

**TOWN OF BELMONT
WARRANT FOR 2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 28, 2004
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, qualified as the law requires to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the High School Auditorium on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004, at 7:30 P.M., and to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members to meet and act at said time and place on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: Reports

To hear the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore appointed and to act thereon.

This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other town officers, boards and committees to report orally to the Town Meeting on appropriate matters not otherwise appearing on the Warrant. This article stays "on the table" throughout the Special Town Meeting to allow town officials and committees to report when necessary.

Majority vote required for passage Yes_____ No_____

ARTICLE 2: Appropriation to Fund the Design and Construction of Two Fire Stations

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund the design and construction of two fire stations including the cost of original equipment and furnishing said fire stations, to determine whether such sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to appropriate \$11.4 million for design and construction of the two new fire stations. This cost, including an additional \$1.5 million for land acquisition previously approved by Town Meeting, will be financed by borrowing over a twenty year period. On April 5, the voters of Belmont authorized the costs of this debt to be excluded from the property tax levy limits imposed by Proposition 2½.

The Warrant Committee and the Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage Yes_____ No_____

ARTICLE 3: Appropriation of Funds related to the Oil Leak at the Burbank School

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended for costs and expenses related to the oil leak at the Burbank School, to determine whether such sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, by whom expended, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to appropriate or transfer \$1,400,000 to meet the emergency expenses associated with the leak of fuel oil at the Burbank School. These costs will fund the clean-up, mitigation, legal and related expenses of the release. Replacement of the fuel delivery system and landscape restoration are not included in this article. It is being recommended that these costs be funded by reserve sources of revenue as follows:

FY 2004 School Department unexpended funds	\$100,000
Free Cash	\$362,000
Unexpended health insurance funds	\$308,000
Unexpended balances from prior capital projects	\$75,000
NESWC reserve account	\$555,000

The Warrant Committee and the Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage Yes_____ No_____

ARTICLE 4: Appointment of a Facilities Energy Management Project Committee

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Facilities Energy Management Project Committee to oversee an energy audit of certain facilities of the Town and to implement improvements to several Town owned facilities, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Project Committee to oversee a comprehensive energy audit of Town buildings. There are articles in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant seeking funding to implement improvements identified in the audit.

The Warrant Committee and the Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage

Yes_____ No_____

Given under our hands this twelfth day of April 2004.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Anne Marie S. Mahoney

Paul Solomon

William N. Brownsberger