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**TRANSCRIPT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 22, 2006**

[The Second Adjourned Session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont was called to order in the Auditorium of the Chenery Middle School on Monday, May 22, 2006, at 7:41 o'clock p.m., by the Moderator, Henry L. Hall, Jr.]

ARTICLE 1

MS. BRESCIA: Moved: That Article 1 be taken from the table.
That motion is unanimously adopted.

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MS. BRESCIA: MOVED: That Article 1 be laid on the table.

The vote is unanimously adopted by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 10

MR. QUIRK: MOVED: That under Article 10 the reading of the amendments to the Position Classification and Compensation Plan as set forth in a document entitled "Proposed Position Classification and Compensation Plan" be dispensed with, the original having been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 10

MR. QUIRK: MOVED: That the Town amend the Position Classification and Compensation Plan previously adopted under the provisions of Article 11 of the General By-Laws of the Town by adopting the amendments to the Plan as set forth in a document entitled "Proposed Position Classification and Compensation Plan" on file in the Town Clerk's office.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 6

DR. SOLOMON: MOVED: That there be appropriated and paid to the elected officers of the Town as salaries for the financial year commencing July 1, 2006, the amount set opposite the name of each as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	\$5,000
Selectmen (two members) \$4,500 each	\$9,000
Town Clerk	\$74,608
Town Treasurer	\$71,690
Chairman of the Board of Assessors	\$2,748
Assessor (two members) \$2,424 each	\$4,848

For a total of \$168,094

and that the sum of \$168,094 be raised by General Tax; and that in consideration of the salaries determined as foresaid or, in the case of appointed officers as determined by the Selectmen, all fees which have heretofore been paid by statute to the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and any other officers, shall be paid by them upon their receipt into the Town Treasury.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 11

MR. FIRENZE: Moved: That the sum of \$2,035,600 be, and hereby be appropriated to purchase Public Safety Equipment, Public Works Equipment and Furnishings and Equipment for Town Facilities, and consulting services, to construct public ways, and for Building and Facility and Public Works Construction; and for Major Maintenance and Alterations (including design work) as follows:

Public Safety Equipment

Replace pumper/brush truck	\$147,000
Replace ambulance	\$195,000
Replace 1999 Fire Department staff vehicle	\$ 37,000
Replace 911 console electronics	\$ 95,000
Replace Police Department phone system	\$ 40,000
Subtotal	\$514,000

Departmental Equipment

Replace DPW 1996 pickup	\$ 25,100
Refurbish 1992 Snow Fighter	\$14,300
Replace two snowplows	\$ 26,200
Replace phone system - elementary schools	\$ 35,000
Color printer copier for GIS	\$ 16,000
Subtotal	\$116,600

Building and Facility and Public Works Construction

Pavement and sidewalk management program	\$1,000,000
Roof replacement continuation and brick repointing	\$200,000
Stained glass window replacement in Town Hall	\$30,000
School building envelop study	\$ 50,000
Burbank masonry repairs	\$ 50,000
Belmont High School driveway lighting replacement	\$75,000
Subtotal	\$1,405,000

for a Grand Total of \$2,035,600

Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and the School Committee, as appropriate, and that said sum be raised by General Tax, and that the Town Accountant be, and hereby is authorized to make the transfers on the books of the Town. is,

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 11

MR. FIRENZE: MOVED: That the sum of \$150,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Ash Landfill Stabilization Fund for engineering work at the Ash Landfill Incinerator site. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and that the Town Accountant be, and hereby is, authorized to make the transfers on the books of the Town.

The motion is unanimously adopted by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under General Government, Items 010 to 099, the sum of \$3,685,410 having already been appropriated under special warrant articles, the sum of \$5,173,504 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax. Said amount includes \$150,000 of water indirect costs that will be funded from water receipts and \$120,000 of sewer indirect costs that will be funded from sewer receipts.

Unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Public Safety, Items 110 through 195, the sum of \$9,899,717 be appropriated to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Belmont Public Schools, Item 200, the sum of \$34,579,499 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Minuteman Regional School, Item 205, the sum of \$605,113 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Public Services, Items 302 through 366, the sum of \$647,292, having already been appropriated under a special warrant article for Chapter 90, and the sum of \$5,483,953 having already been appropriated under a special article for Sewer Enterprise, and the sum of \$4,378,708 having already been appropriated under a special article for Water Enterprise, the sum of \$7,136,980.64 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Human Services, Items 520 to 570, the sum of \$861,553 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Culture and Recreation, Items 610 to 660, the sum of \$2,187,518 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Debt and Interest on Debt, Items 700 to 710, the sum of \$5,123,181 be appropriated, to be raised by General Tax.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

MR. JONES: MOVED: That under Capital Expenditure Items 797 to 798, the sum of \$2,185,600 having already been appropriated under special warrant articles, no additional action is necessary under this article.

ARTICLE 3

FLOYD CARMAN: MOVED: That the sum of \$2,465,293.30 be transferred as follows in order to meet said expenses for the Town of Belmont, which are appropriated under Articles 4, 6, 7, 8, and 11: \$380,000 from fund balance in Abatement and Exemption Surplus Account to Program 080, Assessors Services and to Program 099, Insurance \$790,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (formerly referred to as Free Cash) to Program 099 Retirement and

Insurance, \$307,550 from Belmont Municipal Light Department to Debt Service Program 700 and 710, Maturing Debt and Interest on Debt, \$35,000 from Fund Balance in Parking Meters to Program 135, Police Traffic Management, \$20,000 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Income for Program 350, Cemetery Maintenance \$143,463.64 from various left-over capital expenditures to Program 324, Building Services for Building Maintenance projects, \$9,279.66 Premium on Sale of Bonds to offset Property Tax Debt Exclusion, \$30,000 from Fund Balance for Sale of Cemetery Lots to 710 Interest on Debt, \$100,000 from Capital Endowment Trust fund to Program 798-800 Capital Expenditures, \$650,000 from Belmont Municipal Light Department to offset the tax rate. In addition, that the entire revenue derived from the sale of the electricity to private customers and municipal departments from the cost of street lighting and from jobbing during the 12 months beginning January 1, 2006 be allocated and appropriated for the operating expenses of the Municipal Light Department including out-of-state travel, all said appropriations and payments to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Light Board and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 26

MR. REARDON: MOVED: That the Town reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under Chapter 59, Section 5, clause 41A of the Massachusetts General Laws from eight percent per year to six [sic] and one half percent per year.

The motion is defeated.

MOTION TO DISSOLVE

DR. SOLOMON: MOVED: That this Annual Town Meeting be dissolved.

[The Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 2006 was dissolved at 10:56 p.m.]