



Town Moderator	\$200
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	\$5,000
Selectman (2)	\$4,500 each
Town Clerk	\$77,593
Town Treasurer	\$77,803
Chairman of the Board of Assessors	\$3,030
Assessor (1)	\$2,424
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Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 6: Non-Contributory Pensions**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide non-contributory pensions for eligible employees of any and all of the Town Departments as provided in the applicable provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, determine how the same shall be raised and by whom expended, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks an appropriation to fund the benefits of retirees of the Town who were employed prior to the establishment of the Massachusetts Contributory Retirement System. The recommended appropriation of \$20,185 covers the pension benefits of one person pursuant to a schedule established by state law.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 7: Contributory Pensions**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide for contributory pensions and expenses in connection therewith in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, determine how the same shall be raised and by whom expended, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks an appropriation to fund the benefits of retired Town employees (but not school teachers) administered by the Belmont Retirement Board. Massachusetts' cities and towns are not covered under the federal Social Security system, but under a state contributory retirement system. Currently, the Town is on an actuarially funded plan approved by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), the state agency in charge of the retirement system. The recommended appropriation of \$3,908,600 funds the costs of the plan for FY 2008.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 8: Appropriation of "Up Front" Funds for Highway Improvements**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, sums of money for the repair, improvement and construction of highways, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the Commonwealth for the said purposes, authorize the acceptance of such allotment, determine how the money raised and allotted as aforesaid shall be expended under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks an appropriation to provide "up front" money for state reimbursed highway aid. The state provides highway aid, referred to as Chapter 90, to all cities and towns on a reimbursement basis. This aid is authorized by the Legislature every two or three years through state transportation bond issues. The appropriation of \$403,501 for FY 2008 is the amount projected for Belmont. The Town has used Chapter 90 funds for design purposes in order to "leverage" substantial federal transportation funding for major road projects (i.e., Trapelo Road).

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ARTICLE 9: Position Classification and Compensation Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Position Classification and Compensation Plan of the Town previously adopted under the provisions of Article 11 of the General By-Laws of the Town, or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article appearing in the Warrant. Classification and compensation of all permanent Town (non-school) positions are included in a plan adopted by Town Meeting pursuant to section 108A of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The classification and compensation of unionized employees is bargained collectively and inserted into the Plan. In 2000, the Town completed a study of the classification of all Town employees, except for civil service police officers and firefighters. The new Plan was bargained with affected Town unions and implemented. The new Plan is posted on the

Town's web site and will be distributed to Town Meeting Members at Town Meeting. The compensation reflects current (FY 2007) rates unless noted. Funds necessary to implement changes associated with the Plan are included within the budget.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this article.

**ARTICLE 10: Appropriation of Capital Expenditures**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sums of money to purchase Public Safety Equipment, Computer Equipment (including consulting work), Public Works Equipment and Furnishings and Equipment for Town Facilities, construct public ways, and for Building and Facility and Public Works Construction, Major Maintenance and Alterations (including design work); to determine whether these appropriations shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise and by whom expended, or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article appearing on the Warrant to appropriate funds to support capital expenditures. While the article is general as to the categories of capital expenditures, the motion shall be explicit. The recommendations of the Capital Budget Committee for FY 2008 capital expenditures will be provided in advance of the June Town Meeting.

Majority vote required for passage (two-thirds if borrowing) Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ARTICLE 11: Appropriation for Water and Sewer and Stormwater Services**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the accounts classified as an "Enterprise Fund", pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the General Laws for water service, and for sewer and stormwater service, determine by whom expended, or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article appearing on the Warrant to appropriate funds to support the operations of the Town's water and sewer functions. Each of these functions has an enterprise fund that receives revenues from user fees. These funds then are used to fund the utility's operations. These operations are entirely self-supporting from user fees and do not receive any funding from property taxes.

Majority vote required for passage (two-thirds for borrowing) Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 12: Authorization of Expenditure from Revolving Funds**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to [Chapter 44, Section 53E½, of the General Laws](#), to establish and authorize the expenditure from revolving funds by various Town Departments, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks authorization to establish a revolving fund(s) for certain operations of the Town. A revolving fund allows the expenditure of user fees for program expenses without further Town Meeting appropriation. However, the Town Meeting must annually renew the funds. At this time, the Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee are considering the use of revolving funds for the following programs:

Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
TeenYouth Events	Youth Commission	Event fees	Teen/youth center events	\$10,000	Available for expenditure next year
Senior Programs	Council on Aging	Course and program fees	Program costs, including trip expenses	\$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Art Gallery	Belmont Cultural Council	Percentage of art sales	Gallery exhibit and event expenses	\$15,000	Available for expenditure next year

Wetlands Protection	Conservation Commission	Filing fees collected under the Wetlands Protection Act	Administration and enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Act	\$5,000	Available for expenditure next year
Rock Meadow Maintenance	Conservation Commission	Rental fees from garden plots	Restoration and maintenance of Rock Meadow Conservation Area	\$5,000	Available for expenditure next year
Copying/Lost Books	Board of Library Trustees	Lost book fees; printing and copying fees	Replacement of lost books; paper, ink, printer/copier maintenance and replacement	\$10,000	Available for expenditure next year

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 13: Rock Meadow Maintenance**

*To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, to be expended by the Belmont Conservation Commission for a cost sharing program with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service for the restoration and maintenance of the Rock Meadow Conservation area, determine how the same shall be raised, or in any way act thereon.*

This article seeks to appropriate \$30,000 to provide initial reimbursement to contractors for the first year of a ten-year USDA-funded program to restore and maintain Rock Meadow. The USDA would return \$22,000 to the Town after the first year of the program, for a net cost of \$8,000. There would be no cost to the Town for the remaining nine years of the program.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ARTICLE 14: Accidental Death Benefit Increase for Surviving Children**

*To see if the town will vote to ratify the adoption of the provisions of clause (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision (2) of Section 9 of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General laws, as added by Chapter 55 and as amended by Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006, or in any way act thereon.*

This article adopts by local option the provisions of a state law enacted in 2006 granting additional accidental death benefits to surviving children. There are no individuals who would currently be eligible to receive this benefit.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Retirement Board recommends favorable action on this Article.

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 15: Voting in Adjudicatory Hearings**

*To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Section 23D of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which would permit local board members who miss a single session of an adjudicatory hearing before their board to be able to vote on the matter, provided that they examine all evidence submitted at the missed hearing session and file a certificate to said effect, and to specify whether the said provisions of Section 23D of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General laws shall apply to all types of adjudicatory hearings or only certain ones, or take any other action relative thereto.*

This article adopts by local option the provisions of a state law to allow members of committees holding adjudicatory hearings to vote on the matter before the committee even if they have absent for one of the hearings.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 16: Disability Access Commission**

*To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following general bylaw concerning the Disability Access Commission established pursuant to the Town Meeting vote of April 26, 1993 accepting the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8J, or to take any action relative thereto:*

Article 31. Disability Access Commission

- 31.1 There shall be a Disability Access Commission for the Town in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8J of the General Laws which was accepted by the Annual Town Meeting of April 23, 1993.
- 31.2 The Disability Access Commission shall consist of seven regular and two alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. A majority of the regular Commission members shall consist of people with disabilities, one member shall be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability, and one member shall be an elected or appointed official of the Town. Currently serving members shall continue to serve the remainder of their appointed terms and until new members are appointed and qualified pursuant to this bylaw. Initial appointments of regular members pursuant to this bylaw shall be made so as to constitute a seven member Commission and to provide that the terms of approximately one third of the membership shall expire each year. Of the four new members required to accomplish this, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, and three members shall be appointed for term of three years. Of the initial alternate members appointed pursuant to this bylaw, one shall be appointed for a term of one year and one for a term of two years. Thereafter all appointments to the Commission shall be for a term of three years.
- 31.3 In the case of the absence, inability to act or conflict of interest of a regular member, or in the case of a vacancy on the Commission until the vacancy is filled in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §8J, the chairperson of the Commission may designate an alternate member to serve.
- 31.4 The purpose of the Disability Access Commission shall be to provide for the full integration and participation of people with disabilities into the programs and services provided by the Town of Belmont.
- 31.5 The Disabilities Access Commission shall have all of the powers and duties of disability commissions established pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §8J.

This article formalizes in the Town's by-laws the mission and membership of the Disability Access Commission, including the appointment of alternate members who can vote when regular members are absent.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee and By-law Review Committee will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 17: Zoning – Housekeeping Amendments**  
**TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE BELMONT ZONING BY-LAW AS FOLLOWS:**

1. In Section 3.3, "Schedule of Use Regulations", under "Accessory Uses", delete the use "Residential – provided that at a minimum..." in its entirety and insert a new "Mixed Use" use as follows:

USES	DISTRICTS							
	SR-A,B,C,D	GR	AH	LB I	LB II	LB III	GB	PL
<p><b><u>ACCESSORY USES</u></b></p> <p><i>Mixed-Use – provided that at a minimum the first floor is to be reserved for commercial use and that the residential use comply with §6.10, Inclusionary Housing</i></p>	N	N	N	SP	SP	SP	N	N

2. In Section 4.2.2, "Linear Requirements", under the "Side" and "Rear" setbacks in the "LBI" and "GB" districts delete "6 or none<sup>9</sup>" and replace with "0<sup>9</sup>" as follows:

DISTRICTS	MINIMUM SETBACK DIMENSIONS FEET		
	Front	Side	Rear
LB I	5	0 <sup>9</sup>	0 <sup>9</sup>
GB	5	0 <sup>9</sup>	0 <sup>9</sup>

- 9) Adjacent to Residential District, no less than building height or 20 feet, whichever is greater.

or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to make minor clarifications to the Town's Zoning By-Law in order to make the By-Law easier to understand.

Two-thirds vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee and Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 18: Zoning – Public Building Conversion to Multi-Family Housing  
TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. **BY DELETING FROM THE SECTION HEADING OF SECTION 6.3B OF SAID ZONING BY-LAW, TITLED “PUBLIC BUILDING SCHOOL CONVERSION – 10,000 SQUARE FEET OR LESS IN LB I”, THE FOLLOWING: “IN LB I”;**
2. **BY DELETING FROM THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SAID SECTION 6.3B, IN LINE 3, THE FOLLOWING: “IN THE LBI DISTRICTS”;**
3. **BY DELETING SUBSECTION 6.3B.1(D) OF SAID SECTION 6.3 B IN ITS ENTIRETY AND RENUMBERING THE REMAINING SUBSECTIONS ACCORDINGLY;**
4. **BY DELETING FROM SUBSECTION 6.3B.2 OF SAID SECTION 6.3B, IN LINES 1 AND 2, THE FOLLOWING: “AND LOCATED IN A LOCAL BUSINESS I ZONING DISTRICT”; AND**
5. **BY DELETING FROM SUBSECTION 6.3B.4(A) OF SAID SECTION 6.3B THE FOLLOWING: “SEVEN (7)”, AND INSERTING IN PLACE THEREOF “THREE (3)”.**

**THIS ARTICLE SEEKS TO EXPAND THE ABILITY TO CONVERT A SMALL PUBLIC BUILDING TO MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED BY RIGHT IN LBI DISTRICTS, TO ALL ZONING DISTRICTS, AND TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS IN SUCH A CONVERSION FROM 7 TO 3.**

Two-thirds vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Warrant Committee and Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

**ARTICLE 19: Library Building Committee**

*To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund a schematic level design of the main library, including expenses related to said design, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Kendall Insurance Account, and to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a Library Building Committee to oversee said design, and to authorize said Library Building Committee to enter into contracts and take all actions necessary to carry out the schematic level design, or in any way act thereon.*

This article seeks to appoint a building committee to develop a design for a new main library and to appropriate \$300,000 for this purpose.

Majority vote required for passage Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

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

Given under our hands this 4th day of April, 2007.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Angelo R. Firenze, Chair

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Paul Solomon

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Dan Leclerc