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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Belmont, Massachusetts

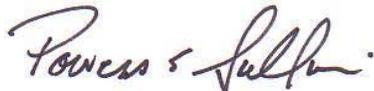
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 (except for the Belmont Contributory Retirement System and Municipal Light Enterprise which are as of December 31, 2008), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Belmont Municipal Light Department, a major enterprise fund, which represents 39% and 68%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the business-type activities. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Belmont Municipal Light Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2009 (except for the Belmont Contributory Retirement System and Municipal Light Enterprise which are as of December 31, 2008) and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2009, 2009, on our consideration of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – general fund – budgetary basis, other post employment benefit plan schedule of funding progress and other post employment benefit plan actuarial methods and assumptions, located after the notes to the basic financial statements, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Powers & Sullivan".

November 30, 2009

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Belmont, we offer readers of the Town's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

The Town provides general government services for the territory within its boundaries, including police and fire protection, public education, water and sewer maintenance, trash disposal, electricity transmission and parks and recreational facilities.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal 2009 by \$122.3 million.
- The Town's total net assets decreased by \$11.4 million.
- At the end of fiscal 2009, undesignated fund balance for the general fund was \$8.7 million or 10.4% of total general fund expenditures.
- The Town implemented GASB Statement #45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* which resulted in the recognition of a other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liability totaling \$13.4 million. See note 12 in the financial statements for further details.
- The Town established an Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB) to account for funds set aside to help offset future post-retirement benefit costs for retirees, as a result of the implementation of GASB Statement #45. \$286,634 was transferred to the fund during fiscal year 2009 bringing the balance to \$806,000.
- At fiscal year end the Town's Internal Service fund balance was \$1.9 million after taking into consideration \$1.8 million of "Incurred but not Reported" liability.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Our discussion and analysis of the Town is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Belmont's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This analysis also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick and vacation time).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Town include general administration, public safety, education, public works, human services, and cultural development. The business-type activities of the Town include water and sewer systems and electricity transmission activities.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the Town of Belmont itself (known as the *primary government*), but also a legally separate public employee retirement system for which the Town of Belmont is financially accountable. Financial information for this *component unit* is reported separately within the fiduciary fund statements.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the Reserve for Appropriation Fund, which are the Town's major governmental funds. Data from the other nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The Town of Belmont adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided as Required Supplementary Information for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer systems and electricity transmission activities.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water and sewer systems, the electricity transmission activities, and the internal service fund all of which are considered to be major funds of the Town.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs.

debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net assets, \$3.6 million (4%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets*, \$3.6 million (4%), may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances of net assets for its governmental type activities.

The governmental activities net assets decreased by \$12.9 million during the current fiscal year. This was primarily due to the Town implementing GASB Statement #45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This statement requires a systematic, accrual-basis measurement and recognition of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) cost over a period that approximates employees' years of service and (b) providing information about actuarial accrued liabilities associated with OPEB and whether and to what extent progress is being made in funding the plan. In fiscal 2009 the Town, based on its actuarial valuation, recognized an accrual of \$12.5 million for its portion of the liability that was not paid. Also contributing to this decrease was the Town's use of reserves to fund a portion of current year operations (approximately \$1.3 million) and depreciation expense exceeding principal bond payments by \$1.9 million. These decreases were offset by the Town's ability to fund approximately \$2.0 million of capital additions from current revenues. Key elements of change in net assets are as follows:

	FY2009		FY2008
	Governmental		Governmental
	Activities		Activities
	<hr/>		<hr/>
Program revenues:			
Charges for services.....	\$ 4,731,850	\$	4,543,713
Operating grants and contributions.....	16,192,756		14,857,030
Capital grants and contributions.....	500,086		1,587,084
General Revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	62,223,101		59,566,113
Tax liens.....	73,507		301,852
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	2,516,685		2,705,942
Nonrestricted grants.....	2,651,902		2,949,003
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	158,359		175,857
Unrestricted investment income.....	488,352		1,698,179
Gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets.....	1,732		640,613
Total revenues.....	<hr/> 89,538,330		<hr/> 89,025,386
Expenses:			
General government.....	7,120,861		5,800,489
Public safety.....	18,645,590		13,930,358
Education.....	60,820,790		50,236,749
Public works.....	11,143,927		8,533,120
Human services.....	1,545,971		1,271,900
Culture and recreation.....	2,820,444		2,494,634
Interest.....	1,264,468		1,364,954
Total expenses.....	<hr/> 103,362,051		<hr/> 83,632,204
Transfers.....	925,000		920,000
Change in net assets.....	\$ (12,898,721)	\$	6,313,182

A statewide tax limitation statute known as "Proposition 2-1/2" limits the property tax levy to an amount equal to 2-1/2 % of the value of all taxable property in the Town. A secondary limitation is that no levy in a fiscal year may exceed the preceding year's allowable tax levy by more than 2-1/2%, plus taxes levied on certain property newly added to the tax rolls. Certain Proposition 2-1/2% taxing limitations can be overridden by Town-wide referendum vote. The Town has taken advantage of this override capability to increase operating budgets and so-called "debt exclusions" that are not subject to the Proposition 2-1/2% limitations.

The Town collects 99% of its property tax billings in the year billed. Property taxes billed were \$62.5 million in fiscal 2009. \$1.42 million of this increase was the allowable increase under Proposition 2 ½. \$749 thousand of this increase is the product of the certified new growth of the Town. Within this levy approximately \$3.67 million of previous debt exclusions were paid off.

Business-type activities

Combined business-type activities net assets increased by \$1.5 million in the current year. The following table identifies key elements of the enterprise operations:

	FY2009		FY2008
	Business-type		Business-type
	Activities		Activities
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Assets:			
Current assets.....	\$ 18,093,832	\$	17,925,105
Capital assets.....	25,183,022		21,921,266
Total assets.....	43,276,854		39,846,371
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities (excluding debt).....	4,204,219		1,262,630
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt).....	1,248,921		2,924,729
Current debt.....	702,436		540,150
Noncurrent debt.....	4,145,094		3,600,100
Total liabilities.....	10,300,670		8,327,609
Net Assets:			
Capital assets net of related debt.....	20,335,492		17,781,016
Restricted.....	380,000		1,876,000
Unrestricted.....	12,260,692		11,861,746
Total net assets.....	32,976,184		31,518,762
Program revenues:			
Charges for services.....	33,400,683		26,870,223
Capital grants and contributions.....	307,170		-
General Revenues:			
Unrestricted investment income.....	319,847		232,494
Total revenues.....	34,027,700		27,102,717
Expenses:			
Water.....	4,384,262		3,508,959
Sewer.....	5,554,342		5,311,309
Light.....	21,706,674		14,484,901
Total expenses.....	31,645,278		23,305,169
Transfers.....	(925,000)		(920,000)
Change in net assets.....	\$ 1,457,422	\$	2,877,548

Financial Analysis of the Town's Governmental Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24.5 million. Of this amount \$8.9 million relates to the general fund, \$7.3 million relates to receipts reserved for appropriation, and \$8.3 million for nonmajor governmental funds. Overall fund balance decreased by \$3.9 million in fiscal 2009. This was primarily due to the use of reserves to fund current operations (approximately \$1.3 million) and the timing of grant and capital project expenditures (i.e. the revenues were received in the prior year).

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$8.7 million, while total fund balance was \$8.9 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 10.4% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 10.6% of that same amount. During fiscal year 2009, the fund balance of the general fund decreased by approximately \$2.2 million. The decrease was due to the use of reserves to fund the current year operations, amounts encumbered in the prior year being expended, a slight increase in ATB cases, and a slight decrease in 60 day receipts.

The receipts reserved for appropriation had an ending fund balance of approximately \$7.3 million, a decrease of approximately \$1.2 million over the prior year. The decrease is primarily due to transfers out to the general fund, the senior center project and cemetery perpetual care.

The state fiscal stabilization grant fund is used to account for federal funds that were received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the Town's state aid was reduced by approximately \$484,000. However, the state aid payment was replaced with a like amount of federal funds. The Town's general fund budget was not adjusted for the late reduction in state funding; rather, eligible expenditures were transferred from the general fund to the state fiscal stabilization grant fund where an equal amount of federal revenues were also recorded.

The internal service fund had an ending fund balance of approximately \$1.9 million. Contributions to the fund exceeded claim payments by approximately \$307 thousand and the fund earned approximately \$61 thousand in investment earnings.

Financial Analysis of Proprietary Funds

The Water, Sewer and Light activities funds maintained positive results of operations and demonstrated the ability to recover all costs from rates.

The net assets of the water, sewer and electric light funds increased approximately \$1.5 million in fiscal 2009. This performance was primarily the result of strong collections in all funds and light rate increases, both of which were offset by the implementation of GASB Statement #45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* which resulted in the recognition of a other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liability totaling \$960 thousand. The light department experienced an overall 1% decrease in

sales of kilowatt hours for calendar year 2008. Due to the rising cost of energy along with the expiration of their low cost, long-term power contracts the funds revenues and expenses increased proportionately contributing to an overall increase of \$608 thousand in net assets.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The \$532,000 increase between the original budget and the final amended budget was due to a voted increase in snow and ice budget of \$200,000, and voted transfers of \$650,000 to fund the senior center project, offset by reductions in debt service principal and interest budgets. Of the \$2.2 million in under budget expenditures \$209,000 has been carried over to FY10.

As previously discussed, the Town's general fund budget was not adjusted for the Chapter 70 reduction that was funded with state fiscal stabilization funds. Instead, eligible expenditures were transferred from the general fund to the state fiscal stabilization grant fund where the revenues were also recorded. As a result, both the general fund revenues and expenditures were under budgeted, resulting in a variance in intergovernmental revenues and in education expenditures.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Asset Administration

In conjunction with the operating budget, the Town annually prepares a capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year and a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is used as a guide for future capital expenditures.

The Town annually budgets over \$2.0 million a year from current-year appropriations for capital projects.

Debt Administration

Outstanding governmental long-term debt, as of June 30, 2009, totaled \$30.4 million of which \$7.1 million relates to various School construction projects, \$8.7 million relates to the Town Hall renovation project, \$3.3 relates to the senior center project and \$9.2 million relates to the Fire Station construction, leaving a balance of \$2.1 million for other CIP projects.

The enterprise funds have \$1.8 million in water debt, \$2.6 million in sewer debt and \$380 thousand in light debt, all of which are fully supported by the rates.

On April 28, 2009, the annual Town Meeting voted a total of \$39.7 million for a new Wellington Elementary School at the site of the existing Wellington School. At an election the Town voted to approve a debt exclusion for this purpose. The Massachusetts School Building Authority has agreed to reimburse 40% of eligible costs up to \$12.4 million.

The Town has a "AAA" rating from Moody's for general obligation debt.

Please refer to notes 4, 7, and 8 for further discussion of the major capital and debt activity.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Town continues to experience growth in residential renovation and development. In fiscal year 2009, 772 building permits were issued, resulting in \$35.4 million in value. This is an increase in the 2008 value levels, which generated 825 permits resulting in \$38.4 million in value. This activity has produced new growth tax revenue, which is exempt from the limitation imposed by Proposition 2 1/2. For fiscal year 2009, the Town realized \$749 thousand in new taxes from this source.

The unemployment rate for Belmont as of September 2009 was 6.8% compared to the state figure of 9.3% and the nationwide figure of 9.5%. The Town collected 99% of all tax billings by year end.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Belmont's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Department, Town Hall, 19 Moore Street, Belmont, MA 02478.

Basic Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 28,593,346	\$ 9,289,632	\$ 37,882,978
Investments.....	3,634,199	-	3,634,199
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	661,837	-	661,837
Real estate tax deferrals.....	786,734	-	786,734
Tax liens.....	477,062	24,472	501,534
Motor vehicle excise taxes.....	127,855	-	127,855
User fees.....	-	4,019,743	4,019,743
Departmental and other.....	456,503	-	456,503
Intergovernmental.....	1,668,786	-	1,668,786
Inventory.....	90,024	482,862	572,886
Other assets.....	6,638	-	6,638
Prepaid expenses.....	-	502,192	502,192
Purchased power advanced deposits.....	-	1,685,443	1,685,443
Unamortized bond issue costs.....	21,363	-	21,363
NONCURRENT:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents.....	-	2,089,488	2,089,488
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Intergovernmental.....	1,859,000	-	1,859,000
Unamortized bond issue costs.....	204,444	-	204,444
Capital assets, non depreciable.....	21,998,060	487,116	22,485,176
Capital assets, depreciable.....	83,818,970	24,695,906	108,514,876
TOTAL ASSETS.....	144,404,821	43,276,854	187,681,675
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable.....	2,239,121	2,085,824	4,324,945
Accrued liabilities.....	-	16,594	16,594
Health claims payable.....	1,800,000	-	1,800,000
Tax refunds payable.....	365,000	-	365,000
Accrued interest.....	372,539	4,050	376,589
Other liabilities.....	392,315	2,082,536	2,474,851
Capital lease obligations.....	154,907	-	154,907
Compensated absences.....	74,534	15,215	89,749
Unamortized premium on bonds payable.....	25,476	-	25,476
Bonds and notes payable.....	3,283,170	702,436	3,985,606
NONCURRENT:			
Capital lease obligations.....	1,145,895	-	1,145,895
Landfill closure.....	3,920,000	-	3,920,000
Compensated absences.....	1,416,139	289,083	1,705,222
Unamortized premium on bonds payable.....	299,534	-	299,534
Other Post Employment Benefits.....	12,473,504	959,838	13,433,342
Bonds and notes payable.....	27,126,626	4,145,094	31,271,720
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	55,088,760	10,300,670	65,389,430
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.....	82,177,057	20,335,492	102,512,549
Restricted for:			
Debt service.....	-	380,000	380,000
Permanent funds:			
Expendable.....	953,865	-	953,865
Nonexpendable.....	1,155,767	-	1,155,767
Other purposes.....	1,442,723	-	1,442,723
Unrestricted.....	3,586,649	12,260,692	15,847,341
TOTAL NET ASSETS.....	\$ 89,316,061	\$ 32,976,184	\$ 122,292,245

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Primary Government:					
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>					
General government.....	\$ 7,120,861	\$ 449,041	\$ 183,594	\$ 1,206	\$ (6,487,020)
Public safety.....	18,645,590	643,322	271,876	-	(17,730,392)
Education.....	60,820,790	1,984,328	15,304,355	-	(43,532,107)
Public works.....	11,143,927	762,228	136,191	398,880	(9,846,628)
Human services.....	1,545,971	192,164	159,414	-	(1,194,393)
Culture and recreation.....	2,820,444	700,767	65,326	100,000	(1,954,351)
Interest.....	1,264,468	-	72,000	-	(1,192,468)
Total Governmental Activities.....	<u>103,362,051</u>	<u>4,731,850</u>	<u>16,192,756</u>	<u>500,086</u>	(81,937,359)
<i>Business-Type Activities:</i>					
Water.....	4,384,262	4,303,922	-	-	(80,340)
Sewer.....	5,554,342	6,241,297	-	307,170	994,125
Light.....	21,706,674	22,855,464	-	-	1,148,790
Total Business-Type Activities.....	<u>31,645,278</u>	<u>33,400,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,170</u>	2,062,575
Total Primary Government.....	<u>\$ 135,007,329</u>	<u>\$ 38,132,533</u>	<u>\$ 16,192,756</u>	<u>\$ 807,256</u>	<u>(79,874,784)</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	\$ (81,937,359)	\$ 2,062,575	\$ (79,874,784)
<i>General revenues:</i>			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	62,223,101	-	62,223,101
Tax liens.....	73,507	-	73,507
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	2,516,685	-	2,516,685
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	158,359	-	158,359
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	2,651,902	-	2,651,902
Unrestricted investment income.....	488,352	319,847	808,199
Gain on sale of capital assets.....	1,732	-	1,732
<i>Transfers, net</i>	925,000	(925,000)	-
Total general revenues and transfers.....	<u>69,038,638</u>	<u>(605,153)</u>	<u>68,433,485</u>
Change in net assets.....	(12,898,721)	1,457,422	(11,441,299)
<i>Net Assets:</i>			
Beginning of year.....	<u>102,214,782</u>	<u>31,518,762</u>	<u>133,733,544</u>
End of year.....	\$ <u><u>89,316,061</u></u>	\$ <u><u>32,976,184</u></u>	\$ <u><u>122,292,245</u></u>

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET**

JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS	General	Reserved for Appropriation	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 11,760,786	\$ 5,120,263	\$ 8,044,561	\$ 24,925,610
Investments.....	-	2,160,298	1,473,901	3,634,199
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:				
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	661,837	-	-	661,837
Real estate tax deferrals.....	786,734	-	-	786,734
Tax liens.....	477,062	-	-	477,062
Motor vehicle excise taxes.....	127,855	-	-	127,855
Departmental and other.....	440,283	-	16,220	456,503
Intergovernmental.....	2,324,000	-	1,203,786	3,527,786
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 16,578,557	\$ 7,280,561	\$ 10,738,468	\$ 34,597,586
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants payable.....	\$ 1,072,825	\$ -	\$ 1,166,296	\$ 2,239,121
Tax refunds payable.....	365,000	-	-	365,000
Other liabilities.....	392,315	-	-	392,315
Deferred revenues.....	5,887,102	-	1,212,016	7,099,118
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	7,717,242	-	2,378,312	10,095,554
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations.....	209,138	-	-	209,138
Perpetual permanent funds.....	-	-	1,155,767	1,155,767
Unreserved:				
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures.....	2,013,004	-	-	2,013,004
Designated for capital endowment.....	-	2,673,214	-	2,673,214
Undesignated, reported in:				
General fund.....	6,639,173	-	-	6,639,173
Special revenue funds.....	-	4,607,347	1,804,701	6,412,048
Capital projects funds.....	-	-	4,445,823	4,445,823
Permanent funds.....	-	-	953,865	953,865
TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....	8,861,315	7,280,561	8,360,156	24,502,032
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES.....	\$ 16,578,557	\$ 7,280,561	\$ 10,738,468	\$ 34,597,586

See notes to basic financial statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Total governmental fund balances.....	\$	24,502,032
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.....		105,817,030
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.....		7,099,118
Internal service funds are used by management to account for retirees' health insurance and workers' compensation activities.		
The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in the governmental activities in the statement of net assets.....		1,874,374
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.....		(372,539)
Inventory is capitalized in the Statement of Activities.....		90,024
Bond issue costs are capitalized in the Statement of Activities.....		225,807
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Bonds and notes payable.....	(30,409,796)	
Capital lease obligations.....	(1,300,802)	
Landfill closure.....	(3,920,000)	
Unamortized premium on bonds payable.....	(325,010)	
Other post-employment benefits payable.....	(12,473,504)	
Compensated absences.....	<u>(1,490,673)</u>	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities.....		<u>(49,919,785)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities.....	\$	<u><u>89,316,061</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	General	Reserved for Appropriation	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds.....	\$ 61,817,512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,817,512
Tax liens.....	136,865	-	-	-	136,865
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	2,552,601	-	-	-	2,552,601
Charges for services.....	1,662,955	-	-	-	1,662,955
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	158,359	-	-	-	158,359
Licenses and permits.....	729,272	-	-	-	729,272
Fines and forfeitures.....	292,432	-	-	-	292,432
Intergovernmental.....	15,008,150	-	484,157	3,275,323	18,767,630
Departmental and other.....	-	228,183	-	2,147,563	2,375,746
Contributions.....	-	-	-	310,398	310,398
Investment income (loss).....	528,629	(143,577)	-	42,116	427,168
Miscellaneous.....	-	26,454	-	1,552	28,006
TOTAL REVENUES.....	82,886,775	111,060	484,157	5,776,952	89,258,944
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General government.....	3,134,013	-	-	570,507	3,704,520
Public safety.....	10,334,977	-	-	228,062	10,563,039
Education.....	46,514,490	-	484,157	7,116,604	54,115,251
Public works.....	8,305,963	-	-	2,147,541	10,453,504
Human services.....	846,812	-	-	140,253	987,065
Culture and recreation.....	2,417,591	-	-	4,084,602	6,502,193
Pension benefits.....	4,113,328	-	-	-	4,113,328
Employee benefits.....	1,915,926	-	-	-	1,915,926
State and county charges.....	1,479,153	-	-	-	1,479,153
Debt service:					
Principal.....	2,973,170	-	-	-	2,973,170
Interest.....	1,283,785	-	-	-	1,283,785
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	83,319,208	-	484,157	14,287,569	98,090,934
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES.....	(432,433)	111,060	-	(8,510,617)	(8,831,990)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds from bonds and notes.....	-	-	-	3,910,000	3,910,000
Premium from issuance of bonds.....	23,529	-	-	-	23,529
Sale of capital assets.....	-	1,732	-	-	1,732
Transfers in.....	1,198,788	11,794	-	4,109,959	5,320,541
Transfers out.....	(2,949,000)	(1,336,454)	-	(110,087)	(4,395,541)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	(1,726,683)	(1,322,928)	-	7,909,872	4,860,261
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....	(2,159,116)	(1,211,868)	-	(600,745)	(3,971,729)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	11,020,431	8,492,429	-	8,960,901	28,473,761
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 8,861,315	\$ 7,280,561	\$ -	\$ 8,360,156	\$ 24,502,032

See notes to basic financial statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds.....		\$	(3,971,729)
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>			
Capital outlay.....			8,413,973
Depreciation expense.....			<u>(4,855,341)</u>
Net effect of reporting capital assets.....			3,558,632
<p>Governmental funds report inventories as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is capitalized and expensed when depleted.....</p>			
			25,831
<p>Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.....</p>			
			216,470
<p>The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.</p>			
Amortization of issuance costs.....			(23,529)
Amortization of bond premiums.....			5,113
Capital lease financing.....			149,736
Proceeds from bonds and notes.....			(3,910,000)
Debt service principal payments.....			<u>2,973,170</u>
Net effect of reporting long-term debt.....			(805,510)
<p>Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.</p>			
Net change in compensated absences accrual.....			(71,107)
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt.....			14,204
Net change in landfill closure accrual.....			240,000
Net change in other post-employment benefits.....			<u>(12,473,504)</u>
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities and amortizing deferred losses.....			(12,290,407)
<p>Internal service funds are used by management to account for health insurance and workers' compensation activities.</p>			
The net activity of internal service funds is reported with Governmental Activities.....			<u>367,992</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities.....		\$	<u><u>(12,898,721)</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water	Sewer	Light (as of December 31, 2008)	Total	
ASSETS					
CURRENT:					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 3,836,353	\$ 3,489,973	\$ 1,963,306	\$ 9,289,632	\$ 3,667,736
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Tax liens.....	9,681	14,791	-	24,472	-
User fees.....	1,023,675	1,680,928	1,315,140	4,019,743	-
Inventory.....	121,991	16,269	344,602	482,862	-
Other assets.....	-	-	-	-	6,638
Prepaid expenses.....	-	-	502,192	502,192	-
Purchased power advanced deposits.....	-	-	1,685,443	1,685,443	-
Total current assets.....	<u>4,991,700</u>	<u>5,201,961</u>	<u>5,810,683</u>	<u>16,004,344</u>	<u>3,674,374</u>
NONCURRENT:					
Restricted cash and cash equivalents.....	-	-	2,089,488	2,089,488	-
Capital assets, non depreciable.....	3,138	-	483,978	487,116	-
Capital assets, depreciable.....	<u>6,856,702</u>	<u>9,179,096</u>	<u>8,660,108</u>	<u>24,695,906</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncurrent assets.....	<u>6,859,840</u>	<u>9,179,096</u>	<u>11,233,574</u>	<u>27,272,510</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u><u>11,851,540</u></u>	<u><u>14,381,057</u></u>	<u><u>17,044,257</u></u>	<u><u>43,276,854</u></u>	<u><u>3,674,374</u></u>
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT:					
Warrants payable.....	369,385	20,582	1,695,857	2,085,824	-
Accrued liabilities.....	-	-	16,594	16,594	-
Health claims payable.....	-	-	-	-	1,800,000
Accrued interest.....	-	4,050	-	4,050	-
Compensated absences.....	1,853	2,707	10,655	15,215	-
Bonds and notes payable.....	<u>223,600</u>	<u>218,836</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>702,436</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities.....	<u>594,838</u>	<u>246,175</u>	<u>1,983,106</u>	<u>2,824,119</u>	<u>1,800,000</u>
NONCURRENT:					
Compensated absences.....	35,213	51,434	202,436	289,083	-
Other liabilities.....	-	-	2,082,536	2,082,536	-
Other Post Employment Benefits.....	296,950	128,011	534,877	959,838	-
Bonds and notes payable.....	<u>1,616,000</u>	<u>2,409,094</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>4,145,094</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	<u>1,948,163</u>	<u>2,588,539</u>	<u>2,939,849</u>	<u>7,476,551</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	<u><u>2,543,001</u></u>	<u><u>2,834,714</u></u>	<u><u>4,922,955</u></u>	<u><u>10,300,670</u></u>	<u><u>1,800,000</u></u>
NET ASSETS					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.....	5,017,102	6,551,166	8,280,108	19,848,376	-
Restricted for:					
Debt service.....	-	-	380,000	380,000	-
Unrestricted.....	<u>4,291,437</u>	<u>4,995,177</u>	<u>3,461,194</u>	<u>12,747,808</u>	<u>1,874,374</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS.....	<u><u>\$ 9,308,539</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,546,343</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,121,302</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,976,184</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,874,374</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water	Sewer	Light (as of December 31, 2008)	Total	
OPERATING REVENUES:					
Employee contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,970,507
Employer contributions	-	-	-	-	9,289,553
Charges for services	4,303,162	6,241,297	22,353,366	32,897,825	-
Other.....	760	-	355,902	356,662	81,879
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	4,303,922	6,241,297	22,709,268	33,254,487	12,341,939
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Cost of services and administration	4,166,721	5,231,895	20,421,269	29,819,885	-
Depreciation.....	217,541	219,017	1,252,963	1,689,521	-
Employee benefits	-	-	-	-	12,035,131
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	4,384,262	5,450,912	21,674,232	31,509,406	12,035,131
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS).....	(80,340)	790,385	1,035,036	1,745,081	306,808
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):					
Investment income.....	111,895	98,979	108,973	319,847	61,184
Interest expense.....	-	(103,430)	(32,442)	(135,872)	-
Intergovernmental.....	-	307,170	-	307,170	-
Other revenues.....	-	-	146,196	146,196	-
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET.....	111,895	302,719	222,727	637,341	61,184
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS.....	31,555	1,093,104	1,257,763	2,382,422	367,992
TRANSFERS:					
Transfers out.....	(155,000)	(120,000)	(650,000)	(925,000)	-
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.....	(123,445)	973,104	607,763	1,457,422	367,992
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	9,431,984	10,573,239	11,513,539	31,518,762	1,506,382
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 9,308,539	\$ 11,546,343	\$ 12,121,302	\$ 32,976,184	\$ 1,874,374

See notes to basic financial statements.

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water	Sewer	Light (as of December 31, 2008)	Total	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Receipts from customers and users.....	\$ 4,299,321	\$ 6,167,122	\$ 22,779,539	\$ 33,245,982	\$ -
Receipts from interfund services provided.....	-	-	-	-	12,341,939
Claims and judgments.....	-	-	146,196	146,196	-
Payments to vendors.....	(2,887,872)	(4,624,734)	(15,391,082)	(22,903,688)	-
Payments to employees.....	(843,345)	(575,571)	(3,317,047)	(4,735,963)	-
Payments for interfund services used.....	-	-	-	-	(11,423,571)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	568,104	966,817	4,217,606	5,752,527	918,368
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Transfers out.....	(155,000)	(120,000)	(650,000)	(925,000)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Proceeds from the issuance of bonds and notes.....	872,000	375,430	-	1,247,430	-
Acquisition and construction of capital assets.....	(1,743,648)	(1,022,197)	(2,185,432)	(4,951,277)	-
Principal payments on bonds and notes.....	(136,400)	(143,750)	(260,000)	(540,150)	-
Customer Advances for Construction.....	-	-	13,275	13,275	-
Interest expense.....	-	(103,701)	(28,144)	(131,845)	-
Intergovernmental.....	-	307,170	-	307,170	-
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES.....	(1,008,048)	(587,048)	(2,460,301)	(4,055,397)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Rate stabilization reserve.....	-	-	(650,317)	(650,317)	-
Investment income.....	111,895	98,979	108,973	319,847	61,184
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES.....	111,895	98,979	(541,344)	(330,470)	61,184
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.....	(483,049)	358,748	565,961	441,660	979,552
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	4,319,402	3,131,225	3,486,833	10,937,460	2,688,184
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 3,836,353	\$ 3,489,973	\$ 4,052,794	\$ 11,379,120	\$ 3,667,736
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Operating income (loss).....	\$ (80,340)	\$ 790,385	\$ 1,035,036	\$ 1,745,081	\$ 306,808
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:					
Depreciation.....	217,541	219,017	1,252,963	1,689,521	-
Claims and judgments.....	-	-	146,196	146,196	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Tax liens.....	11,943	508,336	-	520,279	-
User fees.....	(16,544)	(582,511)	73,527	(525,528)	-
Inventory.....	24,403	(17)	(59,073)	(34,687)	-
Other assets.....	-	-	-	-	11,560
Prepaid expenses.....	-	-	(1,094)	(1,094)	-
Purchased power advance deposits.....	-	-	313,963	313,963	-
Other post-employment benefits obligation.....	296,950	128,011	534,877	959,838	-
Warrants payable.....	122,196	(102,651)	909,551	929,096	-
Accrued liabilities.....	-	-	14,916	14,916	-
Customer deposits.....	-	-	(3,256)	(3,256)	-
Health claims payable.....	-	-	-	-	600,000
Accrued compensated absences.....	(8,045)	6,247	-	(1,798)	-
Total adjustments.....	648,444	176,432	3,182,570	4,007,446	611,560
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	\$ 568,104	\$ 966,817	\$ 4,217,606	\$ 5,752,527	\$ 918,368

See notes to basic financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2009

	Pension Trust Fund (as of December 31, 2008)	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS				
CURRENT:				
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 4,849,501	\$ 806,167	\$ 581,075	\$ 254,462
Investments.....	41,990,116	-	567,795	-
Interest and dividends.....	1,555	-	-	-
Due from general fund.....	2,489,510	-	-	112,840
TOTAL ASSETS.....	49,330,682	806,167	1,148,870	367,302
LIABILITIES				
Warrants payable.....	39,801	-	-	9,009
Liabilities due depositors.....	-	-	-	245,453
Deferred revenue.....	-	-	-	112,840
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	39,801	-	-	367,302
NET ASSETS				
Held in trust for retirement, OPEB benefits, and other purposes.....	\$ <u>49,290,881</u>	\$ <u>806,167</u>	\$ <u>1,148,870</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Pension Trust Fund (as of December 31, 2008)	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust	Private Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS:			
Contributions:			
Employer.....	\$ 4,979,020	\$ 286,634	\$ -
Employee.....	1,925,773	-	-
Miscellaneous.....	-	-	17,015
Total contributions.....	6,904,793	286,634	17,015
Net investment income (loss):			
Net change in fair value of investments.....	(16,386,852)	-	-
Interest.....	2,326,786	14,142	25,058
Total investment income (loss).....	(14,060,066)	14,142	25,058
Less: investment expense.....	(354,559)	-	-
Net investment income (loss).....	(14,414,625)	14,142	25,058
Intergovernmental.....	196,892	-	-
Transfers from other systems.....	364,325	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS.....	(6,948,615)	300,776	42,073
DEDUCTIONS:			
Administration.....	194,523	-	-
Transfers to other systems.....	246,499	-	-
Retirement benefits and refunds.....	8,403,751	-	-
Educational scholarships.....	-	-	39,305
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS.....	8,844,773	-	39,305
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.....	(15,793,388)	300,776	2,768
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	65,084,269	505,391	1,146,102
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 49,290,881	\$ 806,167	\$ 1,148,870

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant Town accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Belmont, Massachusetts (Town) is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen. They in turn appoint a Town Administrator who has general supervision of and control over the Town's boards, commissions, officers and departments. The legislative body of the Town is the elected Town Meeting members which consist of 288 members elected for a three-year term in addition to some ex-officio members.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. One entity has been included as a component unit in the reporting entity, because of the significance of its operational and/or financial relationship.

Blended Component Units – Blended component units are entities that are legally separate from the Town, but are so related that they are, in substance, the same as the Town or entities providing services entirely or almost entirely for the benefit of the Town. The following component unit is blended within the primary government:

In the Fiduciary Funds:

- (1) The Belmont Contributory Retirement System (the System) was established to provide retirement benefits to Town employees and their beneficiaries. The System is governed by a five-member board comprised of the Town Accountant (ex-officio), two members elected by the System's participants, one member appointed by the Board of Selectmen and one members appointed by the Board members. The System is presented using the accrual basis of accounting and is reported as a pension trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements.

Availability of Financial Information for Component Units

The System issues a publicly available audited financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' (Commonwealth) Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). That report may be obtained by contacting the System located at Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave, Belmont, MA 02478.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units.

Governmental activities, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*
- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.
- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.
- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. However, the effect of interfund services provided and used between functions is not eliminated as the elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the functions affected.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental funds are reported:

The *General Fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Reserved for Appropriation Fund* accounts for specific revenue sources that by law must be accounted for separately and spent by appropriation.

The *State Fiscal Stabilization Fund* was used to account for the Federal stimulus funds that passed through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and were used to supplement fourth quarter Chapter 70 allotments.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The *special revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The *capital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by enterprise and trust funds or reported as a major fund).

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The following major proprietary funds are reported:

The *water enterprise fund* is used to account for the water activities.

The *sewer enterprise fund* is used to account for the sewer activities.

The *light enterprise fund* is used to account for the Town's electric light department activities.

The *internal service fund* is used to account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments or governmental units. This fund is used to account for risk financing activities related to the self-insured employee health program.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity by the Town for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The following fiduciary fund types are reported:

The *pension trust fund* is used to account for the activities of the System, which accumulates resources to provide pension benefits to eligible retirees and their beneficiaries.

The *other postemployment benefit trust fund* is a new fund established under special legislation to accumulate resources to provide funding for future OPEB (other postemployment benefits) liabilities.

The *private-purpose trust fund* is used to account for trust arrangements that exclusively benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. Some of these trusts have donor restrictions and trustee policies that do not allow the endowment portion and any unrealized appreciation to be spent. The donor restrictions and trustee policies only allows the trustees to authorize spending of the realized investment earnings. The Town's educational scholarship trusts are accounted for in this fund.

The *agency fund* is used to account for assets held in a purely custodial capacity by the Town.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

For the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary and fiduciary fund accounting, all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, are applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value.

E. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds and fiduciary funds financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed during the year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered in the Town and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by \$25 per \$1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Water and Sewer

User fees are levied quarterly based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Water and Sewer liens are processed every year and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill. Water and Sewer charges and liens are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Departmental and Other

Departmental and other receivables are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year accrued. The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

F. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase in the fund financial statements. Such inventories are capitalized in the government-wide financial statements. Inventories of the Light Fund are carried at average cost.

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, sewer mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activity column of the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Except for the capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements, construction period interest is capitalized on constructed capital assets.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of \$10,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

<u>Capital Asset Type</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life (in years)</u>
Land improvements.....	20
Buildings.....	40-50
Machinery and equipment.....	5-20
Infrastructure.....	15-100

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

The fixed assets of the municipal light enterprise fund are capitalized upon purchase and depreciated at a rate of 3% of the cost of plant in service at the beginning of the calendar year, exclusive of land and land rights. The municipal light enterprise fund charges maintenance to expense when incurred. Replacements and betterments are charged to fixed assets.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the fiscal year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within governmental funds and internal service funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the statement of net assets as "internal balances".

Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are not eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

I. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds and internal service funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the statement of activities as "Transfers, net".

Fund Financial Statements

Transfers between and within funds are not eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

J. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents billed receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the

modified accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Net Assets and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Assets)

Net assets are reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net assets have been “restricted for” the following:

“Debt service” – represents amounts held for the payment of debt service principal and interest.

“Permanent funds – expendable” represents the amount of realized and unrealized investment earnings of donor restricted trusts. The donor restrictions and trustee policies only allows the trustees to approve spending of the realized investment earnings that support governmental programs.

“Permanent funds – nonexpendable” represents the endowment portion of donor restricted trusts that support governmental programs.

“Other purposes” represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Fund balances are reserved for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Fund balances have been “reserved for” the following:

“Encumbrances and continuing appropriations” represents amounts obligated under purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures that are being carried over to the ensuing fiscal year.

“Perpetual permanent funds” represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

Fund balances have been “designated for” the following:

“Subsequent year’s expenditures” represents amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 2010 operating budget.

“Capital Endowment” represents amounts of funds designated for long range capital planning. The Capital Endowment Fund was capitalized with funds from the sale of the Town’s interest in the local cable television system. The net income generated from this fund may be appropriated annually at Town Meeting upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen for various purposes for which the Town is authorized to borrow, except routine maintenance or repairs to any capital assets. Principal of the fund may be appropriated by the Board of Selectmen and two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting. Any excess earnings not appropriated will be reinvested and become part of the Fund.

L. Long-term debt*Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements*

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide and proprietary fund statement of net assets. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

M. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

Investment income from proprietary funds, trust funds, and internal service funds is retained within the respective fund.

N. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred. Sick leave though accrued is expensed as incurred. There is no obligation to pay for time upon termination of employment.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities.

O. Use of Estimates*Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements*

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

P. Individual Fund Deficits

A fund deficit exists within the Capital Projects Non-Major Governmental Fund. This deficit is expected to be funded through the issuance of long term debt or available funds appropriated at Town Meeting.

Q. Total Column*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

The total column presented on the government-wide financial statements represents consolidated financial information.

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A cash and investment pool is maintained that is available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash and cash equivalents". The deposits and investments of the trust funds are held separately from those of other funds.

Statutes authorize the investment in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool (the Pool). The Treasurer may also invest trust funds in securities, other than mortgages or collateral loans, which are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the Commonwealth.

The Pool meets the criteria of an external investment pool. The Pool is administered by the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT), which was established by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth who serves as Trustee. The fair value of the position in the Pool is the same as the value of the Pool shares.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled \$25,661,592 and the bank balance totaled \$27,838,899. Of the bank balance, \$1,750,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, \$6,772,756 was covered by the Depositors Insurance Fund, \$3,050,000 was collateralized and \$16,266,143 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2008, the carrying amount of the Retirement System's deposits totaled \$4,536,093 and the bank balance totaled \$4,651,021. All of the bank balance was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Investments

Listed below are the investments of the Town as of June 30, 2009 and the Retirement System as of December 31, 2008.

Investment Type	Fair Value	Maturity		Quality Rating
		Under 1 Year	1-5 Years	
<u>Debt Securities</u>				
U.S. Government Securities.....	\$ 52,172	\$ -	\$ 52,172	AAA
U.S. Treasury Note.....	306,960	-	306,960	AAA
Corporate Bonds.....	102,631	-	102,631	A2/NR
Federal Home Loan Banks.....	1,099,067	894,254	204,813	AAA
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.....	756,089	749,775	6,314	AAA
Total Debt Securities.....	2,316,919	\$ 1,644,029	\$ 672,890	
<u>Other Investments</u>				
Equity Securities.....	698,557			
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit.....	1,186,518			
Money Market Mutual Funds.....	729,967			
MMDT.....	15,222,611			
Total Investments.....	\$ 20,154,572			

Retirement System's investment balances at December 31, 2008:

	Fair Value	Maturity		Quality Rating
		1-5 Years	6-10 Years	
<u>Debt Securities</u>				
Frontegra Total Return Bond Fund.....	\$ 10,852,300	\$ 10,852,300	\$ -	A2
Delaware Pooled Global Fixed Income Fund.....	3,240,605	-	3,240,605	AAA
Total Debt Securities.....	14,092,905	\$ 10,852,300	3,240,605	
<u>Other Investments</u>				
Equity Mutual Funds.....	5,004,456			
Private Equity.....	345,123			
Equity Securities.....	10,955,659			
International Equity Mutual Funds.....	4,606,884			
PRIT Alternative Fund.....	1,507,686			
PRIT Absolute Return Fund.....	4,419,953			
Short Term Investment Fund.....	313,408			
PRIT Fund.....	1,057,450			
Total Investments.....	\$ 42,303,524			

* Duration of underlying holdings in Frontegra Total Return Bond Fund is 4.1 years and Delaware Pooled Global Fixed Income Fund is 6.0 years.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of a failure by the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in possession of an outside party. Investments in external investment pools and in open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Of the Town's investments in U.S. Treasury Notes, U.S. Government Securities, corporate bonds, certificates of participation, asset backed securities, and equity securities, as detailed above, the Town has a custodial credit risk exposure of \$3,015,476 because the related securities are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty. The Town does not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk.

The Retirement System has custodial credit risk exposure of \$25,048,564 because the related equity securities and bond mutual funds are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty.

The Retirement System limits its custodial credit risk by utilizing an institutional custodial bank, currently State Street Bank, to custody all separately held securities which are registered under a nominee name that is specific to the Retirement System. Assets held in commingled fund accounts are also held in a similar fashion, with individual fund securities held in the fund's name at their custodian bank. A small percentage of the Retirement System's assets (typically less than 5%) may be held from time to time in commingled cash equivalent vehicles where the assets are subject to counterparty risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

The Retirement System's fixed income assets are held in professionally managed, institutional commingled funds. The Retirement System limits its effective exposure to interest rate risk by benchmarking its commingled fixed income investment accounts to an intermediate duration benchmark (LB Aggregate) with a duration of 4-5 years. Further, the Retirement System's current fixed income investments are diversified by sector (corporate, government, asset-backed, mortgage, non-US dollar) to provide additional protection in various interest rate environments.

Credit Risk

The Town has not adopted a formal policy related to Credit Risk.

The Retirement System has a policy that states no more than 20% of the fixed income assets may be invested in below investment grade securities (rated BBB by Standard & Poor's) and the average duration of the fixed income portfolio cannot be more than 20% higher than the market as measured by Lehman Aggregate Index.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer. The Town does not have more than 5% of its investments with any one issuer that is not explicitly backed by the U.S. Government as of June 30, 2009.

For the Retirement System, no fixed income security, except issues of the U. S. Government, can comprise more than 5% of the Retirement Systems assets, measured at market; and no individual portfolio can hold more than 5% of its assets in securities of any single entity, except issues of the U. S. Government. Further, no equity security can comprise more than 5% of the equity portfolio measured at book value. The Retirement System

does have investments in individual commingled mutual funds and trusts that represent more than 5% of the Retirement System’s assets, but in each case these investments are in institutional commingled funds that are invested in diversified portfolios of between 50 and 200 individual securities.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Retirement System’s exposure to foreign currency risk is attributable to its investments in individual commingled mutual funds and trusts that are invested in diversified (by country and security) portfolios on international stocks and bonds that are denominated in foreign currencies. The Retirement System’s combined policy target allocation to all non-US securities is currently 20% of the Retirement System’s total assets (12% international equities and 8% international bonds).

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2009, receivables for the individual major and nonmajor governmental funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>Gross Amount</u>	<u>Allowance for Uncollectibles</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	\$ 663,711	\$ (1,874)	\$ 661,837
Real estate tax deferrals.....	786,734	-	786,734
Tax liens.....	477,062		477,062
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	329,755	(201,900)	127,855
Departmental and other.....	618,948	(162,445)	456,503
Intergovernmental.....	<u>3,527,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,527,786</u>
	<u>\$ 6,403,996</u>	<u>\$ (366,219)</u>	<u>\$ 6,037,777</u>

At June 30, 2009, receivables for the enterprise funds consist of the following:

	<u>Gross Amount</u>	<u>Allowance for Uncollectibles</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>
<u>Receivables:</u>			
Water user fees.....	\$ 1,023,675	\$ -	\$ 1,023,675
Water enterprise tax liens.....	9,681	-	9,681
Sewer user fees.....	1,680,928	-	1,680,928
Sewer enterprise tax liens.....	14,791	-	14,791
Light user fees.....	<u>1,315,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,315,140</u>
	<u>\$ 4,044,215</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,044,215</u>

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Receivable and other asset type:</u>			
Real estate, personal property and tax deferrals....	\$ 2,518,265	\$ -	\$ 2,518,265
Tax liens and foreclosures.....	477,062	-	477,062
Motor vehicle and other excise.....	127,694	-	127,694
Intergovernmental.....	2,324,000	1,203,786	3,527,786
Departmental.....	440,081	8,230	448,311
	<u>\$ 5,887,102</u>	<u>\$ 1,212,016</u>	<u>\$ 7,099,118</u>

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 16,194,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,194,930
Construction in progress.....	978,551	5,540,049	(715,470)	5,803,130
Total capital assets not being depreciated.....	<u>17,173,481</u>	<u>5,540,049</u>	<u>(715,470)</u>	<u>21,998,060</u>
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Land improvements.....	3,375,971	-	-	3,375,971
Buildings.....	92,509,994	330,307	-	92,840,301
Machinery and equipment.....	12,241,386	1,885,757	(145,735)	13,981,408
Infrastructure.....	25,578,980	1,373,330	-	26,952,310
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	<u>133,706,331</u>	<u>3,589,394</u>	<u>(145,735)</u>	<u>137,149,990</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Land improvements.....	(1,778,756)	(140,503)	-	(1,919,259)
Buildings.....	(33,334,983)	(3,410,111)	-	(36,745,094)
Machinery and equipment.....	(6,851,511)	(894,433)	145,735	(7,600,209)
Infrastructure.....	(6,656,164)	(410,294)	-	(7,066,458)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	<u>(48,621,414)</u>	<u>(4,855,341)</u>	<u>145,735</u>	<u>(53,331,020)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	<u>85,084,917</u>	<u>(1,265,947)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,818,970</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets, net.....	<u>\$ 102,258,398</u>	<u>\$ 4,274,102</u>	<u>\$ (715,470)</u>	<u>\$ 105,817,030</u>

Business-Type Activities:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Water:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 3,138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,138
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Land improvements.....	7,822	-	-	7,822
Buildings.....	146,491	-	-	146,491
Machinery and equipment.....	1,008,154	158,087	(20,831)	1,145,410
Infrastructure.....	22,761,349	1,585,561	-	24,346,910
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	<u>23,923,816</u>	<u>1,743,648</u>	<u>(20,831)</u>	<u>25,646,633</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Land improvements.....	(7,822)	-	-	(7,822)
Buildings.....	(129,633)	(3,079)	-	(132,712)
Machinery and equipment.....	(542,384)	(105,145)	20,831	(626,698)
Infrastructure.....	<u>(17,913,382)</u>	<u>(109,317)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,022,699)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation.....	<u>(18,593,221)</u>	<u>(217,541)</u>	<u>20,831</u>	<u>(18,789,931)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	<u>5,330,595</u>	<u>1,526,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,856,702</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets, net.....	<u>\$ 5,333,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,526,107</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,859,840</u>

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Sewer:				
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Machinery and equipment.....	\$ 754,492	\$ 183,198	\$ -	\$ 937,690
Infrastructure.....	9,909,023	838,999	-	10,748,022
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	<u>10,663,515</u>	<u>1,022,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,685,712</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Machinery and equipment.....	(334,096)	(78,375)	-	(412,471)
Infrastructure.....	<u>(1,953,503)</u>	<u>(140,642)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,094,145)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation.....	<u>(2,287,599)</u>	<u>(219,017)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,506,616)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	<u>8,375,916</u>	<u>803,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,179,096</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets, net.....	<u>\$ 8,375,916</u>	<u>\$ 803,180</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,179,096</u>

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Light:				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land.....	\$ 9,349	\$ 474,629	\$ -	\$ 483,978
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Distribution Plant.....	17,814,237	1,663,613	(455,189)	19,022,661
General Plant.....	7,245,016	46,739	-	7,291,755
Total capital assets being depreciated.....	<u>25,059,253</u>	<u>1,710,352</u>	<u>(455,189)</u>	<u>26,314,416</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Distribution Plant.....	(13,524,741)	(890,712)	455,640	(13,959,813)
General Plant.....	(3,332,244)	(362,251)	-	(3,694,495)
Total accumulated depreciation.....	<u>(16,856,985)</u>	<u>(1,252,963)</u>	<u>455,640</u>	<u>(17,654,308)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.....	<u>8,202,268</u>	<u>457,389</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>8,660,108</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets, net.....	<u>\$ 8,211,617</u>	<u>\$ 932,018</u>	<u>\$ 451</u>	<u>\$ 9,144,086</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General government.....	\$ 835,056
Public safety.....	996,763
Education.....	1,818,698
Public works.....	817,798
Human services.....	45,812
Culture and recreation.....	<u>341,214</u>

Total depreciation expense - governmental activities..... \$ 4,855,341

Business-Type Activities:

Water.....	\$ 217,541
Sewer.....	219,017
Light.....	<u>1,252,963</u>

Total depreciation expense - business-type activities..... \$ 1,689,521

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL LEASES

During fiscal year 2009 the Town entered into a lease agreement to finance the acquisition of energy conservation equipment. The lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes, and therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date.

The following identifies the asset value acquired through the capital lease agreement:

<u>Asset:</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Machinery and equipment.....	\$ 1,693,000
Less: accumulated depreciation.....	<u>(423,250)</u>
Total.....	<u>\$ 1,269,750</u>

The future minimum lease obligation and the net present value of the minimum lease payment at June 30, 2009, follows:

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
2010.....	198,038
2011.....	198,138
2012.....	198,138
2013.....	198,138
2014 - 2017	<u>693,483</u>
Total minimum lease payments.....	1,485,935
Less: amounts representing interest.....	<u>(185,133)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments.....	<u>\$ 1,300,802</u>

NOTE 6 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, are summarized as follows:

Transfers Out:	Transfers In:			Total
	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Reserved for Appropriation	
General Fund.....	\$ -	\$ 2,949,000	\$ -	\$ 2,949,000
Reserved for Appropriation.....	191,454	1,145,000	-	1,336,454
Nonmajor Governmental Funds.	82,334	15,959	11,794	110,087
Water Enterprise Fund.....	155,000	-	-	155,000
Sewer Enterprise Fund.....	120,000	-	-	120,000
Light Enterprise Fund.....	650,000	-	-	650,000
	<u>\$ 1,198,788</u>	<u>\$ 4,109,959</u>	<u>\$ 11,794</u>	<u>\$ 5,320,541</u>

Transfers represent amounts voted to fund the fiscal year 2009 operating budget, amounts transferred to fund various capital projects, and also the transfer of expenditures to fund various enterprise fund related capital outlay.

NOTE 7 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

Short-term debt may be authorized and issued to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).
- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures and expenses for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the general fund and enterprise funds.

The Town had no short-term financing activity during fiscal year 2009.

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, Municipal Law authorizes indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of the equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, debt may be authorized in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

Details related to the outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2009, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2008	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2009
FY96-00.....	3.40-5.50	\$ 7,625,000	\$ -	\$ 1,090,000	\$ 6,535,000
Septic Loan 97-2002.....	0.00	37,966	-	3,170	34,796
Town Hall Renovations.....	4.20-4.65	600,000	-	200,000	400,000
Town Hall Renovation.....	3.00-4.75	8,950,000	-	600,000	8,350,000
Outdoor Athletic Facility.....	3.00-3.75	1,100,000	-	220,000	880,000
Fire Station Construction.....	3.00-5.00	6,800,000	-	425,000	6,375,000
Fire Land Acquisition.....	3.00-5.00	1,200,000	-	75,000	1,125,000
Communications Tower.....	3.00-5.00	65,000	-	15,000	50,000
Fire Station Construction.....	4.00-6.00	1,820,000	-	105,000	1,715,000
Land Acquisition.....	4.00-6.00	690,000	-	45,000	645,000
Skating Rink.....	4.00-6.00	105,000	-	35,000	70,000
Computer Software.....	5.00	480,000	-	160,000	320,000
Senior Center.....	3.50	-	3,310,000	-	3,310,000
High School HVAC.....	2.70	-	600,000	-	600,000
Total.....		\$ 29,472,966	\$ 3,910,000	\$ 2,973,170	\$ 30,409,796

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental bonds payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010.....	\$ 3,283,170	\$ 1,290,960	\$ 4,574,130
2011.....	3,278,191	1,147,613	4,425,804
2012.....	2,883,191	1,012,429	3,895,620
2013.....	2,878,191	889,720	3,767,911
2014.....	2,653,191	773,091	3,426,282
2015.....	2,518,191	653,495	3,171,686
2016.....	1,433,134	544,004	1,977,138
2017.....	1,433,134	484,600	1,917,734
2018.....	1,433,134	426,432	1,859,566
2019.....	1,433,134	367,419	1,800,553
2020.....	1,433,135	307,119	1,740,254
2021.....	1,430,000	245,427	1,675,427
2022.....	1,430,000	182,331	1,612,331
2023.....	1,430,000	116,307	1,546,307
2024.....	835,000	63,776	898,776
2025.....	335,000	25,376	360,376
2026.....	290,000	11,800	301,800
	<u>\$ 30,409,796</u>	<u>\$ 8,541,899</u>	<u>\$ 38,951,695</u>

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Enterprise Funds

<u>Project</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Outstanding at June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Outstanding at June 30, 2009</u>
MWRA Water Main.....	0.00	\$ 390,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 325,000
MWRA Water.....	0.00	714,000	-	71,400	642,600
MWRA Water.....	0.00	-	872,000	-	872,000
Sewer.....	4.1 - 5.0	41,250	-	13,750	27,500
MWRA Sewer.....	0.00	-	375,430	-	375,430
MWRA Sewer.....	0.00	2,355,000	-	130,000	2,225,000
Light Bond.....	4.20-4.60	640,000	-	260,000	380,000
Total.....		<u>\$ 4,140,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,430</u>	<u>\$ 540,150</u>	<u>\$ 4,847,530</u>

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for enterprise fund bonds and notes payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Water Enterprise

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010.....	\$ 223,600	\$ -	\$ 223,600
2011.....	223,600	-	223,600
2012.....	223,600	-	223,600
2013.....	223,600	-	223,600
2014.....	223,600	-	223,600
2015.....	158,600	-	158,600
2016.....	158,600	-	158,600
2017.....	158,600	-	158,600
2018.....	158,600	-	158,600
2019.....	87,200	-	87,200
Total.....	\$ 1,839,600	\$ -	\$ 1,839,600

Sewer Enterprise

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010.....	\$ 218,836	\$ 97,200	\$ 316,036
2011.....	218,836	90,700	309,536
2012.....	200,086	84,200	284,286
2013.....	200,086	79,044	279,130
2014.....	200,086	73,888	273,974
2015.....	125,000	68,732	193,732
2016.....	125,000	63,576	188,576
2017.....	125,000	57,326	182,326
2018.....	125,000	51,076	176,076
2019.....	125,000	45,918	170,918
2020.....	125,000	40,794	165,794
2021.....	125,000	35,638	160,638
2022.....	125,000	30,388	155,388
2023.....	125,000	25,076	150,076
2024.....	125,000	19,762	144,762
2025.....	120,000	14,450	134,450
2026.....	120,000	9,350	129,350
2027.....	100,000	4,250	104,250
Totals.....	\$ 2,627,930	\$ 891,368	\$ 3,519,298

Light Enterprise

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009.....	\$ 260,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 282,000
2010.....	60,000	10,100	70,100
2011.....	<u>60,000</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>62,750</u>
Total.....	<u>\$ 380,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,850</u>	<u>\$ 414,850</u>

The Commonwealth has approved school construction assistance to the Town. The assistance program, which is administered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, provides resources for future debt service of general obligation school bonds outstanding. During fiscal year 2009, approximately \$537,000 of such assistance was received. Approximately \$2.7 million will be received in future fiscal years. Of this amount, approximately \$363,000 represents reimbursement of long-term interest costs, and approximately \$2.3 million represents reimbursement of approved construction costs. Accordingly, a \$2.3 intergovernmental receivable and corresponding deferred revenue have been reported in governmental fund financial statements. The deferred revenue has been recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide financial statements.

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit.

At June 30, 2009, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wellington School.....	\$ 39,075,937
Fire Station.....	272,598
School remodeling.....	100,000
Water.....	1,977,570
Sewer surface drain.....	11,608,000
Senior Center.....	<u>133,206</u>
Total.....	<u>\$ 53,167,311</u>

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2008	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2009	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	\$ 29,472,966	\$ 3,910,000	\$ (2,973,170)	\$ 30,409,796	\$ 3,283,170
Other Post Employee Benefits.....	-	12,473,504	-	12,473,504	-
Landfill Closure.....	4,160,000	-	(240,000)	3,920,000	-
Compensated Absences.....	1,419,566	142,085	(70,978)	1,490,673	74,534
Capital Leases.....	1,450,538	-	(149,736)	1,300,802	154,907
Total governmental activity long-term liabilities.....	<u>\$ 36,503,070</u>	<u>\$ 16,525,589</u>	<u>\$ (3,433,884)</u>	<u>\$ 49,594,775</u>	<u>\$ 3,512,611</u>
Business-Type Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	\$ 4,140,250	\$ 1,247,430	\$ (540,150)	\$ 4,847,530	\$ 702,436
Other Post Employee Benefits.....	-	959,838	-	959,838	-
Compensated Absences.....	212,522	102,403	(10,627)	304,298	15,215
Total business type activity long-term liabilities.....	<u>\$ 4,352,772</u>	<u>\$ 2,309,671</u>	<u>\$ (550,777)</u>	<u>\$ 6,111,666</u>	<u>\$ 717,651</u>

The long-term liabilities will be liquidated in the future by the general fund and enterprise funds.

NOTE 9 – LANDFILL CLOSURE

State and federal laws and regulations require the Town to close its old landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site after closure. The Town operated a solid waste landfill that ceased operations in 1973. The Town has reflected \$3,920,000 as the estimate of the landfill closure liability at June 30, 2009. This amount is based on estimates of what it would cost to perform all future closure and post closure care in fiscal year 2009. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Town meeting has voted a special purpose stabilization fund for this liability. The balance at June 30, 2009 was over \$4.1 million.

NOTE 10 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is self-insured for its health insurance activities. The health insurance activities are accounted for in the internal service fund where revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR). The result of the process to estimate the claims liability is not an exact amount as it depends on many factors. Accordingly, claims are reevaluated periodically to consider the effects of inflation, recent claims settlement trends, and other economic and social factors.

Health Insurance

The Town estimates its' Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims based on an approximate two month claims paid average. The Town purchases individual stop loss insurance for claims in excess of the \$100,000 coverage provided by the Town. The Town Health Insurance Trust Fund was established as of 7/1/2007 and therefore the fiscal year 2008 claims below did not reflect a full twelve month period. At June 30, 2009, the amount of the liability for health insurance claims totaled \$1,800,000.

Changes in the reported liability since July 1, 2007, are as follows:

	Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimate	Claims Payments	Balance at Fiscal Year-End
Fiscal Year 2008.....	\$ -	\$ 11,861,488	\$ (10,661,488)	\$ 1,200,000
Fiscal Year 2009.....	1,200,000	12,635,131	(12,035,131)	1,800,000

Insurance

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance.

Workers' Compensation

The Town participates in a premium based workers' compensation insurance plan for its employees, except for police officers and firefighters for which the Town is self insured. The Town's liability related to incurred but not reported claims for police officers and/or firefighters workers compensation is not material at June 30, 2009, and is therefore not reported.

General Liability

The Town is self insured for its general liability insurance. MGL Chapter 258 limits the liability to a maximum of \$100,000 per claim in all matters except actions relating to federal/civil rights, eminent domain, and breach of contract.

NOTE 11 - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Town contributes to the Belmont Contributory Retirement System, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Belmont Contributory Retirement Board. All employees working twenty five or more hours a week are members of the System, except for public school teachers and certain administrators who are members of the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System, to which the Town does not contribute. Pension benefits and administrative expenses paid by the Teachers Retirement Board are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth. The amount of these on-behalf payments totaled \$7,564,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, and, accordingly, are reported in the general fund as intergovernmental revenues and pension expenditures.

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth's state law during those years are borne by the Commonwealth and are deposited into the pension fund. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Belmont Contributory Retirement Board and are borne by the System. The System issues a publicly available unaudited financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth's PERAC, as well as, an audited financial report. Both of these reports may be obtained by contacting the System located at Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave., Belmont, Massachusetts 02478.

At December 31, 2008, the System's membership consists of the following:

	<u>2008</u>
Active members.....	470
Inactive members.....	83
Disabled members.....	42
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits.....	<u>317</u>
 Total.....	 <u><u>912</u></u>

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution that is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. Administrative expenses are funded through investment earnings. The current and two preceding fiscal years apportionment of the annual pension cost between the two employers required the Town to contribute approximately 98%, respectively, of the total. Chapter 32 of the MGL governs the contributions of plan members and the Town.

Annual Pension Cost - The Town's contributions to the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009, 2008, and 2007 were approximately \$4,979,000, \$4,762,000, and \$4,100,000, respectively, which equaled its required contribution for each fiscal year. The required contribution was determined as part of the January 1, 2008, actuarial valuation using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included an 8% investment rate of return and projected salary increases of 4.75% - 7% per year for non-public safety employees and 5.25% - 8% per year for fire and police employees; which includes the annual cost of living adjustments of 3%, as well as, any merit and/or promotion adjustments. The actuarial value of the System's assets was determined using the fair value of the assets. The System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll. The remaining amortization period at January 1, 2008, was 17 years.

Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (A)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (B)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (B-A)	Funded Ratio (A/B)	Covered Payroll (C)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((B-A)/C)
1/1/2008	\$ 61,969,418	\$ 112,124,213	\$ 50,154,795	55.3%	\$ 181,335,100	27.7%
1/1/2006	53,736,253	101,659,952	47,923,699	52.9%	164,549,300	29.1%
1/1/2004	53,364,538	94,947,822	41,583,284	56.2%	146,655,300	28.4%
1/1/2002	52,838,407	87,176,074	34,337,667	60.6%	131,319,000	26.1%
1/1/2000	49,941,824	70,890,071	20,948,247	70.4%	121,019,400	17.3%
1/1/1998	40,838,623	64,600,786	23,762,163	63.2%	114,071,500	20.8%

Funding progress is reported based on the biennial actuarial valuation performed by the System, and is being accumulated on a biennial basis. The Town is responsible for approximately 98.65% of the unfunded liability.

NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Fiscal year 2009 is the initial year that the Town has implemented GASB Statement 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (GASB 45). As allowed by GASB 45, the Town has established the net Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation at zero at the beginning of the transition year and has applied the measurement and recognition requirements of GASB 45 on a prospective basis.

Plan Description – The Town of Belmont administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (“the Retiree Health Plan”). The plan provides lifetime healthcare and life insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses through the Town’s group health and life insurance plans, which cover both active and retired members. Chapter 32B of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Benefit provisions are negotiated between the Town and the unions representing Town employees and are renegotiated each bargaining period. The Retiree Health Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Funding Policy – Contribution requirements are also negotiated between the Town and union representatives. The required contribution is based on a pay-as-you-go financing requirement. Retired plan members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits are required to contribute 25% of the costs of benefits for the HMO and 50% of cost of benefits for the PPO plans if they are not participating in the Medicare Plan. Medicare eligible retirees and their spouses contribute 50% of the cost of the Medicare Enhance Supplement plan and the First Seniority. For fiscal year 2009, the Town contributed \$3.4 million to the plan, and member contributions totaled \$1.3 million.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation – The Town’s annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The components of the Town’s annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Town’s net OPEB obligation are summarized in the following table:

Normal Cost.....	\$ 5,737,822
Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liability.....	<u>11,089,329</u>
Annual OPEB cost (expense).....	16,827,151
Contributions made.....	<u>3,393,809</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in net OPEB obligation.....	13,433,342
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year.....	<u>-</u>
Net OPEB obligation - end of year.....	<u>\$ 13,433,342</u>

The Town’s annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for fiscal year 2009 was as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
6/30/2009	\$ 16,827,151	20%	\$ 13,433,342

Funded Status and Funding Progress – As of July 1, 2008, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$166 million, of which the Town has funded approximately \$806,000. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$33.3 million, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 499%.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the July 1, 2008, actuarial valuation, actuarial liabilities were determined using the projected unit credit cost method. The actuarial assumptions included a 5% investment return assumption, which is based on the expected yield on the assets of the Town, calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date, and an annual medical/drug cost trend rate of 10% initially, graded to 5% over 5 years. The UAAL is being amortized using level dollar method over the maximum acceptable period of 30 years. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2009 is 29 years.

NOTE 13 - COMMITMENTS

The Town has entered into, or is planning to enter into contracts for water infrastructure upgrades, for various sewer and surface drain projects, and for replacement of Wellington School.

NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. Although the grant programs have been audited in accordance with the provisions of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 through June 30, 2009, these programs are still subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although it is expected such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions and claims are pending. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2009, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2009.

NOTE 15 – FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During fiscal year 2009, the following GASB pronouncements were implemented:

- The GASB issued Statement #45 *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2009. This pronouncement has significantly impacted the basic financial statements. See Note 12 for discussion.
- The GASB issued Statement #52, *Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments*, The standards in the statement require all investments in land and real estate in permanent and similar funds to be reported at fair value. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.
- The GASB issued Statement #56, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards*. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.

Future GASB Pronouncements:

- The GASB issued Statement #51, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*, which is required to be implemented in fiscal year 2010. Management believes this pronouncement will not impact the financial statements.
- The GASB issued Statement #53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, which is required to be implemented in fiscal year 2010. The standards in this statement require all derivative investments to be reported at fair value. Management does not expect this pronouncement to impact the basic financial statements.
- The GASB issued Statement #54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions*, which is required to be implemented in fiscal year 2011. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and impact the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

	Budgeted Amounts		
	Amounts Carried forward From Prior Year	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds.....	\$ -	\$ 61,549,305	\$ 61,698,305
Tax liens.....	-	-	-
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	-	2,499,000	2,499,000
Charges for services.....	-	1,382,567	1,382,567
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	-	175,000	175,000
Licenses and permits.....	-	650,000	650,000
Fines and forfeitures.....	-	203,100	203,100
Intergovernmental.....	-	8,277,916	8,277,916
Investment income.....	-	500,000	500,000
TOTAL REVENUES.....	-	75,236,888	75,385,888
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government.....	20,118	3,552,504	3,415,392
Public safety.....	-	10,907,836	10,913,656
Education.....	320,965	39,479,738	39,479,738
Public works.....	56,857	8,038,064	8,676,667
Human services.....	1,099	959,897	928,867
Culture and recreation.....	9,743	2,456,804	2,459,476
Pension benefits.....	-	4,108,859	4,113,328
Employee benefits.....	59,000	2,224,133	2,172,572
State and county charges.....	-	1,517,061	1,517,491
Debt service:			
Principal.....	-	3,323,170	2,973,170
Interest.....	-	1,611,285	1,286,285
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	467,782	78,179,351	77,936,642
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES....	(467,782)	(2,942,463)	(2,550,754)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Premium from issuance of bonds.....	-	-	-
Transfers in.....	-	1,085,750	1,268,611
Transfers out.....	-	(2,174,000)	(2,949,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....	-	(1,088,250)	(1,680,389)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE.....	(467,782)	(4,030,713)	(4,231,143)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year.....	-	7,677,476	7,677,476
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year.....	\$(467,782)	\$ 3,646,763	\$ 3,446,333

See notes to basic financial statements.

	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance To Final Budget
\$	62,149,971	\$ -	\$ 451,666
	136,865	-	136,865
	2,552,601	-	53,601
	1,662,955	-	280,388
	158,359	-	(16,641)
	729,272	-	79,272
	292,432	-	89,332
	7,443,884	-	(834,032)
	528,629	-	28,629
	<u>75,654,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,080</u>
	3,134,013	14,602	266,777
	10,334,977	4,500	574,179
	38,950,224	30,313	499,201
	8,305,963	55,924	314,780
	846,812	32,100	49,955
	2,417,591	1,699	40,186
	4,113,328	-	-
	1,915,926	70,000	186,646
	1,479,153	-	38,338
	2,973,170	-	-
	1,283,785	-	2,500
	<u>75,754,942</u>	<u>209,138</u>	<u>1,972,562</u>
	<u>(99,974)</u>	<u>(209,138)</u>	<u>2,241,642</u>
	23,529	-	23,529
	1,298,788	-	30,177
	<u>(2,949,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(1,626,683)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,706</u>
	(1,726,657)	(209,138)	2,295,348
	<u>7,677,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
\$	<u><u>5,950,819</u></u>	<u><u>(209,138)</u></u>	<u><u>2,295,348</u></u>

Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan Schedules

The Schedule of Funding progress compares, over time, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits with the actuarial value of accumulated plan assets.

The Schedule of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions presents factors that significantly affect the identification of trends in the amounts reported.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

JUNE 30, 2009

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (A)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Projected Unit Credit (B)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (B-A)	Funded Ratio (A/B)	Covered Payroll (C)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((B-A)/C)
1/1/2008	\$ 501,409	\$ 166,550,323	\$ 166,048,914	0.30%	\$ 33,252,323	499.4%

The Town implemented GASB Statement No. 45 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.
Information for prior years is not available.

See notes to required supplementary information.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN
ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Actuarial Methods:

Valuation date	July 1, 2008
Actuarial cost method	Projected Unit Credit
Amortization method	Level Dollar
Remaining amortization period	30 Years as of July 1, 2008
Asset valuation method	Market

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment rate of return	5%
Medical/drug cost trend rate	10% graded to 5% over 5 years

Plan Membership:

Current retirees, beneficiaries, and dependents	438
Current active members	<u>733</u>
Total	<u><u>1,171</u></u>

See notes to required supplementary information.

NOTE A - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**A. Budgetary Information**

Municipal Law requires the adoption of a balanced budget that is approved by the Board of Selectmen (the "Board"). The Board presents an annual budget to the representative Town meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. The representative town meeting, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote.

Increases or transfers between voted functions subsequent to the approval of the annual budget, requires a vote at a special Town meeting.

The majority of appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending (salaries, expenses and capital) authorized for an appropriation account. However, the payment of debt service is statutorily required, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by two-thirds majority vote of the Town meeting.

An annual budget is adopted for the general fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original fiscal year 2009 approved budget authorized approximately \$80.4 million in appropriations and other amounts to be raised. During fiscal year 2009, the Town meeting also approved supplemental appropriations totaling approximately \$532,000.

The Town Accountant's office has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained. Budgetary control is exercised through the accounting system.

B. Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. A reconciliation of budgetary-basis to GAAP-basis results for the general fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, is presented below:

Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources (uses) over expenditures - budgetary basis.....	\$ (1,726,657)
 <u>Perspective difference:</u>	
Kendall School Fund recorded in the General Fund for GAAP.....	(100,000)
 <u>Basis of accounting differences:</u>	
Net change in recording tax refunds payable.....	(233,000)
Net change in recording 60-day receipts accrual.....	(99,459)
Recognition of revenue for on-behalf payments.....	(7,564,266)
Recognition of expenditures for on-behalf payments.....	<u>7,564,266</u>
 Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources (uses) over expenditures - GAAP basis.....	 \$ <u><u>(2,159,116)</u></u>

NOTE B – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Town administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (“The Retiree Health Plan”). The plan provides lifetime healthcare and life insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses through the Town’s group health and life insurance plans, which cover both active and retired members.

The Town currently finances its other post-employment benefits (OPEB) on a pay-as-you-go basis, but has established an Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust fund to accumulate assets to help mitigate the costs of these benefits. As of the most recent actuarial report dated July 1, 2008, the Town had contributed approximately \$501,000 to the fund. As a result, the funded ratio (actuarial value of assets expressed as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liability) is .30%. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, the Town has recorded its OPEB cost equal to the actuarial determined annual required contribution (ARC) which includes the normal cost of providing benefits for the year and a component for the amortization of the total unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the plan.

The Schedule of Funding Progress presents multi-year trend information which compares, over time, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits with the actuarial value of accumulated plan assets. Since this is the Town’s initial year of implementation of GASB Statement 45, information for prior years is not available.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The Schedule of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions presents factors that significantly affect the identification of trends in the amounts reported.