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April 13, 2015

Dear Town Meeting Members:

Enclosed please find the Warrant for the **Annual Town Meeting** scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 4, 2015** at the Belmont High School Auditorium.

Should the business of the Annual Town Meeting not conclude on May 4th, the meeting will be continued to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates, as required:

- Wednesday, May 6, 11, 13th at the Belmont High School Auditorium
- Monday, June 1, 3, 8, 10th at the Chenery Middle School Auditorium

As you will see from the attached materials, the Annual Town Meeting Warrant includes twenty-four (24) articles. The non-financial articles are described below. Information on the financial articles contained in Segment B will be distributed prior to June 1, 2015.

SEGMENT A – May 2015

- Article 1:** Reports - Board of Selectman, Board, Committees and Other Town Officials.
- Article 2:** Authorization to Represent the Town's Legal Interest - This article is traditional and authorizes the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town's legal interests. This authority is clearly identified in the Massachusetts General Laws and the General Bylaws of the Town of Belmont.
- Article 3:** Amend General Bylaws for "Stormwater Management and Erosion Control"
§ 60-325 - This article seeks to amend the General Bylaw to allow uniform application of the most recent rainfall data published by the Northeast Regional Climate Center to the design of Stormwater management systems throughout the Town of Belmont.
- Article 4:** Amend General Bylaws; Authority for Town Clerk to Assign Appropriate Alphanumeric References - This article seeks to allow the Town Clerk, in consultation with Bylaw Review Committee, to renumber the General Bylaws.
- Article 5:** Amend General Bylaws to Correct Typographical Clerical Errors - This article seeks to correct typographical clerical errors in the General Bylaws.

- Article 6:** **Citizens' Petition – One Year Moratorium in a Portion of the Single Residence C Zoning District on the Construction of Oversized Single-Family Dwelling Units –** This article is submitted in the exact form as provided by the Citizens.
- Article 7:** **Amend Zoning Bylaw: Amend General Residence Zoning Districts Zoning By-law for Single Dwellings as an Alternate to a Two-Family Dwelling -** This amendment allows the option of two single-family dwelling units instead of one two-family dwelling unit provided that certain thresholds are met. The amendment aids in controlling density and preserving the character of the surrounding neighborhoods by including limitations on the size of the single-family dwelling units.
- Article 8:** **FY15 Community Preservation Committee Budget & Projects -** This article is a standard article that appropriates funds to support the operations of the Town's Community Preservation Committee and its approved projects. The Community Preservation Fund receives revenues from a 1.5% property tax surcharge to fund the program. The state provides limited matching grant funds to the Town. The total amount for these six CPA projects are \$1,021,723.24.
- Article 9:** **Citizens' Petition – Non-Binding Resolution: Solar Policy -** This article is submitted in the exact form as provided by the Citizens.

Please be reminded that the Warrant and any additional information can be found in the Town Meeting section of the Town Clerk's web page at www.Belmont-ma.gov.

The customary Warrant Discussion Night, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Warrant Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Beech Street Center.

We look forward to a productive Annual Town Meeting, and thank you for your continued involvement and participation in our Town's legislative process.

Sincerely,

Sami S. Baghdady, Chair
Mark A. Paolillo, Vice-Chair
James R. Williams, Selectman

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