



2026
WARRANT

Belmont

The inhabitants of the Town of Belmont in the County of Belknap in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: Saturday January 31, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road Belmont NH

Details: If a snow storm occurs and it is officially determined by the Town Moderator to be moved, the snow date will be 2/7/2026 at 2:00pm

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Location: Belmont High School, 255 DSeavey Road Belmont NH

Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 26, 2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Belmont Post Office and that an original was delivered to Belmont Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Ruth P. Mooney	Chairman	<i>Ruth P. Mooney</i>
Jon Pike	Vice Chairman	<i>Jon Pike</i>
Claude Patten, Jr.	Selectman	<i>[Signature]</i>
Travis O'Hara	Selectman	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sharon Ciampi	Selectman	<i>Sharon Ciampi</i>



Article 01 Election of Necessary Officers

To choose necessary officers, including:

- Selectman 3-Year Term (Vote for up to 2)
- Budget Committee 3-Year Term (Vote for up to 4)
- Trustee of Trust Funds 3-Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
- Library Trustee 3-Year Term (Vote for up to 2)
- Cemetery Trustee 3-Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
- Planning Board 3-Year Term (Vote for up to 2)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment 3-Year Term (Vote for up to 2)
- Town Moderator 2-Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)
- Supervisor of the Checklist 6-Year Term (Vote for not more than 1)

Article 02 Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend the definition of Manufactured Housing and the Table of Permitted Uses to allow manufactured housing in the Residential Multi-Family, Residential Single-Family, Rural and Village districts on individual lots and outside of manufactured housing parks and manufactured housing subdivisions?

Article 03 Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Delete the definition of Solar and adopt specific definitions of Commercial Solar, Residential Solar, Agricultural Solar, Roof Mount and Ground Mount; and adopt a new Article 4M to limit the height of fixed ground mounted Residential Solar systems to 15 feet, the height of tracking ground mounted Residential Solar systems to 20 feet, to prohibit solar collections systems from creating glare hazards and to require solar collection systems to comply with the Town's noise ordinance.

Article 04 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the deliberative session, for the purposes set forth herein, \$12,071,283. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,263,508 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority Vote Required)

Note: This warrant article (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$12,071,283 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)



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Article 05 Public Safety Union-Fire

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B), for the term April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase in Wages & Benefits
2026	\$162,346
Year	Estimated Increase in Wages & Benefits
2027	\$84,774
2028	\$62,548

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$162,346 for the current fiscal year (2026), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items in the current contract for the (Public Safety Employees Union-Fire Unit B) collective bargaining agreement for the term ending March 31, 2026, shall remain in place.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$162,346 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article 06 Special Meeting for Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #5 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required)



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Article 07 Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 3657 (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A), for the term April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase in Wages & Benefits
2026	\$24,319
Year	Estimated Increase in Wages & Benefits
2027	\$55,257
2028	\$71,358

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,319 for the current fiscal year (2026), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items in the current contract for the (Public Safety Employees Union-Police Unit A) collective bargaining agreement for the term ending March 31, 2026, shall remain in place.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$24,319 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article 08 Special Meeting for Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #7 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required)



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Article 09 Public Safety Union-DPW

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Belmont and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 534 (Public Works Employees Union), for the term April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase in Wages & Benefits
2026	\$41,575
Year	Estimated Increase in Wages & Benefits
2027	\$36,203
2028	\$25,008

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,575 for the current fiscal year (2026), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items in the current contract for the (Public Works Employees Union) collective bargaining agreement for the term ending March 31, 2026, shall remain in place.

(The Budget Committee recommends \$41,575 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article 10 Special Meeting for Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Town, if Warrant Article #9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #9 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required)

Article 11 Sewer Department Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800,026 for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$816,687, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$800,026 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)



Article 12 Water Distribution and Treatment System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$435,616 for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year, said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$326,268, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$435,616 and the Board of Selectmen supports this recommendation.)

Article 13 Fire Truck Lease Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement with a non-appropriation clause in the amount of \$425,000 payable over a term of 60 months (5 years) for a new Fire Truck for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$100,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 14 Amend Special Revenue

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on Article 7 at the 1999 Annual Meeting to restrict all revenues from ambulance billings to be deposited in the Special Revenue Fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund to instead restrict all but the first \$149,500 of revenues from ambulance billings received during the 2026 budgetary year to be deposited in the Special Revenue Fund known as the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund. The first \$149,500 of revenues from ambulance billings will be deposited in the Town's General Fund to defray the cost items identified below. This restriction shall only be effective for the 2026 budgetary year. No amount to be raised by taxation. (2/3 Majority Vote Required)

- Training Expenses \$3,000
- Medical & Supply Expenses \$30,000
- Ambulance Billing Fees \$20,000
- Overtime \$40,000
- Telephone \$2,000
- Conferences & Dues \$1,500
- Office Expense \$12,000
- Vehicle Repair & Parts \$33,000
- Fuel \$8,000

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$149,500 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)



Article 15 Long Term Lease Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 for the third year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2023 for the purchase of a new Ambulance for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 7 at the 2023 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$105,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 16 FD Tanker Lease Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,561 for the first year's payment on the long term lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2025 for the purchase of a new Tanker for the Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 31:95-c (Created 1994/Amended 1999). The Town is obligated by the terms of the lease/purchase agreement, as well as the super majority ratifying that agreement in Article 10 at the 2025 Town Meeting, to make these yearly payments. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$68,561 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 17 Add to Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,000 to be placed in the Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$750,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)



Article 18 CRF Mill Renovations

Shall the Town vote to establish a Mill Renovation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of design, construction, engineering, and upfitting the remaining necessary Mill Renovations for the purpose of moving Town Hall offices from their current location, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be deposited into the fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$300,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 19 Highway Block Grant

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$203,905 for the reconstruction of highways, anticipated to be offset by Highway Block Grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$203,905 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 20 Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be placed in the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$200,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 21 CRF- SCBA for FD

To see if the Town will vote to establish a SCBA Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase of SCBAs (Self -Contained- Breathing Apparatus) for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,666 to be placed in the fund for 2026. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$123,666 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)



Article 22 Sewer Repair & Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the Sewer System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2011) with said sum to be offset by user fees. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$100,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 23 Water System Repair & Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the Water System Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2006) with said sum to be offset by user fees. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$100,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 24 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be placed in the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2005), to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$80,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 25 Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2002). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$60,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)



Article 26 Fund CRF for Accrued Liability from Fund Balance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2007) and further to fund said appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$50,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 27 Information Technology

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Information Technology Non-Capital Reserve Trust Fund previously established (2002). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$50,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 28 Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2003). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$50,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 29 Library Building Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Library Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2000). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$25,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 30 Establish Contingency Fund



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To see if the Town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate \$20,000 to go into the fund. This sum to come from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at year end will lapse to the General Fund. Use of these funds will be pursuant to RSA 31:98-a. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$20,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 31

Cemetery Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the General Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established (1997); governed under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, said amount to be expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$10,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 32

Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Durrell Mountain Road Capital Reserve Fund previously established (2021). This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 33

Appropriation for Expendable Trust Election Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Election Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established (2020). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$3,000 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)



Article 34 Heritage Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be placed in the Heritage Fund previously established (2004). (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$2,500 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 35 Sargent Fund Income

To see if the Town will vote to expend the income (interest) from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund for the purposes recommended by the Sargent Fund Committee. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Belknap House \$1,600
Belmont Baseball Organization \$1,000
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 12117 \$500
Belmont Girl Scouts Troop 65055 \$200
Belmont Community Girl Scouts \$250
Belmont Conservation Commission \$100
Belmont Heritage Commission \$250
Belmont High School PTO \$650
Belmont Historical Society \$500
Belmont Middle School - Fifth Grade Camp Cody \$3,900
Belmont Middle School PTO \$650
Belmont Public Library \$1,180
B.E.S.T PTO \$1,000
First Baptist Church of Belmont \$3,000
Got Lunch! Belmont & Friends \$3,500
Lakes Region Girls Softball \$300
Lakes Region VNA \$1,000
Saint Joseph Food Panty \$2,840.91
Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin, dba Franklin VNA & Hospice \$1,000



Article 36 Revolving Fund for Police Special Detail

Shall the Town vote to establish a Police Special Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1) to be deposited into the fund. Further, all revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. After payment of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies and other equipment, the fund may also be used for the purpose of purchasing and upfitting new cruisers for police special details. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$1 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 37 Establish CRF- CRSWC

Shall the Town vote to establish a Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative Non-Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of funding its future financial obligations at the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative and to raise and appropriate \$70,821 to be deposited into the fund, with said sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This amount represents the money returned to the Town after the sale of Cooperative property that the Cooperative purchased to build a new landfill which was later determined was not needed. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$70,821 and the Budget Committee supports this recommendation.)

Article 38 Modify Veterans Service-Connected Total & Permanent Disability

Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to increase the optional tax credit for a Veterans Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability (RSA 72:35) from \$1,400 to \$2,000? If approved, this article shall take effect for the final property tax bill of the 2026 property tax year. As of April 1, 2026, veterans who receive this tax credit are no longer eligible to receive other veterans' property tax credits. (Majority Vote Required)

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Article 39 Modify Veterans Credit

Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit and the All-Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II, from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to an amount not to exceed \$600? (Majority Vote Required)

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)



Article 40 Library Income Generating Funds

Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

(This article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Article 41 Petition- Sell Mill Building

To see if the Town of Belmont, NH will sell the Mill Building.

(This article submitted by Petition and not supported by the Board of Selectmen.)