4

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* ROLA M. BAGHDADY

14 Loring St.

(20 of 20; 10)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I have lived in Waverley for 30 years, where Sami and I have raised our five children. I have been a Town Meeting Member for the last 9 years and observed tremendous changes including the deterioration of our infrastructure such as the skating rink. Town Meeting Members need to provide meaningful oversight and leadership, which I am qualified to do.

\* RONI S. BAGHDADY

14 Loring St.

(15 of 17; 2)

Contact: (857) 234-2753

I have lived in Waverley all my life. I attended Daniel Butler School and graduated from Belmont High School in 2014. I am now proud to be a Town Meeting member, helping to make a difference in our community. I believe it is important for my generation to be involved in the future of our Town.

\* CATHERINE AC BOWEN

67 Bartlett Ave.

(13 of 20; 9)

Contact: cbowenp4tmm@gmail.com

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\* KENROY R. CAYETANO

426 Trapelo Rd., #3

(7 of 10; 1)

Contact: (617) 501-7605

Transparency is the thread that ties everything together. Oftentimes, the town's financial commitments are framed as being in competition with each other. As a result, our town has repeatedly had difficulty funding our most important priorities, as evidenced by the debt exclusions for the library and skating rink. My primary goal continues to be communicating those priorities to voters in our precinct to avoid these false dichotomies and making more informed choices. As a committee member, I also aim to play a role in identifying proactive solutions to sustain Belmont's financial health rather than taking a more passive, reactive course.

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\* WILLIAM JOSEPH CHEMELLI

11 Ripley Rd.

(17 of 20; 51)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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

\* BRIAN KEEFE

195 Lexington St.

(16 of 20; 12)

Contact: (617) 593-8542; brian.keefe@homebridge.com

My number one focus will be to continue to fight for a new skating rink and sports field locker rooms. I am well aware of the high taxes that we already pay but to eliminate such a high use facility over \$289/ \$M of assessment is penny wise and pound foolish. Approximately 500 Belmont children use this facility at least 3 times a week for a total of 30,000 visits during 4.5 months it's open. Imagine the use for a full year. It is a very small price for one of the most important community building structures that we possess.

\* ROSE E. O'NEIL

77 Maple St.

(20 of 20; 9)

Contact: ro.tmm.p4@gmail.com

In addition to supporting our schools and the Community Path project, a concern I have specific to Precinct 4 is the recommendation for PQ Park's "conversion to synthetic turf" in 5+ years (2022 Recreational Facilities Inventory: <https://www.belmont-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee/files/recreational-facilities-inventory-and-assessment-2022-pg53>). Although this is not in the immediate future, I will be watching to make sure we will not be replacing natural grass with artificial turf at PQ Park due to health concerns and detrimental environmental impacts. (Boston recently became the largest municipality in the U.S. to ban astroturf in city parks.)

\* LISA A. PARGOLI

223B White St.

(19 of 20; 12)

Contact: essentials1@yahoo.com

Hi, I'm 36 year resident, who has followed and been involved in the many aspects of town business, especially those which increases our taxes, encourage wasteful spending, are not transparent to the residents and are safety issues. Shortly after I moved here I fought to have White St. made into an actual street with sidewalks, and crosswalks. Today I'm still fighting to change the traffic pattern on White St. before we have a 3rd death in a crosswalk. Lastly I will continue to hold those accountable who are not working for the best interest of the residents or being transparent. Namaste!

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\* DAVID POWELSTOCK

23 Alma Ave.

(11 of 20; 15)

Contact: pstock@powelstock.org

Representing you in Town Meeting for fifteen years, I have always sought to balance our neighbors' differing views on the issues. Meanwhile, we've seen politics in this country descend into name-calling, childish tantrums, and shameless disinformation that distort and obscure the real issues facing us. Thankfully, Belmont hasn't reached those depths. But mis-information *has* increased, resulting in confusion about the facts. If elected, I intend to spend my sixth term serving as an honest broker of information between town government and my constituency, so that we, as a community, can make the big decisions on the soundest possible basis.

\* KEVIN W. SMITH

18 Frederick St.

(17 of 19; 3)

Contact: kwsmith51@gmail.com

The skating rink needs to be demolished and replaced. I supported the construction of a new rink last fall. The rink committee has since revised the design to reduce costs, and I'm hopeful that the revised proposal will be approved by voters in April. I'm also supportive of recent efforts to implement recommendations made in the Collins Center report. The latest issue is whether the Town Treasurer should continue to be elected or should instead be appointed by the Town Administrator. I voted to put this question on the April ballot so that residents can decide.

JORDAN GRACE HAMPTON

52 Agassiz Ave.

Contact: hamptonjordan@hotmail.com

I have lived in Belmont for over a decade, and I have a school-aged child. I am committed to a thriving, inclusive and equitable Belmont. I encourage efforts to secure our town's future and make it a better place to work, learn, and live for all. Our plans should enable us to fund public services that support all generations. I believe in thoughtful investment in Belmont, such as fully funding our schools to maintain quality and addressing long-term capital needs. I want to promote small business growth, increase commercial tax revenue streams, and revitalize our existing business centers.

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KATHY A. POSEY

20 King St.

Contact: theposeys@gmail.com

I have a keen interest in supporting our public schools and teachers as well as ensuring safety for our citizens. As a Butler School PTA board member for four years and a Butler Extended Day Program board member for three years, I have gained knowledge about the challenges that teachers and families face each day in managing the education experience. Safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers also needs attention. With the ongoing challenges that Belmont faces with the budget, our commercial tax base needs to grow so that we can maintain and enhance public education as well as improve safety.

**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

EILEEN LIZETTE HANSON

238 White St.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I have lived in Belmont for 14 years and it is clear that Belmont residents have a wide variety of issues to discuss and resolve in our community. As an educator and a mother to two children who attend Belmont Public Schools, I am interested in ensuring that our schools are funded, equitable and inclusive for all learners. As a Town Meeting member, I would seek out communication with my fellow precinct 4 residents in order to consider their points of view when voting on issues facing our town.

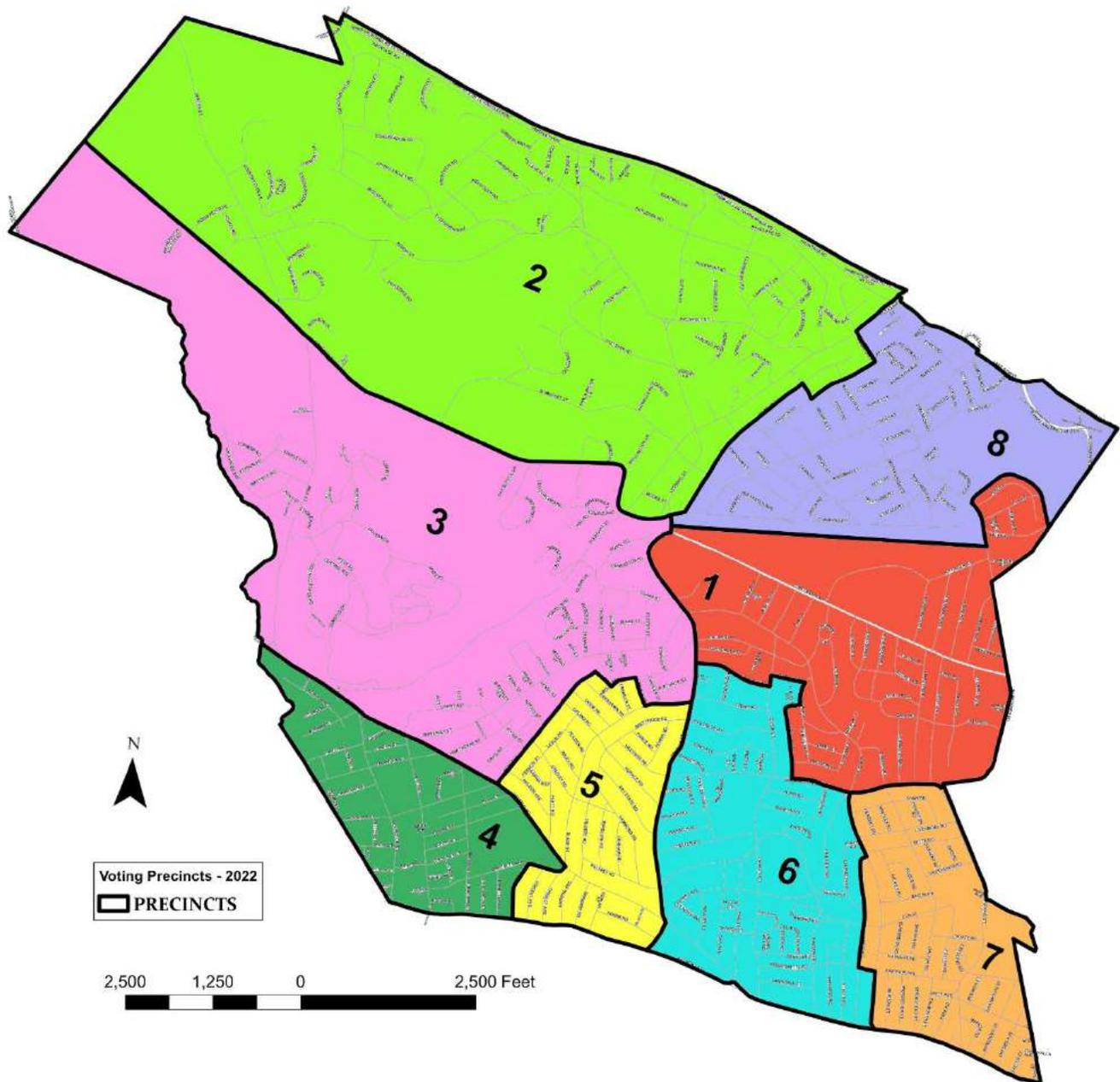
RACHEL M. WATSON

73 Hull St.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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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 In-Person, will NOT be available for this Local Election  
Vote By Mail is available for all Voters**

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.

# PRECINCT 5

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* ELAINE C. ALLIGOOD

265 Beech St.

(19 of 20; 7)

Contact: elaine.alligood@gmail.com

Fiscal issues confront Belmont, ignoring them isn't an option! It's crucial to fix the gov & fiscal crises identified in the Collins Rpt! The key Collins Rpt ideas acted upon can likely result in focused changes that may well raise business tax revenue in the Town of Homes. In Pct-5 and all precincts, serious traffic & speeding issues require action to keep kids & pedestrians safe! Belmont speed limits all need enforcing! Beech & Waverly have no speed limit signs! Speeding Tickets raise revenue; how many tickets teach us to slow down? 3, 4? Working together is essential!

\* NANCY A. CARLSON

12 Poplar St.

(20 of 20; 13)

Contact: 4nancycarlson@gmail.com

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\* JOANNE E. COAKLEY

95 Horace Rd.

(20 of 20; 42)

Contact: joannecoakley@mac.com

Funding excellent schools and town services will ensure that Belmont continues to be a great place to live for diverse residents. Given the current fiscal challenges and constraints, I believe that thoughtful and strategic planning will grow revenue, manage costs and explore innovative practices, such as more town regionalization, private fundraising, and senior tax relief. I support inclusive curriculum to enhance diversity in schools, affordable housing that aligns with the MBTA rezoning, and well developed policies that meet our climate action goals. Developing the commercial corridors, including more residential buildings will increase use of public transportation.

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\* JULIE SCHWENDIMAN CROCKETT

232 Trapelo Rd.

(19 of 20; 9)

Contact: (617) 299-0348; juliescrockett@gmail.com

As a Town Meeting Member, I do my best to help neighbors navigate how to effectively get their concerns heard and addressed. I helped secure CPA funds to revitalize PQ Park. I want to ensure schools receive adequate funding, and want to inform neighbors about the need for the upcoming April 2024 Override. I am an advocate of transparency and accountability. I invite constituents to go to <https://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/town-meeting-documents-completed-sessions-of-town-meeting> to see the voting records of all Town Meeting Members. Please contact me with your questions and concerns, I look forward to hearing from you!

\* COSMO MACERO, JR.

4 Palfrey Rd.

(17 of 19; 3)

Contact: (617) 799-0488; jpcosmo@cosmomacero.net

Belmont, like the entire Commonwealth, lacks adequate affordable housing. Purpose-driven zoning- and building-rule revisions would allow for micro units to be created in certain single-family homes – allowing seniors to remain under the same roof with family. Being proactive in the face of new MBTA-driven rezoning is better than shrugging off the issue as “out of our hands.” You deserve better from Belmont town leaders. Finally: apartment housing is a good thing when positioned near our major business districts and transit connections. It provides access to Belmont for smaller-sized households and creates economic activity where the town needs it most.

\* LOIS J. POLLOCK

383 Common St.

(20 of 20; 36)

Contact: (617) 484-9063

I supported the skating rink override last fall and I will support it again in April. For housing I support updating the zoning laws to make them equitable throughout the town and easier to comprehend and implement. I believe that greater transparency in Town government will facilitate this and many other issues facing the Town. An informed citizenry is able to make informed decisions concerning the future of Belmont and generate ideas that help us get there. We all need to participate. Belmont has always been my home, I wish to help it continue to prosper in challenging times.

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\* ANDREA SERRA-MASCIARI

51 Flett Rd.

(20 of 20; 21)

Contact: andreamasciari@gmail.com

As a TMM and former TAC member, I understand how so many issues affect all residents. I will continue to focus on each of them. We've done a lot of good things with the CPA tax, but if we temporarily eliminate this tax, it might make passage of the rink debt exclusion and an imperative override more palatable for taxpayers. Fiscal responsibility is key to Belmont's future stability. We have to ensure that Belmont is affordable for every person who lives here including the less affluent among us. Let's prove that we want to be a Welcoming Community for everyone.

\* JOHN P. SULLIVAN

72 Palfrey Rd.

(20 of 20; 21)

Contact: (617) 365-1073

Belmont faces substantial budgetary challenges and needs an override and structural changes. There are ways to fund the 2024 budget with the \$15 million we have in free cash. Governor Healey is also proposing an increase of almost \$1.7 million in state educational aid for Belmont next year. Structurally, moving to the Group Insurance Commission would realize a significant, millions in savings for 2024 and future budgets. Additionally, the GIC would mean substantial one-time funds from drawing down the health insurance trust and reducing the cost of Belmont's Other Post Employment Benefits.

\* MARK D. WAGNER

21 Hastings Rd.

(19 of 20; 12)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

NO REPLY RECEIVED

\* JEANNE WIDMER

126 Gilbert Rd.

(19 of 20; 42)

Contact: jrwidmer2@gmail.com

I have supported maintaining Belmont's capital investments and quality of life in multiple ways including major rebuilding/renovations of our schools, senior center, fire and police stations, the DPW facility, Town Hall complex, and library. Limping along with patchwork repairs for decades, our hockey rink is long overdue for renovations to better serve our high school, youth and adult communities. While it has been the scene of countless high school and youth hockey championships, Belmont can be proud of putting girls' hockey on the map, being one of the first Massachusetts towns to build a public high school girls' hockey team.

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JANE A. ROSENZWEIG

58 Bay State Rd.

Contact: janerosenzweigwrites@gmail.com

As a volunteer on the 2021 override campaign and the recent library debt exclusion campaign, I am grateful to have met so many residents who care deeply about Belmont's future. As a Belmont Public School parent, I support forward-looking initiatives that will allow us to fund our excellent schools, maintain our infrastructure, and create a financially sustainable future for Belmont. We need to find innovative ways to expand Belmont's commercial tax base, adapt our town to the effects of climate change, and make sure that all residents can obtain clear and accurate information about the town's finances and challenges.

**For Two Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

CATHERINE ANN SCOTT

36 Brettwood Rd.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I'm running for Town Meeting out of a desire to support our public schools, and to work on solutions for housing in Belmont.

# PRECINCT 6

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* KAREN BAUERLE

59 Hurd Rd.

(19 of 20; 8)

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.

\* LAURA G. BURNES

24 Branchaud Rd.

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: lburnesbelmont@gmail.com

I have lived in Belmont for thirteen years and served in Town Meeting for the past year, supporting important capital projects including funding the library. I am a business owner, parent of two middle schoolers and advocate for racial equality. Belmont has long been a wonderful town to live and work in and I am committed to expanding that legacy to be more inclusive with smart investments, including advocating for school funding, creating opportunities for business growth and supporting affordable housing efforts. I am committed to this town and community and would be honored to continue serving.

\* ROGER DUANE COLTON

34 Warwick Rd.

(19 of 20; 23)

Contact: roger.belmont@comcast.net

You should understand how I will approach your representation. First, irrespective of the issue (rink, schools, taxes), I owe you, and the Town at-large, a duty of civility. "Civility" incorporates respect, courtesy, and civil discourse. Second, I owe you a duty to be independent and activist. "Independent and activist" incorporates not simply being a rubberstamp, but affirmatively exercising my own judgment. Third, I owe you fact-based decision-making. Nearly all decisions faced by Belmont's TM do not pose ideological choices. Those who seek to characterize all decisions as a test of ideology make black/white decisions, thus frequently ignoring the ever-present greys.

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\* SUSANNE MARIE CROY

95 Stults Rd.

(19 of 19; 3)

Contact: susanne.croy@gmail.com

Accomplishment: I've worked to bring enhanced safety and access for recreation and cultural activities at Payson Park using CPA funds. Improvements will include vibrant new playground structures, replaced stairways and a more level field. Budget Priority: The school department should take immediate action to create in-district programs for special needs students. A robust effort to hire expert staff, designate work space, and acquire materials geared to the specific services offered, can save the town millions of dollars per year, while providing students the first class individualized instruction they deserve in their community. Stop the flow of money out of Belmont!

\* CABELL T. EAMES

26 Lewis Rd.

(8 of 10; 1)

Contact: eamesme@gmail.com

As a nine-year resident of Belmont, I have served on many committees in town, including Sustainable Belmont, PTO, the Energy Committee, and for the last five years, the Democratic Town Committee, where I now serve as the vice-chair. I also represent Belmont on the Democratic State Committee and have done so for the last three years. I am running for reelection to continue my service as a town member as we face a consequential year regarding our fiscal health as a town. Our schools are the bedrock of Belmont, and ensuring its success means funding its needs while providing affordable [LWV truncated at 100]

\* JUDITH F. FEINLEIB

87 Oakley Road

(20 of 20; 11)

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

In addition to town-wide concerns — Belmont Hill School parking lot and destruction of wetlands and trees, property taxes, debt exclusions, schools, mid-life residents, seniors — Precinct 6 has issues that affect it directly. These include the Benton Library chimney, the Bradford and Cushing Square business development. We will likely face a new issue when the Common Street Methodist Church is sold and probably developed. I will make sure applicable statutory and/or advisory input is obtained from the appropriate town agencies — HDC, OCD, PB, ZBA — and is then used to preserve and improve our neighborhood.

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\* MARY TW GAVIN

12 Long Avenue

(19 of 20; 20)

Contact: marygavin7@gmail.com

My family moved to Belmont for the quality of life enjoyed in town. I have been an active Town Meeting Member since 2003. As a retired school teacher and parent of children educated in the Belmont Schools, I am an active supporter of the Schools, particularly Athletics and Arts. I have been immersed in quality of life issues as demonstrated by many years of service on the Traffic Advisory Committee. I hope to continue to represent my neighbors in our welcoming community and support a new Rink to foster community.

\* ELIZABETH S. GIBSON

15 Oakley Road

(20 of 20; 22)

Contact: esgibson5@gmail.com

Our town has made important strides toward improving it's infrastructure. We need to be mindful of tax implications, but we also need to continue investing in our community's capital assets. Citizen involvement is one of Belmont's greatest strengths. I've been an active participant in town activities for many years and value being a Town Meeting member. I'm currently involved with the Benton Library. I support the schools and served two terms on the Belmont School Committee. I support thoughtful development and was involved with the redevelopment of the Our Lady of Mercy church property into residential housing.

\* SUZANNE JOHANNET

45 Warwick Road

(20 of 20; 12)

Contact: sjohannet@yahoo.com

As president of the Belmont Food Collaborative, alleviating food insecurity is my biggest concern. I also support affordable housing , maintaining the quality of our schools, and addressing our financial issues. I supported the library and moving to a hired town treasurer.

\* LINDA N. OATES

302 Payson Road

(17 of 17; 36)

Contact: (617) 484-3322

I support decreasing our carbon footprint via decreasing reliance on energy derived from carbon-based sources. Supporter of Belmont Public Schools. I endorse rigorous school curricula. Want recreation, athletic and walking venues for all age groups. I strongly support a new ice rink. Skating and skiing are traditional New England winter recreational activities. Not everyone can take ski trips but local accessible skating can provide both exercise and fun. Co-chair of the Friends of Payson Park who sponsored a CPA-funded project application to upgrade Payson Park. Work should commence this year. RN, BSN, MPH

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\* BRIAN S. SAPER

16 Old Middlesex Road

(20 of 20; 16)

Contact: (617) 489-4651

I feel strongly about the Belmont Hill School plan to remove several acres of trees and 2 houses on which the town is collecting taxes. They wish to replace them with a maintenance facility and a large and unnecessary parking lot. As we seek to absorb more carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, eliminating these trees is contrary to town policy. It is much more environmentally friendly to allow stormwater to absorb into the ground than to pave over the ground and add the water to our storm drain system.

\* JOEL MICHAEL SEMUELS

18 Bellevue Road

(13 of 13; 18)

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

Our schools are among the best in the Commonwealth and we must make every effort to maintain their high quality. Treasurer is a professional position, like Town Counsel. An appointed Treasurer can be vetted from a larger pool of candidates from Belmont and beyond. An elected Treasurer is like opening a large box of chocolates made in Belmont. You never know what you are going to get, but you're stuck eating it for two years. Member C.O.A. Board, President Friends of the Council on Aging , Inc., advocate for senior programs and services.

SOPHIA LOUISE DONOHUE

72 Chester Rd, #2

Contact: sophia.donohue42@gmail.com

I'm a proud 20 year resident of Belmont and a 2012 BHS alum. Now living in the home my mother formerly rented while I was growing up. I love this town and plan to serve as a Town Meeting member as an advocate for affordable housing. I believe in the importance of access to a beautiful and safe place to live; to give others the same opportunity my family was given. This includes maintaining education quality, enacting traffic calming measures and developing the Belmont Community Path as top priorities. I hope to encourage fiscal responsibility while investing in our community.

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MARCIE S. HIRSCH

64 Old Middlesex Rd.

Contact: msh@smarterwisdom.com

I'm a 45 year Belmont resident, member of the Library Building Committee, and a former town meeting member seeking to return to that role after having served as President of Belmont's Library Foundation during our campaign raising over \$5 million toward the cost of library construction. I am proud that the initiative was a true community effort, including approximately 900 citizen donations and others from businesses and grants. I'm committed to ensuring that Belmont is welcoming for all, hearing and valuing concerns and needs from all sectors and demographics, responding creatively while respecting the financial challenges of the town's budget.

CAROLINE E. LIGHT

200 Payson Rd.

Contact: clighthouse200@gmail.com

Having lived in Belmont for almost 15 years and raised three children here, I'm grateful for our excellent school system and eager to continue building upon its strengths. I support efforts to enhance our town's commitment to environmental justice and affordable housing, while expanding the accessibility and functionality of our public amenities and shared spaces. I am eager to participate in our local government in the interest of building a more inclusive and welcoming community for all Belmontians. Thank you for your consideration.

ANTONIO ROBERT MOLLE

24 Warwick Rd.

Contact: (617) 870-1699; antonioforbelmont@gmail.com; antonioforbelmont.wixsite.com/antonio4precinct6

Transparency: My driving priorities are delivering constituent outreach and addressing the concerns of senior citizens. If elected, I intend to be a voice for all Precinct 6 residents and to hear their concerns through both traditional and non-traditional outreach. I will hold quarterly town hall style meetings (in person, with a zoom option). I will also use social media to disseminate important information regarding municipal government and services. Through my 3 year long work as a volunteer with the Council on Aging, I am especially mindful of senior issues and the struggles that seniors are having in regards to housing.

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**For Two Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

KENNETH E. LIND

60 Hurd Rd.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I serve on Belmont's Transportation Advisory Committee, and take a balanced approach to build a cohesive community of walkers, bikers, riders and drivers. I listen to all voices, including residents who use our streets daily, to consider neighborhood impacts. It is important to plan wisely and comprehensively as Belmont continues to grow. I am also a parent of students at Chenery and BHS. I have supported all the recent initiatives for the schools, and believe we can make smart, responsible investments that continue our strong commitment to education while sustaining a vibrant community.

MARIE VIRGINIA WARNER

39 Hillside Terrace

Contact: warner4precinct6@gmail.com

Serving on the **Economic Development Committee**, the **Warrant Committee**, and as Chair of the **Public Services Subcommittee**, I believe that we must work together for a financially sustainable Belmont. Strong fiscal stewardship, plus healthy, appropriate commercial growth supports town services, schools, roads, sidewalks — and **Belmont's future**. Homeowner in Precinct 6 for 26 years, I am a member of the **Cushing Square Neighborhood Association** and founder of Belmont-based business, Boston Women Connect, a women's business owner community. I am running for the 2-year seat and commit to represent *all* Precinct 6 neighbors — families, retirees, couples, homeowners and renters.

# PRECINCT 7

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* MARGARET C. CALLANAN

21 Sargent Rd.

(18 of 20; 40)

Contact: brendcalla@hotmail.com

Town and school leaders must continue working together, transparently, finding solutions to issues facing Belmont. I worked to present a Citizens Petition Moratorium on Construction of Over-sized Single Family Dwelling Units, which passed unanimously in TM. As TMM and former Warrant Committee member, I continue listening carefully to neighbors. I remain in constant contact with Select Board and School Committee members. Belmont must increase its revenue stream. While carefully balancing maintenance of services and taxpayer burden, I will continue supporting academic achievement for all students, increasing business development, and balancing maintenance of services and taxpayer burden.

\* CLARE G. CRAWFORD

134 Dalton Rd.

(20 of 20; 7)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

My experience navigating the Belmont Public Schools as a parent over the past 13 years has shown me first-hand how important it is to build and maintain trust between the School Department, BPS families, and the wider Belmont community. As an active member of the high school PTSO Board, I particularly focus on and prioritize communication and transparency. Community trust and collaboration around funding priorities will be critical for maintaining the quality of our schools given our town's budget crisis.

\* NANCY HEMPSTEAD DONALD

31 Marlboro St.

(17 of 20; 4)

Contact: gaita@comcast.net

It has been a great privilege to represent Precinct 7 at Town Meeting. I remain committed to transparency in all government matters. High priorities going forward include responsibly addressing capital projects, school funding needs and traffic management in a way that balances both short and long term needs. As both a former member of the town's Human Rights Commission and as a member of the Disability Access Commission for the past 16 years, I also believe it is critical to continue efforts towards making Belmont as welcoming, inclusive and accessible for all as possible.

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\* NATALIE M. KOSTICH

262 Grove St.

(15 of 20; 4)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

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\* HANNAH S. LIBERTY

43 Worcester St.

(19 of 20; 6)

Contact: hannerlib@gmail.com

As a parent and TMM, I support fully funding our public schools. As the new 7/8 middle school opens this fall, we need to push the town to ensure the safety of walkers and bikers. I support the new library that will be built for generations of future Belmont residents.

\* BENJAMIN JOEL MESHOULAM

54 Newton St.

(18 of 20; 6)

Contact: bmeshoulam@gmail.com

A Belmont resident since 2016, TMM since 2017, Housing Trust member since 2022, and parent of two BPS students, I believe in a Belmont that builds on its many qualities to create a community that is open, inclusive, and dynamic. We need to continue finding ways to modernize our Town's operations and governance structures and increase our property tax base so that we can continue providing residents with the services they need and expect. I hope to have your support so that I can work with my colleagues on Town Meeting advancing this important work.

\* ALISON M. RHODES

54 Newton St.

(17 of 20; 6)

Contact: alisonmrhodes@gmail.com

I am a clinical social worker and proud parent of two BPS students. Serving on Town Meeting since 2017 has allowed me to meaningfully contribute to our town and help make sure that we move forward on important priorities, including the Belmont Middle and High School and Belmont Library projects. If reelected, I will continue to bring my progressive values to town meeting, and support policies around equity and diversity, excellence in our schools, maintaining our open and recreational spaces, and sustainable small business development. I hope to have the privilege of representing you for the next three years.

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\* HEATHER MAXWELL RUBESKI

133 Dalton Rd.

(20 of 20; 7)

Contact: hrubeski@gmail.com

In my 7 years as a Town Meeting member, I have engaged directly in supporting investments that strengthen our community, including capital projects such as the 7-12 school, police station, library, and rink. I also strongly supported the adoption of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Currently, I am actively working to improve our schools, serving on the Superintendent Screening Committee and following our school and town budget process closely. The overall wellbeing of our community, including balancing its resources to achieve financial sustainability, is important to me. If re-elected, I will continue to pursue opportunities for positive and transparent change in Belmont.

\* BRETT C. SORENSON

30 Woods Rd.

(14 of 20; 27)

Contact: (617) 484-0152; bsorenson@post.harvard.edu

I have been a Belmont resident for 35 years and a Precinct 7 Town Meeting member for 25. All four of my children have attended public schools and we have participated in and volunteers for many town activities. I try to keep informed on current issues so that I can vote and act on town meeting actions with knowledge and experience.

CLAUDIA H. ALBERT

67 Dalton Rd.

Contact: calbert100@gmail.com

To me, my role as a town meeting member means representing the people of Belmont. I practice creative problem-solving, which requires listening, learning, debating, cooperation, prioritization, long-range planning, and well-monitored, fiscally responsible actions. As a lifelong educator (teacher, administrator, and professor) with grandchildren in Belmont schools, I support continuous improvement of our school system—improvement that will meet all students' needs based on data, educational research, and consideration of a rapidly changing world. My approach to all town issues follows a similar process of gathering information, identifying needs, prioritizing, and taking responsible actions to make Belmont better for all.

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MICHAEL R. ATLAS

49 Newton St.

Contact: (617) 792-6006; mikeatlas@gmail.com

As a health-minded environmentalist, I helped work on the policy Town Meeting passed to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers in Belmont. Our community still faces many other forms of pollution and health risks beyond yard equipment: airplane noise, excess light at night, pesticides, rodents, storm runoff and more. All must be addressed as a community. As a five-year resident who works from home with my wife and baby daughter, I support electrification and other forward-looking municipal infrastructure projects, such as a town battery. I also support creative ideas to diversify and boost town revenues beyond property taxes.

NINA DEL VECCHIO

125 Elm St.

Contact: ninabiggar@hotmail.com

There are numerous challenges facing Belmont, and therefore a lot of opportunities. If elected I will work on solutions that will positively impact the town my daughter and I have called home for the last ten years. I will advocate for keeping our schools strong, addressing traffic challenges, and improving our roads and sidewalks. Serving on Town Meeting is a chance to give back, and to maintain and improve the community for everyone who has lived here for generations, and will call Belmont home in the future.

DEANNA EARLE

22 Park Rd., #1

Contact: deannaearle.belmont@gmail.com

I am passionate about helping Belmont flourish! My priorities include increasing micro-mobility and improving public transit, which will ease traffic and make Belmont safer for everyone. Other priorities of mine are increasing the availability of affordable housing and advancing social justice. As a proud first-generation low-income Cornell University graduate and a current LSHTM MSc Epidemiology student, I understand the importance of green spaces; strong, inclusive communities; intersectionality; educational opportunities; and safe and affordable housing. With my education and grassroots, local government, state government, and academic medical center experience, I will make Belmont better for all current and future residents.

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PAUL GORMISKY

79 Betts Rd.

Contact: (215) 266-0547; gormisky@gmail.com

I'm the parent of a current Burbank kindergartner and a 3-year old. My wife is a public school teacher. As a TMM, I would prioritize properly funding our schools and long-term investments in town infrastructure (e.g., safe roads, sidewalks, bike paths). I'm currently concerned about the proposed cuts to school programming and employees, which will have a negative impact on our students, teachers and staff. Being realistic about the financial challenges facing the town, I would also work to support sustainable development to increase overall tax revenue, while lessening the tax burden on homeowners.

BRIAN EDWARD ILER

482 School St.

Contact: brianiler.tmm@gmail.com

I believe Belmont needs bold action to address its structural deficit elephant-in-the-room. I'm alarmed by our leaders' headlong rush to replace infrastructure with beautiful buildings we cannot afford, while our roads, schools and essential services erode. We must aggressively implement the Collins Report recommendations to transform our town government from a quaint 19th century throwback to an efficient modern machine. We also need to make real progress on our climate goals, which are not only morally necessary, but make fiscal sense. We must explore ideas to cushion vulnerable taxpayers so they can stay in their town.

LAURA WILDEMANN KANE

67 Dalton Rd., #2

Contact: laura.w.kane@gmail.com

Since moving to Belmont in early 2021, my family has quickly become active in the town community. Specifically, we have volunteered in our children's school classrooms and library, and have fundraised for, organized, and participated in extra-curricular activities, including joining the BASEC Board of Directors, because we recognize the unique opportunities that our public schools offer to Belmont children. I support funding and staffing our schools because I recognize the role that public school plays in building a strong community for our own children as well as future Belmont generations, who will benefit from the investments we make right now.

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JEFFREY W. LIBERTY

43 Worcester St.

Contact: libertyjeffrey@gmail.com

As a Precinct 7 Town Meeting Member, I will continue to be a champion of our schools and a good steward of our limited resources. As a School Committee Member, I've participated in six Budget Summits with other Boards this year and have a much deeper understanding of our Town's finances. I've been involved in the campaigns to build the 7-12 school complex and both recent overrides. I will advocate for the development of a long-term strategic plan focusing on new revenue generation and uses of our capital and financial resources that will benefit current and future generations in Belmont.

ANNE B. MAHON

29 Livermore Rd.

Contact: (617) 990-7660; annemahon@comcast.net

I'm concerned about our schools and the budget deficit's impact on our children's education. If you lose everything, all you have is what's between your ears, so let's make sure we don't let our Belmont kids down. As a Commissioner of the BHA and a member of the Housing Production Plan Committee, I look to create housing for residents wanting to downsize but age in place in a setting that is safe, makes them happy, and remains affordable. As a Realtor, doing both of these things increases the equity of every resident's home — investment in community increases sale price.

IRA MORGENSTERN

21 Clarendon Rd.

Contact: (617) 869-4072; imorgenstern@comcast.net

Belmont is a great place to live, but the structural deficit is endangering our schools, our quality of life, and affordability, particularly for seniors. We need a realistic plan that reduces the structural deficit. PILOT monies from not-for-profits and proactive plans for commercial development on Belmont Street and Trapelo Road are must-haves. Town Meeting must be the checks and balances to ensure Town Government is making the right decisions for our residents. Problems must be explicitly addressed. I bring financial and leadership experience working with struggling companies to ensure Belmont's bright future. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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SUSAN REBECCA TITUS

26 Livermore Rd.

Contact: titus.susie@gmail.com

Families are attracted to our high-quality schools and Belmont's small-town feel. We must continue smart fiscal planning to maintain town infrastructure, implement stricter zoning to preserve our distinct neighborhoods and open spaces, and encourage creative economic development to augment our tax base. Energy conservation and renewables should be highly suggested for new projects. Proactive planning towards affordable housing/multiuse districts near public transportation can help avoid contentious 40B developments. Completing community bike path may alleviate Concord Ave safety issues. As a lifelong Belmont resident and longtime TMM, I would appreciate your vote!

# PRECINCT 8

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* DAVID J. DEMARCO

36 Lodge Rd.

(10 of 17; 2)

Contact: dsdemarco@verizon.net

The Town of Belmont has been my home my whole life. The town should be focusing on doing positive changes for the entirety and not just for the political popularity. My main focus is on safety, the health and well-being of the citizens of the town. I am in support of the rink and hope that town residents find a way to see the good that it will give to the community.

\* SHARON L. DEMARCO

36 Lodge Rd.

(15 of 17; 2)

Contact: shademarco@yahoo.com

The Town of Belmont has been my home my whole life. I have seen a lot of changes that do not make sense. The town should be focusing on doing positive changes for the entirety and not just for the political popularity. I was a big supporter of the pool which I grew up using, I am big supporter of the rink.

\* ROGELIO "ROGER" FUSSA

153 Channing Rd.

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: (617) 826-9517; rogerapf11@gmail.com

As a parent of children in the Belmont schools, I wrote an op-ed ([rfussa.com/oped](http://rfussa.com/oped)) backing the 2021 override. I discussed special education services and said pandemic-traumatized students will need mental health support. In 2021-2022, I served on the CMS PTO board as its fundraising chair — our team exceeded the fundraising goal. I have also sat on two town committees: the Diversity Task Force and the Vision 21 Implementation Committee. My priorities include business development, public-private partnerships, and environmentally responsible growth. I believe Belmont urgently needs to create a new master plan to replace the plan that expired in 2020.

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\* HEATHER H. IVESTER

23 Stearns Rd.

(9 of 10; 1)

Contact: (781) 686-8580

Belmont is a special place and diverse community. I attended Belmont Public Schools (K-12) and have a successful career as a result. I am raising my family here and have been a homeowner for 25 years. As a civil engineer, I bring an understanding of the impacts the MBTA rezoning will have on the Center and Wavery. We need transparent leadership committed to maintaining Belmont as a top community for families and seniors through improvements such as the rink. We need to focus on zoning changes that could significantly change our town. I ask for your vote to serve Belmont.

\* KARL A. IVESTER

23 Stearns Rd.

(9 of 10; 1)

Contact: (617) 319-9845

Belmont has been a great place to grow up, raise children, and retire. Affordability for seniors is at a crisis level and equity for all, must includes seniors. The rink needs to be rebuilt YES, but we need to say no to other projects. With the state asking us to build 1600 new affordable housing units I will be a NO vote. Belmont is a town not a city and still a special community. I voted NO on the town appointed treasurer, Voters should decide the who is the treasurer. BHS Grad and 25 year homeowner

\* ALLISON VOORHEES LENK

145 Sherman St.

(17 of 17; 2)

Contact: (617) 877-4792 (c); (617) 484-6346 (h); allisonlenk@gmail.com

A third generation Belmontonian, I care deeply about our town, collaborating with residents to address current challenges: increasing traffic, the poor condition of our roads/sidewalks, the need to balance smart growth with preservation of open space, and our continually rising property taxes that threaten residents' ability to remain in the town we love. In addition to 100% attendance at Town Meetings, I also regularly attend other meetings (SB / Warrant / School Committee etc.) to ensure that I'm informed. When re-elected, I'll continue to work towards increasing accountability, responsibility and transparency in all aspects of town government.

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\* CAITLIN ANNA MADEVU-MATSON

32 Frost Rd.

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: caitlin.matson@gmail.com

As a graduate of Belmont High, a mother, a public health professional, and a Town Meeting Member for precinct 8, I believe strongly in smart investments in the people and infrastructure of our town. Critical engagement by Town Meeting is needed to identify priority projects, to persistently ensure efficiency, and to hold officials accountable. We urgently need to continue funding crucial staff positions and IT improvements initiated during the pandemic to maintain Belmont's reputation for excellent schools. This is especially important as we transition to the new Middle School to attract a top-notch district superintendent and Winn Brook principal.

\* CONNOR MAGUIRE

17 Hurley St.

(10 of 10; 1)

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\* KARA MORIN

153 Channing Rd.

(7 of 10; 1)

Contact: kafmorin@gmail.com

I served on the WBE<sub>x</sub>L (Winn Brook Child Care) Parent's Advisory Committee for seven years (including as Chair). Issues I worked on included: expanding student enrollment, raising the staff hourly pay to the Massachusetts living wage of \$15 per hour, and increasing need-based tuition scholarships. I was a professional fundraiser for twenty years and I'm interested in finding ways to defray capital costs through public/private partnerships, including fundraising and corporate sponsorships. I now work in the private sector at a software company. I'm the proud mother of two kids who benefit from Belmont's commitment to the public schools.

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\* DEBORAH MARIE ROSALES

48 Farnham Street

(20 of 20; 26)

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 costing the Town much needed tax revenue. Must encourage wider variety of businesses to locate here and balance "walkability" with plentiful parking to make commercial areas thrive. Large-scale development, both commercial and residential, needs practical analysis and compromise to balance neighborhood interests with Belmont's revenue needs. Fund our schools to provide our children the high quality education that Belmont, is known for, past and present. Crumbling roads must be repaired and given higher budget priority.

\* LISA SONIA STAROBIN

54 Cross Street

(10 of 10; 1)

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

As a physician and the mother of three Belmont Public School students, I believe that we need to invest in- and support the services that make Belmont such a desirable community to live in. In recent years, I have campaigned in support of Proposition 2 1/2 overrides to shore up our school budget, fund construction of the new High School and win funding for the new Library. Belmont faces big challenges in the near future. If re-elected, I will support our efforts to diversify Belmont's tax base and prevent cuts to the public services we all rely on.

ANGUS JAMES BENEDICT ABERCROMBIE

79 Winn St.

Contact: [angus@angusabercrombie.com](mailto:angus@angusabercrombie.com)

The top issue facing the town is our fiscal situation; it has been since I first volunteered on an override campaign as a student at Chenery Middle School. Overrides help immediate budget shortfalls, but that strategy is more of a short-term band-aid. For long-term stability I support zoning for "mixed-use" in areas like Trapelo Road. This would expand residential and commercial tax bases, ensuring lower individual tax burdens. Furthermore, I care deeply about environmental conservation; I've worked at Mass Audubon's Habitat sanctuary and will work to preserve existing green space and encourage walking and biking to reduce transportation emissions.

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KATE DILAWARI

55 Munroe St.

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I support a forward-thinking Belmont that invests in our schools (passing overrides when necessary) and realistically funds ongoing maintenance and improvements to our parks, roads, and town buildings. I have supported the Underwood pool, 7-12 School, library and skating rink, and I will vote in favor of the rink again. I support the predominantly state-funded bike path and tunnel connecting the Winn Brook neighborhood to the high school campus. I fervently believe Belmont needs to sensibly increase its commercial tax base, and I support zoning for affordable housing near our public transit hubs in concert with the MBTA Communities law.

ALEXANDRA B. HOUCK

345 Cross St.

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As a 16 year Belmont resident, parent of 2 BHS students and a local physician, I am strongly committed to our town and its future. We need to maintain adequate funding for our schools and public services and work to encourage thoughtful and sustainable development to expand our commercial base and address our long-term financial stability. We must support small business development. We also need to maintain our roads, making them safe for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers while encouraging environmentally sound decisions. I hope to advocate for all members of the Belmont community and our bright future together.

TED TIEKEN

105 Farnham St.

Contact: NONE PROVIDED

I have loved living in Belmont for the past 12 years with my family. I support investing in infrastructure and capital projects, such as our Library. Good schools are our greatest resource, and we can't afford to lose early education programs — to the contrary we should expand foreign languages to start in Kindergarten. I support overrides necessary to maintain services and build for our future. If elected, I will work to ensure Belmont is run efficiently while making necessary investments in our community.



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*We'll start with:*

**Town Meeting Member Video "Parade"**

*Followed by:*

**Short Speeches and Question & Answer with**

**All Town-Wide Candidates**

*And Finally:*

**Ballot Question information**

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P.O. Box 426, Belmont, MA 02478

## **Voter Registration:**

To vote in any election, you must be 18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen. You can pre-register to vote as soon as you are 16 years of age.

If you have been registered to vote in another community and move your residence, you must re-register to vote with your new town/city. Mail-in Voter Registration forms are available at the Belmont Town Clerk's office, Belmont Memorial Library, Belmont Post Office, and various designated state agencies such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles. You can also use the form on the next page or the one online at: [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com). **Deadline to register to vote for this Town Election is Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Early Voting by Mail:**

All voters may now Vote by Mail. Ballot requests must be made in writing and signed. **Deadline to request a Vote by Mail Ballot is 5 PM on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Submitting the Application:**

Application (available on following page) can be mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered.

*Requester's signature must be visible.*

**Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Send the completed application to:

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

**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 4<sup>th</sup>.***

For more information, go to the Town Clerk's website:

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

# Massachusetts Official Mail-In Voter Registration Form



William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

## How to use this form

1. Confirm your citizenship.
2. Print your name: last name, first name, middle name or initial.
3. Print your former name, if applicable.
4. Print the address where you live now: number and street name or rural route number and box number (do not provide a post office box number), apartment number, city or town and full zip code. Use the map<sup>†</sup> at right if you cannot otherwise identify your address.
5. Print the address where you receive all your mail, if it is different from the address entered on #4.
6. Print your date of birth: month, day and year. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you will be pre-registered until you are old enough to vote. You will be notified by mail when you become eligible to vote.
7. Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a current and valid Massachusetts driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, you must write "none" in the box.
8. It is optional to provide your telephone number. If you include your telephone number and do not check "unlisted" it will be a public record.
9. Check a party, 'no party' or print a political designation (not a party)
10. Print the address where you were last registered to vote.
11. If a person is helping you because you are physically unable to sign this form, that assisting person must print their name and address and has the option to print their telephone number.
12. Read the oath.
13. Print today's date.
14. Sign your name.

*This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to your city or town hall. If mailed, fold the form, tape it closed, place a first class stamp on it, print your city or town name and zip code for that city or town hall and drop into any mailbox.*

### You can use this form to:

- register or pre-register to vote in Massachusetts; and/or
- update your name, address, and political party.

### To register or pre-register to vote in Massachusetts you must:

- **BE A U.S. CITIZEN;** and
- be a Massachusetts resident; and
- be at least 16 years old.

**Penalty for Illegal Registration:** Fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both.  
-Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 56 section 8.

### Identification To Be Provided

Section 7 requires you to include your driver's license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number on this application. This information will be verified through the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Social Security. If the information cannot be verified or you do not provide this information, you must provide identification either with this application or at your polling location when you go to vote. Sufficient identification includes a copy of a current and valid photo identification, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document showing your name and address.

north	†Using landmarks, draw the location of the place where you live if you cannot describe that location as a number and street or as a rural route and box number.
west	
east	
south	

Print all information in black ink. Follow above instructions for proper delivery.

<b>1</b>	Check one: Are you a Citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NOTE: If you checked "no," do not complete this form.				
<b>2</b>	Full name:	<small>last name</small>	<small>first name</small>	<small>middle name or initial</small>	<small>Jr. Sr. II III IV (circle one if appropriate)</small>
<b>3</b>	Former name:	<small>last name</small>	<small>first name</small>	<small>middle name or initial</small>	<small>Jr. Sr. II III IV (circle one if appropriate)</small>
<b>4</b>	Address where you live now ( <small>street number / street name / rural route number &amp; box number / apartment number / city or town / zip code</small> ):				
<b>5</b>	Address where you receive all your mail (if different from #4):				
<b>6</b>	Date of birth: <small>month day year</small>	<b>7</b>	Identification #: <small>license # or last 4 digits of SSN</small>	<b>8</b>	Telephone (optional): <input type="checkbox"/> Check if unlisted
<b>9</b>	Party enrollment or designation (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> No Party (unenrolled) <input type="checkbox"/> Political Designation (not a political party):				
<b>10</b>	Address at which you were last registered to vote ( <small>street number / street name / rural route number &amp; box number / apartment number / city or town / zip code</small> ):				
<b>11</b>	If the applicant is unable to sign this form, give the name, address and telephone number (optional) of the person helping the applicant: <small>name</small> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><small>address</small></span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><small>telephone number (optional)</small></span>				
<b>12</b>	I hereby swear (affirm) that I am the person named above, that the above information is true, that <b>I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES</b> , that I am at least 16 years old and I understand that I must be 18 years old to be eligible to vote, that I am not a person under a guardianship which prohibits my registering to vote, that I am not temporarily or permanently disqualified by law from voting because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, that I am not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction, and that I consider this residence to be my home. Signed under the penalty of perjury.				
<b>13</b>	Today's date: <small>month day year</small>	<b>14</b>	Signed: Sign your name here.		

# Massachusetts Vote by Mail Application



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## Section 1 - Voter Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Voter Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballot Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 2 - Ballot Information:

Elections:

All elections this year

A specific election (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ballots (choose one):

Democratic

Republican

Libertarian

No Primary Ballots

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## Section 3 - Assistance:

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisting person's address: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is being made by a family member.

Relationship to Voter: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, the address where you are registered to vote, your ballot mailing address (if different) and date of birth.
2. Ballot Information – Choose which ballot(s) you want to receive by mail.  
**Choose a primary ballot option if you are not registered in a party.**
3. Assistance – If you're helping someone complete this application, or you're requesting a ballot for a family member, fill out this section.
4. Sign your name – If you can't sign your name, you may ask someone to sign your name in your presence.

## Submitting the Application

Send this completed application to the local election office for your city or town. Find contact information for local election officials at [www.VoteInMA.com](http://www.VoteInMA.com) or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

## Application Deadlines

This application must reach your local election office by 5 p.m. on the fifth business day before Election Day.

# Belmont Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting takes place in the spring, and typically last for six evenings (typically Monday and Wednesday). Special Town Meetings are occasionally called at other times of the year.

Belmont Town Meeting has 295 members (36 for each precinct and 7 at large). One third of the members from precincts are elected each spring (12 per precinct). Town Meeting makes all of the decisions about the Town's budgets and local Bylaws. Belmont's government is a Representative Town Meeting, which means that only Town Meeting Members can vote at Town Meeting, unlike the Open Town Meeting form of government. Please consider this when voting for Town Meeting Members.

## Upcoming Town Meetings:

All Town Meeting Sessions are expected to begin at 7:00 PM

Annual Town Meeting - Segment A Dates	Annual Town Meeting - Segment B Dates
Monday, May 1, 2023	Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	Monday, June 5, 2023
Monday, May 8, 2023	Wednesday, June 7, 2023
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	Monday, June 12, 2023

All Annual Town Meeting sessions in 2023 are expected to be only in-person.

Town Meeting can be watched on **Belmont Media**, cablecast live on **Channel 8 (Comcast)** and **Channel 28 & 2130 (Verizon)**; and online at: [belmontmedia.org/govtv](http://belmontmedia.org/govtv)

## Deadlines for submitting Amendments to Articles on the Town Meeting Warrant

The deadlines to file amendments to motions for Town Meeting sessions is the **close of business** on the third business day before the session of Town Meeting. Amendments **must be submitted in writing** (preferably in Word) emailed to [ecushman@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:ecushman@belmont-ma.gov) and [townclerk@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@belmont-ma.gov). All amendments must contain the name and contact email of the Town Meeting Member proposing the amendment.

## Documents & Roll Call Votes for Completed Sessions of Town Meeting:

For past warrant documents, videos of Town Meetings, and past Roll Call Votes taken at Town Meeting, start here:

<https://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/town-meeting-documents-completed-sessions-of-town-meeting>





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**Belmont Town Election**

**on**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**