

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars conducted the Town Election in April, the Primary in September and the State Election in November for a total of 22,428 voters. Seventy-one per cent of Belmont voters turned out for the State election, forty per cent for the Primary and only thirty-six per cent for the Annual Town Election. Several caucuses to elect replacements for Town Meeting seats were held due to resignations and moves

We wish to thank all the individuals who help us conduct the various elections. Without this dedicated group we would not be able to have such smooth elections. The staff at the Town Clerk's office is tremendous in keeping the registrars informed of all pertinent information. We are fortunate to have people of their caliber and dedication.

Several Board meetings were held to review elections, discuss issues and make decisions on voting matters. One of the major discussions was the relocation of two precincts. Precinct Seven will move to the gym at the Burbank School for the 2007 Annual Election and Precinct Five will move to Belmont Fire Headquarters on Trapelo Road. With the future loss of the Senior Center we have also looked at the Chenery Middle School and Fire Headquarters for Precinct Six relocation. The decision will be made at the appropriate time. The Selectmen have requested voting be done in public buildings where possible.

We continue to assist Belmont residents at Belmont Manor Nursing Facility and send hundreds of absentee ballots to those who request them. It is important every voter receive the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Belmont continues to have approximately 16,000 voters and a total population of approximately 26,000 inhabitants.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Hofmann, III, Chairman