

PRECINCT 6

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For 3 Yrs.

Vote for not more than Twelve

* DAVID B. ALPER

1 Oak Avenue

(21 of 22)

Belmont needs to look at creating a Youth Commission and teen drop-in center—not just for mental health concerns, but to socialize and fill after-school time for Middle and High school students. This is the best tool to fight opioid and drug/drinking issues. Capital projects need to be monitored and vetted so that the High School, Police Station, Library and Town Yard are addressed without painful tax and budget burdens.

* BENJAMIN F. BAUER

52 Willow Street

(11 of 22)

No reply received.

* KAREN McNAY BAUERLE

59 Hurd Road

(15 of 15)

I am an attorney and the parent of children in the Belmont public schools with a deep commitment to the youth of our community and to affordable housing for both seniors and economically challenged residents. Belmont faces an expanding student population with inadequate facilities and a lack of affordable housing. Focusing on these needs in a fiscally responsible and balanced way is my goal. I humbly ask for your vote.

* TARA DONNER

47 Payson Road #2

(20 of 22)

Two issues facing Belmont today are the undue burden of residential property taxes on homeowners and the challenges of maintaining the high quality of Belmont schools. We need to aggressively pursue development of neighborhood-friendly business in town as another source of revenue to fund the schools, restoration of crumbling infrastructure, and other town departments. A healthier commercial tax base in Belmont would help avoid the need for yearly override votes.

* STEPHEN A. EVANS

100 Van Ness Road

(22 of 22)

Belmont has dedicated and thoughtful people working and volunteering for our town, schools and government. The biggest challenge we face is allocating limited resources across a long list of priorities. I recommend continuing to use objective analysis to justify costs but also benchmarking each and every one of our sources of revenue against comparable towns. We must also continue to make wise investments in our buildings, schools and infrastructure.

* SUZANNE JOHANNET

45 Warwick Road

(18 of 22)

I am committed to the schools, open space and healthy living. The quality of our schools is a

major part of what makes Belmont such a special place. Access to open space and the opportunity for active, healthy living are important parts of a vibrant community. My involvement with the Farmers' Market is one way I help to build a healthy community, through the fresh food and social connections.

* EDWARD A. KAZANJIAN

355 School Street

(15 of 22)

Belmont is facing changes in leadership and major financial challenges, both in capital projects, annual operating budgets, long-range financial planning, and addressing the needs of our older citizens, which is one of my highest priorities. I bring my TMM position 50 years of institutional knowledge as an active Belmont citizen and the experience of 40+ years working in municipal government and management of major capital projects.

* JEANNE R. MOONEY

60 Oak Avenue

(22 of 22)

As a community, we must come together on long range financial planning to ensure quality services and the excellence of our schools, and prioritize the many pressing capital projects including the high school, DPW yard, police station, library, hockey rink. We should explore public/private partnerships, regional solutions, and invest in technology tools for efficiencies, service delivery, and communications. Smart planning and zoning practices should benefit and protect residents and businesses.

* LINDA N. OATES

302 Payson Road

(20 of 22)

Town services and capital projects are major budgetary concerns annually. Projects prioritization isn't always smoothly done since there are so many conflicting factional demands. Need for an increased commercial tax base is heard yearly, but our geography, limited developmental space and residents' objections slow its progress. The list of capital projects is big and expensive; we can't do them all at once. Ideal: excellent services and schools.

* ELYSE B. SHUSTER

29 Van Ness Road

(17 of 22)

No reply received.

* MICHAEL A. SMITH

40 Warwick Road

(20 of 22)

1. Seek cost effective ways to plan and fund state-of-the-art facilities for the High School, Library, Police Station and DPW Yard, including public/private partnerships like the highly successful Underwood Pool. **2.** Provide funding for proper maintenance of existing Town buildings to maximize long-term use and value. **3.** Strengthen town-wide planning measures to preserve and enhance our neighbor hoods including protection for historic buildings and encouraging complementary commercial development.

ROGER DUANE COLTON

34 Warwick Road

Since the specific future issues facing Town Meeting (TM) are largely unknown, how I make

decisions is most important. TM should adhere to Belmont's Vision Statement: to be environmentally sustain able and fiscally responsible (related issues). TM should not simply be responsive to today's crises, but should act preventatively to forestall tomorrow's problems. TM should be the "people's voice", including giving voice to those otherwise under- and un-represented in town government.

PARI J. F. GARAY

124 Lewis Road

I believe one problem that faces all communities is waste management. Fortunately I think there are lots of things we can do locally as a town to make a difference in this area. I'd be interested in seeing if Belmont could support a weekly recycling program and if the town could pilot a curbside composting program like the one done in Cambridge in 2014.

JULIA M. KIRRANE

23 Lawndale Street

A key role of town meeting is to support strategic decisions that enhance and sustain Belmont's vitality and community appeal. Supporting schools and building a new Belmont HS on time and on budget is critical. My 10 year voting record also has aligned with improving our commercial districts, capital assets, town services, housing options for all incomes and ages, sustainable practices, and recreational spaces. Let's keep up our steady progress!

PRIYA ADHIKARI LICHT

174 Lewis Road

As an immigrant, small business owner and parent of two kids in the Belmont public schools, I hope to bring fresh perspective, a commitment to maintaining and improving our wonderful schools as well as transparency on town matters by directly surveying precinct 6 residents on issues up for vote as well as communicating Town Meeting results on a real-time basis.

AARON B. PIKCILINGIS

24 Branchaud Road

Anyone who moves around Belmont in the morning knows the tangles of cars that usually surround our schools. As a town meeting member I will work with the town, schools and PTOs to develop programs that encourage more carpooling, walking and biking to school – to benefit both the schools and all residents who travel by them. I'm happy to discuss this and other issues and can be reached at aaron@pikcilingis.com.