



**MOTIONS**  
**2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**(BUDGETARY/FINANCIAL ARTICLES)**  
June 1, 2015  
**Draft as of May 7, 2015**

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**PRELIMINARY MOTION**

**ORDER OF THE ARTICLES**

**MOVED:** That the Town Meeting hear the motions in the following order:  
1,10,12,13,17,14,18,16,11,15,19,20,9 Reconsideration,21,22,23,24

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**ARTICLE 1:**

**REPORTS**

**MOVED:** That Article 1 be taken from the table.

**MOVED:** That Article 1 be laid on the table.

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**ARTICLE 9:**

**RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 9**

**MOVED:** That the vote to indefinitely postpone action on Article 9 be reconsidered.

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**ARTICLE 10:**

**SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MOVED:** That there be paid to the elected officers of the Town as salaries for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 the amount set forth opposite the name of each officer as listed below:

Town Moderator	\$ 200	
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	\$ 5,000	
Selectman (2)	\$ 4,500	(each)
Town Clerk	\$ 88,016	
Town Treasurer	\$ 97,494	
Chairman of the Board of Assessors	\$ 3,030	
Assessor (2)	\$ 2,200	(each)

*(Majority)*

**Reporting:** The Warrant Committee will report on this article.

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**ARTICLE 11:**

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR WATER AND SEWER  
AND STORMWATER SERVICES**

**MOVED:** A) That **\$6,286,246** be appropriated from the account classified as “Water Enterprise Fund” pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the General Laws for water service; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and said appropriation to be funded by a transfer of **\$528,000** from Water Retained Earnings and **\$5,758,246** from Water Revenues. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** B) That **\$8,308,632** be appropriated from the account classified as “Sewer and Stormwater Enterprise Fund” pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the General Laws for sewer and stormwater services; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and said appropriation to be funded by a transfer of **\$275,000** from Sewer Retained Earnings and **\$8,033,632** from Sewer and Stormwater Revenues. (*Majority*)

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

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**ARTICLE 12:**

**FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

**MOVED:** A) That under General Government, **\$4,434,566** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** B) That under Employee Benefits, **\$6,502,635** be raised and appropriated for Retirement expenses. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** C) That under Employee Benefits, **\$2,777,375** be raised and appropriated for Other Reserves, including Health Insurance, Insurance and Salary Reserve. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** D) That under Public Safety **\$12,817,290** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** E) That under Belmont Public Schools **\$49,660,070** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** F) That under Minuteman Regional School **\$831,525** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** G) That under Public Services **\$9,896,229** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** H) That under Human Services, **\$3,072,192** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

**MOVED:** I) That under Debt and Interest on Debt **\$4,400,919** be raised and appropriated. (*Majority*)

Reporting: The Warrant Committee will report on this article.

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**ARTICLE 13:**

**TRANSFER FUNDS TO STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOVED:** That the Town raise and appropriate to the General Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$1,674,069**. (*Two-Thirds*)

Reporting: The Warrant Committee will report.

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**ARTICLE 14:****AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER BALANCES**

**MOVED:** That **\$3,297,325** be transferred from the following available funds to meet a portion of the FY2016 operating budget expenses in such sums as listed below:

- a) **\$235,000** from fund balance in Abatement and Exemption Surplus Account
- b) **\$650,000** from Belmont Municipal Light Department to offset the tax rate
- c) **\$1,750,000** from Unreserved Fund Balance
- d) **\$90,000** from Parking Meters Receipts
- e) **\$163,000** from Water Revenue for indirect costs
- f) **\$130,000** from Sewer Revenue for indirect costs
- g) **\$125,000** from Capital Endowment Fund for various capital expenditures
- h) **\$154,325** from Capital Projects Fund for various capital expenditures

*(Majority)*

**MOVED:** That the entire revenue derived from the sale of electricity to private customers, municipal departments, including the cost of street lighting and from jobbing during the twelve months beginning January 1, 2015, be allocated and appropriated for the operating expenses of the Municipal Light Department including out-of-state travel, all said appropriations and payments to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Light Board and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town. *(Majority)*

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

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**ARTICLE 15:****AUTHORIZATION FOR "UP FRONT" FUNDS FOR  
CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

**MOVED:** That the Town be authorized to construct, reconstruct, resurface or repair all or portions of various Town Ways and to authorize the expenditure of \$801,398 as may be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and expended under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws. *(Majority)*

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

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**ARTICLE 16:****APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

**MOVED:** A) That **\$1,818,365** be appropriated for the purchase of Public Safety Equipment, Site Improvements, Public Works Equipment, Equipment for Town Facilities, and consulting services in connection therewith, to construct public ways, and for Building and Facility and Public Works Construction; and for Major Maintenance and Alterations (including design work) as follows, said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. *(Majority)*

	<b><u>FY16</u></b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
1. Sidewalk Snow Blower	\$ 90,700
2. Sidewalk Maintenance	\$ 200,000
3. Pick-up Truck Replacement	\$ 39,250
4. Turf Field Utility Tractor	\$ 25,985
5. Resurface Basketball Courts (Pequossette)	\$ 25,000
6. Recreation - 15 Passenger Van Replacement	\$ 32,450
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 413,385</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
1. Replace Portable Radios	\$ 123,415
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 123,415</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	
1. Storage Shed for Gas-Powered Equipment	\$ 10,000
2. Feasibility Study	\$ 45,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 55,000</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
1. Public Safety Equipment Lease Payment (Year 4)	\$ 120,000
2. Ambulance Replacement (Year 3)	\$ 50,000
3. Cardiac Monitor Replacement (Year 3)	\$ 7,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 177,000</b>
<b>FACILITIES DEPARTMENT</b>	
1. Town/School Security Upgrades Design (Year 2 of 5 multi-year security upgrades)	\$ 100,000
2. Belmont High School (BHS) Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$ 120,000
3. Town Hall - Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$ 40,000
4. BHS Basketball Court Floor Replacement	\$ 100,000
5. Butler School System Wide Building Envelope	\$ 150,505
6. Butler School Boiler Replacement	\$ 62,500
7. Butler School Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$ 143,250
8. Burbank School Boiler Replacement	\$ 150,310
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 866,565</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
1. Burbank School Curbing-Sidewalks	\$ 35,000
2. Traffic Speed Mitigation-Raised Intersection (Lexington Street and Sycamore Street)	\$ 48,000
3. Community Path Feasibility Study	\$ 100,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 183,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,818,365</b>

**MOVED:** B) That \$1,086,350 be appropriated for the purchase of materials and installation of radio transmission equipment, Joint Public Safety Communications Center equipment and portable radios and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow and issue bonds and to take any other action necessary and incidental thereto.

*(Two-Thirds)*

**MOVED:** C) That \$1,055,000 be appropriated for the design and purchase of equipment, materials and installation of a replacement fire alarm system at Belmont High School and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow and issue bonds and to take any other action necessary and incidental thereto.

*(Two-Thirds)*

**MOVED:** D) That \$1,549,000 be appropriated for road paving projects, said sum to be raised and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. *(Majority)*

Reporting: The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report on each of the motions.

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**ARTICLE 17: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOVED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of **\$366,738** to the Other Post Employee Benefits ("OPEB") Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding Other Post Employment Benefits and that the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the departmental Enterprise Funds, as follows:

Free Cash	91.3%	\$334,832
Light Enterprise Account	4.5	16,503
Sewer Enterprise Account	2.0	7,335
Water Enterprise Account	<u>2.2</u>	<u>8,068</u>
<b>Total</b>	100%	\$366,738

*(Two-Thirds)*

Reporting: The Warrant Committee will report.

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**ARTICLE 18: AUTHORIZATION FOR REVOLVING FUNDS**

**MOVED:** That the Town authorize or reauthorize revolving accounts for Fiscal Year 2016 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the General Laws as printed in Article 18 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting. *(Majority)*

<b>Revolving Account</b>	<b>Spending Authority</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Allowed Expenses</b>	<b>Expenditure Limits</b>
Teen/Youth Events	Recreation Commission	Event fees	Teen/youth center events	\$5,000
Senior Programs	Council on Aging	Course/Program fees	Program costs, trip expenses	\$150,000
Art Gallery	Belmont Cultural Council	Percentage of art sales	Gallery exhibit and event expenses	\$15,000
Restoration Maintenance of Rock Meadow	Conservation Commission	Rental fees: garden plots	Restoration, maintenance of conservation area	\$11,000
Copying/ Lost Books	Board of Library Trustees	Lost book fees; Printing/ copying fees	Replacement of lost books; copier, printer, supplies & maintenance	\$15,000
Stormwater Consulting	Community Development	Consultant fees collected from permit applicants	Consultant fees	\$50,000
Stormwater Improvements	Community Development	Consultant Fees and contributions collected from permit applicants	Consulting, design, construction, and maintenance of public or shared stormwater facilities	\$100,000
Martin Luther King Day Breakfast	Human Rights Commission	Ticket Sales	Event expenses	\$5,000

Reporting: The Warrant Committee will report on this article.

**ARTICLE 19: ESTABLISH CAPITAL/DEBT STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOVED:** That the Town create a Capital/Debt Stabilization fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 for the purpose of defraying the capital costs, or the costs of borrowing, associated with the engineering and design (including feasibility studies), construction, reconstruction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of any of the four following building projects (not in any order of priority): (1) the Belmont High School, (2) the Belmont Public Library, (3) the Department of Public Works facility, or (4) the Belmont Police Station, or any combination thereof. *(Two-Thirds)*

Reporting: The Warrant Committee will report on this article.

**ARTICLE 20: AMENDMENT TO MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL AGREEMENT**

**MOVED:** That Article 20 be indefinitely postponed. *(Majority)*

Reporting: Belmont's Regional School Committee Representative and the Warrant Committee

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**ARTICLE 21: CITIZENS' PETITION: WRITTEN ARTICLE OPINIONS**

**MOVED:** That the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

Belmont's Board of Selectmen, Warrant Committee, and Capital Budget Committee shall be instructed to distribute to Town Meeting Members at least one day in advance of any scheduled Town Meeting a written summary of the rationale behind their opinions on articles presented for Town Meeting Approval. *(Majority)*

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

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**ARTICLE 22: CITIZENS' PETITION: TOWN BUDGET PROJECTION MODEL**

**MOVED:** That the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

Belmont's Town Administrator shall be instructed to maintain a 30 year Steady State Projection Model of the Town's financial budget reporting three previous years, five estimated years going forward, and steady set projections for the next twenty two years based on the current five year estimates, historical trends, and known revenues and expenditures. *(Majority)*

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**ARTICLE 23: CITIZENS' PETITION: QUARTERLY REPORT OF FREE CASH FLOW ACCOUNT**

**MOVED:** That the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

Belmont's Town Administrator shall be instructed to distribute to Town Meeting Members a Quarterly report of the Town's Free Cash Flow account including amounts received and amounts dispersed since the last report and the source and uses of the funds received and disbursed. The report shall include the previous four years activity and a current year actual YTD and Full year projection. *(Majority)*

Reporting: The Warrant Committee will report on this article.

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**ARTICLE 24: CITIZENS' PETITION: RISK MANAGEMENT FUNCTION**

**MOVED:** That the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

Belmont's Town Administrator shall be instructed to establish and maintain a Risk Management Function that will report both short and long term risks identified by the function to be extant in the operations of the Town's government activities. The initial report will be organized by Town Department and will report identified risks with probability estimates of event occurrence and estimates of costs including opportunity costs. *(Majority)*

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**VOTES TO CONTINUE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MOVED:** That the Annual Town Meeting be continued to 7:00pm on **Wednesday, June 3, 2015** at the Chenery Middle School.

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**CLOSING MOTIONS**

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**FINAL MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE TOWN MEETING:**

**MOVED:** That the 2015 Annual Town Meeting be dissolved.

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