

# **Belmont Town Election**

## **Voter Guide**

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# **VOTER GUIDE**

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# **BELMONT TOWN ELECTION**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**7 AM to 8 PM**

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All candidates were contacted by email and asked to respond to the following question: "Belmont citizens look to our elected officials for fair and responsible solutions to the issues facing our community. Please discuss an issue or two which you consider important to the future of the town, presenting your ideas for managing them effectively." Responses were limited to 70 words and printed verbatim as written by the candidates.

Candidates who did not reply to the questionnaire sent to them by the League are included in the Guide so that you will have a complete list of candidates.

An asterisk (\*) preceding the candidate's name denotes an incumbent. Where applicable, attendance at Town Meeting for the past three years, according to the Town Clerk's records, is given in parentheses. The second number indicates the number of Town Meetings the candidate was eligible to attend. If one or more Special Town Meetings are held on the same night as a regular Town Meeting, each is counted as a separate meeting. Some candidates were previously elected at caucuses or moved within Belmont. They are not incumbents, but their attendance is noted.

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# CANDIDATES FOR TOWN-WIDE OFFICE

## MODERATOR

For One Year

Vote for not more than One

\* MICHAEL J. WIDMER

126 Gilbert Rd

I am honored to have served as Town Moderator since 2008. Respecting Town Meeting as Belmont's legislative body, I have worked to focus debate while encouraging broader and more informed discussion of important issues. My other responsibility is to appoint members to the Warrant Committee and building committees, including pool, library, high school and DPW/ police, which has resulted in strong, hard working committees. Thank you for your confidence in me.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

For Three Years

Vote for not more than One

JESSICA BENNETT

15 Trowbridge St

As Selectwoman, my priorities would be (1) stewardship of our building projects and strategic planning, and (2) quality of life concerns important to residents — pedestrian safety, traffic, community path, climate impact, educational excellence, senior/affordable housing and recycling. To do this, I bring my experience as a collaborative leader and communications professional. I am committed to engaging the community in this work and making tangible progress on our shared goals.

ROY EPSTEIN

34 Cushing Ave

Good government doesn't just happen. It takes hard work — and relevant experience. The new Selectman will chair the BOS in just one year. The BOS is responsible for the \$120 million operating budget and must complete the new school, the DPW, Police Station, and Community Path projects successfully. As a small business owner, Yale PhD economist, and Chair of the Warrant Committee, I'm prepared to do that from day one.

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**TIMOTHY FLOOD**

46 Wiley Rd

As Selectman, I will thoughtfully and collaboratively represent our community. I will listen to your concerns and convictions and act on your behalf — I will be a voice for all community members. As a local small business owner, I will establish more business-friendly town policies, implement new solutions to address traffic congestion, and better prepare us for a more financially robust future. Visit [timfloodbelmont.com](http://timfloodbelmont.com) or email me [tfloodbelmontma@gmail.com](mailto:tfloodbelmontma@gmail.com).

**TOWN CLERK**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* ELLEN O'BRIEN CUSHMAN

38 Scott Rd

I am proud of Town Clerk's staff and our accomplishments, providing exceptional customer service; 2018 Massachusetts Town Clerk of the Year. Since 2016, eight elections, including Presidential (82% turnout, 6000 Early Voters), accurate results; well-trained pollworkers, voters treated respectfully. 2017 Introduced online public records portal to request, track, manage, 1900 fulfilled. Electronic voting at Town Meeting assures accurate and timely vote counts. Digitizing and indexing Town records utilizing CPA funding.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* CHARLES R. LAVERTY, III

10 Cedar Rd

With the recent debt exclusion passed by the voters of Belmont for the new High School, residential property taxes will continue to increase. The High School will also attract more home owners who want to live in our school district. It is imperative for the Board of Assessors to maintain full and fair market assessments for every residential home to ensure accurate tax records as property values continue to rise.

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**BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**  
**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* WILLIAM J. CHEMELLI  
11 Ripley Rd

I as a member of the Belmont's Cemetery Commissioners will continue to work cooperatively with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to ensure that Belmont's two cemeteries are well tended, maintained and lot owners and visitors are treated with respect. I am proud to serve Belmont's grieving families by providing the highest possible service at a reasonable cost. Adhering to the Commissioners Perpetual Care expectations which shall continue to be a focus.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* JULIE C. LEMAY  
37 Statler Rd

The Health Department is vital to ensuring the safety and health of Belmont residents. Food safety and environmental health are key components of this mission. The BOH members assist in ensuring safe and sanitary handling of food at our local restaurants and schools. My expertise in environmental health will complement the skills of our existing Board members and Health Department staff and allow me to give back to my community.

**MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**For Five Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

\* TOMMASINA ANNE OLSON  
10 Bay State Rd

Housing in Belmont requires attention and support for both low and moderate income seniors. We must wisely use our financial resources as well as our political capital when working with Developers to create both low and moderately priced housing. Additionally, Belmont has many educational and athletic resources for school-aged Belmont Village students. Student access and participation should be fully supported and encouraged.

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CASSANDRA M. PAGE

60 Gordon Ter

As lifelong resident, I believe quality affordable housing, and community involvement for residents of all ages and incomes, is needed to maintain Belmont's vibrant town fabric. Short and long term fiscally responsible strategies and a town-wide land use plan should be developed with active engagement of residents of all socio-economic levels to address not only housing for low income families and seniors but maintain quality schools and town character.

## **TRUSTEES OF BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

\* MARK CARTHY

21 Stone Rd

Belmont Library staffing and budget has been cut over the past 25 years. Recent trustees have worked with the town and Library Director to restore services and add opening hours — all at a reasonable cost. The Belmont library building is held together with duck-tape. We have experienced closures due to system failures. We continue working with the town to schedule the timing of a new library at a reasonable cost.

\* MARY DONAHUE STEARNS

15 Winthrop Rd

Our library is the 11<sup>th</sup> busiest in the state, despite obsolete systems and deteriorating physical conditions. The completed Feasibility Study concluded that the best option is a new building on the current site. The Building Committee is working with an architect to develop a realistic design suited to Belmont's needs. To make this happen there must be community support to encourage private as well as public support for this effort.

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## MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Two**

\* ANDREA H. PRESTWICH

86 Alexander Ave

I currently serve on the School Committee as Secretary. Over the past 3 years we have made significant progress in solving the enrollment crisis by purchasing modulars and approving the construction of a new grades 7-12 high school. My first priority is for continued excellence in Belmont schools, including adequate funding for schools and careful oversight of the high school project. Please see [andrea4belmontschools.com](http://andrea4belmontschools.com) for details.

AMY E. CHECKOWAY

26 Pequossette Rd

Belmont is entering an exciting time of change. All students and educators will be affected by the new grade 7-12 school, and my skill set will help ensure that challenging decisions about transitions to new grade configurations and access to facilities are transparent, pedagogically-driven, and financially sound. My long career in education policy includes serving on advisory boards and committees, managing complex projects and budgets, and working with school districts.

PETER PANTAZOPOULOS

58 Winslow Rd

Over the last five years, student enrollment in Belmont has increased 100 students per year. Growth is expected to continue for the next several years. The new high school will need to support the upcoming growth, while maintaining fiduciary responsibility. As a Global Portfolio Manager, I have over 20 years of experience building and managing complex budget plans on time with policy and compliance. I appreciate your support and vote!

**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

MICHAEL F. CROWLEY

119 Farnham St

What we invest in our schools shapes the overall health of our community. Education also is the greatest investment we can make in our children's lives. Now that we're building a new school, we also need to: focus on class sizes, continue oversight of the building project, make critical decisions about the school budget, discuss after school care that families depend on, and review fees — they're unaffordable for some families.

# PRECINCT 1

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* MARK CARTHY

21 Stone Rd

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Belmont schools cut programs though spending per pupil already lags other towns. I propose increasing business and residential taxes to improve our schools. Belmont streets are hazardous to walkers and cyclists. I propose more traffic calming including raised crosswalks and lighted signage. I offer my thirty years business experience to work for and find funding for these improvements. Lived in Belmont for 29 years and a homeowner for 25 years.

\* CHRISTINE M. DOYLE

15 Cedar Rd

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Thank you for the opportunity to represent Precinct 1 since 2011 and to serve on the Warrant Committee since 2017. Town leaders should prioritize dynamic, transparent, and creative long-term planning and budgeting. Excellent schools, sensible land use planning, and progressive environmental policies ground our community's future. We should advance these goals through budgets, policies, and implementation. I will contribute to these goals with collaboration, hard work, and vigilance.

\* DANIEL W. HALSTON

10 Myrtle St

(21 of 24)

My service on the Warrant Committee and the Committee to examine the size of the Board of Selectmen has given me a better appreciation for the challenges facing the Town over the next several years. Continuing to support funding for our first class school system (I supported the YES campaign) while managing our future financial obligations will require close supervision. We also need to increase investment in our town infrastructure.

\* JOCELYN C. HAYES

5 Colonial Ter

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Retired senior Belmont residents are moving to other towns because of our high real estate taxes. I support active involvement in the McLean housing development process to ensure that the maximum allowed number of affordable senior housing units are built. Belmont's main roads become clogged with commuters' cars. Solutions have been suggested and more could be recommended through a team effort and given a try. Every Belmont resident would benefit.

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\* ALINA LISANKE

77 Bow Rd

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I support fully funding our school and town services, while ensuring fiscal responsibility. A critical issue is rising school enrollment and I am grateful for our town's 7-12 school solution. Belmont is not only a great place to live, but to work. As a human resources professional, I am committed to making us an employer of choice for excellent town administrators, educators, police officers, firefighters, librarians, and other public servants.

\* GRETCHEN M. McCLAIN

87 School St

(19 of 24)

Traffic! The number one issue affecting Belmont, particularly our Precinct, is traffic flow. In addition to cut-through traffic, the routing of traffic through the new high school/middle school site must be managed to ensure that traffic on the surrounding streets — streets critical for children walking to schools — does not become worse. We need to look at traffic town-wide. Second-we need to fund our schools, not just school buildings.

\* ROBERT E. McGAW

23 Louise Rd

(15 of 24)

We strengthen Belmont when we build community spirit. We all need to become more involved in the Town's activities, committees, and discussions, and continuously support efforts to improve its schools, town services, and traffic improvements and the other things that make Belmont a desirable, vibrant town for all its residents. Belmont must continue to look for ways to make our town safer, more beautiful, and more welcoming.

\* ADRIANA POOLE

53 Louise Rd

(22 of 24)

Belmont's priorities are the schools, the failing infrastructure (police station, DPW facilities) and creative funding for the upcoming projects. I support the Community Path, a new library, and new ice skating rink. We need to increase our stock of affordable housing to enable the aging population to remain part of our community. I have been and remain a strong supporter of all these causes. Feel free to contact me [apoole@pooleweb.com](mailto:apoole@pooleweb.com).

\* KRISTEN F. ZECCHI

30 Orchard St

(24 of 24)

I will be accountable to both the fiscal realities and values of our town during a time of change. We must balance critical capital projects — the Police Station, DPW, High School — without losing sight of the financial realities and smaller projects that merit attention. We must also take care to pass policies that support the well-being of all residents, from the youngest to the oldest.

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KATHRYN M. BONFIGLIO

84 Long Ave

I support affordable senior housing as part of McLean's development. We should address the challenge of affordable housing for seniors and moderate-income residents. I support the Climate Action Plan goals of 80% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050, building the community path, and investing infrastructure and our schools. I have worked with school and town organizations on issues of diversity and inclusion as President of Belmont Against Racism. Contact [kmbonfiglio@gmail.com](mailto:kmbonfiglio@gmail.com)

JESSICA OLANS HAUSMAN

11 Sharpe Rd

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As a parent of a preschooler, I led engagement of the baby-preschooler demographic in the 7-12 school campaign. Having already trekked with my stroller for 3 town-wide campaigns, I will monitor the comprehensiveness of our sidewalk repair initiative and vote for the community path. Our increasing school enrollment requires new teachers; as a MBA I will evaluate this budgetary strain on our shared resources to keep first-rate education in Belmont.

JENNIFER WALKER THOMAS

55 Bright Rd

(2 of 2)

As a parent and past Burbank PTA president, I recognize that Belmont's exceptional public education system is foundational to our town identity and community strength. It deserves our attention and resources. However, funding for schools must be reconciled with other capital improvement requirements and supported through innovative commercial development. I also endorse measures to calm traffic, increase walkability, and prioritize sustainability. Contact me at [jennifer\\_w\\_thomas@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer_w_thomas@yahoo.com)

ALEX K. THURSTON

101 Baker St

As a resident of the Hittinger neighborhood near the high school (which I fully support) I want to ensure that the traffic impact to each neighborhood around the project is carefully considered. I support careful review of our current zoning bylaws that impact both homeowners and businesses. As an engineer, I aim to solve complex problems by functioning as part of a team and will bring this to Town Meeting.

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**For Two Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

JENNIFER G. AUSROTAS

65 Richardson Rd

To improve the future quality of life in Belmont, I want to focus on pedestrian safety, with greater attention to traffic calming, sidewalk and street lighting and increased enforcement of speed limits. All residents also would benefit from more frequent recycling collection. Finally, Belmont must sustain its impressive commitment to schools, which started with the recent override but should continue with community oversight and support of the new 7-12 school.

TERESE A. HAMMERLE

22 Adams St

I believe that as Belmont examines our traffic problems, we should prioritize the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. We deserve a safe, walkable community. Given that vibrant business districts are important for commercial taxes and for convenience of goods and services, I would support measures aimed at appropriate economic development. I would also support the Housing Trust's efforts for affordable senior housing at the McLean site instead of luxury condominiums.

**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

EMILY A. PETERSON

22 Glendale Rd

I am a problem solver focused on crafting pragmatic solutions. I support conservation of green space, strong schools and alternative transportation, such as the community path. We need creative solutions — like my successful petition to reinstate garbage pails at Joey's Park and Town Field. Reducing cut-through traffic to keep our streets safe is high priority. I am committed to improving the quality of life for families in Belmont.

MARY C. WYBIERALLA

101 School St

Belmont's streets are increasingly gridlocked with local and "cut through" traffic. The High School and Police Station/DPW Projects will present significant challenges affecting the movement and routing of traffic in neighborhoods. Belmont must continue to evaluate and act to increase traffic mitigation while prioritizing the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

## PRECINCT 2

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* JOSEPH G. DESTEFANO

3 Sumner Ln

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As a member of the Belmont High Building Committee and a father of 2 High School Students, the most important challenge facing our Community is effective management of ALL Capital Projects. As a local Real Estate Developer with experience on the Town's Zoning and Planning Boards, I bring knowledge necessary to assist Belmont in a positive manner. I ask for your vote.

\* ELIZABETH HARMER DIONNE

55 Wellesley Rd

(23 of 24)

As a member of both the Warrant and Community Preservation Committees, I am keenly aware of the Town's fiscal constraints. I support the efforts of Town Administrator Patrice Garvin to identify and prioritize the Town's capital needs. This includes identifying Town assets that qualify for CPA funding in the areas of recreation, open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing. A coordinated approach is more efficient and benefits all Belmont citizens.

\* ANNE K. HELGEN

243 Marsh St

(18 of 24)

Belmont's structural deficit in its finances will continue to challenge the Town to manage its costs and find additional sources of revenue in order to maintain and improve the quality of life we all enjoy. As a Town resident for over 30 years and a member of the Warrant Committee for the past five years, I understand the Town's challenges and opportunities and bring an analytical and "outside the box" [LWV cut at 70]

\* KAREN BARMAKIAN HEROSIAN

585 Pleasant St

(19 of 24)

Recently, Belmont approved many major construction projects requiring additional tax burdens. Especially vulnerable are our senior citizens living on fixed incomes. I propose expanded offerings of free, professional services donated at the Senior Center. Facilitated, affordable senior housing, finding locations and beginning development. The allowance of a special tax deferral for senior, owner occupants would be a fair and responsible approach to preserving the character of the town.

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\* KATHLEEN KEOHANE

19 Rutledge Rd

(24 of 24)

To face the key decisions that impact our community, we need responsible planning that considers the needs of all citizens. We need balanced decision-making that weighs the demands of continued investment in capital projects with the maintenance of core services and public safety support. I will continue to leverage my skills and experiences to drive the right decisions for our town. I respectfully ask for your vote.

\* LINDA LEVIN-SCHERZ

75 Woodbine Rd

(8 of 8)

I'm grateful that Belmont voted in favor of a new high school, but I'm also aware that we have more infrastructure needs and must prioritize projects in a thoughtful way. Worsening traffic congestion reduces quality of life and contributes to climate change; I support plans for a community path to make biking and walking safer. We must continue to incent businesses and residents to invest in greener technology.

\* PETER R. MAGNI

140 Radcliffe Rd

(20 of 24)

All Town Meeting Members must work together to resolve Belmont's financial issues by identifying additional revenue sources to relieve the ever-growing burden on our taxpayers, to retain our high bond rating, and to leave to our children the same great town that we share today. We must make Belmont more business friendly so that we can keep our businesses in town and invite good new businesses quickly when openings exist.

\* CINDY G. PAPA

109 Winter St

(22 of 24)

First of all, I'm grateful to the BHS Building Committee for donating countless hours to this project. Since some members are the same folks that served on the Wellington Building Committee, I'm confident the new High School building will benefit from their oversight and management experience. Regarding the incinerator site, I encourage the BOS to choose either open space or solar storage; a choice that would benefit all residents equally.

\* ELIZABETH W. PEW

27 Wellington Ln

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Housing: Best practices must be determined and implemented to rid mold and poor insulation from Family and Senior Housing units. Health, safety, and basic comfort of friends there have

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been compromised for years. Selectmen, please take immediate oversight and leadership. Traffic: 328 newly licensed teens/year, seniors driving for more years, and more non-Belmont citizens driving through Belmont are givens. Let's start 20 minutes earlier, grateful to live in Belmont.

\* MARYANN L. SCALI

19 Prospect St

(24 of 24)

One important issue in the Town is Zoning and how it affects our neighborhoods. As a Town meeting member: I would be pro-active in attending meetings of the Zoning Board and Planning Board to input for our concerns. McMansions should be in harmony with their neighbors. Secondly, becoming a "voice" for our Senior citizens who wish to stay in Belmont is needed at Board of Selectmen's meetings and Town Meeting.

KELLY ANN HIGGINS

11 Garfield Rd

The new high school is the biggest most costly project in town history. It is crucial that we make well informed prudent fiscal decisions. The town is working with limited funds and we need to be mindful this complex will serve many future generations. Policies need to be established to preserve and maintain town properties. Deferred maintenance becomes a financial strain to the town its the taxpayers.

MICHELLE ANN MATHUR

26 Woodfall Rd

It would be an honor to serve you and improve Belmont. I am a scientist and a mother. I will facilitate the improvement of our public and private roads, and work to add safe routes for bikes and pedestrians. I will work to enhance Belmont's schools and parks. I support green initiatives and fixing polluting gas leaks and sewers. I will help optimize town finances.

ELIZABETH FALLON WEINTRAUB

51 Prentiss Ln

As a mother of three young children, and a BHS graduate, I am particularly interested in supporting the continuing excellence of Belmont's schools. With new building projects and capital expenditures, it will also be important to look for ways to bolster Belmont's continued economic and social diversity, possibly through programs to support residents living on low or fixed incomes. The library, traffic safety, and our recycling program are also priorities.

## PRECINCT 3

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* JOHN T. DIECKMANN

47 Lorimer Rd

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I support funding the detailed design of Community Path Phases 1A and 1B (Brighton Street to Clark Street, including a pedestrian tunnel under the tracks at the high school) with Community Preservation funds. I further support locating this part of the Community Path entirely on the North side of the commuter rail tracks. Careful attention to the town budget is necessary, given the high costs of upcoming major capital projects.

\* ARIANE E. GOODMAN-BELKADI

12 Woodland St

(24 of 24)

Maintaining and properly funding our excellent public education system is a priority. Some long-term residents are being taxed out of town, and while it is essential that we maintain and improve the town's infrastructure, we also need to be mindful in our financial planning. Future development needs to provide sources of new tax revenue without further burdening our town services.

\* VERA L. ISKANDARIAN

338 Waverley St

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I will work towards making Belmont a town that welcomes & functions for all its residents. I am interested in increasing commercial & non-profit tax base in a sensible way, looking into ways to make Belmont more business friendly, supporting fully funded public schools, bringing good, clean use to Incinerator site, working towards the goals of Belmont's Climate Action Plan, improve public transportation, roads, and safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

\* RAFFI M. MANJIKIAN

12 Pearl St

(22 of 24)

The scale of new capital projects in Belmont will require careful consideration by all participants in the community to make sure "we get it right". Having spent more than 14 years as a municipal volunteer by focusing on the trade-off of, cost versus benefit, which will be the focus I can bring to decision making. I thank you for your vote to keep Belmont a vibrant community we all can enjoy.

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\* LISA A. OTERI  
31 Waverley Ter  
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\* MARTIN PLASS  
10 Stanley Rd

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My focus is a greener and more sustainable town: 1) As coach for BelmontGoesSolar, Belmont-DrivesElectric and upcoming Belmont HeatSmart programs, I was able to contribute to the excellent progress we have made regarding our Climate Action Plan. 2) I support infrastructure upgrades for pedestrian, bike and public transportation solution and reducing car traffic. 3) I will work towards enhancing Belmont's recreational lands with a responsible development of the incinerator site.

\* JUDITH ANANIAN SARNO  
30 Waverley Ter

(24 of 24)

My priorities continue to be those issues that most critically affect our neighborhoods. I currently serve on the DPW/Belmont Police Building Committee, working to ensure that abutter concerns are taken into account. I will continue to be involved in the development of South Pleasant St., as well as the development and potential rezoning of Waverley Square. I will diligently represent your interests and serve as an advocate on your behalf.

\* ROBERT L. SARNO  
30 Waverley Ter

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My priorities as a Town Meeting member continue to be: (1) financial decision-making that is transparent, that prioritizes those Town and School services that are most important to our citizens, and that ensures our tax dollars are spent wisely; and (2) commercial and residential development that will preserve our small town character and quality of life while providing a net positive financial impact for the town.

\* HELI TOMFORD  
72 Pinehurst Rd

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Within our precinct, I am concerned about sites slated to see change—South Pleasant Street corridor (specifically now, zones established in the 1999 Belmont-McLean Hospital MOA), former incinerator site, and McLean barn parcel. Re-use proposals must be environmentally sound, fiscally responsible, **and** consider long-range impact on Belmont town-wide and our neighborhoods. Belmont's citizens are among its greatest assets. I encourage residents to contact their TM representatives. I am at htomford@gmail.com

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BRADLEY EARL ABRUZZI

14 Pearl St

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Two important issues for me are sustainability and inclusion. First, sustainability: we cannot drive national policy, but we can act locally to conserve resources and promote innovative pathways toward sustainable energy production. Second, inclusion: our Town has a growing number of non-citizen residents who cannot vote or participate in town government. We should follow other Massachusetts municipalities in petitioning the Commonwealth to allow them to vote in local elections.

DIANE BECKLEY MILLER

80 Clark St

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As a member of the high school building committee, I am very excited by the overwhelming approval vote, however we still have a lot of work to do, and supporting our town's stellar schools is definitely a top priority. I also want to encourage new business development in town. I moved to precinct 3 last summer from precinct 8 where I served as a town meeting member.

JILL SOUZA NORTON

96 Clark St

I served a one-year appointment to the Belmont School Committee and bring deep expertise in K-12 education as a former teacher, education non-profit leader and policy advisor to three state education secretaries. I'm a parent of school-aged children and I'm confident the 7-12 building and grade reconfiguration will help improve students' learning experiences. I plan to use my experience to ensure that all students are well-prepared for their best future.

## PRECINCT 4

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* HELEN E. BAKEMAN

92 Lexington St

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Almost 65% of town residents have library cards. It's critical that the town prioritize construction of a new library, a far higher priority than a skating rink for use by quite a small number of residents. Housing for seniors, including affordable units, must be a town priority, especially in open spaces like the McLean site. If we're being asked to rezone, let's do it for what the town needs.

\* MICHAEL B. CHESSON

21 Whitcomb St

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Open space is precious. I support adding the incinerator site to Rock Meadow, Belmont's Conservation Land. It's the only alternative use that benefits everyone, and helps meet our climate goals, while not burdening nearby residents with additional traffic and noise. I'd also like Clay Pit Pond, in front of the current, and soon, the new high school, to be drained and cleaned up so that it's no longer toxic.

\* KEVIN M. CUNNINGHAM

20 Chandler St

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\* DAVID R. FLEWELLING

36 Sycamore St

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Increasing revenue opportunities to help offset increasing tax demands on homeowners and pedestrian safety are important issues. As an abutter to the Daniel Butler School, and witnessing first hand the increase in traffic, it is extremely important that our neighborhoods are safe for children walking and biking to school. I will continue to listen to concerns and work hard to represent the residents of Precinct 4.

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\* SHEILA M. FLEWELLING

36 Sycamore St

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Revitalizing Waverley Square and keeping the commuter rail station open with access for all are important issues. Thoughtful development that interfaces with both the neighborhoods and abutting businesses with attention to traffic, parking and pedestrian safety will be key elements to its success. Belmont should be a community of economic diversity and supporting business development can help achieve that goal. I commit to being a thoughtful and informed representative.

\* LISA M. GIBALERIO

20 Chandler St

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Waverley Square will soon undergo revitalization. While this section of town is certainly in need of attention, it is also among the most densely populated parts of town. How will we balance the need for more housing with existing density and traffic congestion? As a 24-year Waverley Square resident, I will pay attention to proposals for this section of town and address the ensuing issues with fairness and civility.

\* WILLIAM G. MESSENGER

84 Lexington St

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Belmont needs predictable, sustainable, long-term revenue that does not starve our schools and services, while at the same time not increasing the burden on residential taxpayers. The solution is appropriately scaled commercial development in the areas of town already zoned commercial. We need a smart, simplified, as-of-right commercial zoning to increase business tax revenue and re-invigorate our shopping districts.

\* JOHN B. OCCHINO

18 Hull St

(24 of 24)

As a home owner and TMM of Precinct 4 for many years I am running for re-election because I feel strongly committed to Belmont. If re-elected I will work together with other TMM's to solve problems and vote on issues in the best interest of Belmont's future and the Waverly area. We need to identify the opportunities available to increase the town's revenue and limit the tax burden on residents.

*(Please turn page)*

\* SANDRA M. OCCHINO

18 Hull St

(24 of 24)

As a Town Meeting Member I take the responsibility very seriously. I have been a home owner in Belmont for many years. I chose to remain in Belmont since the things that were important to me when first moving here are still important. I feel we need to expand our commercial tax base to help the tax burden to home owners. I ask for your vote on Tuesday April 2.

\* JOHANNA M. SWIFT

92 Hull St

(21 of 24)

*NO REPLY RECEIVED*

\* LAURA JOY VANDERHART

96 Agassiz Ave

(24 of 24)

My family and I live in Waverley Square since 2010, on a wonderful street. I have served on PTA boards for the past 8 years. I am invested in Belmont's schools as well as in safety for pedestrians/cyclists. A supporter of the Community Path, I hope to see the project continue to progress. As Belmont appeals to new families, I hope it can be home for all generations.

\* JOSEPH P. WHITE

14 Maple Ter

(6 of 24)

*NO REPLY RECEIVED*

## PRECINCT 5

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* ARTO N. ASADOORIAN

40 Slade St

(20 of 24)

I have enjoyed contributing to Town Meeting over the past several years and hope to continue this work as our community enters an exciting period of growth. Some of the challenges I hope TM can help find solutions for include the town-wide traffic problem, maintaining our aging infrastructure and town facilities, and ensuring that we can fully fund all town departments in a sustainable way.

\* MARY BRADLEY

12 Leslie Rd

(21 of 24)

I look forward to continuing to serve on Town Meeting and being a part of one of the essential conversations which shape our town. Equally important to what I bring to town meeting is what I take away, where, and why. You can find me on multiple boards and commissions throughout Belmont, sharing information to drive sustainable, responsible, community-enhancing policies and activities.

\* ANA HELENA SILVIA CRUZ

38 Winslow Rd

(16 of 24)

The town has become too unaffordable for young families and senior citizens because of soaring housing prices and rent. A lack in adequate housing supply and increases in taxes from continuous overrides are major drivers. Town Meeting should prioritize reviewing the zoning laws and developing creative solutions to address the housing stock. Additionally, a commitment to fiscally-disciplined short and long-term planning would spur economic development and broaden the tax base.

\* JANICE M. ELLARD

12 Horace Rd

(24 of 24)

Maintaining the high level of education Belmont citizens have come to expect, and leveraging the new high school facility to the maximum benefit of all citizens should be a priority. We should tackle the steady increase in traffic through our downtown area during peak commuting hours, and prohibit cars from re-routing through residential neighborhoods with targeted signage. Addressing the need for affordable senior housing should remain a priority as well.

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\* JUDITH D. FEINS

71 Bay State Rd

(22 of 24)

When Belmont approved its Housing Production Plan a year ago, it committed to moving forward on encouraging a wider range of housing options. The Town needs to grow in ways that help seniors to downsize while remaining here and help young families to get a start here. We have current opportunities to do so. An active citizenry will help the Planning Board make positive decisions in this direction.

\* AZRA NELSON

26 Vincent Ave

(16 of 24)

*NO REPLY RECEIVED*

\* JOHN M. O'CONNOR

35 Upland Rd

(24 of 24)

I have been a Belmont resident for over 20 years. My priorities include our upcoming capital projects: high school, police station, and DPW facilities, and to ensure that the projects stay on budget. While monitoring the quality of work, it is important to get the highest standard of construction possible.

\* JOHN W. POLLOCK

383 Common St

(24 of 24)

Maintaining our school quality and prioritizing efficient investment of resources streams to sustain essential services and to promote citizen participation in a dynamic community are my focal points as a TMM. We benefit from effective management by town officials. The voices in Town Meeting add assurance that pragmatic and non-monetary elements of decisions are balanced. I ask for your vote to allow me to continue as one of those voices.

\* ANDRES T. ROJAS

72 Drew Rd

(14 of 24)

Managing Growth: Increased density and development can endanger our small town feel and re-shape our "Town of Homes." Coordinating positive economic growth with our unique town character is critical to our overall sustainability. Capital Projects: My goals include making sure that Belmont's upcoming Capital Projects (i.e. New High School, Police Station, etc.) are monitored and scrutinized. Balancing project requirements with overall town budgets is critical to residents' support and acceptance.

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KRISTEN R. BELL

121 Slade St

As a Town Meeting Member, I am committed to ensuring tax payer dollars are used efficiently. As we move forward on capital projects it is important that our funds are used in a manner that balances the input of residents and key decision makers. Collaboration is a crucial element needed to maximize the potential of these developments in Belmont's present and future. If elected, I look forward to serving Belmont.

TRAVIS R. FRANCK

102 Gilbert Rd

Belmont is a wonderful town with great history and lots of promise. Belmont needs to continue to find good solutions for transportation, business, education, and the environment, while being mindful of the town's budget constraints. I will evaluate Town Meeting items based on the core values of the town and whether the issue makes Belmont the best place to live near Boston.

MATTHEW GARVER

33 Homer Rd

I believe the Town of Belmont possesses an unparalleled mix of community, history and opportunity. I support efforts to strengthen this foundation through diversification and inclusivity. I support local development around the High School to maximize use of the space, draw activity toward the center of the town, and leverage a community asset for the long-term benefit of Belmont residents in ways which strengthen the vitality of small businesses in [LWV cut at 70]

**For Two Years**

**Vote for not more than One**

NO CANDIDATE PAPERS FILED

## PRECINCT 6

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* ROY EPSTEIN

34 Cushing Ave

(24 of 24)

Successful completion of the new capital projects is the single greatest management issue facing Belmont near term. The public needs regular progress reports from the building committee for the new school project. The DPW, Police Station, and Community Path projects also must be successful. Potholes in town are awful. And with the depletion of the General Stabilization Fund, managing the operating budget is critical for maintaining school and town services.

\* ELIZABETH GIBSON

15 Oakley Rd

(23 of 24)

Careful stewardship of our financial resources and thoughtful planning are important. We must safeguard our future. I am a strong supporter of the Belmont Public Schools. I also support our continuing efforts to improve Belmont's infrastructure and protect our town services while being mindful of tax implications. Citizen involvement is one of Belmont's greatest assets and I value being a Town Meeting member.

\* MARCIE S. HIRSCH

64 Old Middlesex Rd

(17 of 24)

A challenge of our political process is establishing and maintaining trust between voters and elected officials. The belief that our governing representatives are "playing fair" is a critical element of keeping community members supportive of and engaged in our town's affairs. One arena in which Belmont has historically witnessed quite a bit of less-than-straightforward process has been in relation to the prioritizing of capital projects. Historically and repeatedly, citizens have [LWV cut at 70]

\* VIRGINIA JORDAN

34 Lawndale St

(24 of 24)

Belmont's planning for development needs to preserve the livability of the neighborhoods. The ongoing challenge is to balance operating funds for schools and services with adequate infrastructure maintenance and investment in capital projects. We should encourage affordable housing options and preserve open space.

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\* MARY ANN KAZANJIAN

355 School St

(23 of 24)

As a Belmont lifelong resident and senior, I also have adult children and grandchildren living in Belmont. My concerns and support cross all generational lines and concern all educational, fiscal and infrastructure issues. I would favor a balanced approach to addressing these issues.

\* STEPHEN H. KLIONSKY

196 Payson Rd

(23 of 24)

Belmont is a terrific place to live but we face issues. We need to continue to focus on educating our children — and the new 7-12 grade school will greatly assist there. We also need to maintain our emphasis on keeping up our town infrastructure, including our roads. Further, we also need to do our town's part in the societal problem of climate change by reducing our carbon footprint.

\* ELIZABETH G. LIPSON

89 Townsend Rd

(23 of 24)

NO REPLY RECEIVED

\* KATHERINE POULIN-KERSTIEN

44 Townsend Rd

(24 of 24)

I am a strong supporter of our schools, and will make continued investment in our school department a top priority so that the resources required to continue to provide high quality education are available. As the 7th-12th grade school and other town capital projects move forward, I will support sustainability and eco-friendly design and building choices, for the environmental benefits and to reduce the town's future operating costs.

\* JOCELYN D. RECORD

44 Oak Ave

(20 of 24)

As an educator, I am eager to see the town maintain its excellent schools and ensure a smooth transition from our current model to the new grade configuration. Deferred maintenance is resulting in escalating real estate taxes creating a burden, especially for seniors. I am also concerned about the state of our roads and sidewalks which present safety challenges, particularly for the elderly and people with visual and mobility problems.

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\* BRIAN S. SAPER

16 Old Middlesex Rd

(24 of 24)

Two current town projects I am following are the re-use of the incinerator site and the bike path through Belmont. Moving the ice rink to the incinerator site would reduce parking congestion on Concord Avenue and add badly needed recreation field space at the high school. The plan to put a bike/pedestrian tunnel under the railroad tracks will help facilitate the path, while allowing safer travel to the high school.

\* LAURIE RUTHERFORD SLAP

95 Long Ave

(24 of 24)

Belmont will continue to face budget challenges as we strive to maintain excellent school and town services in the face of continued growth in student enrollment and rising costs. Belmont's elected officials and town leaders must work closely together to develop a five-year plan that prioritizes needs, promotes public-private partnerships where appropriate (eg: library, rink) and gives taxpayers a clear sense as to when additional override funds will be requested.

APRIL EDRINGTON

19 Elizabeth Rd

I am a parent, a town and school volunteer, and a taxpayer. If elected, I'll continue to focus on 1) supporting the new 7-12 school 2) balancing ongoing capital and infrastructure needs with the desire to help people to continue living in Belmont, and 3) increasing community involvement in town affairs. I'll work transparently, ensure I'm listening to voices from many perspectives across our community, and responsibly steward town finances.

LAUREN G. MEIER

39 Oak Ave

(2 of 2)

New development should be guided by effective zoning and design principles to protect neighborhoods, limit traffic impacts, meet sustainability goals, and ensure affordability. As a 27-year resident serving on the Historic District Commission, Land Management Committee, and voted by the 2018 TM caucus, I will continue to advocate for high quality schools, improved town services, repairing roads and sidewalks and addressing immediate challenges such as traffic and affordable housing.

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KATHERINE OATES

82 Cushing Ave

Balancing Belmont's long-term vision with residents' short-term needs is critical and must be done in a fiscally sound way. My top issues: maintaining our top-ranked schools, expanding sustainability programs (clean energy incentives, bike lane improvements), improving road conditions, optimizing town services, and ensuring our older and fixed-income residents' needs are also met in the process. I was a Belmont 7-12 school campaign volunteer and am active in Wellington's school community.

JULIE WU

66 Hillside Ter

As the founder of Belmont Composts! I've been thrilled to bring Belmont residents together to obtain discounted group pricing on curbside composting, thereby reducing our waste and saving money both for individual households and the town. Belmont is clearly a community that cares, and as Town Meeting member I will continue to support our schools and neighborhoods in ways that are both environmentally and fiscally sustainable.

# PRECINCT 7

## CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* PATRICIA A. KELLEY

30 Grove St

(19 of 24)

I believe an important town initiative should be protecting our seniors. We should help and assist seniors to be able to stay in their homes. A way that could help them is setting their property taxes on a sliding scale based on their income. Often seniors are on a fixed income and their property tax rate should be reflective of that.

\* MICHAEL McNAMARA

41 Marlboro St

(24 of 24)

Belmont is becoming more economically and socially diverse, and is looking towards our collective future. Two focuses for us going forwards are embracing our diversity and planning for our new economic future. We must reach out to new residents from diverse backgrounds, especially renters and new folks who often feel left out. Our town is working towards finishing our new BHS, to prepare our kids for the high tech future.

\* PAUL S. NELSON

40 Unity Ave

(24 of 24)

*NO REPLY RECEIVED*

\* ANNIS WHITLOW SENGUPTA

35 Marion Rd

(16 of 24)

*NO REPLY RECEIVED*

\* SUSAN REBECCA TITUS

26 Livermore Rd

(24 of 24)

Belmont is a life-long community. Families are attracted to our good schools and stay for the quality of life Belmont offers. We must continue smart fiscal planning to maintain town infrastructure, implement stricter zoning to preserve our distinct neighborhoods and open spaces, and encourage creative economic development to augment our tax base. Energy conservation and renewables should be a high priority for all new projects.

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BETHAN J. BAILEY  
11 Springfield St  
NO REPLY RECEIVED

**For One Year**

**Vote for not more than One**

NATALIE M. KOSTICH  
262 Grove St

While I consider myself to be a global citizen, Belmont has always been my home. I spent 10+ years of my career overseas building bridges between people of different cultures through intercultural education. I also care deeply about the elderly and the safety of our roads, parks and environment as a whole. I am eager to start serving our community by getting involved as a representative of Precinct 7.

## PRECINCT 8

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

**For Three Years**

**Vote for not more than Twelve**

\* KATHLEEN “FITZIE” COWING

278 Cross St #1

(24 of 24)

I think the most critical challenge our town faces is learning to blend the viewpoints and priorities of an evolving town. It is critical that we value both the opinions of long-time residents, as their historic knowledge is invaluable, as well as new residents, with fresh perspectives and new ideas. As we work through significant building projects, as well as the constant budgetary strains, we need to value all voices.

\* MICHAEL F. CROWLEY

119 Farnham St

(23 of 24)

Our schools are the lifeblood of our community. I'll continue to support more investment in our town's schools. We need to make more progress on class sizes—something that more modulars and a new school alone can't solve. I also support continued implementation of the Community Path, expanded traffic calming measures, more progress against our affordable housing goals, and movement forward against our town's Climate Action Plan goals.

\* CHRISTINE W. KOCHER

21 Jason Rd

(22 of 24)

Supporting educational excellence in our schools and funding capital improvements are critical priorities. We must continue to work together to maintain essential town services, fund pension liabilities and health care costs for town employees and retirees, and also develop long-term plans for necessary projects, including buildings, roads, recreational facilities, and equipment.

\* ANNE-MARIE M. LAMBERT

79 Chilton St

(24 of 24)

I've worked with fellow citizens, from students to seniors, supporting strong schools and critical services, and ensuring development is sustainable. I've fostered multigenerational networks, led community outreach events, and partnered with high schoolers on sustainability projects. Our Stormwater Working Group focuses on curbing pollution and reducing flooding risks. Along with expanding transportation options, this strengthens Belmont's resilience to global warming, and allows manageable growth. Please vote for Lambert!

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\* ROGER H. READ

62 Munroe St

(21 of 24)

Broaden revenue base with sensible, sustainable commercial development while preserving Belmont's small-town feel and practicing rigorous fiscal management. We must address cut-through traffic and congestion, maintain roads and enhance pedestrian safety. Continue focus on zoning, including ensuring that any new housing on McLean land meets a range of needs for Belmont residents. With significant capital projects underway and more upcoming, effective and ongoing communication with town residents is crucial. roger.read22@gmail.com

\* PAUL C. RICKTER

119 Cross St

(24 of 24)

We have a string of capital projects to complete and properly maintain; and we need to continue our support for our excellent public school system. Doing this without overburdening taxpayers is THE challenge of the years ahead. We need to continue seeking creative solutions (alternative income sources, careful budget planning, encouraging Belmont businesses, relief for retired homeowners). We can do this, but we will need to work together on it.

\* ANN M. RITTENBURG

42 Farnham St

(23 of 24)

The perennial challenge for Belmont is delivering an excellent public education to our children, providing high quality services to our citizens, maintaining our buildings and infrastructure, and preserving our small town appeal, in as efficient and effective a manner, as possible, given our limited resources. This can only happen through collaborative problem-solving. My commitment to grappling with the challenges facing Belmont remains unwavering. Contact me at amrawb@verizon.net, 617-484-1483.

\* PAUL F. ROBERTS

54 Cross St

(22 of 24)

Fourteen-year Belmont resident, husband, father of 3 Belmont public school students. Chair of the town's IT Advisory Committee. Community Path supporter. I spearheaded the successful effort to have speed calming on Cross Street. (Patience: they'll get it right this Spring!) I believe Town Government needs to embrace 21st Century tools & thinking to increase transparency, engage the citizenry and offer more and better services to the community efficiently and affordably.

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\* DEBORAH M. ROSALES

48 Farnham St

(23 of 24)

Belmont must encourage commercial development to expand tax base while preserving Belmont's small town character. Empty storefronts and buildings create blight in our commercial districts. Must encourage wider variety of businesses to locate here and balance "walkability" with plentiful parking to make commercial areas thrive. Large-scale development needs practical analysis and compromise to balance neighborhood interests with Belmont's revenue needs. Crumbling roads must be repaired and given higher budget priority.

\* GI YOON-HUANG

107 Winn St

(22 of 24)

Belmont is entering its biggest financial commitment in history with the new 7-12 school. I worked passionately for its passage as Winn Brook's branch co-chair of the YesForBelmont Campaign. I want to ensure that it is done right and address issues of traffic, safety, and staying on track financially. Also, the Community Path, the much needed renovations at the Police station and DPW are closer to fruition, requiring careful oversight.

BRIAN C. CAPUTO

75 Oliver Rd

I'm supportive of the many capital projects (7-12 school, police station, DPW, library, rink) to keep Belmont a thriving, livable, and friendly community. To help pay for these investments in our future, I'd advocate creative ways to broaden the town's revenue, including being more encouraging of a healthy commercial tax base. I'd look to the community and recent survey of town businesses for constructive ideas.

COSMO CATERINO

241 Channing Rd

I will advocate to ensure the many issues in the town are properly planned, prioritized, conducted ethically and that funds are used efficiently. A Master's degree in Environmental Engineering enables me to evaluate and address the environmental issues in which the town is involved and as a former member of the Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee, I will use my background to push for the safest path for all users.

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KATHERINE DILAWARI

55 Munroe St

Active in the Vote Yes for 7-12 School campaign, frequent volunteer at Winn Brook. Professionally, a civil engineer involved in large real estate development; my background makes me uniquely experienced to evaluate Belmont's various capital projects. We must maintain/replace the town's infrastructure to preserve this wonderful community. I support the new library, safe streets, and the new bike path. I encourage sensible commercial development to broaden our tax base.

RADHA IYENGAR

76 Dean St

Belmont resident and volunteer for over 30 years whose sons are BHS graduates. Belmont Land Management Committee member familiar with challenges of upcoming developments: re-use of the former Belmont Light building, town incinerator site, Vigliolo Skating Rink, McLean property rezoning and increased traffic. Belmont should prepare for increasingly intense storms and reduce pollution in its waterways. The Community Path must proceed swiftly and efficiently. Environmental stewardship is my top priority.

MARK A. PAOLILLO

42 Pilgrim Rd

Two of the more important issues the Town will face relate to Traffic and Fiscal Matters. Traffic continues to increase in Belmont which has created significant safety concerns. The BOS and the Transportation Advisory Committee will need to review, prioritize and address these concerns. Increasing School Enrollment and demand for town services will strain our Operating Budget. The Financial Task Force and BOS will need to address these Fiscal Issues.

YINGCHUN "MAY" YE

36 Hurley St

My biggest concerns: impact of the BHS projects on current students and the worsening congestions due to construction endangering children/adults playing or crossing. I advocate a thorough study of traffic patterns and a temporary restriction on detour traffic from Route 2 during rush hour. My daughters will go through BHS projects. I will work to ensure theirs and their schoolmates' wellbeing.



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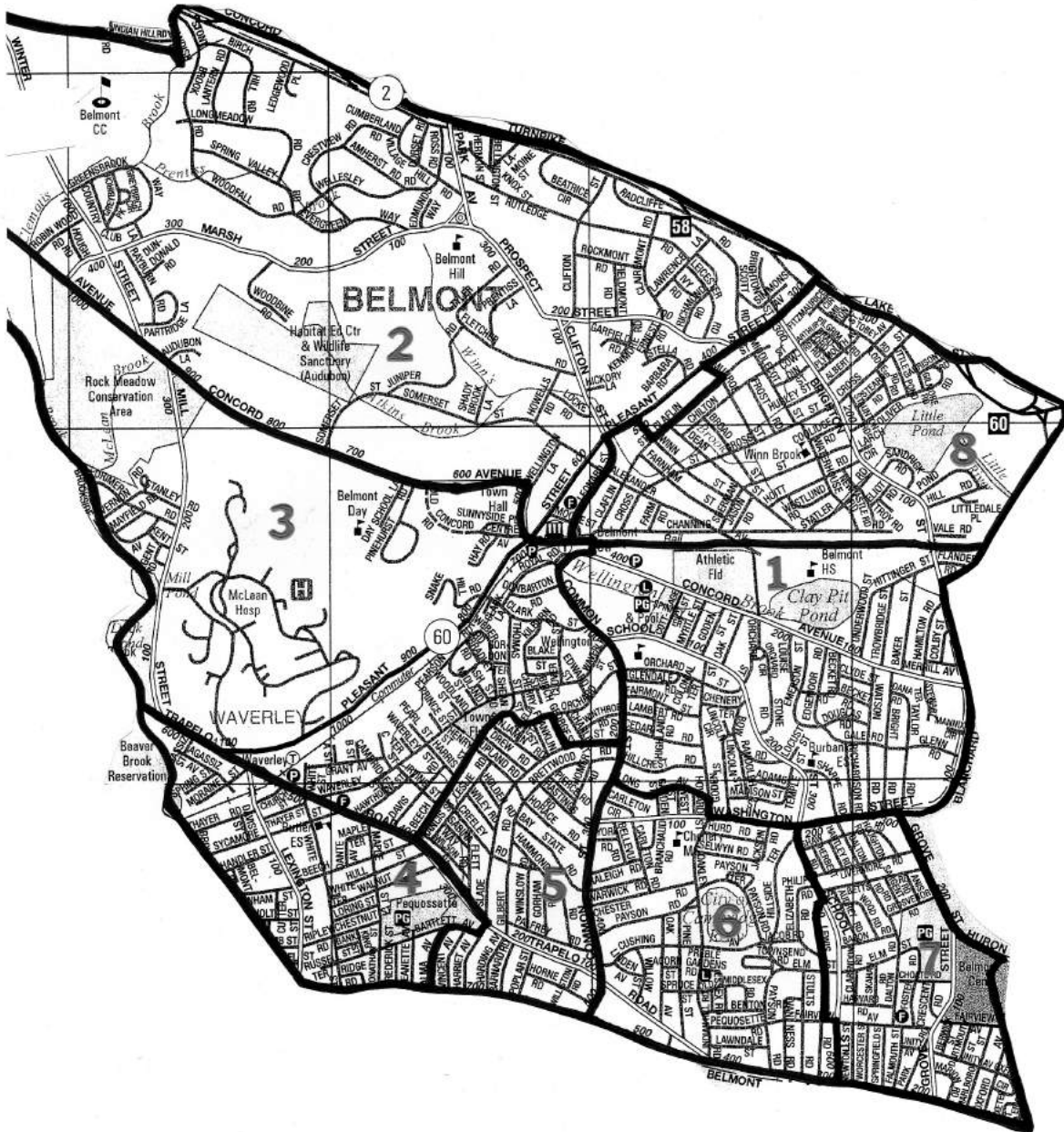
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<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-information-for-residents-media>

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/belmontma/files/file/file/precinctmap.pdf>

# POLLING PLACES

7AM to 8PM

Precinct 1	Belmont Public Library 336 Concord Ave. Assembly Room
Precinct 2	Belmont Town Hall 455 Concord Ave.
Precinct 3	Beech Street Center 266 Beech St.
Precinct 4	Butler School Gymnasium Enter from White St.
Precinct 5	Beech Street Center 266 Beech St.
Precinct 6	Fire Station Headquarters 299 Trapelo Rd.
Precinct 7	Burbank School Gymnasium Enter from driveway
Precinct 8	Winn Brook School Enter from Cross St.

Note: Precincts 3 and 5 both vote at the Beech Street Center.

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