



## A Working Vision for Belmont's Future

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Belmont is a desirable and welcoming community that retains a small-town atmosphere within a larger metropolitan area. Our town provides excellent educational opportunities and high quality town services. We protect the beauty and character of our natural settings and historic buildings. Thriving business centers contribute economic stability while offering places for residents to dine, shop, and socialize. The town government responds to the concerns of the residents, practices sound fiscal management and plans for future generations. We make a commitment to preserving and enhancing our strengths as a community while respecting our differences as individuals.

### Our Principles

To preserve and enhance the qualities that we value, we, the Belmont community, make a commitment to:

- Foster and maintain an open and inclusive decision-making process.
- Develop and use our human and financial resources wisely.
- Engage in comprehensive and integrated local and regional planning.

### Our Common Goals

#### *Quality of Life*

- We will ensure an excellent school system as a cornerstone of our community, providing for the learning needs of all our children and all residents.
- We will manage traffic through and around town to ensure the tranquility of our neighborhoods and the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.
- We will be an environmentally responsible community and conserve our natural habitats.

#### *Character of Our Town*

- We will maintain our libraries, public buildings, infrastructure and recreational facilities as investments in our future and our historic buildings as witnesses to our past.
- We will work with neighborhoods and residents to identify and support retail needs and opportunities.
- We will value cultural enrichment and encourage local talent and creativity.

#### *Sense of Community*

- We will welcome newcomers and value diversity, while caring for our neighbors and for the needs of children, youth and seniors.
- We will promote the involvement of all residents in the life of our community, support citizen involvement in our town affairs, and rely on an effective, representative local government.
- We will preserve our small-town community atmosphere.