Town of Belmont
MASSACHUSETTS

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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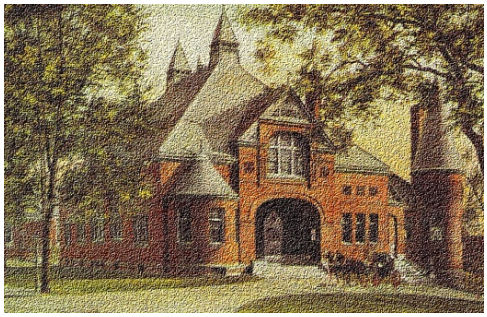
TOWN PHONE LISTING BY DEPARTMENT

Department:	Number: *(617)*
Town's Main Phone Line	993-2600
ACCOUNTING	993-2620
ASSESSORS	993-2630
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT	993-2640
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	993-2650
BUILDING	993-2664
ENGINEERING	993-2665
PLANNING	993-2666
PLUMBING	993-2662
INSPECTION LINE	993-2663
COUNCIL ON AGING	993-2970
CREDIT UNION	993-2790
FIRE DEPT	993-2200
Fire Prevention	993-2210
BELMONT HOUSING AUTH	484-1411
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	993-2260
HEALTH	993-2720
VETERANS AGENT	993-2725

Department:	Number: *(617)*
HUMAN RESOURCES	993-2740
INFORMATION TECH	993-2750
LIBRARY	993-2850
LIGHT	993-2800
POLICE	993-2501
Traffic Division	993-2530
PUBLIC WORKS	993-2680
Snow Emergency Hotline	993-2698
Parks	484-2538
Cemetery	993-2710
Recreation	993-2760
Water	993-2700
RETIREMENT	993-2792
SCHOOL DEPT	993-5400
SELECTMEN	993-2610
TOWN CLERK	993-2600
TREASURERS	993-2770
PARKING CLERK	993-2770

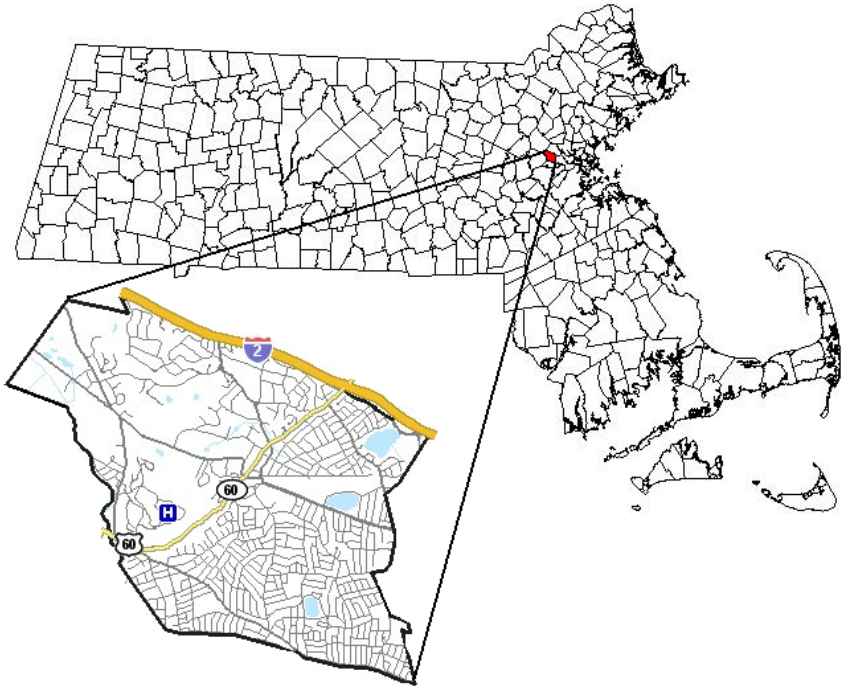


Belmont Town Hall
455 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts 02478

Board of Selectmen and Town Administration
Office general E-mail: selectmen@belmont-ma.gov

Town Website: www.belmont-ma.gov

COMMUNITY PROFILE:



LOCATION:

The Town of Belmont is suburban community located in heart of the Greater Boston Metropolitan Area. Known to longtime residents as "The Town of Homes", Belmont is a primarily residential community located in close proximity to the region's economic centers. A part of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Belmont is situated on Cambridge's western border and is just 8 miles from Downtown Boston. The Town is also bordered by Watertown, Waltham, Lexington and Arlington.

HISTORICAL:

First Settlers	1639
Town Incorporated	1859

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

Latitude	42° 23' 46"
Longitude	71° 10' 33"

ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL:

High Point	341.2 feet
Low Point	6.8 feet

AREA DATA:

Area in Square Miles	4.655
Total Acreage	2,978.95
Land Surface Acreage	2,946.40
Water Surface Acreage	32.55

REAL ESTATE IN FY14:

Real Estate Valuation (total)	$	5.435,604,401
Personal Property	$	45,410,760
Total Valuation	$	5,481,015,161
FY13 Tax Rate per Thousand	$	13.50

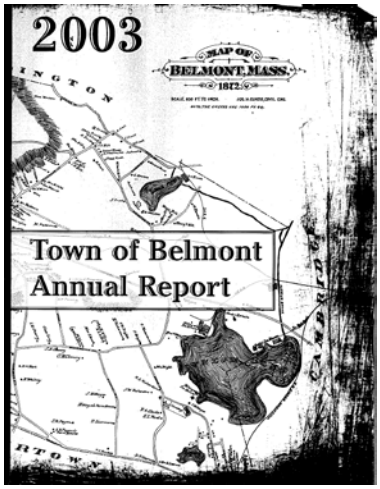
POPULATION:

Federal Census, 1970	28,285
Federal Census, 1980	26,100
Federal Census, 1990	24,720
Federal Census, 2000	24,194
Town Census, 2010	26,170
Town Census, 2014	22,967

HISTORY OF BELMONT:

By Richard Betts; Town Historian

Settlement in the area that now includes Belmont began in 1630, when Sir Richard Saltonstall and approximately 40 families separated from the first settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and moved inland to start an agricultural community. Originally called Pequosette after the local Indian tribe, the name of the new town soon changed to Watertown. In 1638, by order of the General Court, Watertown paid the Pequosette Indians the sum of 13 pounds, 7 shillings and 6 pence for the land.



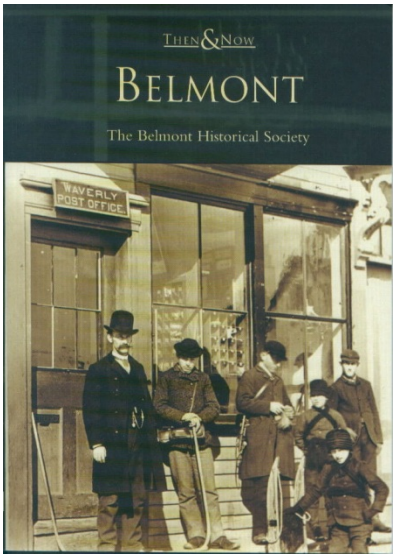
The original settlement spread inland extensively into the present towns of Watertown, Waltham, Weston, Lincoln, and parts of Cambridge and Belmont. In 1738, Waltham seceded from Watertown, and the future Belmont was now part of three towns.

In 1805, Frederick Tudor began cutting ice on Fresh Pond. As his business grew, he decided to build a railroad from his wharves in Charlestown to Fresh Pond. This line was built about 1843.

With the railroad so near, the citizens of Waltham clamored to have it extended to their village which was granted and the line ran through what was to become the Town of Belmont. The railroad made the purely agricultural community available for residences of well-to-do Bostonians. Settlements centered around Wellington Station (now Belmont Center), Waverley Station, and Hill's crossing station.

Those settlements grew into villages, but local government arrangements were annoying because citizens had to go to Watertown, Waltham, or West Cambridge (now Arlington) to vote and attend town meetings. A group of about 1,000 people joined together in the early 1850's and announced their desire to form a separate town. One of the most enthusiastic advocates was John Perkins Cushing, the largest taxpayer of the proposed town, who gave generously and openly to the incorporation expense on the condition that it be named after his 200 acre estate "Bellmont."

The towns of Watertown, Waltham, and West Cambridge fought the proposed creation of a new town, but in the end the battle was won and on March 18, 1859 the Town of Belmont was born. Of the then total area of 5 square miles, 2.26 were taken from Watertown, 0.67 from Waltham, and 2.82 from West Cambridge. The population was 1,175 of whom 170 were registered voters and 325 were school children. The new town was a widespread collection of fruit farms and market gardens. Produce from Belmont farms was sold at Faneuil Hall market. Specialties included celery, tomatoes, cucumbers, berries, and small fruits. In fact, "Belmont" became a term of distinction indicating quality and large size.



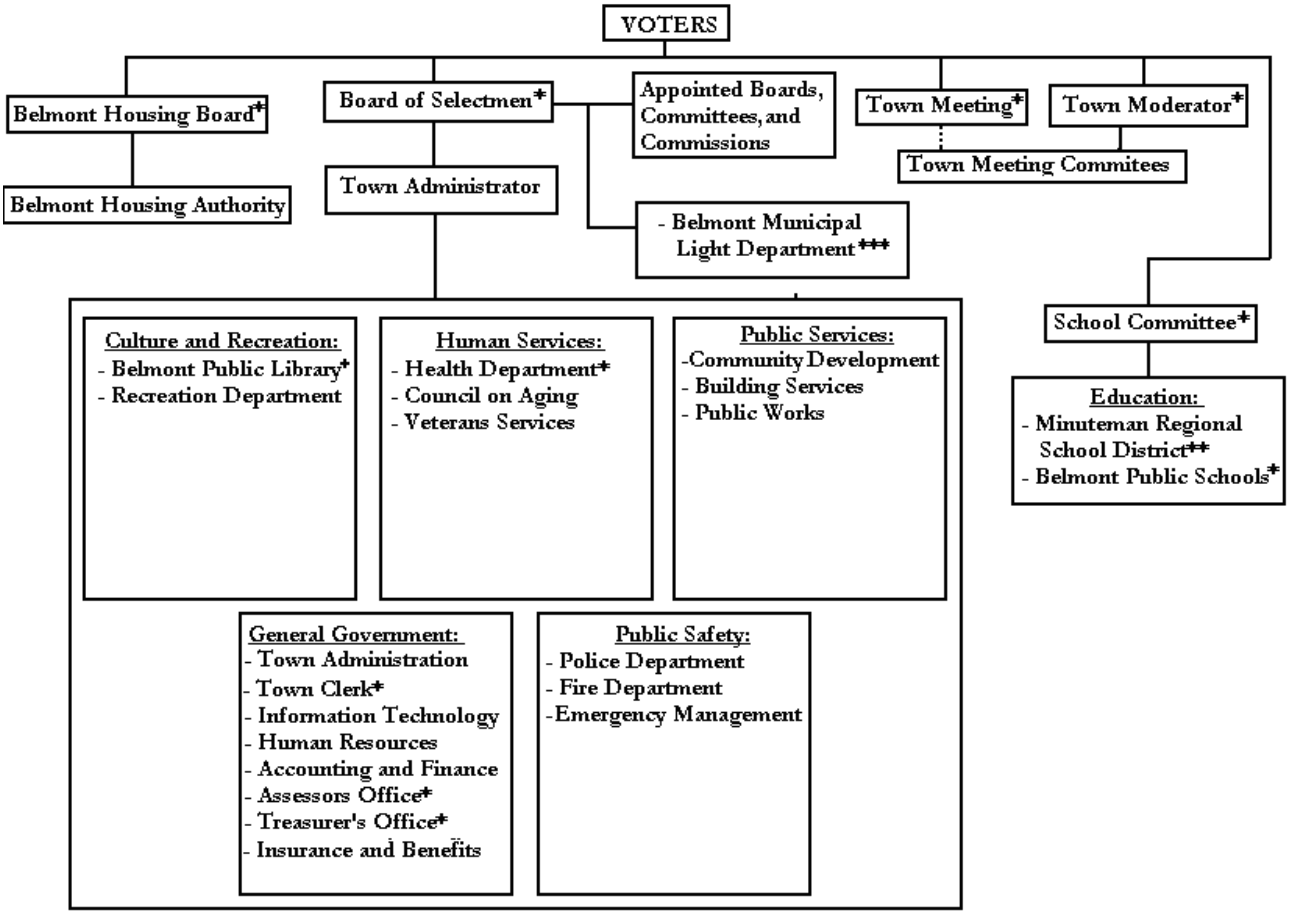
The original town included a part of present day Cambridge including half of Fresh Pond. Because of a controversy over a slaughter house erected in Belmont on the banks of the pond which was the drinking water supply for Cambridge, 0.89 square mile of Belmont was annexed in 1880 to that city.

This left Belmont with a total area of 4.676 square miles. Minor adjustments due to various Route 2 widenings makes the total area 4.655 square miles today.

In the 1900's, the large number of artists, authors, educators, physicians, and scientists moving to the town doubled its population. As a result, the farming community disappeared. Belmont today, with a population of 25,349, is almost entirely residential and is known as *"The Town of Homes."*

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION:

Below is an organizational chart which classifies departments with regard to budget function which differs in some cases from reporting structure. Elected Department Heads and Boards identified with an asterisk and maintain management authority over their respective departments. Department Heads who are elected include the Town Treasurer and the Town Clerk. Departments with elected management Boards include the Cemetery Division, Health Department, Assessors Office, and Belmont Public Library. Please note that space restrictions prevent all appointed committees and boards from being listed independently but they derive power from their appointing authority.



Notes:

*** Elected directly by the voters in annual Town elections. When in reference to a Department, the Department Head or Board is elected and has management authority over the department, placement on this chart only reflects budget function.**

****Regional Organization of which Belmont is a Member Community. Governed by a Committee on which Belmont has representation.**

***** Department in which the Board of Selectmen acts as the managing board.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Board of Selectmen:	Term:
Andrés T. Rojas, Chair	2015
Sami Baghdady, Vice - Chair	2017
Mark A. Paolillo, Selectman	2016

School Committee:	Term:
Laurie Slap, Chair	2016
**Thomas Caputo	2015
*Kevin Cunningham	2017
Lisa Fiore	2015
Anne Lougee	2015
Elyse Shuster	2016

*Resigned 2014

**Appointed 2014 to fill vacant seat

Board of Assessors:	Term:
Robert P. Reardon, Chair	2017
Martin B. Millane Jr., Vice - Chair	2015
Charles R. Laverty III, Secretary	2016

Board of Cemetery Commissioners:	Term:
Alexander E. Corbett, III, Chair	2017
Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Vice - Chair	2015
William J. Chemelli, Clerk	2016

Board of Health:	Term:
Donna S. David, Chair	2017
David B. Alper, Vice - Chair	2015
Deirdre Houtmeyers	2016

Board of Library Trustees:	Term:
Matthew Lowrie, Chair	2015
Mark Carthy, Vice- Chair	2016
Sarah Phillips, Secretary	2016
Elaine Alligood	2015
Kathleen Keohane	2017
Gail Mann	2017

Housing Authority:	Term:
Charles R. Laverty III, Chair	2016
Donna Brescia, Vice - Chair	2015
Donald Becker	2019
Gloria Leipzig	2018
Leo J. Saidnawey, State Appointee	

Town Clerk:	Term:
Ellen O'Brien Cushman	2016

Town Treasurer:	Term:
Floyd S. Carman	2017

Town Moderator:	Term:
Michael Widmer	2015

Representative in General Court:	Term:
David Rogers	2016

Senator in General Court:	Term:
William N. Brownsberger	2017

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS:

AT-LARGE:

Chairman, Planning Board
Michael Battista 105 Longmeadow Rd

Town Treasurer:
Floyd S. Carman 184 Brighton St

Town Clerk:
Ellen O'Brien Cushman 38 Scott Rd

Chairman, Board of Health
Donna Sue David 589 Belmont St

Town Counsel:
George A. Hall Jr. 1 Canal Park, Ste 200
Anderson & Kreiger, LLP

Chairman, Warrant Committee
Michael Libenson 74 Hillcrest Rd

Chairman, Board of Selectmen:
Mark A. Paolillo 42 Pilgrim Rd

Town Moderator:
Michael J. Widmer, 126 Gilbert Rd

Representative in General Court:
David M. Rogers 18 Richard Ave
Cambridge

PRECINCT ONE:

Alcock, John P. 42 Madison St
Barry, Daniel Patrick 129 Goden St
Bishop, Carolyn J. 7 Orchard St
Borelli, John A. 290 School St
Carey, John B. 124 Orchard St
Carey, Susan Andrea 124 Orchard St
Carthy, Mark 21 Stone Rd
Crawford, James L. 22 Locust St
Dash, Adam 12 Goden St
Donohue, Anne E. 175 Goden St
Doyle, Christine M. 15 Cedar Rd
Freidberg, Karen 43 Douglas Rd
Gavin, Mary 12 Long Ave
Golding, Helen E. 18 Louise Rd
Hayes, Jocelyn C. 5 Colonial Ter
Kolterman, John 107 Orchard St
Lind, Katherine A. 68 Fairmont St
Lohmar, Trish 35 Concord Ave #2
Mahoney, Anne Marie S. 24 Goden St
Matzko, Claudia 35 Oak St
McClain, Gretchen 87 School St
McGaw, Robert E. 23 Louise Rd
Miller, Jeffrey B. 286 School St
Miranda, Barbara E. 22 Myrtle St
Muson, Holly Hart 40 Temple St
Ogilby, Lydia Phippen 306 Washington St
Paulsen, Frederick S. 90 School St
Poole, Adriana 53 Louise Rd
Pullen, Lucy J. 83 School St
Reppucci, Nancy Madanian 21 Emerson St
Staton, James H. 92 Long Ave
Teebagy, Joan S. 154 Washington St
Tenney, Yvette J. 70 Bow Rd
Tomczyk, Stephen 47 Hamilton Rd
Weis, John J. 30 Chenery Ter
Williams, James R. 7 Glenn Rd

PRECINCT TWO:

Aitken, Leslie 70 Evergreen Way
Banker, James 79 Scott Rd
Banker, Michele S. 79 Scott Rd
Berger, Rachel J. 33 Stella Rd
Brown, W. Sumner 35 Ross Rd
Brusch, M. Patricia 52 Radcliffe Rd
Counselman, Eleanor F. 42 Crestview Rd
DeNovellis, Vincent 35 Clifton St
DeStefano, Joseph G. 25 Somerset St
Dreier, Katharine E. 11 Howells Rd
French, Frank E. 44 Evergreen Way
Gammill, James F. 19 Dorset Rd
Geiger, Ronald H. 27 Stella Rd
Helgen, Anne K. 243 Marsh St
Huang, Caroline Bing-Yen 39 Howells Rd
Hurley, David 20 Birch Hill Rd
Keohane, Kathleen 19 Rutledge Rd
Lynch, Brian M. 10 Dorset Rd
Lynch, William 10 Dorset Rd
Magni, Peter R. 140 Radcliffe Rd
Malliris, Evanthia K. 618 Pleasant St
Masucci, Sara M. 5 Scott Rd
McGuire, Elizabeth M. 70 Lawrence Ln
McLaughlin, Robert E. 81 Wellesley Rd
McSwain, Judith A. 35 Ross Rd
Moustakas, Demetri T. 367 Pleasant St
Nolan, Daniel D. 1015 Concord Ave
Ostayan, Karnig 35 Lantern Rd
Pew, Elizabeth W. 27 Wellington Ln
Robotham, John 19 Scott Rd
Robotham, Suzanne H. 19 Scott Rd
Scali, Joseph A. 19 Prospect St
Scali, Maryann L. 19 Prospect St
Skolnick, David C. 14 Crestview Rd
Weeks, Julia H. 585 Concord Ave
Zhao, Gang 75 Marsh St

PRECINCT THREE:

Alcorn, Anthony J.	172 Waverley St
Allen, Anne C.	580 Concord Ave
Allison, Liz	69 Pinehurst Rd
Barton, Julie	16 Charles St
Bass, Suzanne R.	530 Concord Ave
Blamphin, Carlee	79 Brookside Ave
Chase David R.	14 Waverley Ter
D'Andrea, Mark M., Jr.	97 Waverley St
Dieckmann, John T.	47 Lorimer Rd
Friedman, Bonnie L.	16 Hay Rd
Goodman-Belkadi, Ariane	12 Woodland St
Hamann, Charles M.	6 Meadows Ln
Hegarty, Margaret A.	267 Waverley St
Jansen, Ann M.	59 Lorimer Rd
Jones, Ralph T.	56 Summit Rd
Kennedy, Mary K.	11 Lorimer Rd
Kennedy, Robert V.	11 Lorimer Rd
Klimasmith, Elizabeth M.	17 Edward St
Kruse, Janet M.	13 Grant Ave
Madden, Richard K.	707 Pleasant St
Manjikian, Raffi M.	12 Pearl St
Mayer, John H.	194 Orchard St
McVay, Christine Marie	109 Brookside Ave
Moore, Martha	331 Waverley St
Murphy, Maria L.	36 Stanley Rd
Oteri, Lisa A.	31 Waverley Ter
Page, Jennifer A.	15 Stanley Rd
Palmer, Diane N.	69 Waverley St
Sarno, Judith Ananian	30 Waverley Ter
Sarno, Robert L.	30 Waverley Ter
Stanton, Vincent P.	32 Royal Rd
Sullivan, Lucia Kegan	9 B St
Sullivan, Michael F.	30 C St
Tomford, Heli	72 Pinehurst Rd
Vose, Rebecca S.	48 Clark St
Wolman, Marc	17 Woodland St

PRECINCT FOUR:

Baghdady, Nadim S.	16 Dante Ave
Baghdady, Rola M.	14 Loring St
Baghdady, Sami S.	14 Loring St
Baghdady, Samir S.	47 Walnut St
Bakeman, Helen E.	92 Lexington St
Bowen, Catherine A.C.	67 Bartlett Ave
Brown, Judith L.	18A Davis St
Burgess-Cox, Susan E.	100A Hull St
Chemelli, William J.	11 Ripley Rd
Clark, Charles L.	150 White St #2
Coté, Marion E.	37 Burnham St
Cunningham, Kevin M.	20 Chandler St
Deutsch, Debra	56 Hull St
Devito Ghilardi, Linda	16 Church St, 3L
Dillon, William	137 White St
DiTommaso, Coralie N.	38 Jeanette Ave
Drueding, Albert	20 Davis St
Engerman, David	17 Ridge Rd
Flewelling, David R.	36 Sycamore St
Flewelling, Sheila M.	36 Sycamore St
Gates, Lucia E.	11 Agassiz St
Hovsepian, Jirair M.	44 Chandler St
Kazarian, Henry V.	22 Banks St
Keefe, Brian	195 Lexingtion St
Lawrence, Philip W.	68 Agassiz Ave
Mahon, Anne	19 Alma Ave
Messenger, William G.	84 Lexington St
Occhino, John B.	18 Hull St
Occhino, Sandra M.	18 Hull St
O'Neil, Rose E.	77 Maple St
Powelstock, David	23 Alma Ave
Sacco, Rosario A.	133 White St
Schmidt, Elizabeth B.	59 Lexington St
Swift Hart, Johanna	92 Hull St
Webster, David M.	18 Holt St
White, Joseph P.	14 Maple Ter

PRECINCT FIVE

Asadoorian, Arto N.	40 Slade St
Becker, Claus C.	20 Poplar St
Becker, Donald L.	35 Horne Rd
Bloore, Suzanne W.	37 Hastings Rd
Bradley, Mary	80 Palfrey Rd
Brown, Devin B.	54 Horne Rd
Carlini, Stephan W.	31 Horne Rd
Carlson, Nancy A.	12 Poplar St
Coakley, Joanne E.	95 Horace Rd
Connolly, Joseph F.	31 Hammond Rd
Crockett, Julie S.	232 Trapelo Rd
Cruz, Ana Helena Silvia	38 Winslow Rd
Donham, Thayer	77 Hammond Rd
Ellard, Janice M.	12 Horace Rd
Feins, Judith D.	71 Bay State Rd
Fine, Howard Mark	88 Bay State Rd
Graham, Laurie A.	673 Belmont St
Hansen, Richard Glade	38 Winslow Rd
Kassaraba, Ellen	43 Hastings Rd
Kassaraba, Myron J.	43 Hastings Rd
Lombarbo, Francis A.	209 Trapelo Rd
O'Connor, John M.	35 Upland Rd
Olson, Tommasina Anne	10 Bay State Rd
Plunkett, Andrew	137 Gilbert Rd
Pollock, John W.	383 Common St
Pollock, Lois J.	383 Common St
Rojas, Andres T.	72 Drew Rd
Rushe, Kathleen	64 Horne Rd
Serra-Masciari, Andrea	51 Flett Rd
Sigel, Katherine	181 Slade St
Steinert, Heidi L.	123 Gilbert Rd
Sullivan, John P.	72 Palfrey Rd
Sullivan, Matthew J.	121 Hammond Rd
Wagner, Mark D.	21 Hastings Rd
Widmer, Jeanne	126 Gilbert Rd
Wrubel, Roger P.	165 Slade St

PRECINCT SIX

Alper, David B.	1 Oak Ave
Bauer, Benjamin	52 Willow St
Becker, Kimberly	15 Warwick Rd
Bowe, John J.	20 Elizabeth Rd
Colton, Roger Duane	34 Warwick Rd
Donner, Tara	47 Payson Rd, #2
Dukas, Theodore	236 Payson Rd
Edrington, April	19 Elizabeth Rd
Epstein, Roy	34 Cushing Ave
Evans, Stephen A.	100 Van Ness Rd
Feinleib, Judith F.	87 Oakley Rd
Gibson, Elizabeth	15 Oakley Rd
Hirsch, Marcie S.	64 Old Middlesex Rd
Johannet, Suzanne	45 Warwick Rd
Jordan, Virginia	34 Lawndale St
Kazanjian, Edward A.	355 School St
Kazanjian, Mary Ann	355 School St
Kirrane, Julie M.	23 Lawndale St
Klionsky, Stephen H.	196 Payson Rd
Kosiba, Henry J.	35 Jackson Rd
Larson, Teri	16 Preble Gardens Rd
Lougee, Anne	34 Warwick Rd
Malone, John J.	18 Selwyn Rd
Mooney, Jeanne R.	60 Oak Ave
Oates, Linda N.	302 Payson Rd
Reardon, Robert P.	73 Van Ness Rd
Reardon, Jr., Robert P.	73 Van Ness Rd
Saper, Brian S.	16 Old Middlesex Rd
Semuels, Joel M.	18 Bellevue Rd
Shuster, Elyse B.	29 Van Ness Rd
Singler, Judith	53 Selwyn Rd
Slap, Laurie R.	95 Long Ave
Smith, Eric A.	44 Pequossette Rd
Smith, Michael A.	40 Warwick Rd
Thayer, Philip K.	39 Oak Ave
Whitmer, Peter	41 Hurd Rd

PRECINCT SEVEN

Armstrong, Edward Price	34 Grove St
Callanan, Margaret M.	21 Sargent Rd
Candee, Richard A. "Nick"	21 Anis Rd
Cohen, Robert F.	31 Audrey Rd
Coutinho, Paul J.	23 Woods Rd
Drevins, Joan A.	61 Betts Rd
Eysenbach, James M.	219 Washington St
Grob,Elizabeth Pannier	21 Betts Rd
Haines, Marcia L.	360 School St
Harris, Garrett J.	21 Hartley Rd
Hill, Laura	10 Hartley Rd
Hutz, Janna E.	10 Marion Rd
Jacoby, Henry D.	106 Grove St
John, Thomas Douglas	3 Livermore Rd
Knight, Kurtis Lee	265 Washington St
Kundrot, Jennifer Dewey	101 Fairview Ave
Kundrot, Steven A.	101 Fairview Ave
Lockett, Deborah S.	112 Dalton Rd
Looney, Paul J.	406 School St
Lowrie, Katherine B.	74 Shaw Rd
Lowrie, Matthew B.	74 Shaw Rd
McGrath, Jane K.	56 Fairview Rd
Meier, Shelagh E.	82 Betts Rd
Mello, Michael	22 Hartley Rd
Mohr, Glen	281 Washington St
Moyles, Carol A.	27 Betts Rd
Owens, Barabara	10 Anis Rd
Owens, John C.	10 Anis Rd
Rathle, Mario	566 School St
Reynolds, Ann K.	54 Fairview Ave
Rosenstein, Amy C.	21 Hartley Rd
Ruvolo, Donna	36 Choate Rd
Schafer, Penelope H.	161 Lewis Rd
Sorenson, Brett C.	30 Woods Rd
Titus, Susan Rebecca	26 Livermore Rd
van Geel, Alexandra	64 Livermore Rd

PRECINCT EIGHT

Allen, Monte	88 Farnham St
Baskin, Kathleen M.	73 Munroe St
Brosnan, Kevin P.	31 Tobey Rd
Bunyon, Carolyn	50 Albert Ave
Cella, David A.	29 Broad St
Corbett III, Alexander E.	114 Alexander Ave
Cowing, Kathleen	278 Cross St #1
Emello, Deborah	254 Claflin St
Ferrante, Anthony A.	15 Westlund Rd
Foley, Michael J. Jr.	8 Bradford Rd
Goldenberg, Anne Covino	36 Stearns Rd
Haber Kisin, Idith	115 Oliver Rd
Irion, Melissa Ann	132 Dean St
Kerins, Stephen M.	27 Sandrick Rd
Kochem, Christine W.	21 Jason Rd
Kochem, Robert C.	21 Jason Rd
Lambert, Anne-Marie M.	79 Chilton St
Mahoney, Michael James	27 Dean St
Massidda, Douglas J.	123 Cross St
Mercier, Donald H.	96 Cross St
Napoli, Frances B	229 Channing Rd
Oaklander, Sara	88 Farnham St
Read, Lynn Peterson	62 Munroe St
Read, Roger	62 Munroe St
Richard, Edwin A.	76 Dean St
Rickter, Paul C.	119 Cross St
Rittenburg, Ann M	42 Farnham St
Roberts, Paul F.	54 Cross St
Rosales, Deborah M.	48 Farnham St
Rosales, Stephen B.	48 Farnham St
Schreiber, Ellen F.	49 Sandrick Rd
Smith, Mark P.	73 Chilton St
Stratford, Scott D.	97 Alexander Ave
Swift, Anne H.	76 Tobey Rd
Taylor, Cynthia	315 Channing Rd
Zevitas, Katherine	302 Cross St

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Chair: Andrés T. Rojas
Vice - Chair: Sami S. Baghdady
Selectman: Mark A. Paolillo

Town Administration Office Staff:
Town Administrator: David J. Kale
Assistant Town Administrator: Phyllis Marshall
Budget Analyst: Glen Castro
Office of the Board of Selectmen
Administrative Coordinator: Adrianna D'Andrea
Public Information Specialist: Robert P. Reardon Jr.

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

The Office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator is responsible for the oversight and general direction of the Town's delivery of municipal services, and all matters not otherwise provided for by law or specified in the Town's By-Laws.

The Board of Selectmen is comprised of three (3) elected members who serve in a part-time capacity and receive a small annual salary for their service. The members do not maintain individual offices in the Town Hall. Instead, they rely on full-time administrative and management staff to manage the day-to-day operations of the Town.

The Selectmen appoint a full-time Town Administrator to serve as the Town's Chief Administrative Officer and to manage the daily operations of the Town on behalf of the Board.

The Board oversees many aspects of town business, including the preparation of the annual budget and the Warrant for Town Meeting, approval of local licenses, making committee appointments, setting town policies and overseeing the management and delivery of municipal services. The Board of Selectmen convene regularly throughout the year, typically biweekly on Monday evenings, to discuss policy issues; to set agendas for itself and the Town Meeting; to resolve disputes; to issue licenses; to establish ad hoc committees; to make appointments to existing boards and committees; and to develop a budget recommendation for Warrant Committee consideration and Town Meeting approval. Although the Town's governing structure is fragmented (e.g., many independent, elected boards and officials), the Board of Selectmen is the primary entity that has the structure and ability to identify issues of Town-wide importance that can be translated into operational goals or placed on the legislative warrant for Town Meeting consideration and approval. It is the Board of Selectmen that creates the official Warrant for the Town Meeting.

Many hours of staff and management support are provided to the Board of Selectmen to fulfill the Town's legal duties and to oversee the delivery of town services in the most efficient and effective way possible. The Town Administrator's Office

coordinates the following activities under the authority of the Board of Selectmen: processing Town license applications; working with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to set the Board's meeting agendas; preparing the "agenda packet" for each member of the Board of Selectmen; compiling background information for each agenda item to ensure efficient and effective meetings; processing the actions of each Selectmen's meeting; tracking requests from residents for Town information, tracking and processing insurance claims against the Town; preparing all materials for the smooth and efficient flow of the Town Meeting; facilitating the preparation and consolidation of the Town's operating budget; formulating a budget recommendation to the Board for their consideration and approval as the Executive branch of Town government.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

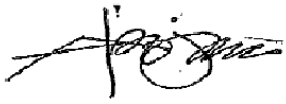
- Successfully prepared and presented a balanced Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Recommendation. This plan that called for over $94 Million in operational and capital spending was approved by during by Town Meeting in June.
- Worked with local businesses, Town departments, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) to coordinate the annual renewal of liquor licenses in Belmont. All Town – approved liquor licenses were successfully renewed in accordance with local and state requirements. These licenses included two All Alcohol Retail Licenses, two Wine and Beer Retail Licenses, three All Alcohol Restaurant Licenses, eight Wine and Beer Restaurant Licenses, one Country Club License, and one Veteran's Club License
- After receiving approval from Town Meeting and the State Legislature the Town offered several new retail and restaurant liquor licenses. The Board of Selectmen acting as the local licensing authority approved one application for an all-alcohol retail license.
- Coordinated the Annual Committee Appointment Process and a number of off-cycle appointments to fill vacancies that arose. In total the office oversaw over fifty volunteers who were appointed to approximately twenty-five different boards, committees, and regional groups.
- Worked with the Financial Task Force to develop a long-tern financial and capital improvement plan.
- Coordinated Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting preparation and logistics with Town Clerk, Town Moderator, Department Heads and Chairs of Committees/Commissions including preparation of schedule, warrant, articles, motions, and presentation slides.
- BOS worked with the Underwood Pool Building Committee in its development of a recommendation for a new Underwood Pool including securing additional funding to finance the project.
- Continue to realign department staffing, functions, and responsibilities in Town Administrator's office to better serve citizens, Departments, Boards and Committees.
- Coordinated renewal of over 50 Common Victualler Licenses and 18 Liquor Licenses, which included streamlining the process by working with other departments. for 2014.
- Coordinated and expanded outreach for facility rentals in Town Buildings.
- Streamlined the appointment process of residents to various committees and Boards by the BOS.
- Assisted in the coordination of a Public Forum with the Community Path Advisory Committee in February 2014 to solicit feedback from the public on various options.
- Upgraded the Town's webpage to a new platform to improve appearance and functionality.
- As part of a working group, including the Cable TV Advisory Committee, coordinated the franchise renewal process with Comcast.
- Provided input and attended meetings with other Town officials regarding the Minuteman Building Project, restructuring of the current Regional Agreement and new Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Coordinated the notification and other communications to residents and implementation of the recently enacted Demolition Delay and Residential Sidewalk Snow Removal Bylaw approved by Town Meeting in November 2013.
- The BOS approved a "Green Communities" application and Belmont was designated a "Green Community" in December 2014 by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

- Coordinated project proposals for the Community Preservation Act Committee's review.
- Worked with Town Departments, State Agencies, and contractors to complete approximately half of the Trapelo Road Reconstruction Project.
- Restructured leadership roles in the Community Development Department to improve service delivery.
- Assisted in the development of state legislation and provided testimony to legislative committees regarding the transfer of the Incinerator Site to the Town, which was approved in January 2014. This will allow final negotiations to begin with the State Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.
- Secured funding for the Belmont Center Reconstruction Project at the Special Town meeting in November 2014.
- Provided support to the Logan Airport Noise Advisory Committee.
- Adopted Stormwater Rules and Regulations, which included a robust public process.
- Completed renovations to the Harris Field Complex.
- Coordinated three public forums on the topics of Pension/OPEB Liabilities, Belmont Reconstruction Project, and Post-closure uses of the former incinerator site.

Goals for 2015:

- Implement a strategic planning process and coordinate goal-setting sessions with the Board of Selectmen and Department Heads. Implement recommendations of the Financial Task Force.
- Complete Sale of town-owned land on Woodfall Road.
- Complete the Comcast Cable Franchise License negotiations and award another 10-year contract.
- Complete negotiations with State to finalize conveyance of the Incinerator site to the Town.
- Complete and open the new Underwood Pool during summer 2015.
- Award new restaurant and retail liquor licenses.
- Begin construction of the Belmont Center Project and finalize Parking Management Plan for Belmont Center.
- Complete activities of the Community Path Implementation Committee to allow design process to move forward.
- Finalize decisions on Minuteman Vocational School construction project, new district agreement and inter-governmental agreement.
- Initiate Grove Street Playground Master Plan process.
- Implement Smart911 System.
- Adopt Free cash Guidelines in collaboration with the Treasurer and Warrant Committee.
- Investigate Stormwater Enterprise Fund Model.
- Continue to develop and maintain controls on health care costs.
- Investigate, develop and maintain regional opportunities.
- Investigate opportunities for department efficiencies, technology improvements, service enhancements and potential new revenues.
- Implement new Water and Sewer billing system in collaboration with Belmont Light.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Board of Selectmen

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Laurie Graham
Elyse Shuster

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Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction: Janice Darias
Director of Finance, Business, and Operations: Anthony DiCologero

Annual Report of the School Committee:
The Belmont Public Schools, the School Committee, and the Belmont community are jointly committed to educating Belmont's children measured against the highest standards for achievement. The community prides itself in the fact that its school system continues to rank among the top-performing districts in the Commonwealth.

The district's success is a tribute not only to its students but also to the teachers, staff, parents, and citizens of Belmont who create an environment that nurtures and encourages that success. With a commitment to teaching and learning, the Belmont Public Schools strive to nurture the intellectual, social, and personal development of each student and to create a dynamic community of lifelong learners who contribute to the common good and are of service to others.

The School Committee is responsible for developing policies that support this mission. The School Committee is also charged with the duty of ensuring, with the Board of Selectmen, the Warrant Committee, and the citizens of Belmont, adequate funding for the schools, and with appropriate expenditures of that funding.

The School Committee is responsible for recruiting, hiring, and evaluating the performance of the superintendent of schools. Within the new Massachusetts Educator Appraisal System, the Committee provides a comprehensive annual review of the superintendent's performance in light of the rubrics promulgated by the state and in consideration of the performance goals agreed upon between the superintendent and the committee. The superintendent serves as the committee's chief executive officer and educational advisor. The superintendent is the educational leader for the school system and provides administrative leadership for all school staff in operational matters and in proposing and implementing policy changes. Day-to-day operation of the school system is the responsibility of the superintendent, together with school principals and other administrative staff members.

At its August 2014 retreat, the Committee and Leadership Council reviewed progress made against the district's three-year strategic plan. The three broad goals that drive the strategy follow, and they correspond to the three goals the Committee drafted in February 2012 to guide its own work.

To prepare all students for college, career, and life-long learning through

- a balanced and healthy school experience,
- continuity of curricula aligned with Commonwealth and community standards,
- support for educators to experiment and innovate, and

- clear articulation of instructional models.

To support continuous improvement and overall programmatic and fiscal stability by

- engaging administrators, teachers, students, and community stakeholders in generally accepted practices of long-term strategic planning.

To ensure that students receive instruction from consistently highly qualified educators who pursue continuous improvement of their art by

- hiring well-prepared and diverse professionals,
- sustaining continuous professional development by means of clear and coherent plans, and
- implementing a successful educator evaluation system in line with new Commonwealth standards.

In November 2014 Kevin Cunningham resigned from the School Committee and Thomas Caputo fills that vacancy until the Town election held in April 2015.

Bargaining Agreement:

In June 2014 after months of negotiation the Belmont Education Association agreed to a three-year contract. The School Committee was not able to come to an agreement at this time with the AFSCME union group.

December 2014:

The Financial Task Force met and voted unanimously reporting the need for additional funds to support the FY16 budget for the Town of Belmont, which was presented to the Board of Selectmen January 2015.

July 2014:

John Phelan became the new Superintendent of Belmont Public Schools. He held "coffee hours" for the community and staff and he held interviews with department heads and school officials. He presented his Entry Plan to the School Committee in October 2014.

Foundation for Belmont Education:

The Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE) raises funds in support of enrichment and innovation in the Belmont Public Schools. Founded in 1993 by citizens who wanted to ensure the continued excellence of the school system, the FBE awarded $212,241 to the Belmont Public Schools in FY2014.

2014 marked the second year of the FBE's Innovative Teaching Initiative. This four-year, $450,000 initiative supports innovative teaching by supplying funding for both the tools and practices that help teachers to provide more enriching and engaging instruction. The initiative expands the 1:1 model by rolling out iPads to the 9th grade at the high school as well as providing three classroom sets of iPads for use in the 8th grade science classes at the Chenery. In addition, the FBE has set up a fund to provide professional development for teachers seeking opportunities to learn and hone innovative teaching techniques for their classrooms. In the first year of this fund, the FBE awarded $50,000 worth of grants to teachers and administrators at every grade level and every curriculum strand.

The FBE raises funds in several ways. Many residents and families support the FBE's Annual Appeal, which helps to fund various programs. The Dan Scharfman Memorial Run is held on the first Sunday of October and kicks off our fundraising season. In honor of the late school committee member, Dan Scharfman, the 5K and 1 mile run is a favorite among serious runners and families alike. The FBE Spelling Bee for Grades K-6 is an annual fall event. With

700 children participating, the Bee is a fun family day designed to showcase the children's spelling skills. Every March, the FBE holds its annual Spring Fundraiser and Auction, which has become a much-anticipated community event. With the support of businesses and residents, this event has raised $150,000+ over each of the last several years. Additionally, there were more than 700 STAR Awards (Staff and Teacher Appreciation and Recognition) purchased by families to honor and thank Belmont educators and staff for their outstanding contributions to their children's education.

In total, the FBE has awarded more than $2.6 million to the Belmont Public Schools in the form of awards for Learning Excellence Grants, Professional Development support, and large-scale special initiatives. The commitment and generosity of the FBE and its volunteers along with the many families and businesses who contribute to the FBE each year enable the Belmont Public Schools to offer many programs that would otherwise be impossible to undertake.

School Advisory Councils:

As a result of the 1993 Education Reform Act, School Advisory Councils have been established at each of Belmont's schools. The Advisory Councils have taken an active role in addressing policy issues at the site level. Members of the 2014-2015 School Advisory Councils include the following:

School	Teacher Representatives	Parent Representatives	Community Representatives
Burbank	Tricia Clifford, Chair Vicky O'Regan Janet Flaherty	April Edrington Antonella Casale Christa Bauge	Suzanne Alcock
Butler	Michael McAllister, Chair Brian Bisceglia-Kane Jennifer Pressey	Laura Vanderhart Peter Rosenmeier Crate Herbert Lucia Sullivan	Open
Wellington	Amy N. Spangler, Chair Carolyn Bell Becky Reilly Kendra Nnyanzi Maggie Roler (non-voting member)	Katie Colello Sarah Griffith Kate Ascione	Cheryl Minor
Winn Brook	Janet Carey, Chair Robin Morrison Kim Elson Melissa Crough	Kristine Armstrong Anne Bauer	Jane Murphy Lyn Bodmer
Chenery Middle School	Kristen St. George, Chair Karen Duff Cecile Moskowitz Katherine Lobo	Lyn Bodmer, Co-Chair Donna Allen Nick Iahnuzzi James Williams	Phyl Solomon
Belmont High School	Dan Richards, Chair Stacie Ross Lisa Hurtubise	Ron Humley William Messenger	Ottavio Forte Diane Palmer

Programs and Instruction:

In 2014 the Belmont Public Schools remained committed to universal access to the highest quality curriculum for all students as well as universal proficiency. This is accomplished through the support, by means of professional development, for the educators of the Belmont Public Schools. We have established three primary means to achieve

this goal: professional development meetings led by Principals, Directors, and Curriculum Specialists focusing on district and school strategic initiatives; Professional Learning Teams (PLTs), educators working together on a targeted area of need to improve learning for all students; and professional development courses, seminars, workshops, and study groups led by BPS educators and partner organizations. A detailed listing of these offerings can be viewed on the Professional Development web site for the Belmont Public Schools at this address:

http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Staff/Professional-Development.

Assessment:

This annual report on the results of standardized testing in the Belmont Public Schools includes information on standardized tests which students took as a result of state mandate and student choice during the 2013-2014 school year.

Student Choice	SAT Reasoning Test SAT Subject Tests ACT Advanced Placement (AP)	Multiple Administration Dates
Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 7, 8, 9, 10	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)	Spring (March-June)

The testing schedule for Belmont students continues to be challenging. Students participated in the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests. Belmont students also participate in the ACT program, but at a rate lower than that in the SAT program. Student involvement in Advanced Placement testing is very strong. In addition, Belmont participated in the administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The State testing program involved students in grades 3 through 10. Assessments in English/language arts and mathematics are administered in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10; assessments in science are administered in grades 5, 8, and 9. Passing scores on the grades 9 and 10 assessments are a requirement for high school graduation.

Belmont High School students also participate in the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Tests. This test is the basis for the National Merit Scholarship Program. This year nine Belmont High School students were named semifinalists in the 2015 Merit Scholarship Competition. In addition, there were 41 commended students.

SAT (2013-2014)

The SAT Reasoning Test

The SAT Reasoning Test encompasses three areas: critical reading, mathematics, and writing. Each section is scored on a scale ranging from 200 to 800, resulting in a total possible score of 2400. In the writing portion, students have to take a position on an issue and use reasoning and examples to support the position. There is also a multiple choice section where students are asked to identify sentence errors, improve sentences, and improve paragraphs. The critical reading portion has both short and long reading passages. The test no longer includes analogies, but sentence completion questions remain. The College Board reports that the math section includes topics from third-year college preparatory math and includes such topics as exponential growth, absolute value, functional notation, and negative and fractional exponents. The total testing time for the SAT is 3 hours and 45 minutes.

Student Results

The SAT report summarizes information for seniors, who took the SAT Reasoning Test at any time during high school through June 2014. If a student took the test more than once, the most recent score was used. Belmont's combined overall mean is 1790, an increase of 21 points from last year. The state overall mean increased by 3 points from the previous year; the national mean decreased by 1 point from last year.

Two hundred sixty six BHS seniors (99% of the class of 2014) reported SAT Reasoning Test scores. In Belmont, the critical reading mean is 76 points higher than the state mean and 95 points higher than the national mean. The mathematics mean for Belmont is 80 points higher than the state mean and 98 points higher than the national mean. Belmont's mean for the writing test was 78 points higher than the state mean and 100 points higher than the national mean. The combined mean for Belmont students was 234 points higher than the state mean and 293 points higher than the national mean.

For the 148 students who took 436 SAT Subject Tests *and* the SAT Reasoning Test, the mean SAT critical reading score was 657 and the mean SAT math score was 677. The writing test mean for these students was 675. Rigorous academic programs continue to correlate with higher SAT scores. These students had a combined overall mean score of 1989, 199 points higher than the overall mean for all Belmont High School students who took the SAT Reasoning Test.

2014 Results

Overall MEAN	**Belmont Public Schools**	**State**	**National**
Critical Reading	592	516	497
Mathematics	611	531	513
Writing	587	509	487
Combined	**1790**	**1556**	**1497**

ACT (2013-2014):

The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first year college coursework. This battery of tests takes 2 hours and 55 minutes. An optional writing test measures skills in planning and writing a short persuasive essay. The writing test takes 30 minutes.

The English test focuses on editing and revising skills. The mathematics test consists of problems found in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. The reading test focuses on reading comprehension questions using a variety of passages. The science test draws on biology, chemistry, earth/space, and physics. The ACT is scored on a scale of 1 to 36, with 36 being the highest possible score.

Student Results

The ACT report summarizes information for seniors who took the ACT any time during high school through spring 2014. Eighty three BHS seniors (31% of the class of 2014) reported ACT scores. Students receive four scores, one for each section of the test. According to ACT, student scores should be compared to the ACT College Readiness Benchmark scores which, are the minimum scores needed on ACT subject-area tests to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses. The ACT equates their tests to such college courses as English Composition, Algebra, Social Sciences, and Biology.

2014 Results

	ACT College Readiness Benchmark	**BHS Average Score**	**State Average Score**	**National Average Score**
English	18	26.2	24.0	20.3
Mathematics	22	26.1	24.6	20.9
Reading	22	26.1	24.5	21.3
Science	23	25.1	23.5	20.8
Composite	N/A	26.0	24.3	21.0

Advanced Placement:

The Advanced Placement Program offers 34 discipline-based examinations. These exams consist of multiple choice and open response questions. The examinations are graded on a 5-point scale. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit for grades of 3 or higher. The values of an Advanced Placement Program are many. First, AP courses offer a standard curriculum that is used across the country and acknowledged throughout the world for its quality and rigor. Second, the AP curriculum tends to raise the quality of curriculum throughout the entire high school. Finally, the AP courses at Belmont High School are aligned with university standards and expectations.

Year	**Students participating in AP program**	**Exams taken by the participating students**	**Subject areas of the exams**	**Percentage of scores of 3, 4, or 5**
2002	255	488	21	88%
2003	290	545	21	89%
2004	298	601	23	89%
2005	317	682	26	86%

2006	321	650	22	90%
2007	362	839	26	87%
2008	392	818	25	89%
2009	391	802	28	93%
2010	415	820	23	95%
2011	378	746	23	94%
2012	386	836	21	94%
2013	414	838	22	93%
2014	459	1,006	25	95%

In 2014, Belmont High School students took Advanced Placement Exams in 25 subject areas. They are listed by discipline:

English

- English Literature and Composition

Foreign Language

- Chinese Language and Culture
- French Language and Culture
- Japanese Language and Culture
- Latin
- Spanish Language and Culture

History and Social Science

- European History
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Psychology
- United States History
- World History

Mathematics

- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Computer Science A
- Statistics

Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics B
- Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- Physics C: Mechanics

Visual Art

- Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
- Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio

AP Scholar Awards

Belmont High School students are well represented in the AP Scholar Awards Program.

- The AP Scholar Award was granted to 67 students who received grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams
- The AP Scholar with Honors Award was granted to 50 students who received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on four or more of these exams.
- The AP Scholar with Distinction award was granted to 98 students who received an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- The National AP Scholar Award was earned by 26 students. This award is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on five or more of these exams.

In total, 215 AP awards were earned by BHS students in 2014.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS):

During the 2013-2014 school year, Belmont students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 participated in various discipline-based tests as part of MCAS. A review of the results of the 2014 administration of the MCAS indicates an overall positive performance for Belmont students. Belmont students are meeting the learning standards of the State Curriculum Frameworks.

Individual school reports, system wide data, and state scores allow for a comparison of the percentage of Belmont students in each of four performance levels with the statewide percentages in each performance level. At all grade levels and in all subject areas, the percentage of Belmont students who scored at advanced and proficient levels was higher than the statewide percentages in the same performance categories.

MCAS Test Administration for 2013-2014

Grade Tested In 2013-2014	YOG	Current Grade In 2013-2014	# Tested	Subject Tested
10	2016	11	306 312	English Math
9	2017	10	291	Physics
8	2018	9	322 326 325	English Math Science
7	2019	8	288 290	English Math

6	2020	7	326 325	English Math
5	2021	6	314 314 312	English Math Science
4	2022	5	343 345	English Math
3	2023	4	317 316	Reading Math
Total MCAS Tests Administered in 2014			5,372	

Students in grades 3 through 8 and 10 participate in English and math testing. A science test is administered in grades 5, 8, and 9 or 10.

All students must pass a science, English, and math test in order to graduate with a high school diploma. According to statutes, all students must meet or exceed the proficient scaled score of 240 in English and math, and the needs improvement scaled score of 220 in science. Those who score between 220 and 238 on the English and math tests must also fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP) in order to meet the state Competency Determination Graduation Requirement. The EPP is developed by the Belmont High School administration and guidance counselors to document student progress and completion of this requirement. The history and social science high school MCAS test has been put on hold as a result of current state budget constraints.

English Language Learners participate in the MCAS. In addition, all ELL students are assessed annually with the ACCESS test. This is a new test adopted by Massachusetts in the 2012-2013 school year. It measures students' English language proficiency and progress in learning English in the four domains of reading, writing, listening, and speaking across all content areas.

Yearly Comparison of Combined Percentages of Student Performance at Advanced and Proficient for MCAS

Grade	**2002 2003**	**2003 2004**	**2004 2005**	**2005 2006**	**2006 2007**	**2007 2008**	**2008 2009**	**2009 2010**	**2010 2011**	**2011 2012**	**2012 2013**	**2013 2014**
3 Reading	83%	84%	82%	80%	79%	82%	81%	85%	82%	86%	77%	81%
3 Math	NA	NA	NA	76%	80%	84%	85%	85%	82%	85%	83%	89%
4 English	74%	78%	75%	80%	82%	78%	75%	82%	84%	80%	83%	72%

4 Math	60%	67%	68%	65%	74%	73%	72%	75%	69%	73%	78%	79%
5 English	NA	NA	NA	84%	85%	87%	85%	84%	88%	83%	86%	91%
5 Math	NA	NA	NA	66%	74%	79%	76%	75%	82%	84%	81%	88%
5 Science	82%	81%	68%	74%	71%	71%	70%	73%	72%	71%	67%	81%
6 English	NA	NA	NA	90%	88%	91%	86%	91%	94%	91%	89%	90%
6 Math	72%	76%	65%	69%	78%	73%	78%	83%	85%	83%	84%	82%
7 English	91%	89%	86%	86%	91%	94%	91%	92%	93%	97%	93%	93%
7 Math	NA	NA	NA	62%	74%	76%	77%	80%	76%	78%	80%	83%
8 English	NA	NA	NA	92%	92%	97%	96%	96%	93%	95%	98%	97%
8 Math	74%	72%	76%	70%	70%	80%	75%	77%	79%	79%	87%	83%
8 Science	68%	73%	64%	60%	62%	74%	68%	78%	71%	78%	80%	78%
9 Physics	NA	NA	NA	NA	87%	88%	93%	95%	94%	95%	92%	91%
10 English	84%	90%	91%	90%	91%	97%	95%	94%	98%	99%	97%	98%
10 Math	74%	85%	91%	88%	96%	95%	94%	96%	95%	96%	95%	96%

Note: Based on their achievement on the MCAS exams, eighty-one seniors (30%) in the class of 2014 are eligible to receive a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, entitling them to four years of free tuition at a University of Massachusetts campus or at participating Massachusetts state or community colleges.

Assessment and Accountability:

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education annually measures each district's and school's progress toward ensuring that all students reach proficiency according to the standards of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The overall data for Belmont and its schools continues to show the positive results of well-aligned curricula, high quality instruction, and high expectations for all students. We are very pleased to report that, for the second consecutive year, all Belmont schools met their gap-narrowing goals, and earned Level 1 status, resulting in a Level 1 designation for the district as well.

The annual Progress and Performance Index (PPI) measures a district's, school's, or subgroup's improvement towards its own target over a two-year period on up to seven indicators: narrowing proficiency gaps in English/Language Arts, mathematics, and science; student growth in English/Language Arts and mathematics; and the annual dropout rate and graduation rate for high schools. The cumulative PPI measures trends by averaging the annual PPIs of the most recent

four year period, weighting recent years the most. The cumulative PPI is reported on a 100-point scale, and a score of 75 or higher is needed to demonstrate that a school is making progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps.

In 2014, all schools met the target for all students, earning Cumulative Progress and Performance Indicator scores of between 78 and 100. The performance of students in the subgroups is measured at Chenery Middle School and Belmont High School where there is a large enough cohort to be included in the calculations (minimum of 30 students required). The high school subgroups have been consistently meeting the target.

For the high school subgroups, the 2014 annual PPI decreased to 61; however, the Cumulative PPI was 79, remaining above the score to demonstrate progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps. Factors contributing to this change include an increase in the drop-out rate of 1.1% (2 students) and lower growth in English Language Arts. Balancing those decreases were increases in points for improved growth mathematics and science.

In 2013 the annual PPI for the middle subgroups improved from 55 to 85; in 2014, the annual PPI improved even more, to a remarkable 105. This raised the Cumulative PPI for the middle subgroups from 75 in 2013 to 87 in 2014. This is the result of improved achievement and growth in English Language Arts and math, as well as improved achievement in science.

Also included in the chart below is a feature of the accountability system, school percentile, a number between 1 and 99, which indicates the school's performance relative to all other schools in the Commonwealth that serve the same or similar grades.

Here is a summary of the information for each of Belmont's schools:

School	Cumulative PPI*	Accountability and Assistance Level	School Percentile
Burbank Elementary School	All students 100	Level 1	96
Butler Elementary School	All students 78	Level 1	91
Wellington Elementary School	All students 85	Level 1	86
Winn Brook Elementary School	All students 100	Level 1	96
Chenery Middle School	All students 100 Subgroups 87	Level 1	98
Belmont High School	All students 96 Subgroups 79	Level 1	95
District	All students 99 Subgroups 74	Level 1	n/a

*Subgroups of fewer than 30 students do not receive PPI scores.

For more information on assessment and accountability information for the district and schools, go to the MCAS/NCLB information on the Belmont Public Schools web site: http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/mcas/.

Business and Finance:

Budget

At the Annual Town Meeting, the members approved a general fund school budget for FY14 of $44,349,100. However, supplementing this Town appropriation were federal and state grants totaling $3,005,833. The School Department also offset a portion of its operational expenses through user fees. In FY14, $3,159,602 was budgeted to be charged to fee-based revolving accounts to cover operational areas including preschool, all-day kindergarten, food service, athletics, fine and performing arts, student activities, building rentals, and community education.

Increased overall student enrollment, contractual salary raises, increased utilities costs, medical insurance, and mandated student services were the main cost drivers in the budget. In FY14, the Warrant Committee approved a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of $200,000 to help address a deficit in the School Department operating budget.

In reviewing costs on a per pupil basis, the Belmont Public Schools continued to spend well below the state average. FY14 data provided by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicates that for FY14, Belmont's average per-pupil expenditure was $12,799, as compared to the state average of $14,571.

The School Department has made great efforts to reduce costs wherever possible, including membership in purchasing collaboratives and competitive bidding for many services. Perhaps our most important cost-saving venture, the LABBB Collaborative, achieves substantial cost savings by pooling resources with Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, Burlington to administer special-needs programs that would be far more expensive in other settings, while providing a high level of service for our students. We also participate in collaborative bidding for office and school supplies, as well as for custodial and food services items, through the TEC Collaborative. For utilities, Town and School departments are part of a multi-community collaborative bid for fuel oil advertised by the Brookline Purchasing Office. Since the majority of our school buildings are heated by natural gas, the School Department is part of a collaborative bidding process for natural gas through the EDCO Collaborative.

Building Maintenance

The School Department's FY14 operating budget included $1,848,384 ($814,950 for the maintenance of buildings and grounds, plus $1,033,434 for custodial services for the care and upkeep of school facilities. School maintenance and custodial functions have been operated in conjunction with the consolidated Town/School Facilities Department. Some of the initial benefits of the consolidation have been the coordination of bids for awarding contracted trade services for building maintenance and repairs, now covering both Town and School buildings; a consolidated Capital Budget Plan for Town and School facilities; and access to a Facilities Department major building repair account to assist in addressing school building needs, beyond what could be supported by the School Department operating budget alone.

Belmont High School

As was the case in the several fiscal years prior, in FY14 a Statement of Interest (SOI), indicating the need for a major building project for Belmont High School was submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

The School Department was encouraged by a site visit made to Belmont High School by a team from the MSBA in response to the FY14 SOI. However, ultimately the district was not invited by the MSBA to participate in a project for the FY14 SOI cycle. The School Department and the Town expects to submit an SOI in FY15.

Conclusion:

In 2014, as in years past, Belmont has every reason to be proud of its schools and its students. The schools operate efficiently, with minimal administrative overhead; the teaching staff and administrators are excellent, highly trained, and dedicated.

The completed three-year contracts with the Belmont Education Association include modest increases in salary to honor the fiscal constraints facing the Town while ensuring that Belmont educators are compensated at levels competitive with the salary scales of the best neighboring school districts. The Town owes thanks to all bargaining teams for the time they committed to reach a successful settlement, and looks forward to continued collaboration to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning for all Belmont students.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Slap, Chair
Belmont School Committee

John P. Phelan, Superintendent
Belmont Public Schools

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:
Chair: Robert P. Reardon, C.A.E.
Vice - Chair: Martin B. Millane, Jr.
Secretary: Charles R. Laverty, III, Esq.

Appointed Staff:
Assessing Administrator: Daniel A. Dargon, Jr., M.A.A.
Assistant Assessing Administrator: Maryanne Knorr, A.A.S.

Purpose and Duties:
The Assessors' Office is responsible for administering Massachusetts property tax laws effectively and equitably and for producing accurate and fair appraisals of all taxable property. In Belmont, the property tax contributes over 66% of the town's operating budget. Taxable property includes not only real estate, but business personal property as well.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
The Assessors held regular bi-monthly meetings, and met on a weekly basis during the busy tax-billing periods, and at other such times, as requested, had conferences and meetings with taxpayers, interested citizens and various Town Boards, Officials and the Board of Selectmen.

Members of the Board and office staff attended schools, classes and conferences sponsored by the Department of Revenue, International Association of Assessing Officers, Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers and the Middlesex County Assessors Association, in an effort to maintain their proficiency in the administration of the office and the appraisal and maintenance of real and personal property for assessment purposes.

The Board of Assessors voted to issue an actual real estate tax bill for Fiscal Year 2015, with a tax rate of $12.90 per thousand, in December 2014, to ensure proper financial management for the Town by avoiding unnecessary borrowing costs. The Board of Assessors has successfully issued timely tax bills for more than twenty five years.

The assessed value tax roll for the Town of Belmont contains 8,276 real property accounts and 501 personal property accounts with an annual total assessed value of $5,927,739,291, an increase of $446,724,130 for Fiscal Year 2015.

The office staff processed approximately 582 transfers of real and personal property, of which approximately 53% of the transfers were determined "valid" sales. There were 21,047 motor vehicle excise tax bills with a total excise tax of $3,103,184.50 committed to the Tax Collector. A total of 757 motor vehicle excise tax bills with a value of $73,252.19 were abated, 159 applications for statutory exemptions for real estate tax were granted resulting in $278,992.27 being exempted, and 69 applications for CPA surcharge exemption were granted resulting in $6,432.91 being exempted.

The Annual Town Meeting appropriated $112,651,906.00, leaving $2,587,780.85 non-appropriated to be raised for the total revenue of $115,239,686.85 required for the operation of Town Government. Estimated receipts and available funds totaled $38,771,850.00, leaving $76,467,836.85 to be raised by taxation.

The Board successfully defended overvaluation appeals before the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board. The Board of Assessors continued the real and personal property re-inspection program as part of the Computerized Assisted Mass

Appraisal system, otherwise known as the "CAMA" system. During 2014, the Board of Assessors continued updating the existing CAMA system with regards to all property information: building permits, building plans, sketches, images, living area, as well as all other assessment information. Personal Property accounts have also been updated with regards to assessment of furniture and fixtures, equipment and machinery, and inventory. The re-inspection program provided an increase in assessed value of $48,464,950 in new growth for an increase in tax levy of $654,277 for Fiscal Year 2015. The Assessing Administrator continued visiting homes that sold for Fiscal Year 2016, for sales that occurred between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 in order to verify the sale date, sales price and validity of the sale in person. The continual updating of the computer system of the Assessor's Office allows for improved working conditions and public access. The Board also updated the property record information on the Town's Web site to make data, pictures and sketches available on line.

The Board will continue with an equalized value program. All building, plumbing and electrical permits, and occupancy certificates, will continue to be monitored for possible adjustments in value. Sales ratio studies will be monitored as part of the equalization program in preparation of the Fiscal Year 2016 reappraisal.

The Board of Assessors also provided technical assistance to the Board of Selectmen on matters relating to the potential acquisition and sale of public land. The expertise of the Board and staff saves the cost of real estate appraisal services which would otherwise be required in such matters.

The Town of Belmont's Board of Assessors Office holds many designations by individual members of the Board and staff. These designations include: one Certified Assessment Evaluators (CAE) and one Administrative Assessment Specialist (AAS), awarded by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), one Massachusetts Accredited Assessor (MAA) and one Certified Massachusetts Assessor (CMA), awarded by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO), as well as numerous other professional designations from both the public and private sectors.

In April, Robert P. Reardon was re-elected as Chairman of the Board, with Martin B. Millane, Jr., as Vice Chairman, and Charles R. Laverty, III, as Secretary.

In December, Adrienne Weaver was appointed to fill in the vacant position of Assessment Technician.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Reardon, C.A.E., Chair
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Chair: Alexander E. Corbett, III
Vice-Chair: Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Clerk: William J. Chemelli

Appointed Staff:
DPW Cemetery Division Manager: Joseph M. Urciuolo

Purpose and Duties:
The Board of Cemetery Commissioners herewith files our annual report of activities for the calendar year 2014, our 155th year in operation. We are a three member, elected, volunteer board, consisting of the above named members. We enjoy a close working relationship with the Department of Public Works employees responsible for day to day cemetery operations. The Cemetery Commission is responsible for setting prices and policies for both Belmont Cemeteries, working with and on the Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill, the group that manages the inactive cemetery land at Highland Meadow Cemetery under a Conservation Restriction B1 and planning for any future phases of cemetery development. In addition the Board works cooperatively with the Town Treasurer to ensure proper investment planning for the perpetual care funds as articulated in MGL. Ch. 114.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
Of the 97 interments at our two cemeteries, 39 (40 %) were non-residents of the town, to whom extra fees were assessed totaling $14,625. Total service fee receipts for both cemeteries were $222,974.00, including all grave openings, foundations, disinterments, non-resident fees, overtime charges, late arrival fees, planting program and interest, memorial tree program and interest, canopy rentals and genealogy studies.

Although new burial lots for traditional interments have not been available at the Belmont Cemetery on Grove Street since 1988, 62 interments were made to existing lots in 2014, including 19 cremations (31%). Six years after its opening, lot sales at Highland Meadow Cemetery on Concord Avenue opposite Somerset Street continue to be steady, totaling $2,679,700.00. Lot prices remain unchanged since opening and are similar to prices at the most prestigious private cemeteries. In 2014, 35 interments took place at Highland Meadow Cemetery, including 6 cremations (17%).

The Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, per MGL c.114, has a current balance of $1,792,673, the annual interest projected at $38,000 helps to defray the cost of cemetery perpetual care maintenance.

During 2014, our Foreman John McDonough retired after 37 years of devoted and energetic service to Belmont's cemeteries. We will also miss the expertise and input of Peter J. Castanino, DPW Director. We wish both of these gentlemen success and good health in their retirement. Long time cemetery employee, Jeff Currier, has taken over the position of foreman of the Cemetery Division. In addition to Jeff, we are grateful for the efforts of Cemetery Division

Manager Joe Urciuolo, Craig Crisafi, Sheila Meroth, James Gavell and Nancy Fay for their dedicated work to Belmont's families and we look forward to working with them in 2015. In addition, we sincerely appreciate the seasonal and expert work of Steve O'Neil, Mike Raymond and Austin (Butchie) Bennett and the staff at Muzzioli Associates to keep the cemeteries a source of pride.

Goals for 2015:

- Continue to fund the perpetual Care Account at 50% of cemetery lot sales.
- Prepare/plan for future cemetery phases – the original master plan maps show possible, future phase alternatives, and we will continue to work with the Town Treasurer on funding alternatives.
- Conduct a survey of similar towns to determine if price increases are warranted. Examine alternative operation scenarios with the DPW to maintain quality and flexibility.
- Continue both the Annual Planting Program and the Memorial Tree Planting Program to enhance landscape areas at both cemeteries.
- Redesign the Heart Bed at Belmont Cemetery to enhance the beauty of the entrance while balancing our desire for more limited maintenance design.
- Set up a capital improvement set-aside account after the cemetery lawsuit is finally paid and behind us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexander E. Corbett III
Board of Cemetery Commissioners

BOARD OF HEALTH:
Chair: Donna S. David, R.N., M.N.
Vice - Chair: David B. Alper, D.P.M.
Board Member: Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S.

Health Department Staff:
Director: Stefan Russakow, M.A., R.S., (1)
Assistant Director: Angela Braun, R.S. (2)
Animal Control Officer: John Maguranis
Public Health Program Assistant & Clerk of the Board: Maria Reddington
LICSW, Youth & Family Services Coordinator: Janet Amdur
Public Health Nurse: David Neylon, R.N., CIC, REHS
Veteran's Service Officer: Hsui-Ann Tom (3)
Veteran's Service Officer: Robert Upton (4)

Purpose and Duties:
The primary purpose of the Belmont Board of Health is to protect Belmont citizens and visitors from disease, injury and environmental health hazards. This purpose is realized through a broad collection of State and Federal health mandates and suggested activities based on epidemiologic research and national statistics. The duties of the elected Board of Health, as represented by the Health Department Staff, include education of the public on disease prevention, health issues, health services, and health promotion, enforcement of public and environmental health mandates, and monitoring of health conditions and trends in order to determine needs.

The Belmont Board of Health continues its regional collaboration efforts to maximize services to the community in areas such as hazardous waste, mosquito control, tobacco control and prevention of youth access to tobacco, public health based emergency preparedness and public health nursing services. Belmont and Arlington continue to share services of the Sealer of Weights and Measures. Belmont and Lexington continue to share a Public Health Nurse position. We continue to explore other opportunities for future collaborations both regionally, and interdepartmentally. Currently we are in the process of applying for a regional long term grant regarding prevention of youth substance abuse and underage drinking

Environmental Health services, such as inspections of food service establishments are one of the most important activities of the Health Department because of the potential for serious foodborne illness. There are 132 food service establishments in Town. This figure includes retail food stores, catering establishments, bakeries, schools, and mobile canteen trucks, etc. Between one and three inspections are done at each of these establishments throughout the year depending on the relative risk of the operation and their level of compliance. Typically, over 200 food service inspections are done each year. This does not include unannounced drop in visits and complaint investigations. Plan reviews are conducted for new establishments and renovations, and preoperational inspections are performed to ensure that actual construction is consistent with the plans submitted and approved. In 2014, 5 food establishments closed, and 4 new ones were opened. Twelve plan reviews were conducted. The weekly Farmers' Market continued to be an asset to the community, but does require regular Health Department oversight. Inspections of the Market are required because it has grown from offering just local raw fruit and vegetable stands to having vendors with processed foods, meats, dairy products, and even seafood. Volunteers and non-profit organizations, as well as profitable organizations are also subject to food safety regulations when they are serving food to the public. These activities are called temporary food events and organizers frequently reach out to the Department for advice to determine if a temporary

food permit is required. Whether a temporary food permit is required or not we will depend on the menu items being served and other risk factors. We enjoy having the opportunity to provide food safety education to the public, and always encourage the public to contact us whenever there are questions.

Food service inspections do not consist of focusing entirely on enforcement. Education of the food service worker is a key factor in successful compliance and prevention of food borne illness. A newsletter to food service establishments is published twice each year primarily to remind them of compliance issues that are encountered through the inspection program. This year also marked the third year that the Health Department utilized a "cloud" based inspectional reporting and tracking program called the Digital Health Department. This program allows the inspector to have all the previous inspectional data at his or her finger tips during an inspection and allows the inspector to prepare reports and attach photographs to inspections in the field and to e-mail reports back to the office in real time. The program is valuable in complaint investigations as well. Non-criminal violation notices (tickets) were given in several cases. There were hearings conducted for code non-compliances with several establishments and meetings attended to discuss food service in several proposed new food service facilities.

The Health Department, under the authority of the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 410.000 Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation, responds to residents' complaints concerning possible health and safety violations in rental housing. After an inspection is done, an Order Letter is written to the property owner and sometimes the occupant. The Health Department frequently facilitates negotiations between occupants and landlords, so that violations can be corrected as quickly as possible. Cases are occasionally resolved after court intervention. Overall, in 2014 the amount of staff time put into housing inspections, re-inspections, and all the enforcement proceedings, follow-up tasks, and hearings was concerning. We are hoping this trend does not continue in 2015.

In addition to housing complaints, the Department responded to and took action on approximately 200 additional complaints that included inappropriate garbage/rubbish storage and disposal, air quality concerns, electric sanding, rodent problems, food and general safety issues. Similar to 2013, 2014, brought with it an increase in nuisance complaints, mainly regarding rodents and trash. In response, the Board of Health is requesting additional funds in the FY 15 budget to add a seasonal environmental investigator position to the staff to take on the additional work load. The environmental investigator hired, Lauren Pratt, a graduate student in Environmental Health at Boston University, worked part time throughout the summer and into the early Fall. She did a stellar job at responding to complaints and mailing out educational materials and proved to be an invaluable investment for the Department. The Department is also responsible for inspecting one bodywork establishment, nine day camps, and seven swimming pools and two facilities with biotechnology permits. This year the Department was involved with the review and approval of the new Underwood pool construction. The Health Department performs "drop in" visits to all day camps and pool sites throughout the summer.

The Board of Health is responsible for establishing local health policies and regulations that may offer additional public health protection beyond the minimum standards set by the State. This year the Board drafted and adopted new retail tobacco sales regulations in order to further limit access of any nicotine delivery devices to youth and young adults. In Belmont the minimum age to purchase nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes, in 21 years old. In addition, blunt wraps and flavored tobacco are no longer available for sale in Belmont.

The Board of Health is responsible for subsurface sewerage systems in the town, under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) regulations, commonly known as "Title 5." Soil testing, review of plans and oversight of construction are responsibilities of the Health Department. As properties are renovated or replaced, a significant number of them are connecting to Town sewer. In 2014, there was one system replaced and one system repaired.

As in the past few years, the demand for Flu vaccine has decreased markedly as physicians and commercial pharmacies received the vaccines much earlier in the year than local health departments. Due to this marked decrease in demand for annual flu vaccine, the Belmont Health Department was only allotted 100 doses of flu vaccine from the State. These vaccines were administered at one advertised seasonal flu clinic and were also distributed to childcare staff upon request. This year the Department also arranged for three Town employee flu clinics with the assistance of Star Market's Osco Drugs. Osco Drugs offered the vaccine at prearranged convenient locations and employee medical coverage was utilized.

The Department licenses 17 tobacco sales establishments that are monitored for compliance during food retail inspections and with underage tobacco/nicotine compliance checks. The department continues a partnership with the health departments in Arlington, Brookline, Newton and Watertown to maintain a full time individual to provide educational information and perform compliance checks at establishments selling tobacco in the five towns. This individual frees up department staff so they may focus on other environmental and inspectional activities. However, this program is funded by the State and therefore the compliance check minimum age sale being checked is 18. Due to the new local regulation with the minimum age of 21, Health Department staff will have to supplement the program to verify compliance with the new minimum age.

The Animal Control Officer logged over 3,000 miles as he patrolled the parks, streets and conservation areas of the Town. A total of 75 animals were put on and released from quarantine. In total there were 850 animal related service requests responded to during 2014. This included wild animal rescues, wild animals euthanized due to severe injuries, home visits, police and health department dispatches and reports of found and missing dogs and cats. The ACO continued to be very active throughout the State giving six presentations regarding coyotes to residents, legislators, schools and other towns and municipalities. Belmont again participated in the statewide push to vaccinate pets by holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats on the first Saturday in April, a total 37 dogs and cats were vaccinated and many of those also received microchips to aid in locating the animals if lost.

In order to maximize services to the residents of Belmont, the Youth and Family Services Coordinator spends 20 hours per week providing social work based services to the residents while assigned to the Council on Aging at the Beech Street Center. The Youth and Family Services Coordinator also spent considerable time working with families and children in need. This position continues to provide individual and family therapy, case management, and crisis intervention services to provide support to Belmont families. Basic necessities such as food and housing have become an increasingly high priority and the Youth & Family Services Coordinator works closely with community groups such

as the Salvation Army and the Affordable Shelter Fund to help with these needs. The number of families in need and the complexity of the needs are ever increasing. The Girls' Group continues to be a very positive experience for participants. The Youth & Family Services Coordinator is a member of the School Department's Health Advisory Committee and is involved with implementation of pending regional mental health and substance abuse prevention grants and programs. The Youth and Family Coordinator along with the Director represent the Health Department during interdepartmental task force meetings having to do with crisis intervention and hoarding issues. In addition to providing limited clinical intervention and support to Belmont families, the Youth and Family Coordinator creates and implements several social programs and projects. These stimulating community activities, such as the Giving Tree, Golden Shoes, and Art Contest, to name a few, draw a larger range of intergenerational participants that add to the quality of life in Belmont.

Belmont continues its participation in the Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility located in Lexington. Eight towns comprise the core group operating the facility, although it is open to all towns with either the town or the resident paying the fee. There is also one "small quantity generator" day offered each year whereby small businesses are able to drop off accumulated hazardous wastes. Belmont continues to pre-register through the Health Department office to insure that the program stays within its budget and approximately 20-25 families participate in each collection. The site is open seven Saturdays and one Sunday, April through November. Since the State promulgated legislation requiring towns to consider needles, syringes and lancets a special waste and remove them from the general solid waste stream, Belmont has been on the forefront of providing facilities for residents to dispose of their "sharps" for a modest fee and in a convenient location. The Department also offers a convenient mercury, NiCad battery and, button batteries drop off program for residents 12 months a year, to keep used mercury from entering the environment.

Belmont is one of approximately 25 cities and towns that comprise the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project. It has been in existence since 1946 with Belmont being one of the original five towns. Each city and town contributes funds towards the overall maintenance and administration of the District and then additional funds cover specific services provided to each community. Mosquito control specific to Belmont includes adult mosquito surveillance by trapping, helicopter Bti (Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis) application in a small area of Beaverbrook Reservation and catch basin larval control. Because the land area of Belmont is quite small, one benefit of the Town's support of the District is the mosquito control activities actually carried out in adjacent towns with large areas of wetlands.

The threat of West Nile Virus, carried primarily by container-breeding mosquitoes, continues to affect the workload of the Health Department. This year there was one instance of a "positive" mosquito collection in Belmont and the threat level for WNV was raised in Belmont as well as the other towns in the area. There were no reported cases of West Nile Virus in our town. As in the past year, East Middlesex Mosquito Control conducted all of the catch basin larval control this year.

Emergency preparedness continues to be an important aspect of the Health Department's work The Department participates in a Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) in conjunction with the Fire and Police Departments and the DPW. This year the Health Department also reconvened the local Emergency Planning Group involving many Town departments in order to address Ebola emergency response planning, from a local government viewpoint. Participation in the Public Health Region 4b group not only encourages collaboration with surrounding communities but also allows the Health Department to receive some grant money to assist in emergency planning. A community emergency preparedness update was sent in the electric light bills this spring. There are ongoing trainings for Medical Reserve Corps. volunteers throughout Region 4b year round.

Cable TV and the local newspaper continued to be used to share information concerning programs, clinics and health education. Participation in the Massachusetts Health Officers' Association (MHOA), the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA), the Regionalization Working Group and the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) helps insure that the Department has the most current information for Belmont's residents. Last year the Board of Health also explored opportunities to broaden our abilities to disseminate public health education and recent public health news by utilizing social media. A Facebook page was made and in 2014 a "twitter" account was created. Occasional news is posted and if necessary, alerts may be disseminated quickly.

Veteran's Services:

In 1946, the Massachusetts legislature created the Office of Veterans' Services and formalized Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services is to advocate on behalf of all Veterans, and to provide quality service and benefits to those Veterans and their dependents in need of emergency, financial and/or medical assistance. The Town of Belmont, through the Board of Selectmen's appointment of the Veterans' Services Officer, continues to demonstrate its concern and compassion for those men and women who have served our Country with honor.

The Veterans' Services Officer is normally the first individual a Veteran or dependent contacts for advice and assistance. Being a Veteran does not mean benefits are automatic. The eligibility to receive entitlements from the Department of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Affairs must be determined and proven in accordance with strict State and federal laws, rules and regulations. Benefits are intended to be temporary in nature and not full time permanent support.

2014 was the eleventh full year that the Veterans' Services Officer operated out of the Health Department. In addition to on-call "emergency" requests for service, and home appointments, the regular office hours are now from 10 AM to 3PM on Monday and Wednesdays and varied hours for home visits, time at the Senior Center and meetings. In addition to providing general support to those veterans who inquired during the course of 2014 the VSO and other Health Department staff members also planned and participated in many events honoring our Veterans such as the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans' Day and Flag Day ceremonies, and school visitations. The Veterans Service Officer also attends state sponsored trainings, continues to have monthly meetings with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and twice a month with the American Legion insuring strong communication between all Veterans and this office. The Veterans' Services Officer annually replaces over 1,825 flags at the two Town cemeteries. In 2014, the Veteran's Service position was occupied initially, for the eleventh year, by John Maguranis. Shortly after the first of the year, Hsui-Ann Tom was hired for the VSO positon. After serving the Belmont Veteran's for a few short months, and organizing and running the 2014 Memorial Day parade, Ms. Tom left Belmont for a full time position in another Town. As of January 5, 2015 Robert Upton is Belmont's Veteran's Service Officer. We are very excited to have Mr. Upton on board for he has made a very impressive transition into the Department

2014 Accomplishments:

1. The Health Department continued to expand service capacity by building partnerships and sharing resources. We reinvigorated the local emergency planning group for Ebola monitoring strategies, are participants in the formation of a Healthy Homes Task Force with other Town Departments, and are in the process of applying for collaborative grant proposals.
2. Instituted a summer intern program to respond to and focus on the increase in community sanitation issues, such as rodent sightings, trash issues and general nuisance complaints.

3. Expansion of the Digital Health Department by including Board of Health members as read only users. This feature offers rapid dissemination and notification of information to the Board members, increasing efficiency and maximizing utilization of the program.
4. Belmont became one of the first towns in MA to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco and other nicotine delivery devices to 21.
5. The Animal Control Office, working with the DPW/Recreation Department, formalized the "off-leash" dog evaluation program.
6. Established and implemented the State mandated Electronic Death Registration System for issuance of burial permits.
7. The Department, and the Board of Health, recognizing that Belmont is under represented in the Community Health Network Association (CHNA), has made a commitment to reconnect with this organization to expand Health and Wellness initiatives to the Belmont Community. Doctor Alper, co-chairman of the Board of Health, volunteered to be on the CHNA Steering Committee.
8. Hired a new Veteran's Service Officer resulting in greater outreach to the Veteran's in the Belmont community.
9. With the assistance of the Osco Drug Pharmacy, we scheduled several flu clinics for Town employees to conveniently receive their annual flu shot. 169 employees were vaccinated.
10. Continued participation in a five town project (Arlington, Brookline, Newton, Watertown), to provide for youth tobacco use prevention and compliance inspections.
11. Initiation of a twitter account for the dissemination of time sensitive public health information.
12. Participated in annual hazardous waste collection events sponsored by a consortium of eight towns for Belmont residents.

Goals for 2015:

The primary goal of the Belmont Board of Health is to protect the Belmont community through a variety of public health activities outlined by the guiding framework of the ten essential public health services and as further described in this annual report. Some of the Public Health goals to be undertaken in 2015 are as follows.

1. Continue to identify the health service needs of Belmont by, monitoring and assessing community health problems.
2. Apply for and receive available public health grants for initiatives in such topics as youth substance abuse prevention, smoke free rental housing and mental health crisis interventions.
3. Continue to increase utilization of technology to deliver health services, such as using the digital health department for environmental health inspections and investigations, the MAVEN epidemiologic reporting system to report and track communicable diseases cases, and use of social media to disseminate public health news and education.
4. Develop written policies that support improved community health planning and efforts that are aligned with the needs assessment.
5. Participate in the Belmont Police interdepartmental development of a mental health crisis intervention response plan and a Belmont healthy homes/hoarding task force.
6. Continue with a seasonal intern's Town wide community sanitation education program to raise awareness and educate residents on the increasing number of nuisance conditions, such as trash and debris, rodent issues, and unkempt properties.
7. Expand assistance and linkages of resources to residents and veterans who require counseling and or resources to acquire necessities in order to maintain an acceptable and safe lifestyle.
8. Develop, and implement intergenerational social programs and community involvement projects to promote charitable contributions, healthy lifestyles, and improved mental health.

As many of you may know, the last day of 2014 was marked by the retirement of the Department's Director, Stefan Russakow. On behalf of all the staff at the Belmont Health Department and the Board of Health, I would like to thank Stefan Russakow for his nine years of service to the Town of Belmont, his outstanding career of service in the armed forces, and for being a fine mentor, leader and friend. This annual report would not be complete without recognizing the three member elected Board of Health who serve Belmont and the Department with commendable devotion and caring – thank you. Congratulations to Board member Dr. David Alper, for 2015 will mark his tenth term on the Belmont Board of Health. Lastly, I would like to thank the other town Departments, Boards, and Commissions for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Braun, RS, Director
Belmont Health Department

(1) Stefan Russakow retired December 31, 2014
(2) Angela Braun appointed as Director on January 1, 2015
(3) Hsiu-Ann Tom was VSO from February 16, 2014- October 1, 2014
(4) Robert Upton was appointed VSO on January 5, 2015

CASES OF REPORTABLE DISEASES BY YEARS 2006-2014

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Animal Bites	6	2	26	12	33	7	20	14	12
Campylobacter	7	13	9	6	8	9	5	5	6
Chicken Pox	15	6	3	1	8	9	5	0	0
E Coli:0157:H7			3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Giardiasis	2	3	6	3	3	0	1	0	1
Hepatitis	1	2	1	3	12	4	7	8	10
Latent TB				2	2	18	17	12	3
Lyme	14	9	18	9	13	12	14	10	12
Pertussis	1	6	4	4	0	0	0	1	0
Salmonellosis	3	2	4	8	7	6	3	5	1
Shigellosis	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0

Cancer Deaths 2014

Breast	1	Prostate	5
Lung	2	Colon	3
Stomach	1	Pancreas	7
Ovary	2	Remaining Sites	21
		Total	42

Breakdown by age and gender available in the Health Department. This total will not correspond to the total under "All Cancers" in the death statistics below because this total includes more than the primary cause of death.

DEATHS OF BELMONT RESIDENTS 2014

Heart Disease	25	All Cancers	35
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	Pneumonia & Influenza	22
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	2	Diabetes Mellitis	1
Liver Disease/Cirrhosis	0	Atherosclerosis	2
Accidents, Suicides Poisonings, Violence	2	Alzheimers/Dementia	58
Birth Injuries, Newborn Infections, Congenital Malformations	0	All Other Causes	24

Deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's office as of 1/23/2015 **TOTAL DEATHS** 181

2014 Permits and Licenses Issued

Animal Permits	19	Temporary Dumpsters	260
Bakery Registrations	3	Rubbish Disposal Permit	25
Biotech Licenses	2	Septage Hauler Permits	4
Burial Permits	81	Swimming Pool Licenses	6
Day Camp Licenses	6	Tanning Facilities	1
Dumpster Annual	52	Tobacco Permits	20
Farmer's Market Permits	16	Installers Permit, Title V	1
Food Permits	160	Review Septic Plan	1
Food Waivers	16	Hazardous Waste Registrations	176
Funeral Director Licenses	7	Church Hall Licenses	16
Mobile Canteen Licenses	7		

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS THROUGH 12/31/2014

Animal Permits	315.00
Body Work Establishments	450.00
Burial Permits	810.00
Citations, Animal	1300.00
Citations, Dumpster	0.00
Citations, Nuisance	350.00
Citations, Food Service	800.00
Citations, Tobacco	125.00
Citations, Abrasive Blasting	0.00
Sharps Containers & Disposal Fees	659.00
Day Camp	1700.00
Dumpster Permits	14850.00
Food Establishment Permits	19405.00
Mobile Food Trucks	1200.00
Food Service Plan Review	1075.00
Flu Clinic Receipts	166.00
Funeral Director Licenses	350.00
Rabies Clinic	360.00
Rubbish Haulers	3000.00
Swimming Pools	600.00
Septage Haulers Permits	500.00
Septage Installer Permit/Etc.	325.00
Tanning Facilities	75.00
Tobacco Sales Permits/grants	3300.00
Total	**$51,715.00**

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES / BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Chair: Matthew Lowrie
Vice-Chair: Mark Carthy
Secretary: Sarah Phillips
Board Members:
Elaine Alligood
Kathleen Keohane
Gail Mann

Library Administration Staff:

Maureen Conners, Director (retired)
Emily Reardon, Acting Director

Snapshot of Library Usage:

- 1,270 individuals signed up for library cards, bringing the number of cardholders to 15,136 or 61% of all Belmont residents
- Library patrons downloaded 18,222 ebooks, e-audiobooks, movies, and music selections, a 42% increase over last year
- Library patrons borrowed 548,198 items, a slight increase over last year
- 12,929 children, teens, and adults attended 452 concerts, story times, book clubs, cooking demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and other library programs
- 5,543 people attended 211 meetings held at the Library
- Museum passes provided 2,593 free or discounted visits to area museums for families and individuals
- Reference librarians answered 36,372 reference questions
- Public computers were used for 23,945 internet and online research sessions, 4% more than 2013
- Library website had 363,503 views, Facebook page had 506 "likes" and Pinterest page had 546 followers
- Volunteers provided 2,190 hours to support Library programs and services, including 52 high school students fulfilling their community service requirement

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

2014 was a year of transitions. Library Director Maureen Conners retired on Oct. 31 after 18 years of leadership. Her many achievements include guiding the Library into the digital age and creating the Young Adult Department, with a staff position of Young Adult librarian and a new room carved from the Reference Room. The Trustees, the Library staff, and the community appreciate her service. Emily Reardon, head of the reference department, is serving as Acting Director while a search committee seeks a permanent director. The eight-member search committee is made up of representatives of the Trustees, the staff, the Friends, Town government, and the community.

In August Denise Shaver, Coordinator of Children's Services for nearly 10 years, stepped down from her position in order to spend more time with her son. Patrons will still see her part-time in the Children's Room and at the Reference Desk. Elisabeth Fraser has joined the staff as the new Coordinator after serving as the Children's Librarian/Technology Coordinator at the Ela Area Public Library in Illinois.

Ellen Girouard, who served two-and-a-half years as Young Adult librarian after working part-time in the Children's and Reference Departments, has taken up the challenge of Technology Librarian. The new Young Adult Librarian is Cynthia Mitchem, who previously worked as Teen Librarian at the Somerville Public Library. Joanna Breen, former

marketing librarian at the Wilmington Memorial Library, has joined the Reference Staff. Myles Sullivan, previously of the Dover Town Library, is now Circulation Assistant.

Notable Events:

One Book One Belmont 2014. On May 6, historian Nathaniel Philbrick held spellbound an audience of more than 200 people at the Beech Street Center as he spoke about his best-selling book, *Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution,* featured title for the library's fifth One Book One Belmont. During the month building up to the talk, Belmont residents discovered new aspects of this pivotal battle of the Revolutionary War through a variety of programs: a walking tour of Bunker Hill lead by a National Park Service Ranger; a lecture on the Boston poet and former slave Phillis Wheatley; a slide presentation on the Museum of Fine Art's portraits and paintings of the Revolutionary era; a special "Books and Bites" discussion of three books exploring life during the Revolution from very different viewpoints; and a brass quintet playing early American music. Also featured were a tour of the Jason Russell House in Arlington for children and their families, and a visit by the British Tenth Regiment of Foot, Revolutionary War re-enactors, for teens.

A total of 443 people participated. Once again, the Friends of the Library, local businesses, and a dozen community groups and Town departments generously joined in to make OBOB a town-wide celebration.

Power Door Openers. Automatic door openers were installed at the ground level entrances near the Children's Room and at the other end of the building near the Assembly Room. The power doors should make access easier for individuals in wheelchairs and for parents with strollers.

Heating System Failure. On Dec. 30, the heating system failed because the burner would not light. Despite efforts to repair, the heating failed sporadically over the holiday weekend until replacement parts could be found that would work with our 50-year-old heating system. As a result of the temperature falling within the library during these failures, the library closed early – at 1 o'clock – on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2 and 3, 2015, for a total of two half days. We continue to work with the Town and our contractors in an effort to identify any maintenance or repair which could extend the life of our heating system.

Hoopla. For the first time, the Library offered patrons free streaming and downloadable movies, music, and TV shows through the online resource Hoopla. Multiple users can access a title at the same time, so patrons never have to go on a wait list for their selection. Hoopla includes new releases as well as educational materials, children's titles, foreign films, and audiobooks. Between October and December, 251 users signed up for Hoopla, checking out 673 titles.

Hoopla expands the digital offerings already available to library cardholders through Overdrive, which provides downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. In 2014, Belmont patrons downloaded 18,222 titles, a 42% increase over 12,808 downloads in 2013, and keeping Belmont in the top third of Minuteman Library Network (MLN) Overdrive users. Usage of Zinio, which enables Belmont patrons to download digital editions of about four dozen magazines, climbed to 2,410 downloads during the second year of the library's subscription, a 12% increase over 2013. To help patrons find new materials, both physical and digital, the library subscribed to Wowbrary. This service displays new additions by format and genre on the library webpage each week, with links to the catalog so patrons can reserve their selections.

Expanding Digital Services:

New Kindles. Not everyone owns a tablet or e-reader, so the library strives to make new devices accessible to all. With a generous donation from the Friends, the library purchased 18 new Kindle Paperwhites to replace its original fleet of well-worn Kindles, available for checkout by patrons. The read-in-the-dark Paperwhites are each stocked with more than 100 best-selling fiction and non-fiction titles from mystery to memoir.

Mobile Classroom. Also with a gift from the Friends, the library purchased 10 laptops for patron instruction. The library does not have a computer room, but the new laptops can be set up so that adult and teen students can participate in hands-on workshops. The laptops were first used in early 2015 for a series for teens on Scratch, a simple programming language developed at the MIT media lab.

One-on-One Instruction. Patrons can now sign up for one-on-one technology help sessions with the technology librarian or a reference librarian on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Training is offered on such issues as using the library's free resources, including Hoopla, Overdrive, and Zinio on a patron's own laptop or mobile device.

New Databases. Responding to growing patron interest, the Library subscribed to Valueline Investment Research Center. Offering independent evaluations of stocks, mutual funds, options and convertibles, it provides financial information needed to put together and monitor a diversified portfolio. The Library also expanded its subscription to the Morningstar Investment Research Center to accommodate an unlimited number of users at the same time, after finding that patrons were being turned away because someone else was using the resource. Reference Librarian Joanna Breen offered workshops to help patrons get the most out of these two business resources, as well as Reference USA, a directory providing information on millions of US businesses useful for job seekers and entrepreneurs.

To help high school seniors working on their senior thesis, the library subscribed to the complete digital version of Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC) from 1973 to the present. When added to a new portal called Artemis that allows students to search CLC, Literature Resource Center, and all the other Gale literature resources at the same time, it offers students our best literary criticism resource yet. The Library also added a package of 700 recently published titles across the arts and sciences to the Gale Virtual Reference Library in its continuing efforts to shift from paper reference books to digital materials that can be instantly read online on computers and mobile devices outside the library, 24/7.

Programs for Education and Entertainment:

This year the library offered its first beer-tasting, featuring a talk by author Tom Acitelli discussing his book *The Audacity of Hops,* and samples of craft beer provided by the Craft Beer Cellar store in Belmont Center. The exploration of food continued with four cooking programs offered by Chef Gerry of Belmont. The very popular "Music on Saturday" concert series entered its 11th year with monthly concerts from January through May, featuring music from Cape Verde to Ireland, and the Renaissance to the jazz age. Other music programs included "Viola and Cello Music for Food," with donations given to the Belmont Food Pantry, and a "Holiday Town Sing" led by faculty from Powers Music School.

With more and more "maker" type programs offered at libraries around the country, the library experimented with an eight-week "Learn to Knit" series guided by knitting guru Lisa Piel; an evening of "Sublime Sunflowers: Pastel Paint Like the Masters;" and a workshop on making garden pots from hypertufa, a material containing cement. The library offered a summer reading program for adults and presentations on the Affordable Healthcare Act and using pension files for genealogy research concerning Civil War veterans.

Book Discussions:

One of the many pleasures of reading is talking about the ideas one discovers. In 2014 the library continued to offer two book discussion opportunities: a classics discussion held monthly at the Beech Street Center, led by librarian Miriam MacNair, and a bimonthly group focusing on contemporary fiction held at the Library, led by librarian Corinne Chan. "Books and Bites," the monthly book review series coordinated by Miriam MacNair, expanded its roster of local authors discussing their work, adding their voices to the librarians and avid Belmont readers who regularly serve as reviewers. In 2014 five authors read from and discussed their books: Roger Hecht, *Audition and Other Stories;* Lisa

Wong, *Scales to Scalpels: Doctors Who Practice the Healing Arts of Music and Medicine*; Nicholas Basbanes, *On Paper: the Everything of Its Two-Thousand-Year History*; Juliette Fay, *The Shortest Way Home*, and Marjan Kamali, *Together Tea*.

Professional Development:

Reference staff, individually and as a group, attended a wide range of workshops and training sessions to keep up with changing technology and developments in the library profession. These included webinars on special features of our databases, including Lexis-Nexis, ValueLine, Morningstar, and Credo Reference; on how to download titles from Hoopla, Overdrive, and Zinio to laptops and different mobile devices; and on using Sierra, an updated platform for library operations implemented by MLN this spring. Librarians also attended workshops and webinars on readers' advisory, protecting patrons' privacy online; the collection lifecycle; genealogy research; and creating "maker spaces" for arts and crafts, technology, and other building projects.

In October staff attended the annual conference of the New England Library Association (NELA), where Reference Librarian Joanna Breen participated in a presentation as a member of the NELA Intellectual Freedom Committee. Staff also shared ideas and information with colleagues in the various interest groups that the Minuteman Library Network (MLN) sponsors.

Friends of the Belmont Public Library:

The Library is fortunate to have an extraordinarily active and dedicated Friends organization. As in the past, the Friends' annual book sale and everyday book sale, organized by Louise Halstead, not only gave away more than a thousand books to Belmont teachers for use in their classrooms, but also raised funds to support museum passes, One Book One Belmont, Music on Saturday, most adult and young adult programs, and the Author Series. This year's author talks included Thomas J. Mickey discussing his book *America's Romance with the English Garden,* and Justin Martin, author of *Genius of Place: The Life of Frederick Law Olmsted,* returning to discuss *Rebel Souls: Walt Whitman and America's First Bohemians.*

Word of the Friends' valuable museum pass program continues to spread, with 2,593 individuals and families using the passes to visit museums and parks at discounted rates in 2014, a 4.9% increase over 2013.

Young Adults Year in Review:

From volunteer opportunities to activities for fun and culture, the Library provided enrichment for Belmont youth in grades 7 through 12, with 1,018 students attending 56 programs.

Homework support and online resources:

Student usage of the live chat tutoring service, Tutor.com, and the test-prep database Testing & Education Reference Center increased this year as the Library stepped up its promotional efforts. Students from elementary through high school had 506 tutoring sessions with Tutor.com, twice as many as in 2013. Students working on a research project could also make one-on-one appointments with a reference librarian, to explore the Library's many news, history, and literature resources.

During 2014, former Young Adult Librarian Ellen Girouard collaborated with 7th grade Chenery Language Arts Teachers on the dystopian literature assignment. In February, she helped expand a list of dystopian titles recommended to students. In May, she hosted more than 100 students who visited the Library to hear book talks, check out dystopian novels and learn about the summer reading program.

In the area of life skills, Driving-Tests.org created a site for Belmont Public Library users, which provides up-to-date information on Massachusetts driving laws and multiple practice permit tests—perfect for teens preparing for their driving permit.

Programs:

Homework and studying programs, like the Finals Study Sessions, were extremely popular. Wednesday Homework & Hot Chocolate (or Lemonade) sessions for middle schoolers became a regular monthly event, with 411 teens attending throughout the year. Cynthia Mitchem, who became Young Adult Librarian in late August, added creative arts and crafts activities for students finished with their homework.

The 7th and 8th grade book club continued to meet on a monthly basis, with students expanding their horizons and selecting historical fiction and contemporary drama as well as dystopian favorites. For teens looking to learn or improve skills, the Library offered writing workshops, an Interview Workshop to help get ready for summer jobs, and three babysitting workshops. Author talks included a Mystery/Thriller Author Panel in November with four nationally recognized local authors—Diana Renn, Laurie Faria Stolarz, Erin Dionne, and Kim Harrington.

Ninety-two teens signed up online for the Summer Reading Program, reading an impressive 360 books and submitting 88 reviews. In addition, 156 teens participated in biweekly trivia contests. Teens also volunteered over the summer in the Teen Tech Program, offering 14 appointments at which they helped adults master technology skills from email to photo management – a wonderful example of different generations learning from each other.

New Initiatives:

The popularity of anime, manga, and the geek subculture inspired new Young Adult Librarian Cynthia Mitchem to start a monthly club—OTAKUrabu—on Fridays after school. Attendees can sample Japanese snacks and food, try out craft activities, play games, and watch new and classic anime provided free of charge by Crunchyroll, a provider of streaming anime episodes. In the first four months, 84 teens attended.

The Young Adult department also expanded its offerings of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) programs. Nearly 100 teens attended Makey-makey, 3D Printing, Rubberband Jewelry, Cryogenics, and Hydraulics programs. A full day of STEAM events, from robotics to Scratch programming, is scheduled for 2015.

Jane Gray Dustan Children's Room:

In 2014 the Jane Gray Dustan Children's Room continued many of its successful programs and partnerships, expanded community outreach, began a new collaboration, and implemented changes to the Summer Reading Program, all as Coordinator of Children's Services Denise Shaver passed the baton to Elizabeth Fraser. A total of 322 programs were offered, with 10,745 children and caregivers attending.

Outreach:

Collaboration with the Belmont Farmers' Market expanded this summer, with Children's Librarians presenting weekly story times at the market from June through August, on food-themed topics such as world cuisine and barbeque. A change to the event's time gave a significant boost to attendance, with 329 shoppers reading and singing along with us this summer.

This year also brought a new partnership with the Wonder School, an early childhood program located in Belmont. Children's librarians started making monthly visits to their classrooms to present storytimes and encourage library visits. They also were pleased to help end the school year at Winn Brook Elementary School by visiting the fourth grade classrooms to promote the Library's Summer Reading Program. The Librarians read stories, answered lots of questions, and had a wonderful time connecting with Winn Brook teachers and students.

Special Events

Two exciting programs were presented as part of the library's collaboration with the Belmont Gallery of Art. Jef Czekaj, the popular author and illustrator of many books such as *Cat Secrets* and *Oink-a-Doodle-Moo*, visited the Library

over April vacation and gave a multi-media presentation to kids that demystified the creative process. The spring also brought a visit from artist and illustrator Leslie Evans, who led a workshop on print making for school-aged children.

Powers Music School collaborated with the Library to offer three Musical Story Programs, *Green Eggs and Ham, How I Became a Pirate,* and *The Story of Babar,* with Powers Music School faculty setting picture books to music. The program has become so popular that a second, back-to-back performance was added to each show to more comfortably accommodate the audience.

Summer Reading

The staff made significant changes this year to the summer reading program, *Fizz Boom Read.* For the first time, readers in grades 2 and up set their own reading goals for the summer. When they reached their goal, they chose a book as a prize. Pre-readers ages 3 to 6 who completed four reading activity sheets also selected a book as a prize. Parents and children gave enthusiastic feedback about the revamped program, and nearly 700 children ages 3 to 12 years old participated, with almost 300 reaching their goals and collecting a prize. The prizes were generously funded by the Friends of the Library. Summer programming included a range of activities and performances; the highlights were Jenny the Juggler, mime Robert Rivest, Sciencetellers, and award-winning puppeteer Bonnie Duncan.

Pre-School Children

This fall, the library began hosting toddler and preschool programs presented by educators from the Watertown Public Schools. The Thursday morning STEM Playgroup (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and the Friday morning Literacy Playgroup allowed children to explore the sciences, language learning, and other concepts through active play, activity centers, and circle time. These activities are funded through the Watertown/Belmont Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant.

Regular programming for young children included weekly story times and a variety of music programs. The Jane Gray Dustan Trust continues to fund sing-alongs, music and movement classes, and the Saturday Sing-Along Series, which included performances by Brazilian singer Sulinha Boucher, kiddie rock band Rolie Polie Guacamole, and local favorite Jeff Jam.

School-Age Children:

Our popular Lego Club and book discussion groups continued to be in high demand. Lego Club members now display their creations in the Children's Room for all to see. Vacation week programs also had excellent attendance, featuring Mad Science's Eggbert 'N' Ice, Hampstead Stage's The Wizard of Oz, and Ed Popielarczyk's Comedy Magic Show.

Volunteers:

Sixteen adults in 2014 volunteered for 1204 hours and 52 high school students gave 986 hours for a total of 2190 volunteer hours. Library volunteers helped shelve books and straighten shelves, made home deliveries, and gave book reviews at "Books and Bites." Students volunteered individually or at events like the Belmont High School Senior Day of Service, and often applied their hours to fulfill the school's community service requirement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Lowrie, Chair
Board of Library Trustees

HOUSING AUTHORITY:
Chair: Charles R. Laverty, III
Vice-Chair: Donna Brescia
Secretary: Donna Hamilton
Committee Members:
Donald Becker
Gloria Leipzig
Leo J. Saidnawey

The Belmont Housing Authority manages a total of four state-aided public housing developments that include Belmont Village, Sherman Gardens Apartments, Waverley Oaks Apartments, and Clark Lane. Belmont Village is the Authority's family and veteran's housing development that was originally built in 1950 and has a total of 100 apartments that include fifty two-bedroom and fifty three-bedroom apartments. The elderly/handicapped developments include Sherman Gardens Apartments which was built in 1971 and has a total of 80 one-bedroom apartments and Waverley Oaks Apartments which was built in 1976 and has a total of 74 one-bedroom apartments. The Authority also owns a two-family accessible home that was built in 1988 and provides housing with a 24-hour support staff for eight people with physical and developmental disabilities.

In addition to the state-aided conventional housing programs, the Authority also administers two rental assistance programs that include 47 Federal Section Eight Housing Choice Vouchers and one Massachusetts Rental Voucher. Both rental assistance programs provide rent subsidies to private landlords on behalf of income eligible households. In accordance with an approved contractual agreement, the Dedham Housing Authority continues to handle the day-to-day operations for the Section 8 Voucher Program.

During 2014, the authority completed the electric service upgrade to replace underground wiring for twenty-one buildings at Belmont Village that had been funded by the Town through the Community Preservation Act. Projects that were funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts included the replacement of all roofs at Sherman Gardens Apartments, Waverley Oaks Apartments and Clark Lane. The Authority also began other new state-funded site improvement projects that will include the redesign and replacement of ten building entrance stairs and sidewalks at Sherman Gardens Apartments, and other exterior ramp, deck, railing, and drainage improvements at Clark Lane.

In addition to the existing capital improvement projects, the Authority is also presently working on upgrades to the electrical distribution system at Belmont Village that would replace electrical panels and wiring in order to safely accommodate the current need for modern equipment and appliances that did not exist in 1949 when the development was being built. This funding for this project comes from the appropriation of $165,000.00 in Community Preservation funds from the Town of Belmont.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Laverty, III, Chair
Belmont Housing Authority

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Department Head: Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk: Meg Piccione

Purpose and Duties:

The Town Clerk's Office gathers, records, and communicates governmental vital information in a timely manner and is the first point of contact for most resident/agency inquiries as well as contact point for residents to begin the complaint process. The Town Clerk's Office consists of three programs:

- Town Clerk: Responsible for creating, registering and maintaining official Town records, including births, deaths, marriages, businesses, pets, meetings and filings of governmental bodies, and is the point of contact for Town residents, and local, State and federal agencies.
- Elections & Registrations: Responsible for running elections and management of the Town census of voters and residents in compliance with local, State and federal laws and verifying residency for inquiring agencies.
- Legislative: Responsible for the managing Town Meeting through the elected Moderator, submitting votes to the Attorney General, Department of Revenue and other State agencies, maintaining contact information for and sending official communications to Town Meeting Members.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

- *Customer Interactions:* Interacted successfully with 16,122 visitors to the Town Clerk's office, per daily door-count data for calendar 2014. During 2014, the Town Clerk's Office staff received and sent 34,378 emails. At this time, there is no system to capture the number of telephone calls. Town Clerk's Office revenue for FY14 of $97,671 is earned by fees, the average of which is $20 (exclusive of the pet licenses); this translates into approximately 5878 paid transactions, up from 5490 and $87,000 in FY13 (exclusive of the pet licenses). Assistant Town Clerk Meg Piccione, and staff members Nancy Casale and Daniel Cane continue to prove themselves up to the challenge, displaying extraordinary customer service talent, technology savvy, boundless energy and innovative thinking.
- *Vital Registration System:* The Commonwealth has developed a central electronic registration system for birth and death certificates. The Town Clerk's office staff has participated in extensive training and is fully participating in the new state vitals system.
- *Voter Registration Archive:* In FY14, we benefitted from 19 student volunteers from Belmont High School who performed 560 hours of community service. They completed the final phase of adding recent updates to our major reorganization of the voter registration records which are legally required to be maintained as paper.
- *Codification of the Town's General Bylaws:* This multiyear project has successfully concluded with Belmont's General Bylaws being searchable on the Town website and also accessible via the mobile application "eCode Search". Future revisions of the General Bylaws will be updated regularly.
- *Town Meeting Actions:* Successful acceptance by the Attorney General of nine amendments/additions to the General and Zoning Bylaws, among more than thirty articles acted upon by Town Meeting.
- *Computer Databases and Indices:* The Town Clerk staff members have continued to create indices and databases of the Town records, this year including the decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, residency verifications for school, pet licenses, elected officials, committee appointees, business licenses, as well as a GIS-based database for underground fuel tank licenses and registrations. We have made

all local campaign finance reports and individual Town Meeting Member attendance available on the Town website and continue to add to the searchable index of Town Meeting votes.

- *Electronic Distribution of Town Meeting Materials:* Of 294 Town Meeting Members, all but ten currently receive Town Meeting documents via email, saving labor, printing & postage costs and making delivery instantaneous.
- *Electronic Voting at Town Meeting:* Belmont's new electronic voting technology was introduced at Town Meeting in June 2014. After research and discernment by the Committee on Electronic Voting at Town Meeting, Belmont, with a generous anonymous donation, purchased an electronic voting system from Turning Technologies, Inc. The goal is to enhance accuracy and efficiency of voting at Town Meeting. We continue to work with the vendor to refine implementation for Belmont.
- *Poll Workers:* We continue to recruit and educate our poll workers. Belmont's poll workers have embraced our training classes and updated materials. They feel more informed and better equipped to handle the challenges of an election day. We continue to refine the documents and supplies we provide on election days.
- *Elections:* Belmont had three elections this year – April Annual Town Election, September State Primary, and November State Election. All results were successfully certified to the State and posted on the Town website.
- *Digitization of Town Records:* Community Preservation funds have allowed us to begin evaluating and digitizing Belmont's vital records (births, marriages, and Deaths). A professional detailed inventory and evaluation of the paper records was completed this year. This will be our guide in planning future restoration, archiving, and digitizing. A portion of Belmont's vital records had been microfilmed in 1985; digitizing and indexing those microfilm images is underway to increase accessibility. Activities with Belmont records are guided by dual goals of preservation and accessibility.

Goals for 2015:

Innovation and project goals for 2015 include reevaluating Belmont's process of posting meeting agendas and minutes. Another goal is to expand Belmont businesses' compliance with state law regarding business certificates. We will be working with other Town departments to develop shared databases to improve the process of licensing businesses through more active and timely sharing of information. We will evaluate expansion of online payment to other services in addition to pets – perhaps business licenses and/or vital record certificates.

The Town Clerk's Office staff will continue to strive for efficiency by tracking and improving our throughput. Policies and procedures are developed thoughtfully to minimize effort and maximize results. We strive to address a customer's problem in the first contact with complete and accurate information. Touch a piece of paper once. Enter data once. Make information accurate and accessible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S OFFICE:
Elected Treasurer, Collector, and Parking Clerk: Floyd S. Carman

TREASURER'S OFFICE STAFF:
Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Collector: Daniela Boccia
Payroll Technician: Mary Ehler
Administrative Assistant: Iwona Gosz
Real Estate Technician: Michael Trainer
Excise Technician: Richard Arria
Accounts Payable: Nona Sevinian

The Treasurer/Tax Collector Office has responsibilities to oversee the Town investments, cash management, and revenue collection activities, manage the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, prepare and file debt service compliance reports and administration of payroll and employee benefits. They also directly support the Parking Clerk, Permanent Audit Committee, Capital Endowment Committee, Town of Belmont Scholarship Fund Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Belmont Employees Credit Union and Belmont Cultural Arts.

A few of the accomplishments for FY14 were as follows:

- **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE SUPPORT:**
  The Community Preservation Comprehensive Plan was updated and approved June 2014.

- **FY 2014 ISSUED DEBT:**
  - BMLD Project: $26,100,000
  - Water Bond: $982,000
  - Harris Field $960,000
  - Vehicles $1,420,000

- **Miscellaneous Accomplishments:**
  The Town continues to maintain its AAA rating being reaffirmed April 2014. All of the continuing financial/debt disclosures were prepared and filed on time. Working along with Town Accountant received unqualified opinion on our FY2014 Town Financial Statements. All FY 2013 and prior year audit comments were cleaned up. Final audit presentation was made to the Towns Permanent Audit Committee January 7, 2015.

Treasury Management
The balance of General Fund earnings $200,457 increased by $44,512 from the previous years. The FY14 weighted annual interest rate was .50%. Our cash flow continues to be steady with a 99.0% tax collection rate.

Debt Management
As of 6/30/14 the current year Net Debt Service Cost was $6,446,013 with total outstanding debt remaining of $80,812,301. This represents ten projects which include Chenery Middle School, Wellington Elementary School, Town Hall Complex, Fire Station, BHS Athletic Field and Town Water/Sewer projects. The Town has $38,100,984 in authorized but not issued debit remaining. It is anticipated these debt authorizations will be issued in calendar year 2015.

Tax Collection

The Town continues to enjoy a high collection rate, 99.0% for FY14. A number of properties are delinquent with back taxes and the appropriate tax title taking documents were filed to establish a lien and protect the Town's interest in collecting delinquent taxes. Taxpayers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to consult with the Board of Assessors to determine eligibility for deferrals and exemptions as options to allow them to remain in their homes. While properties in deferral accrue interest on outstanding taxes at 8% annually, overdue tax and lien amounts incur 14% interest and 16% when in tax title. All taxes, liens, and accrued interest are ordinarily collected when the property is sold or refinanced.

Parking Clerk

The parking revenue for FY14 was $172,285.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd S. Carman
Treasurer/Tax Collector and Parking Clerk

TREASURY MANAGEMENT
TREASURER BOOK BALANCE FISCAL YEAR 2014
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Checking Accounts				
Treasurer/parking Tickets	Bank of America	80133858	457,157.25	
Treasurer	Belmont Savings	0751002250	2,622,271.36	
Parking Coin	Belmont Savings	0751002315	10,542.11	
Library	Belmont Savings	0751002263	10,243.99	
Athletic	Belmont Savings	0751002276	10,256.24	
School Lunch	Belmont Savings	0751002289	124,913.41	
School On Line Fee Payment	Century	21491380	8,713.77	
Treasurer/lockbox	Century	24988	650,058.61	
Light/Water Lock Box	Century	24821	264,116.47	
Town of Belmont/Ambulance	Century	21734216	7,560.06	
Recreation	Century	21491895	9,732.90	
Town Clerk On Line	Century	21492085	212.71	
	Petty Cash		1,400.00	
	Return Checks		2,027.48	$4,179,206.36
Investment Accounts				
Investment	Belmont Savings	0130002402	4,120,556.31	
Investment	Belmont Savings	0138501718	10,450,214.53	
Investment	Investors Capital	6BB-538031	358,498.39	
Investment/ Vendor Payment	CENTURY	66199204	1,537,435.81	
Payroll Account	Citizens	1137490699	1,000,668.33	
Investment/ Federal/State Grants	Citizens	1132180500	1,935,465.25	
Highland Meadow Cemetery	MMDT	44273159	246,549.31	
Investment	MMDT	44202174	804,399.21	
Certificate of Deposits	Leader Bank	4100089103	5,041,426.24	
Certificate of Deposits	Cambridge Sav Bank	400753921	7,341,267.83	32,836,481.21
Performance Bonds				
Omnipoint Tower	Citizens	1135699175	7,149.83	
X/M Satelite Tower	Citizens	1135699183	5,107.14	12,256.97
Capital Endowment Fund	Ameriprise	232546408001		
Cash Equivalents			59,066.10	
Equities			2,320,631.50	
Fixed Assets			1,295,059.60	
				3,674,757.20
Stabilization Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	7,245.17	7,245.17
Sped Stabilization Fund	Morgan Stanley	593-057562	251,854.97	251,854.97
Belmont Cultural Council	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	6,333.48	6,333.48
General Check Off	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	10,776.91	10,776.91
CPA	Morgan Stanley	593057563	3,406,553.81	3,406,553.81
Clark House Moving Deposit	Belmont Savings	0130004359	2,974.01	2,974.01
Belmont Light Transfer Station	Belmont Savings	0751004876	15,632,279.16	15,632,279.16
BMLD Contigency	Morgan Stanley	593-063839	1,571,333.68	1,571,333.68
Sub Total Governmental Funds				**61,592,052.93**

TREASURY MANAGEMENT
TREASURER BOOK BALANCE FISCAL YEAR 2013
FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Student Activity Fund				
High School - Savings	Belmont Savings	0130002364	209,940.60	
High School - Checking	Belmont Savings	0751002292	-657.60	
Chenery School- Savings	Belmont Savings	0130002372	23,742.16	
Chenery School- Checking	Belmont Savings	0751002302	22,221.73	255,246.89
Scholarships				
Various Scholarships (34)	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	501,457.06	501,457.06
Library Funds				
Library Gift Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	177,748.08	
Michael E. Deluty	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	16,257.10	
Katharine W. Atkins	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	22,990.67	
Margaret Wrisley	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	19,889.56	
Ester Burdick	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	12,948.59	
Blanche Howe Jenney	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	17,525.88	
Jane Gray Children Education	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	606,244.35	
Library Capital Building Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	25,919.02	
Dustan Library Bequest Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	325,766.97	1,225,290.22
Cemetery Funds				
Cemetery Annual Planting	Investors Capital	6BB-538064	115,085.20	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	Investors Capital	6BB-538064	1,792,673.16	1,907,758.36
Other Trust Funds				
Scholarship Check Off	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	281,651.81	
Education Check Off	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	56,101.19	
Senior Center Check Off	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	10,763.12	
Local Law Enforcement	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	20,745.46	
Carl Barron Fire Grant	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	2,484.03	
Marian Mugar Police Kitchen Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	6,375.35	
Maria Tellier Scholarship Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-538056	78,096.13	456,217.09
OPEB Fund	Morgan Stanley	593057564	1,720,388.59	1,720,388.59
Health Employer	MMDT	44274454	7,202,394.19	
Health Employee	MMDT	44274447	1,977,912.84	9,180,307.03
Housing	Morgan Stanley	593058766	24,674.68	24,674.68
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS			
Light Depreciation Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-461549	1,742,565.47	
Light Rate Stabilization Fund	Investors Capital	6BB-461358	915,028.90	
MWRA I/I Study & GIS Loan/Grant	MMDT	44223006	441,988.62	
MWRA Interest Free Loan	MMDT	44208494	532,754.91	
Water Fund	TDBankNorth	8246080901	2,173,869.44	
Sewer Fund	TDBankNorth	8246080919	1,973,518.77	
NESWEC- Land Fill	MMDT	44273076	3,390,705.77	11,170,431.88
Sub-Total Fiduciary and Enterprise Funds				**26,441,771.80**
Total Governmental, Fiduciary and Enterprise Funds as of 6/30/2014				**88,033,824.73**

TREASURY MANAGEMENT

RECAP OF SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

(For Belmont High School Students)	BALANCE 7/1/2013	DONATIONS	INCOME	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 6/30/2014
Ruth Achorn	$4,799.38		$223.97	$200.00	$4,823.35
Richard Allen Learning Center	2,028.22		84.55	500.00	1,612.77
Guy & Madeline Arno	7,167.89		336.88	200.00	7,304.77
Edmund B Bakon	21,581.19		1,004.64	1,000.00	21,585.83
William Bettencourt	29,127.42		1,376.58	500.00	30,004.00
Lillian Blacker	26,443.26		1,260.76	0.00	27,704.02
Richard Burnham	5,418.84		253.50	200.00	5,472.34
Charles Crisafulli	3,945.03		182.51	200.00	3,927.54
Cosmo DeStefano	1,910.61		78.95	500.00	1,489.56
Dennis Fitzpatrick Book Award	3,449.52		164.48	0.00	3,614.00
Brendan Grant	40,203.98		1,843.95	3,000.00	39,047.93
Paul D Hanson	2,803.94		128.84	200.00	2,732.78
Malcolm Hecht	34,852.52		1,649.55	500.00	36,002.07
Paul Kelly	19,117.10		911.47	0.00	20,028.57
Teddy Lee & Donald Ray	7,387.52		347.36	200.00	7,534.88
Duncan Lyons	6,112.96	200.00	288.13	200.00	6,401.09
Joseph D McNeill	7,307.22		336.24	500.00	7,143.46
Clyde Meyerhoefer	2,561.50		109.98	500.00	2,171.48
Alice Nahabedian	5,844.48		266.54	500.00	5,611.02
John Olin	6,498.27		304.96	200.00	6,603.23
Phi Betta Kappa Book Award	1,316.55		62.68	30.00	1,349.23
Reid Family Scholarship	13,135.68		613.96	500.00	13,249.64
Brian & Shaun Riley	71,630.34		3,390.89	1,000.00	74,021.23
Rotary Club of Belmont	0.00	5,000.00	13.34	0.00	5,013.34
William Ruanne	9,141.63		423.70	500.00	9,065.33
Patricia Saia	6,209.38		283.90	500.00	5,993.28
Howard Sharpe	7,310.21	300.00	344.62	300.00	7,654.83
Norma Lee Shaw	855.78	200.00	31.40	500.00	587.18
John Sullivan	17,938.31		855.26	0.00	18,793.57
Viale Athletic Scholarship	0.00	2,420.00	1.30	0.00	2,421.30
Westlund Family Scholarship	14,208.07	750.00	669.80	500.00	15,127.87
Carl Westphal	55,248.69		2,609.85	1,000.00	56,858.54
Mary E. Whitney	41,015.01		1,931.21	1,000.00	41,946.22
Friends of Belmont Wrestling	6,636.03		309.09	300.00	6,645.12
Belmont Women's Rotary	2,024.12		91.57	200.00	1,915.69
TOTAL	**$485,230.65**	**$8,870.00**	**$22,786.41**	**$15,430.00**	**$501,457.06**

RECAP OF OTHER TRUST FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

OTHER TRUST FUND	OPENING BALANCE 7/1/2013	DONATIONS OR TRANSFERS	INCOME	EXPENDITURES OR TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 6/30/2014
Scholarship Check -Off ***(for Town Residents)***	$271,692.34	$890.96	$12,868.51	$3,800.00	$281,651.81
Education Check Off **(for School Technology)**	104,518.30	6,680.52	2,385.90	57,483.53	56,101.19
Senior Center Check -Off **(for New Senior Center)**	7,224.80	3,183.25	355.07		10,763.12
General Check-Off ***(Town Use)***	9,798.43	511.00	467.48		10,776.91
Local Law Enforcement ***(Multi Jurisdictional Task Force)***	22,721.03	2,867.15	1,180.26	6,022.98	20,745.46
Carl Barron Fire Grant ***(Fire Dept Grant)***	2,369.93		114.10		2,484.03
Marian Mugar Kitchen Fund ***(Police Dept Kitchen Accessories Fund)***	6,085.21		290.14		6,375.35
Maria A. Tellier Trust ***(To be disbursed in 2028)***	74,542.09		3,554.04		78,096.13
TOTAL	**$502,122.67**	**$14,132.88**	**$21,215.50**	**$67,306.51**	**$466,994.00**

RECAP OF LIBRARY FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

LIBRARY FUNDS	OPENING BALANCE 7/1/2013	DONATIONS OR TRANSFERS	INCOME	EXPENDITURES OR TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 6/30/2014
Library Gift Fund	$171,128.41		$8,154.49	$1,534.82	$177,748.08
Michael E Deluty	15,517.26		739.84		16,257.10
Katharine W Atkins	21,944.40		1,046.27		22,990.67
Margaret Wrisley	18,984.42		905.14		19,889.56
Esther Burdick	12,359.32		589.27		12,948.59
Blanche Howe Jenney	16,728.31		797.57		17,525.88
Jane Gray Children's Educ Fund	589,920.92		27,813.73	11,490.30	606,244.35
Jane Gray Expense Account	614.85	11,490.30		11,191.50	913.65
Dustan Library Bequest	310,941.83		14,825.14		325,766.97
Library Capital Building Fund	24,504.92	245.00	1,169.10		25,919.02
Special Fund 72 Expenditure	2,178.72			987.99	1,190.73
TOTAL	**$1,184,823.36**	**$11,735.30**	**$56,040.55**	**$25,204.61**	**$1,227,394.60**

RECAP OF CEMETERY FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

CEMETERY FUNDS	OPENING BALANCE 7/1/2013	DONATIONS OR TRANSFERS	INCOME	EXPENDITURES OR TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 6/30/2014
Cemetery Annual Planting	$109,201.82	$1,200.00	$4,683.38	$0.00	$115,085.20
Cemetery Perpetual	1,607,027.14	150,000.00	74,646.02	39,000.00	1,792,673.16
TOTAL	**$1,602,428.07**	**$151,200.00**	**$79,329.40**	**$39,000.00**	**$1,907,758.36**

RECAP OF LIGHT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

LIGHT FUNDS	OPENING BALANCE 7/1/2013	DONATIONS OR TRANSFERS	INCOME	EXPENDITURES OR TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 6/30/2014
Light Rate Stabilization	$913,073.42		$1,955.48		$915,028.90
Light Depreciation	1,179,064.74	562,812.81	687.92		1,742,565.47
TOTAL	**$1,340,176.19**	**$562,812.81**	**$2,643.40**	**$0.00**	**$2,657,594.37**

DEBT MANAGEMENT
DEBT SERVICE COST
AS OF 6/30/2014

Description of Debt	Bonded Amount	Issue Year	Year of Payment	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	P& I Total Paid	
Title V Loans	$ 60,160	2001	13 of 19	$ 3,191	1,141	$ 4,332	*
Communication Tower	126,000	2005	10 of 10	10,000	500	10,500	
Fire Station Construction	2,030,000	2007	8 of 20	100,000	53,425	153,425	
Concord Avenue Land	780,000	2007	8 of 19	40,000	19,690	59,690	
HVAC-School	600,000	2010	5 of 5	120,000	3,000	123,000	
Senior Center	3,310,000	2010	5 of 17	195,000	86,868	281,868	
Chenery Refinanced	5,455,000	2010	5 of 6	1,100,000	60,500	1,160,500	
Wellington School	26,700,000	2010	4 of 25	745,000	921,888	1,666,888	
FY 2012	9,956,000	2013	2 of 12	1,051,000	473,465	1,524,465	
Subtotal	**$ 49,017,160**			**$ 3,364,191**	**$ 1,620,477**	**$ 4,984,668**	
MWRA Water Bond	$ 650,000	2005	10 of 10	$ 65,000		$ 65,000	
GOB Sewer Loan	2,479,000	2007	7 of 20	125,000	$ 73,888	198,888	
MWRA Sewer Bond	375,430	2008	5 of 5	75,086		75,086	
MWRA Water Bond	714,000	2008	6 of 10	71,400		71,400	
MWRA Water Bond	872,000	2009	5 of 10	87,200		87,200	
MWRA Water Bond	988,785	2010	4 of 10	98,879		98,879	
MWRA Water Bond	988,785	2012	3 of 10	98,879		98,879	
MWPAT	7,226,667	2012	3 of 20	308,942	139,160	448,102	**
MWRA Water Bond	1,000,000	2012	2 of 10	100,000		100,000	
MWRA Sewer Bond	559,405	2012	2 of 5	111,881		111,881	
MWPAT	1,579,600	2012	1 of 20	63,896	33,275	97,171	***
MWRA Water Bond	500,000	2013	1 of 10	50,000		50,000	
MWRA Water Bond	482,000	2014					
MWRA Water Bond	500,000	2014					
Subtotal	**18,915,672**			**1,256,163**	**246,323**	**1,502,486**	
BMLD	26,100,000	2014					
TOTAL	**$ 94,032,832**			**$ 4,620,354**	**$ 1,866,800**	**$ 6,487,154**	

Notes:
* MWRA imputted interst cost
** Includes administrative fees - $9,709
*** Includes administrative fees - $2,321

DEBT MANAGEMENT
TOWN OUTSTANDING DEBT
AS OF 6/30/14

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/2012	Principal Outstanding 6/30/2013	Principal Outstanding 6/30/2014
Chenery Middle School	$ 3,275,000	$ 2,200,000	$ 1,100,000
Title V Loans	25,244	22,032	18,861
BHS Athletic Field and Track	220,000	-	-
Communication Tower	20,000	10,000	-
Fire Station Construction	150,000	-	-
Concord Avenue Land	520,000	480,000	440,000
Fire Station Construction	1,400,000	1,300,000	1,200,000
HVAC-School*	240,000	120,000	-
Senior Center	2,725,000	2,530,000	2,335,000
Wellington Elementary School	25,310,000	24,580,000	23,835,000
Town Hall Complex	600,000	-	-
Fire Station Construction	850,000	-	-
Town Hall / Fire Station Debt Refunding	9,956,000	11,450,000	9,405,000
Fire Vehicles			1,420,000
Harris Field			960,000
Belmont Municipal Light			26,100,000
MWRA Water Bond	3,849,734	3,328,378	4,239,021
MWRA Sewer Bond	11,059,016	9,931,820	9,759,419
TOTALS	**$ 60,199,994**	**$ 55,952,230**	**$ 80,812,301**

DEBT MANAGEMENT
DEBT AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED
AS OF 6/30/14

Description of Debt Authorization	Year	Amount	Amortization Period
Fire Station Construction	2004	$ 115,398	20 years
Wellington School	2009	2,838,586	25 years
Water	2011	1,477,000	10 years
Water	2012	3,168,000	20 years
Belmont Municipal Light Plant	2012	27,600,000	25 years
Underwood Pool	2014	2,902,000	15 years
TOTAL AUTHORIZED NOT ISSUED		**$ 38,100,984**	

SUMMARY OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Real Estate, CPA & Personal Property Taxes

Commitment	Real Estate	$	73,380,659.49
Commitment	CPA	$	940,380.70
Commitment	Personal Property	$	613,046.47
Total	Commitment		**$74,934,086.66**

Collection	Real Estate	$	71,053,145.43
Collection	CPA	$	898,974.29
Collection	Personal Property	$	606,043.26
Refund	Real Estate	$	(118,919.63)
Refund	CPA	$	(628.12)
Refund	Personal Property	$	(1,367.75)
Abated	Real Estate	$	1,825,900.79
Abated	CPA	$	34,716.26
Abated	Personal Property	$	3,543.71
Uncollected	Real Estate	$	620,532.90
Uncollected	CPA	$	7,318.27
Uncollected	Personal Property	$	4,827.25
Total			**$74,934,086.66**

Real Estate Tax collected for Previous Years in	FY14	**$**	**740,682.91**
CPA for Previous Years and Interest collected	FY14	**$**	**8,813.47**
Real Estate &Tax Deferred Interest and Fees Collected in	FY14	**$**	**197,190.10**
Tax Title Interest and Fees Collected in	FY14	**$**	**227,483.42**

Tax Deferred Taxes

Opening Balance 07/01/13		660,049.50
Plus FY 13 New Tax Deferred Taxes	$	118,240.07
Less Paid Tax Deferred in FY14	$	(91,968.64)
Outstanding Balance as of 6/30/14		**$686,320.93**

Tax Title Taxes

Opening Balance 07/01/13		1,093,884.22
Plus New Tax Title in FY14	$	334,413.77
Less Paid Tax Title in FY14	$	(489,553.76)
Outstanding Balance as of 6/30/14		**$938,744.23**

SUMMARY OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Total Commitment	**$2,832,007.19**
Collections	$2,649,693.28
Refunds	(23,141.88)
Abated	49,818.81
Uncollected	155,636.98
Total	**$2,832,007.19**

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax collected for Previous Years in:		$502,293.00
FY14		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Fees Collected for Previous Years in:		$24,008.00
FY14		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Marking Fees Collected in:		$10,000.00
FY14		
Uncollected Motor Vechicle Excise Tax for Previous Years:		
FY13	$22,153.08	
FY12	$13,094.08	
FY11	$11,781.05	
FY10	$11,639.01	
FY09	$8,671.80	
FY08	$10,682.79	
FY07	$10,242.62	
FY06	$11,187.25	
FY05	$10,766.27	
FY04	$13,633.87	
Prior to 2003	$138,744.71	$215,568.32

SUMMARY OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Parking Fines

Outstanding Parking fines as of 07/01/2013	$458,977
New Parking Tickets Issued in FY14	187,205
Less Payments FY14	-172,285
Outstanding Parking fines as of 06/30/2014	**$473,897**

Handicap Parking Fines

Outstanding HP Fines as of 7/01/2013	$12,025
New Parking Fines Issued in FY14	7,100
Less Payments FY14	-6,595
Outstanding HP Fines as of 6/30/2014	**$12,530**

SUMMARY OF TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
BELMONT REAL ESTATE AND EXCISE
CHECK OFF TAX BILL DONATIONS
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

	Number	Amount
Senior Center	64	$ 3,183.25
Education	53	6,680.52
Scholarship Fund	45	890.96
General Fund	31	511.00
Capital Endowment	35	628.82
TOTAL	**228**	**$11,894.55**

CAPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

The advisors for the Capital Endowment Fund are:

Dalton J. Avery
Jonathan B. Treat
Ernest E. Fay
S. Warren Farrell, Jr.
James F. Gammill
Andres Rojas, Ex-Officio Board of Selectmen
Floyd S. Carman, Ex-Officio
John J. Olohan, Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

The Capital Endowment Fund was established to fund and facilitate innovations in town government and to assist with long range capital planning. This fund was enacted by the state legislature and signed into law by the Governor of the Commonwealth in April of 1995.

$2,000,000 was received from the proceeds of the sale of Belmont's cable system. An additional $943,949.24 was appropriated into the fund by Town Meeting in 2001. All proceeds from the voluntary tax bill check-off for capital projects are deposited into this account.

Capital Endowment Fund Activity

Opening Balance 7/01/2013	$3,340,333
Tax Check-Off Donations by 35 Residents	629
Withdrawal	-100,000
Income Earned	433,796
Closing Balance 6/30/2014	**$3,674,758**

Capital Endowment Fund Asset Allocation
As of 6/30/2014

Cash /Money Funds	$59,066
Equities	2,320,632
Fixed Income	1,295,060
Closing Balance 6/30/2013	**$3,674,758**

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd S. Carman, Town Treasurer

LIST OF MODERATOR APPOINTEES:

Bylaw Review Committee:
Charles Hamann, *Chair*
Robert McGaw
Raymond Miyares
Mark Thurber
Ellen O'Brien Cushman *Town Clerk*

Capital Budget Committee:
Sami Baghdady, *ex-officio Board of Selectmen*
Michael Battista, *ex-officio Planning Board*
Patricia Brusch, *ex-officio Warrant Committee*
John Conte*
Anne Lougee, *ex-officio School Committee*
Anne Marie S. Mahoney, *Chair*
Rebecca Vose, *Secretary*
Chitra Subramanian, *Town Accountant Liaison*
*Resigned in June 2014

Highland Meadow Cemetery Building Committee:
Alexander Corbett
Ellen O'Brien Cushman
William Chemelli

Minuteman High School Committee Member:
Jack Weis

Permanent Building Advisory Committee:
Patricia Brusch, *Chair*
William Lovallo
Robert McLaughlin
Joel Mooney
Stephen Sala
William Shea

Underwood Pool Building Committee:
Kristine Armstrong
Adam Dash, *Vice-Chair*
David Kane
Joel Mooney
Anne Paulsen, *Chair*
Ellen Schreiber, *Secretary*
Robert Phillip
Stephen Sala, *Treasurer*
Michael Smith

Warrant Committee:
Liz Allison*
Sami Baghdady***
Patricia Brusch*
Adam Dash
Joseph DeStefano**
Roy Epstein, *Secretary*
Jennifer Fallon
James Gammill
Elizabeth Grob
Anne Helgen
Michael Libenson, *Chair*
Raffi Manjikian
Robert McLaughlin
Greg Mennis
Andrés T. Rojas, *ex-officio Board of Selectmen Liaison*
Robert Sarno, *Vice-Chair*
Ellen Schreiber**
Laurie Slap, *ex-officio School Committee*
Edmund Starzec
*Served until June 2014
**Appointed in June 2014
***Resigned in April 2014

Wellington School Building Committee:
Joseph Barrell *Selectmen's Liaison*
John Bowe
Patricia Brusch, *Vice-Chair*
Tony DiCologero *School Dept. Liaison*
Laurie Graham
Mark Haley, *Chair*
Chris Kochem, *Clerk*
William Lovallo, *Secretary*
Donna Pini, *School Dept. Liaison*
Heidi Sawyer
Eric Smith
Amy Spangler, *Wellington Principal*
Ara Yogurtian, *Community Development Liaison*

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Chair: Charles M. Hamann

Committee Members:

Robert E. McGaw
J. Raymond Miyares
Mark Thurber
Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Town Clerk, ex-officio

Purpose and Duties:

The principal function of the Bylaw Review Committee is to review proposals for General Bylaw changes. It is not charged with the task of proposing substantive changes on its own. If requested by the Selectmen or another Town Board or officer, the Committee will assist in drafting amendments or additions to the General Bylaws that are proposed for inclusion in the Warrant for any Town Meeting. The Committee is also charged with the duty of reporting to the Town Meeting any recommendations it considers appropriate on any article in a Town Meeting Warrant that proposes an amendment or addition to the General Bylaws. In recent years, the Committee has also assisted Belmont citizens in refining their proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

In 2014 the Committee reviewed, recommended changes to and, in one case (the Yard Sale bylaw), helped write the following:

1) A bylaw establishing rules governing the use of the Lone Tree Hill Conservation Area. A major purpose of this bylaw is to give the Belmont police an enforcement tool with respect to individuals engaging in unacceptable activities in that conservation area.
2) Technical corrections to a previously adopted bylaw with respect to criminal history checks on persons applying for various licenses to do business in Belmont.
3) A bylaw governing Yard Sales. A prior version of this bylaw proposed and presented by a Belmont citizen had been narrowly rejected by Town Meeting. The version presented at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting was intended to meet objections raised with respect to the prior version.
4) Amendments to the bylaw respecting the keeping of animals in the Town. A principal purpose of these amendments proposed by Town Counsel was to bring the bylaw into conformance with state and federal law.

All of these changes were approved by Town Meeting.

All members of the Committee contributed significantly to its work. Special thanks to Ellen Cushman, Town Clerk and our ex-officio member. Ellen works tirelessly to keep the Committee on track in attending to its work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles M. Hamann, Chair
Bylaw Review Committee

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair: Anne Marie S. Mahoney
Secretary: Rebecca Vose
Committee Members:

Anne Marie S. Mahoney	2016
John Conte	2015
(Resigned in June, replaced by M. Patricia Brusch)	
Rebecca Vose	2014
Michael Battista	Planning Board
M. Patricia Brusch	Warrant Committee (Jan. – June)
Jennifer Fallon	Warrant committee (July – Dec.)
Anne Lougee	School Committee
Andres T. Rojas	Board of Selectmen (Jan. – June)
Sami Baghdady	Board of Selectmen (July – Dec.)

Purpose and Duties:

The Capital Budget Committee (CBC) consists of three members appointed by the Moderator and representatives from the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Warrant Committee and Planning Board. The CBC is charged with determining what capital requests from department heads will be recommended for funding each year, using money allocated by the Selectmen for capital needs. The CBC determines what projects or purchases will be leased and/or bonded and oversees each department's five year capital plans. The Committee meets almost weekly during budget season, prior to Special Town Meetings, and as needed during the rest of the year.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

Annual Budget:

(Please see *FY2015 Capital Budget Committee Report to Belmont 2014 Annual Town Meeting* for more detailed information.)

For Fiscal 2015 the Capital Budget Committee received $6,800,000 in requests from Town department heads and the School Department. The CBC was allocated $1,395,500 to spend plus $748,600 in enterprise funds; $534,046 in Chapter 90 roads funds (balance of $165,718 released by Gov. Baker in January, 2015); $1,284,000 from the 2001 override for roads. This year the CBC allocation includes $287,500 in one-time funds to be used for sidewalk repair and a sidewalk snow blower as well as $214,000 in turned back money from prior capital projects. From February through June the Committee interviewed department heads and the Town Treasurer to collect information on all of the requests as well as to explore opportunities for leasing and bonding some large items. In anticipation of the June sessions of Annual Town Meeting the CBC voted on a list of requests to recommend to Town Meeting for funding.

Despite large requests from the School Department ($300,000 for natural gas co-generation system for the high school and $350,000 to pave the Burbank lot) and the Library ($1.2 million for interior painting and reconfiguration of the children's area) we did

not fund any big ticket items this year. We continued our lease payments on fire vehicles and safety equipment for $177,000. The CBC places a high value on safety and therefore funded generators and fueling systems for the DPW and Police; a Livescan fingerprint system for the Police Department; thermal imaging camera replacement for the Fire Department; a security camera system study for town and school buildings. The Committee continued to honor its long term commitment to multi-year projects such as the unit-vent replacement at the high school and the on-going building envelope work. Vehicles purchased included a DPW pick- up truck and a fire shift commander response vehicle. The CBC also funded repairs to DPW buildings and the high school pool. The only IT purchase was a data storage, virtual server and disaster recovery system. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Committee reluctantly funded a Master Plan study for the Grove Street playground. In summary, capital discretionary funds of $1,394,500 were allocated to departments as follows:

Department of Public Works	$468,180	(includes $200,000 for sidewalks)
Police Department	$ 76, 250	
Library	$ 92,000	
Fire Department	$258,000	
Information Technology	$135,000	
Facilities Department	$365,070	(includes school buildings)

The CBC continued discussions on addressing the large Capital projects which remain before the Town. The Harris Field has been completed and the Electric Light Substation, Underwood Pool, and Belmont Center Reconstruction Project have been funded and/or are under construction. Still to be rebuilt or replaced, however, are the DPW facility, Police Station, Library, Belmont High School, White Field House and skating rink along with the incinerator site. These projects have been scrutinized in the Capital Projects Sub-Group of the Financial Task Force and the CBC will be reviewing those recommendations in 2015.

Special Town Meeting

At a Special Town Meeting on November 17, 2014 the CBC supported the reconstruction of Belmont Center by borrowing $1.45 million and using $1.3 million in free cash.

Policy Revision

Over the years the Committee has questioned the informal guidelines that determine what qualifies for inclusion in the annual Capital Budget. The Committee believed that the minimum thresholds of $10,000 and a useful lifespan of ten years were both outdated. Therefore, after Annual Town Meeting the CBC met to review these guidelines and explore possible revisions. Surprisingly, after considerable discussion and analysis, aided by both David Kale and Phyllis Marshall, the members agreed to change very little about the CBC's guidelines.

Specifically, the CBC agreed on the following informal criteria for inclusion in the annual Capital Budget:

- Minimum dollar amount will remain at $10,000.
- No maximum dollar amount will be set but requests must be realistic.
- Existing bonding policy is adequate.
- Technology requests should be made with awareness of life expectancy of items requested.
- Routine maintenance/replacement should be defined by the facilities manager and not included in the Capital Budget.
- Studies should not be funded unless they lead to a bonded project.
- One time funds should be carefully spent without strings attached.
- The Committee will not consider last minute requests.
- Public safety requests will be given priority consideration.

Goals for 2015:

In addition to our responsibility to prepare the annual Capital Budget, the Committee will review the report and recommendations of the Capital Sub-Group of the Financial Task Force. The report has two sets of recommendations: those for increased funding of the annual Capital Budget and those for the outstanding Capital projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Marie S. Mahoney
Capital Budget Committee

HIGHLAND MEADOW CEMETERY BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Chair: Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Cemetery Commissioner

Committee Members:

William J. Chemelli, Cemetery Commissioner

Alexander E. Corbett, III, Cemetery Commissioner

Purpose and Duties:

Highland Meadow Cemetery opened in 2007, after 41 years of waiting, 19 years after the last lot at Belmont Cemetery was sold and after 13 years of planning, design and negotiating. With strong lot sales continuing eight years after opening, and total revenue surpassing $2.5 Million, there is much pride.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The civil lawsuit with Green Acres Landscape and Construction, the cemetery construction contractor, was heard in Brockton District Court. At this writing, we await the final monetary judgment.

Goals for 2015:

We continue to work with special Town Counsel on the matter and anticipate final resolution in early 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Chair
Highland Meadow Cemetery Building Committee

PERMANENT BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chair: Patricia Brusch

Committee Members:

William Lovallo
Robert McLaughlin
Joel Mooney
Stephen Sala
William Shea

Purpose and Duties:

The purpose of the Permanent Building Advisory Committee is to provide a resource for, and to give advice to, all building committees in the town. In addition, the Permanent Building Committee oversees all building projects with a projected cost of $50,000 or greater, and reviews all projects with a proposed cost below $50,000. Most members of the PBC are appointed by the Moderator with one member appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

For 2014, the major building project in the town has been the Underwood Pool reconstruction. Joel Mooney and Steve Sala are members of that building committee, with the chair of the PBC also given advice when asked. Construction on the pool is underway and it is anticipated that the pool will be opened in late summer of 2015.

While the substation project for the Belmont Light Dept is ongoing, very little input is needed at this point from PBC members Bob McLaughlin and Bill Lovallo, most of this is governed by public utility laws, though Bill and Bob are available to assist with any Chapter 149 questions and issues.

The Belmont Fire Station construction was completed many years ago, but Bob McLaughlin, Bill Lovallo, and Bill Shea continue to work on some legal issues that are remaining from that project.

The exterior noise issues resulting from the Wellington School project seem to be resolved after much help and support from Gerry Boyle and Fred Domenici from the town and school building departments respectively. There are some ongoing issues interior to the school that Bill Lovallo is working through along with school personnel and consultants. For 2015 the major focus will be on closing out the project from a financial audit perspective. Floyd Carman and Gerry Boyle are working with committee members including PBC members Pat Brusch and Bill Lovallo to bring this to a conclusion.

Goals for 2015:

We are hoping to receive a prioritization of the major capital projects from the Financial Task Force so that we can proceed with renovating the remaining town buildings. Since 2000 many buildings have been renovated or rebuilt, including the Town Hall Complex, the Fire Stations, Wellington School, the Beech Street Center, and now the Underwood Pool and Bathhouse are under construction. Remaining are Belmont High School, The DPW Facility, The Police Station, the Belmont Public Library, and the Skip Viglirolo Rink. Also needing some major updating are the Butler School, the Burbank School, and the Winn Brook School, though it is hoped that this can be taken care of during the regular budget process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Brusch, Chair
Permanent Building Advisory Committee

UNDERWOOD POOL BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Chair: Anne Paulsen
Vice-Chair: Adam Dash
Secretary: Ellen Schreiber
Treasurer: Stephen Sala
Committee Members:

Christine Armstrong
David Kane
Joel Mooney
Robert Phillips
Michael Smith

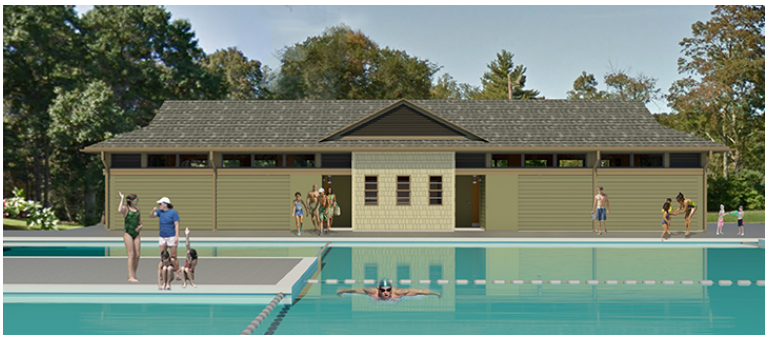
Purpose and Duties:

To complete the planning and construction of a new municipal outdoor pool.

Activities and Accomplishments:

With the funding of $5.2 million approved by the Town, the Committee developed final plans for the construction of the pool. To accommodate the state plumbing codes, the Committee was forced to design an east and west bathhouse as well as a filter building. The complex will have two pools, a shallow one with amenities for smaller children and a deep one for lane swimming and diving. Two filter systems will create better efficiency for the swimmers.

Bids went out in August. One response was within the budget but that bidder withdrew The next bid was almost $400,000 higher. To meet this bid the Committee engaged in a fundraising effort, led by the Belmont Savings Bank Foundation. Showing the importance of this pool to the community, more than 400 people contributed. Two contributors, one a Belmont resident and the other from Oregon wanted to honor their parents who had met while working at the pool.



Goals for 2015:

Depending on weather conditions, the pools should be open in the summer of 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Paulsen, Chair
Underwood Pool Building Committee

WARRANT COMMITTEE:

Chair: Michael Libenson
Vice - Chair: Raffi Manjikian
Secretary: Roy Epstein
Committee Members:

Adam Dash
Joseph DeStefano
Jenny Fallon
Jim Gammill
Elizabeth Grob
Anne Helgen
Bob McLaughlin
Greg Mennis
Bob Sarno
Ellen Schreiber
Ed Starzec

Ex-Officio and Liaisons:

Andrés Rojas, Board of Selectmen
Anne Lougee, School Committee

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

The Warrant Committee (many towns use the label "Finance Committee") consists of up to seventeen members appointed by the Town Moderator for staggered three-year terms. One representative from the Board of Selectman and one from the School Committee serve as ex-officio members. The Warrant Committee elects its officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The Town By-Laws give the Warrant Committee responsibility for reporting and making recommendations to Town Meeting on any article that involves the appropriation of money. The most significant is the annual Town budget. The Warrant Committee also reports on any matter that in the Committee's judgment significantly impacts the Town's financial interest. In addition, the Warrant Committee reviews and approves all requests for transfers from the Reserve Fund. Established by Town Meeting, the Reserve Fund is designed for use for emergency expenditures that arise during the course of the year.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

In 2014, the Warrant Committee worked with the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and various town and school departments to present a FY2015 budget to Town Meeting. This work included the annual Warrant Committee Report on the Town Budget, a 50-page document that summarizes and analyzes the budget for Town Meeting Members. The recommended budget for FY2015 was approved as presented. In addition, we reported to Town Meeting on a number of other warrant articles.

Goals for 2015:

As is typically the case, the preeminent responsibility of the Warrant Committee is to report on the FY2016 Town budget. The Warrant Committee does so though the work of a series of subcommittees, namely: Education, General Government, Human Services, Public Safety, and Public Services – with additional liaisons to the Capital Budget

Committee, the Financial Task Force, and the Minuteman School Committee. This task is somewhat more complex this year because of the meaningful disparity – particularly in Education – between an available revenue budget and possible override budget, if an override were to pass in April. As requested by the Board of Selectmen, the Warrant Committee will also serve as a resource in investigating and evaluating certain aspects of override implementation.

The Warrant Committee will continue to use an established template for data gathering for the various appropriations and Warrant Articles that it evaluates. Specifically, with regard to each applicable initiative, the Committee is investigating:

1) Answers to important clarifying questions,
2) Financial impact, such as the effect on operating revenues and costs, and,
3) Economic impact, including growth, distribution / equity, and efficiency effects on the Town.

The Warrant Committee has used this approach this budget season to evaluate the six projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and will do so for all projects coming before Town Meeting where a Warrant Committee recommendation is appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Libenson, Chair
Warrant Committee

WELLINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Chair: Mark Haley
Vice - Chair: Patricia Brusch
Treasurer: John Bowe
Clerk: Chris Kochem

Committee Members:

Joseph Barrell, Board of Selectmen Liaison
Laurie Graham, School Committee
William Lovallo
Heidi Sawyer, Wellington Parent Liaison
Eric Smith

Ex-Officio and Liaisons:

Amy Spangler, Principal, Wellington School
Gerry Boyle, Director of Facilities
Anthony DiCologero, School Department Liaison
Fred Domenici, Facilities Department Liaison
Donna Pini, School Department
Ara Yogurtian, Office of Community Development

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

The Wellington School Building Committee is a temporary committee appointed by the Town Moderator and authorized under Article 6 of the February 7, 2005 Town Meeting to build a new Wellington School.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The new Wellington School opened in September 2011. The project architect was Jonathan Levi and Associates in association with Burt Hill/Stantec. The construction team was Skanska USA, and the Owners Project Manager was PMA Consultants. Since that time, the Wellington School Building Committee has been working to complete the remaining project issues. During the spring and summer 2014, the Committee continued to focus on resolving exterior noise and interior sound isolation issues, as well as remaining HVAC issues. Throughout the year, the Committee, the Owners Project Manager, and the Director of Facilities focused on MSBA reimbursement items. In February 2014, the Boston Society of Architects (BSA) awarded three Design Awards to the Wellington School: the first, Educational Facilities Design – K-12, the second, Honor for Design Excellence and the third, the Harleston Parker Medal, which is the most prestigious Award bestowed by the BSA for design.

Goals for 2015:

The Committee will work to obtain MSBA reimbursement and completion of remaining project matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Haley, Chair
Wellington School Building Committee

SELECTMEN APPOINTEES:

Belmont Emergency Management (BEMA):
Leo Saidnawey, *Director*
Rick Nohl, *Assistant Director*
David Frizzell
Angus Davison
Bob Reardon Jr.

Belmont Media Center Board of Directors:
Carole Yelverton

Cable Television Advisory Committee:
Mark Carthy
Jonathan Green, *Chair*
Myron Kassaraba, *Secretary*

Community Path Advisory Committee:
Edward Price Armstrong
Brian Burke
Charlie Conroy
Cosmo Caterino
Amy DeDeo
John Dieckmann
Joesph Noone
Tommasina Olson
Jeffrey Roth
Vincent Stanton Jr.
Kevin Sullivan

Community Preservation Committee:
Floyd Carman, *Board of Selectmen Appointee*
Joseph DeStefano *Planning Board*
Anthony Ferrante, *Recreation Commission*
Lisa Harrington *Historic District Commission*
Gloria Leipzig *Housing Authority*
Paul Solomon, *Board of Selectmen Appointee*
Andres Rojas, *Park Commissioner*
Margaret Velie *Conservation Commission*
Anne Marie S. Mahoney, *Board of Selectmen Appointee*

Conservation Commission:
Sami Baghdady, *ex-officio Board of Selectmen*
Charles Chiang
Tino Lichauco
Jeffrey North
James Roth, *Chair*
Mary Trudeau *Conservation Agent*
Margaret Velie
David Webster, *Vice-Chair*
Miriam Weil

Constables:
David Benoit
William Chemelli
Donna Feeley
Thomas Maguire
Richard Picceri
James Tortola

Council on Aging:
Sami Baghdady, *ex-officio Board of Selectmen*
Carolyn Bunyon
Michael Cahalane, *Treasurer*
Theodore Dukas
Ethel Hamann
Chao-Qiang Lai
Matthew Dumont
Nava Niv-Vogel, *COA Staff Liaison*
Tommasina Olson
Maryann Scali, *Vice-Chair*
Penelope Schafer, *Chair*
Joel Semuels
Judy Singler
Jim Staton

Cultural Council:
John Baboian
Naomi Ellenberg - Dukas
Sarah Freiberg-Ellison
Lauralee Gianotti
Anette Goodro

Cultural Council (*Continued*):
Jirair Hovsepian
Anne Quirk, *Treasurer*
Rebecca Richards
Anne Shullenberger-Levy
Ken Stalberg, *Chair*

Disability Access Commission:
Mark Clark
Nancy Donald
Joseph Hanley
Kelly Linehan
Janet MacDonald, *Chair*
Phyllis Marshall, *Staff Liaison*
Jeanine Shaughnessy

Economic Development Advisory Committee:
Keith Andre
Christine McVay
Lalig Musserian
Tommasina Olson, *Chair*
Erik Rhodin

Education Scholarship Committee:
Leslie Aitken
Floyd Carman, *Chair*
Wega Firenze
Robert Sullivan
Sherri Turner, *Superintendent's Designee*

Energy Committee:
Anthony Barnes
Gerry Boyle, *Facilities Dept Liaison*
Peter Castanino, *Public Works Liaison*
Glenn Clancy, *Community Development Liaison*
Roger Colton
Fred Domenici, *Facilities Dept Liaison*
Andrew Healy, *McLean Hospital Liaison*
Jacob Knowles
Jan Kruse
Lauri Mancinelli, *Belmont Light Liaison*
Donald Mercier
Ian Todreas

Historic District Commission:
Jacob Cohen
Joseph Cornish, *Chair*
Lisa Harrington, *Alternate Member*
Arleyn Levee
Theresa McCarthy
Lauren Meier
James Smith
Michael Smith, *Alternate Member*
Lydia Phippen Ogilby *Member Emeritus*
Richard Cheek *Member Emeritus*
Jeffrey Wheeler, *Staff Liaison*

Housing Trust:
Helen Bakeman, *Chair*
Judith Feins
Barbara Fiaco, *ex-officio Planning Board*
Alisa Gardner-Todreas
Gloria Leipzig, *ex-officio Housing Authority*
Jensen G. Lozano
Tommasina Olson
Ann Silverman
Ann Verrilli
Jeffrey Wheeler, *Staff Liaison*

Human Rights Commission:
Kathryn Bonifiglio, *Belmont Against Racism Liaison*
Carl Brauer
Nan Donald
Mirela Duda
Peter Hoerr, *Police Department Liaison*
Jirair Hovsepian
Paul Solomon
Edie Stringfellow
Barbara Watson, *Chair*
Daniel Vernick
Fran Yuan

Information Technology Advisory Committee:
James Berets, *Co-Chair*
Duane Bronson
Daniel Ellard
David Goldberg, *Secretary*

Information Technology Advisory Committee:
(Continued:)
Jonathan Green
Philip Lawrence, *Co-Chair*
John Lochavichan
Steve Mazzola, *School IT Liaison*
David Petto, *Town IT Liaison*
Paul Roberts
Charles Smart
John Steeves, *Police Department Liaison*
Robin Tillberg, *Belmont Light Liaison*

Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill:
Harlan Carere, *Board of Selectmen Appointee*
Michele Gougeon, *McLean Hospital Appointee*
Tom Grimble, *McLean Hospital Appointee*
Andy Healy, *McLean Hospital Appointee*
Steve Kidder, *McLean Hospital Appointee*
Jeffrey North, *Conservation Commission Appointee*
Ellen O'Brien Cushman, *Chair, Cemetery Commissioner*
Wesley Ward, *The Trustees of Reservations*

Local Emergency Planning Committee:
Angela Braun, *Health Department*
Edward Corsino, *Fire Department Hazmat Rep*
Angus Davison, *Fire Department*
Fred Domenici, *Facilities Dept.*
John Farino, *Purcoat North Representative*
David Frizzell, *Fire Department*
Andrew Healy, *McLean Hospital Representative*
James MacIsaac, *Police Department*
Tom Mahoney, *Purcoat North Representative*
Jay Marcotte, *Public Works*
Richard McLaughlin, *Police Department*
Rick Nohl, *Emergency Management / Fire Dept*
James Palmer, *Belmont Light*
Leo Saidnawey, *Emergency Management*
Bob Reardon Jr. *Emergency Management /Media Rep*
Michael Santoro, *Public Works*
Craig Spinale, *Belmont Light*
Scott Spuria, *Fire Department Hazmat Rep*

Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee:
Myron Kassaraba, *Primary Representative*
Bob Reardon Jr. *Alternate Member / Staff Liason*

MBTA Advisory Board:
Andrés T. Rojas, *Primary Representative*
Bob Reardon Jr. *Alternate Representative*

Metropolitan Area Planning Council:
Jeffrey Wheeler, *Town Planner*

Municipal Light Department Advisory Board:
Ashley Brown, *Chair*
Patricia DiOrio
Robert Forrester
Ralph Jones, *Alternate Member*
Steve Klionsky *Alternate Member*
Gretchen McClain
Mark McVay

MWRA Advisory Board:
Andrés T. Rojas
Michael Bishop, *Designee*

Parking Clerk:
Floyd Carman

Permanent Audit Committee:
Floyd Carman, *Clerk, Town Treasurer*
Frank Caruso
Ernest Fay, *Chair*
James Finn
Robert Keefe
Mark Paolillo, *ex-officio Board of Selectmen*
Chitra Subramanian, *Town Accountant Liaison*

Planning Board:
Elisabeth Allison
Sami Baghdady, *ex-officio Board of Selectmen*
Michael Battista
Charles Clark
Joseph DeStefano

Planning Board *(Continued)*:
Barbara Fiaco, *Associate Member*
Karl Haglund
Jeffrey Wheeler, *Staff Liaison*

Property and Casualty Insurance Advisory Committee:
John Borelli
Joseph Hanley
Ivan Lozano
Phyllis Marshall, *Staff Liaison*
June Roberts, *Chair*

Recreation Commission:
Ann Bere
Katy Bonnan
Anthony Ferrante
Lynn Findlay
Anne Helgen
June Howell, *Staff Liaison*
Kathryn Jones
David Kane, *Chair*
Kelly Linehan
Jensen G. Lozano

Registrars of Voters:
Stanley Dzierzerski, *Republican*
Robert McGaw, *Chair, Democrat*
Ellen O'Brien Cushman; *Town Clerk*, *Unenrolled*
James Staton, *Democrat*

Shade Tree Committee:
Peter Castanino, *Public Works Liaison*
Ruth Foster
Lucia Gates
Laura Simmons
DeNee Reiton Skipper
Thomas Walsh, *Tree Warden*

Traffic Advisory Committee:
Glenn Clancy, *Community Development Liaison*
Peter Curro
Joseph Griffin
Laurence MacDonald
Ben Mailhot, *Police Department Liaison*
Donald Mercier
Dana Miller
Linda Nickens, *Chair*
Tommasina Olson
Matthew Sullivan

Vision 21 Implementation Committee:
George Durante, *Chair*
Doug John
Natalie Leino, *Vice-Chair*
Donald Mercier
Jennifer Page
Mary Power
Paul Solomon

Water Advisory Board:
Joseph Barrell, Jr.
Frank French
William Shea

Zoning Board of Appeals:
David Iaia, *Associate Member*
Nicholas Iannuzzi
Tino Lichauco
John McManus, *Associate Member*
James-Ryan Fagan
Eric Smith
Craig White, *Associate Member*
Ara Yogurtian, *Community Development Liaison*
Demetrios Zarkadas

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chair: Jonathan B. Green

Committee Members:

Mark Carthy
Myron Kassaraba

Ex-Officio and Liaisons:

Chester R. Messer, Chair of the Board of Directors, Belmont Media Center
Jeffrey Hansell, Executive Director, Belmont Media Center
David Petto, Director of Information Technology, Town of Belmont
Steve Mazzola, Director of Technology, Belmont Public Schools
Phyllis Marshall, Assistant Town Administrator

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

The Cable Television Advisory Committee advises the Selectmen in their role as Issuing Authority when negotiating the cable TV franchise agreements with the Town's cable TV providers (currently Comcast and Verizon).

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Committee continued the process for negotiating the Comcast cable TV franchise renewal agreement. Working together with the Belmont Media Center, the Committee undertook an "ascertainment" process to assess the community's needs with respect to cable TV. Part of this process included a public hearing at the beginning of the year. Discussions and negotiations with Comcast have been ongoing throughout the year.

Goals for 2015:

To finalize negotiations with Comcast regarding its cable TV franchise renewal agreement and advise the Board of Selectmen accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan B. Green, Chair
Cable Television Advisory Committee

COMMUNITY PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC):

Chair: Jeffrey Roth
Vice-Chair: John Dieckmann
Committee Members:

Price Armstrong
Brian Burke, Sr.
Cosmo Caterino
Charlie Conroy
Amy DeDeo
Joseph Noone
Tommasina Olson
Vincent Stanton
Kevin Sullivan

Ex-Officio and Liaisons:

Mark Paolillo, Board of Selectmen Liaison to the CPAC
Jeffrey Wheeler, Community Development

Purpose and Duties:

The CPAC and its charge and mission were established by the Belmont Board of Selectmen. The CPAC, which is a temporary committee, has been organized to identify potential locations for a proposed Community Path that can be utilized for recreation, exercise, and transportation. The Belmont Community Path is intended to be a shared-use resource for walkers, joggers, bicyclists, in-line skaters, and other non-motorized forms of transportation. A Community Path would connect Belmont into a growing network of walking and cycling routes in the adjacent towns around Belmont.

The Belmont Community Path could provide a range of possible benefits, including increased options for commuting to work and school, mitigation of traffic congestion, opportunities for improved public health, and improved access to local businesses. This Committee was tasked to identify, assess, and rank the evaluation criteria for recommending possible Belmont Community Path land parcels and routes for consideration by the Board of Selectmen.

The CPAC is also charged with gathering all pertinent information related to this potential Path. The CPAC has been working to identify issues, concerns and benefits, and reported final recommendations for next steps in a written report to the Board of Selectmen for action by the Town. This report was delivered to the Town in June 2014.

The primary mission and responsibilities for the CPAC are summarized in the following mission areas:

- Gather and review all relevant existing studies and reports that could provide useful information to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Community Path.
- Assess potential benefits and positive impacts for each potential segment of a shared-use path in the Town.
- Outline all concerns and issues related to a Community Path in the Town of Belmont.
- Provide and rank evaluation criteria useful for evaluating potential routes for the Belmont Community Path.
- Communicate, solicit input, and involve the Belmont community with the CPAC's work.
- Deliver a report of final recommendations with proposed next steps to the Board of Selectmen for the Town's consideration and future action.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments for 2014:

During the 2 ½ period of its existence, the CPAC extensively gauged interest in the Community Path from the Belmont community through 46 public meetings, two widely-attended public forums, and two widely-participated

surveys/questionnaires to Belmont residents. CPAC continued to meet until June 2014. During this 2014 period, 14 public CPAC meetings were held. These meetings were widely attended, and allowed the public to freely provide input into the CPAC's open deliberation process. The CPAC performed significant research in response to concerns expressed by various residents, and presented and discussed these topics during its regular meetings twice a month.

The CPAC and Board of Selectmen jointly organized a **Belmont Community Path Potential Abutters Forum** on January 22, 2014. This was the second public forum organized by the CPAC. This meeting was held at the specific request of potential abutters. Over 230 people attended this Public Forum, which was held in the main auditorium at the Beech Street Center. The purpose of this public forum was to solicit questions and feedback specifically from potential abutters of the future Belmont Community Path. This Public Forum focused on topics and questions related to potential abutters of the routes proposed for the Belmont Community Path. This Public Forum included: (1) a brief overview of the charge and mission of the CPAC; (2) descriptions of the proposed routes; (3) privacy, security, and screening options under consideration; and (4) an opportunity for people to submit written and oral questions to both the Selectmen and the CPAC. All potential abutters were informed of this meeting, and were provided information on the potential path routes ahead of time to review prior to this meeting. After this meeting, the CPAC prepared responses to all of the written and oral comments received. These responses were published on the CPAC webpage and referenced in the CPAC final report.

The CPAC officially concluded its work in June 2014. As charged, the CPAC delivered a **Belmont Community Path Final Report** to the Town and to the Selectmen. This report is available at the link below:
http://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/belmontma/files/file/file/belmont-community-path-advisory-committee_final-report_2014-06-07.pdf
The final report briefing presented to the Selectmen on June 9, 2014 is also available at the link below:
http://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/belmontma/files/file/file/power_point_presentation.pdf

As captured in this final report referenced above, the CPAC's extensive public engagement, research, and due diligence determined a number of general themes:

1) The Belmont community overall has a strong desire for an off-road path separated from cars. This is backed up by data collected in surveys, public forums, and letters received by CPAC. This was also motivated by the increased safety of off-road pathways free of motor-vehicle traffic. Therefore, all of the routes that CPAC recommended were off-road.
2) Some of these proposed off-road routes run alongside the Fitchburg Line, making them "Rails-With-Trails". CPAC researched how to make "Rails-With-Trails" safe, and studied how they are successful elsewhere. The CPAC also discussed Rails-With-Trails concepts with MBTA officials.
3) The CPAC comprehensively and respectfully addressed numerous concerns from potential abutters, showing that proper design accommodations would meet the concerns. Best practices were cited from other trails.

Since some Channing Road residents still opposed using the rail corridor for the Path, the CPAC looked at numerous alternative pathway options along Concord Avenue. While cycle tracks or separated bicycle lanes might be an improved feature to Concord Avenue, the CPAC determined that they would not provide what most residents are looking for in a Belmont Community Path due to the noise, congestion, and safety hazards of biking and walking along the busy Concord Ave. roadway. Such trail segments would also not enhance the walking experience for pedestrians. Furthermore, CPAC concluded that since one objective for the Belmont Community Path is joining Belmont Center to the new path from Brighton Street to Alewife, routing the Belmont Community Path along Concord Avenue would not safely join these endpoints given the current roadway and infrastructure arrangements.

4) The ongoing need for a pedestrian underpass from Alexander Avenue to the High School resurfaced during CPAC's work. The safeties of children walking to school and the associated liability to the Town have made this a longstanding need for the Town. However, the CPAC was informed that the Town likely could not afford the tunnel's construction cost on its own. The CPAC determined that an underpass would likely only materialize if it were part of the Belmont Community Path. This is because the Belmont Community Path could qualify for state or federal construction funding. If the Belmont Community Path runs parallel to the Fitchburg Line (on either the north or south side), an access point from both sides of the tracks will be needed along that stretch for safety reasons. Therefore, the most promising means to realize this safety infrastructure is to incorporate it into the Belmont Community Path project.
5) An important early task for the follow-on committee to CPAC is to get Town funding appropriated for an engineering feasibility study of the Belmont Community Path. This study would flesh out details for the many design guidelines CPAC recommended. The CPAC was limited in time and scope, and could not answer all the detail design questions that it received. The engineering feasibility study would help to provide that information, and further inform selection of routes for construction.

Goals for 2015:

The CPAC officially concluded its work in June 2014. As charged, the CPAC delivered a final report to the Town and Selectmen. One of the primary recommendations from the CPAC was to establish a follow-on committee to oversee implementation of the Belmont Community Path. This follow-on Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee was established in Dec. of 2014, and began meeting in February 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Roth, Chair
Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

Chair: Margaret Velie, Conservation Commission Appointee
Vice-Chair: Anne Marie Mahoney, Board of Selectmen Appointee
Clerk: Floyd Carman, Board of Selectmen Appointee
Committee Members:

Charles Clark, Planning Board Appointee*
Anthony Ferrante, Recreation Commission Appointee
Lisa Harrington, Historic District Commission Appointee
Gloria Leipzig, Housing Authority Appointee
Andres Rojas, Board of Parks Commissioners Appointee
Paul Solomon, Board of Selectmen Appointee

* Joseph DeStefano stepped down as the Planning Board Appointee in November 2014.

Purpose and Duties:

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was formed to evaluate the community preservation needs of Belmont and make recommendations to Town Meeting as part of the annual budget process. The CPC is responsible for reviewing applications for funding under the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The CPA fund is a powerful resource that can be used to maintain the character of Belmont, but doing so requires active members of the community to sponsor CPA eligible projects. With this in mind, the CPC encourages Belmont residents to spearhead their own community-based projects that uphold the integrity of our community.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The CPC recommended that Town Meeting appropriate $2,727,224 out of the full $3,852,055 in available funds for seven projects in Belmont's second year of awarding grants under the Community Preservation Act (CPA). As required by CPA funding criteria, each of these projects addressed one of the following community asset categories: community housing, historic preservation, and open space/recreational land.

Community Housing

- *Belmont Village Electrical Upgrade – Internal Wiring* - $165,000 to add additional circuits and upgrade the electrical panels at six of the twenty-five buildings at Belmont Village in order to decrease circuit overloads within the apartments. The interior electrical wiring has not been upgraded since it was installed in 1949.
- *First Time Homebuyer Assistance* - $375,000 to establish a First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program, in order to make a small number of homes affordable to families or individuals just entering the housing market. This amount of funding is needed to start a program and justify the frontend effort and costs. The program is being modeled on ones implemented in other communities, adjusted for Belmont's particular market.

Historic Resources

- *Belmont Community Moving Image* - $12,000 to maintain a community archive that will preserve the unique history, culture, visions, and voices of Belmont through film and video. The project will preserve historic resources for the Town and will enable anyone to access the video history of Belmont. The archives will benefit historians, elected officials, civic activists, and students looking to research the history of the town in which they live.

Open Space / Recreational Land

- *JV Field Irrigation* - $8,700 to upgrade the irrigation system so that sod can be used in place of grass for the Town owned JV field located on Concord Ave opposite Cottage St. It is no longer possible to plant grass and attain a solid root system prior to the beginning of the new season, and by upgrading the irrigation system Belmont Soccer Associate can use sod to improve the quality of the JV field. **Project completed as of July 2014.**
- *Daniel Butler School Playground Project (Phase II)* - $66,524 to complete the second phase of construction for the new Daniel Butler School Playground, which was shut down in the Fall of 2011. The goals of the project are to increase lighting and signage, increase the number of trash receptacles, stump edging around perimeter, repaint basketball courts and hard top, and make improvements on the back field.
- *Winn Brook Field Renovation* - $100,000 to renovate the Town owned recreation fields at Winn Brook elementary school for the long term use by the residents of Belmont. The project will be implemented in two phases to ensure that there are some fields available to the community during the renovation project. The goals of the project are to create a drainage system, an irrigation system, and additional playing space.
- *Underwood Pool* – $2,000,000 to fund the construction of the final design for the new Underwood Park complex, a Town asset that has been available for all Belmont residents to use for the past 100 years. More information regarding the Underwood Pool project can be found online at http://www.belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/Projects/underwood

In addition to overseeing the second year of Belmont's CPA grant application process—in which all seven recommended projects received Town Meeting approval— the CPC monitored the progress of FY13 CPA projects to ensure they are completed on time and within their allotted CPA budgets. The following FY13 CPA projects were completed during calendar year 2014:

- *Building Survey & Investigation of the 1853 William Flagg Homer House* - $9,500 to conduct a professional building survey and investigation of the interior and exterior envelope of the 1853 William Flagg Homer House. **Project completed as of May 2014.**
- *Joey's Park Rehabilitation* – $100,000 to rebuild Joey's Park using a combination of public and private funding sources. The construction was done through a community build, with members of Play By Design acting as construction supervisors and volunteers acting as crew and laborers. **Project completed as of February 2014.**

The CPC also engaged the services of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc (VHB) to develop a comprehensive inventory of property in Belmont that may be considered for use as open space or affordable housing development. VHB created a system for ranking these properties in order to prioritize Town funds to protect and develop these parcels. The prioritized list of parcels can be used by the Conservation Commission, Housing Trust and the CPC to evaluate projects that acquire or create open space, recreation or develop/redevelop affordable housing units. The $30,000 project was funded through the CPC administrative budget and was **completed as of December 2014.**

Goals for 2015:

The CPC will be recommending six projects for funding to the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. In preparation for Town Meeting, the CPC will convene with a number of advisory boards and be included in the public forum held by the League of Women Voters to vet any questions or concerns the community may have regarding the six FY15 CPA projects. Throughout the year, the CPC will continue to monitor the progress of approved projects to ensure they are completed on time and within their allotted CPA budgets. The following FY13 projects are expected to be completed by the end of calendar year 2015:

Historic Resources

- *Town Hall Concord Ave Door Remediation* - $72,000 to renovate the three Town Hall exit doors facing Concord Ave. These doors were not restored during the first two Town Hall renovations. This project will use the requested funds to complete the remaining restoration of Town Hall, as well as reducing energy costs to the Town by making the doors more weather-tight. **Project completed as of January 2015**.
- *Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey of Belmont* - $115,000 to create a town-wide survey and inventory of historic properties, neighborhoods and other historic resources in Belmont.
- *Preserving and Digitizing Belmont's Vital Records* – Up to $100,000 to hire a suitable vendor to conduct and prepare a Conservation Survey in order to determine the best approach to conserving original vital records of births, deaths and marriages in Belmont. The funds that remain after this survey is completed will be used to scan and preserve the most critical volumes.

Open Space / Recreational Land

- *Intergenerational Walking Path Plan at Clay Pit Pond* - $20,000 to engage the services of a Registered Landscape Architect to design a fully accessible walking/fitness trail to rehabilitate, restore and preserve the existing paths and landscape at Clay Pit Pond.
- *Irrigation Improvements at Rock Meadow Community Gardens* - $10,000 to improve and expand the existing water supply system servicing 137 garden rental plots within the Community Gardens at Rock Meadow. The improved irrigation system will address leakage issues, variations in water pressure, and the need for additional spigots.
- *Underwood Park (Plan and Design)* – $298,000 to fund the design for rebuilding the Underwood Pool and possibly a multi-purpose athletic field, using the results of the Feasibility and Preliminary Design Study that has already been funded by the Town. **Project completed as of January 2015.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Velie
Community Preservation Committee

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Chair: James Roth

Committee Members:

Charles Chiang
Miriam Weil
Margaret Velie
David Webster
Jeffrey North

Staff Liaison: Mary Trudeau; Part-Time Conservation Agent

Introduction:

The Conservation Commission is an appointed Town board responsible for the implementation of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA), a state law that is administered primarily by municipalities throughout the Commonwealth. As the Town has adopted Storm Water Regulations, the Conservation Commission has been an integral part of this increasing level of environmental protection within Belmont. Through their experience in the implementation of storm water management regulations developed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Commission has modeled regulatory implementation of Storm Water Regulations.

While the regulation of activities within the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act is the primary function of the Commission, the Conservation Commission is also the responsible agent for Conservation lands in Belmont, and spends a great deal of time and energy in promoting and sponsoring the stewardship of Rock Meadow. With the considerable assistance of an active group of volunteers, the Commission also runs the Victory/Community Gardens at the southern end of Rock Meadow, and provides over one hundred thirty low cost plots for the growing of produce, herbs or flowers.

Personnel:

The Commission consists of seven (7) regular members. The members of the Commission commit to attending regular, monthly meeting of the Commission, as well as site visits to inspect each property subject to a wetlands permit. The Commission notes that they continue to benefit from the participation of many well informed and interested Townspeople. Notices of meetings, agendas and meeting minutes are posted by the Town Clerk, and on the Town web site, and the Commission notes that all are welcome and participation encouraged.

Current Commission members are Charles Chiang, David Webster, James Roth, Margaret Velie, Jeffrey North and Miriam Weil. The Commission currently has a vacancy due to the re assignment of Faustino Lichauco to the Zoning Board of Appeals in January of 2015. James Roth accepted the role of chairperson in 2012, and was re-elected in 2013 and continues in this role for the Commission. David Webster is vice-chairperson. Margaret Velie also represents the Commission on the Community Preservation Act Committee, and Jeff North is a member of the Land Use Management Committee.

The Commission has a part time agent, Mary Trudeau, who keeps regular office hours in the Homer Building, located at 19 Moore Street, in the Town Hall complex. As an agent of the Commission, Ms. Trudeau is also empowered to monitor Applicant's activities, and to issue enforcement actions in connection with activities that violate the WPA. This has resulted in timely enforcement of the Act against activities that may have otherwise gone undetected. Her daily responsibilities include interacting with applicants, as well as being the interface between the Commission and

residents. As the public face of the Commission, the Agent meets with applicants and assists them in preparing the documents they need to file. This results in hearings that focus on substantive aspects of the application, rather than in addressing informalities in the application process. The Commission realizes the importance of providing assistance to property owners and potential property owners who must appear before us before conducting activities in wetland resource areas or buffer zones. We are dedicated to providing a clear understanding of the requirements under the WPA.

CPA Funded Projects:
The Commission has submitted two Community Preservation Act grant proposals. The first application was awarded $10,000 dollars for the reconstruction of the irrigation system at the Community Gardens. This project will improve water pressure, and conserve water through the repair of leaks and spigots. The water line improvements remain in the design phase, with construction proposed in the Spring of 2015.

The second application was for the development of a Master Plan for an Intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond. The proposal was awarded $20,000 dollars to develop a Master Plan for future improvements. An RFP for this project was done in the spring of 2014, and the project was awarded to the BETA Group. The project is currently nearing completion, and a finalized design for the walking paths and memorials at Clay Pit Pond will be received in Spring of 2015.

The Commission has also been involved in the development of a third CPA funded project. Using designated administrative funds allocated to the CPA Committee, an RFP was bid for the development of an Environmental Land and Housing Land Inventory. The contract was awarded to VHB Associates, and work on this document was completed in 2015. This inventory allows the CPA Committee to rank land parcels with a variety of variables, and to adjust criteria, as desired.

Land Management Activities:
The Conservation Commission was the recipient of a $4800 dollar grant from the Judith K. Record Fund, to continue the annual mowing of Rock Meadow. While this grant is a one-time gift, the donation allowed the Commission time to plan and fund mowing for the 2015 and 2016 growing seasons.

The Commission has been administering federal grant funding to help carry out much needed maintenance and restoration activities of Rock Meadow. In the past year, the Commission administered funds from the WHIP Program, a cost sharing program that has allowed the Commission to enhance the value of Rock Meadow for a variety of grass land birds. 2015 is the final year of this Cost Share project, and the Commission will be looking for other funding avenues for the care and enhancement of Rock Meadow. The ten year cost share WHIP program is summarized below.

NRCS Cost Share Program:
As in recent years, much of the Commission's efforts have been towards the management of Rock Meadow, with the long term goal of restoring the traditional grassland character of the area. Over ten years ago, the Commission contracted with the Ecological Extension Service of the Mass Audubon Society to prepare a detailed ecological analysis of the meadow. This analysis, which was partially funded through Partners for Fish and Wildlife Service Program grant, represented the technical basis for the grant applications used to fund meadow restoration.

Based on the report, the Commission developed a formal maintenance and management plan for the Meadow. With this management plan in hand, the Commission applied to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for a Wildlife Habitat Improvement Plan (WHIP) contract to fund a ten- year improvement program. WHIP is a voluntary program that encourages the creation of high quality wildlife habitats to support wildlife populations of local significance. The Commission worked with the NRCS to develop a wildlife habitat development plan, which ultimately became plan the basis of the cost-share agreement between NRCS and the Town.

The estimated cost of the ten year management plan was approximately $79,000 dollars. The Commission received approximately $50,000 dollars over the next ten years in NRCS funding for this project, leaving the Commission with a commitment of approximately $30,000 dollars. The Commission sponsored a bill at Town Meeting to establish a revolving account with seed money (the $30,000 dollars) for grant-sponsored activities. The bill was passed unanimously, and the account established.

The WHIP funded management/restoration project continues through 2015. This upcoming year, the Cost-Share program includes mowing to reduce woody growth and to encourage the growth of native grasses and plants. This represents the final activity funded through the agreement. The Commission would like mowing to continue on an annual basis and is currently investigating new funding opportunities for the Town.

As noted above, 2014 mowing was not funded by the WHIP program, and the Commission looked elsewhere to obtain funding. One source of revenue included generating mowing monies through Garden Fees. Paths in Rock Meadow were mowed through the funds generated by the Gardens, insuring safe access throughout the growing season. The Gardeners are also planning a fund raising effort to help with the mowing costs through the production and sale of Tee-shirts. Several hundred dollars were raised by the tee shirt sales, and this project is likely to continue. As noted last year, the Commission has been working with the Land Management Committee to obtain better prices on mowing through coordinating contractor dates. The Commission engaged a new mowing service this past summer, and received a better price and additional acreage of mowing from the new vendor.

Victory Gardens and Rock Meadow Activities:

The Victory Gardens are located in the southeast corner of Rock Meadow, and provide plots for up to about 137 local gardeners. Although garden membership has fluctuated through the years, there is currently a waiting list of approximately 75 gardeners. While each plot is individually managed, the Commission uses the rental fees to provide water and compost to the gardens and funds access and restoration of the path system.

In 2013 the maintenance of safe access was outsourced, and garden fees were used to hire Joe Finn. Joe continues to mow the garden paths as well as the paths in the Meadow and in the Lone Tree Hill lands. Joe does a spectacular job.

Garden fees are used to improve safety in the gardens, replacing rusted or dangerous fencing on an as needed basis. Labor is donated by the gardeners, and the improvement in appearance of the various improved plots is notable. Garden funds were used to erect a custom shed for the storage of communal equipment. Nigel Kraus generously donated his time and expertise to the design and construction of the shed. The building provides a safe storage area for weed whackers, lawn mowers and hand tools used by the Community. The gardeners have been meeting monthly to assist with the management of the gardens. Programs that evolved this year included fence replacement and improved path maintenance. Additionally, the Commission has used a portion of the garden funds to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of Rock Meadow. As the WHIP grant expires, this source of funding will be important in continuing the annual mowing of the meadow.

This year, Sandra Curro, a local grower continues to work with the gardeners to grow "blight resistant" tomatoes. Due to the popularity and success of the program, plant distribution will continue this summer. Sandra has been an excellent compatriot, and her locally grown seedlings have been popular.

The Commission, again, worked with volunteer farmer/manager Kathy Martin to run the garden program. Kathy keeps a website and provides energy in the Gardens. Amelia Fannin has been charged with producing and distributing the Garden Newsletter which has improved communication. Maria Leza maintains the Gardens wheel barrows owned and Bruce Westgate maintains lawnmowers and weed whackers. Maria Leza, also, provides continuous eradication of invasive plant species within Rock Meadow and the gardens. Diane Bissaro has taken charge of the waiting list, and keeps accurate records of requests. Judy Otto and Hildy Mazur have become increasingly active and have worked to reduce waste and increase donations to the local food bank. Judy uses her professional expertise to improve publicity and communication. Geno Volpe and Ed Ensor maintained the watering system, Stephen Pinkerton has been working to upgrade the system and provide better water pressure. Catherine Stahlberg worked with a local gardening supply store to obtain discounts on supplies and has been active on the volunteer garden committee. David Mitchell continues efforts to create on site composting.

Joe Finn, a local birding expert, continued his Bluebird nesting work in Rock Meadow. Joe established and maintained over twenty bird boxes last summer, resulting in several nesting pairs and subsequent broods. Joe adds technical expertise and energy to the Commission's efforts to increase the value of Rock Meadow for wildlife habitat. His mowing work within the western meadow has resulted in healthy stands of grasses, and reduction of woody growth in this section of the meadow. Joe also mowed the paths at Rock Meadow and Lone Tree Hill, and maintained the Commission's brush cutter.

Karen LaCourse continued to maintain bee hives at Rock Meadow. This is the fifth year of bee hives at the Meadow, and the gardeners feel that the increased pollination is helpful. This is a very exciting project and the 2015 year may is likely to have up to nine hives through the inclusion of two, new beekeepers to Karen's swarms.

There are several volunteer organizations that contribute man power to maintenance programs. Belmont Serves, the Belmont High School Community Service program and Temple Beth El of Belmont all offer work days that benefit the Town. Projects include control of invasive plant species; cleaning trash and debris; maintenance of drainage culverts and path maintenance and improvements. The Commission is grateful to these organizations for the valuable assistance provided.

Public Hearings:

The Commission meets monthly to review applications for work within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Any project within one hundred feet of a wetland requires the review of the Conservation Commission and the issuance of a permit under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The review and issuance of permits is time consuming, requiring extensive review of proposals, site visits and occasionally the use of experts to evaluate a particular project. This year the Commission reviewed proposals for additions to single family homes, demolition and reconstruction of single family homes.

Respectfully submitted,

James Roth, Chair
Conservation Commission

CULTURAL COUNCIL:
Chair: Kenneth Stalberg
Treasurer: Anne Quirk
Secretary: Sarah Ellison
Committee Members:

John Baboian
Naomi Ellenberger-Dukas
Lauralee Gianotti
Annette Goodro
Jirair Hovsepian
Anne Levy
Rebecca Richards

Purpose and Duties:
The Belmont Cultural Council (BCC), the local affiliate of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, annually awards small grants (usually between $200 and $500) to Belmont-oriented arts, humanities, and science projects that benefit schools, organizations, and individuals. It accepts grant proposals from early September through mid-October, researches and evaluates those proposals through the late fall, and then announces grants in January.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
In 2014, the BCC reviewed eighteen grant applications for 2015 funding and awarded $5,450 in grant money to fourteen of those applicants. Among the events we supported were: a concert of music by composer Salvatore Arno, the Belmont World Film Family Festival, a presentation by the Belmont Woman's Club on Winslow Homer's Women, two Belmont Open Sings presented by Powers Music School, and a multicultural fair at the Burbank School.

Goals for 2015:
The BCC, which receives nearly all its money from the state, hopes to increase its Belmont-based fund raising efforts. This year, as is true most years, some fine programs were partially funded or couldn't be funded at all. And we are always on the lookout for new members!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Stalberg, Chair
Cultural Council

DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION

Chair: Janet H. Macdonald

Committee Members:

Nancy Donald
Joseph Hanley
Mark Clark
Kelly Linehan
Jeanette Shaughnessy

Purpose and Duties:

"The Belmont Disability Access Commission is dedicated to the rights of all Belmont citizens, of all ages with the full range of abilities and disabilities (specifically including "hidden disabilities"), fully to access Town services and programs, to educating Town officials and the general citizenry about disability issues, to promoting the full inclusion of all persons with diverse disabilities in community life, and to the promotion of their general welfare." – adopted 13 May 2004

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

In May a meeting was convened to review the draft plans for the design of the new Underwood Pool. Further review was placed on hold with a potential site visit after the 2014 season was complete. With the change of the draft plans and the need for new funding options the site visit was not carried out. We will continue to work with the Underwood Pool Building Committee as the project proceeds with construction.

- We also are in constant review of plans to make the MBTA Waverley Commuter Rail Station accessible.
- We continue to work with the Office of Community Development in the review of the many construction and rehab projects around town.
- We provide interpreters for the deaf at the Martin Luther King Community Breakfast.
- We continue to work with Massachusetts Architectural Board, as well. Ray Glazier, a former DAC chair and member sits on this important board. The Board reviews all major projects for compliance with current laws addressing accessibility issues.

Our funding comes from the proceeds of Handicapped Parking violations received from the Town Treasurer who also serves as the Parking Clerk.

Goals for 2015:

- We strive to continue to serve the needs of all Belmont residents with disabilities both obvious and hidden.
- We will continue to monitor the Underwood Pool Project and the MBTA Waverley Station Project as needed.
- We would like to be a more visible and viable asset to the Belmont community.
- We need new members and would like to fill the Vice Chair and Secretary positions as well a new Chair. I would like to continue to serve as member of the DAC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet H. Macdonald, Chair
Disability Access Commission

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Chair: Tommasina Anne Olson
Vice-Chair: Erik Rhodin
Committee Members:

Keith Andre
Christine McVay
Lalig Musserian
Tommasina Anne Olson
Erik Rhodin

Purpose and Duties:

To advise the Selectmen on evaluated economic opportunities for the Town of Belmont that will increase tax revenue with minimal negative impact to the character and life of Belmont as a Town of Homes and as a suburban Boston community.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Economic Development Advisory Committee was reconstituted in the Fall of 2014. 2015 will be a year of accomplishments.

Goals for 2015:

To evaluate the economic opportunities for the Town of Belmont that will increase tax revenue with minimal negative impact to the character and life of Belmont as a Town of Homes and as a suburban Boston community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommasina Anne Olson, Chair
Economic Development Advisory Committee

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chair: Floyd S. Carman

Committee Members:

Leslie Aitken
Robert Sullivan
Sherri Turner
Wega Firenze

The Belmont Education Scholarship Committee was established under MGL 60 §3C by the April 1995 Town Meeting. The Education Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to residents of Belmont who are pursuing higher education. Awards are based on the applicants' financial need, academic achievement, community involvement and school activities. The Committee also makes an annual award to the Belmont Public Schools. Funding is provided by Belmont Taxpayer's contributions to the voluntary Education and Scholarship check-offs on Belmont's real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax bills.

The Town of Belmont Scholarship was awarded to the following recipients totaling $2,400. Checks were mailed on 11/20/14 to be applied to the recipient's second semester.

Recipient	College/University	City and State	Award Amount
Samuel Aaron Korn	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA	600.00
Christopher T. Kelly	Plymouth State University	Plymouth, NH	600.00
Sophie Bonstrom	University of New Hampshire	Durham, NH	600.00
Henrik Rhodin	University of Dartmouth	North Dartmouth, MA	600.00

Activity Report for the Town of Belmont Scholarship Check-Off Fund for Fiscal Year 2014

Opening Balance 7/1/13	$ 271,692.34
Plus Tax Check-Off Donations	890.96
Plus Income Earned	12,868.51
Less Scholarship 2013-mailed December 2013	(3,600.00)
Less Helen Finnick Book Award December 2013	(200.00)
Closing Balance 6/30/2014	**$ 281,651.81**

In Fiscal Year 2014, forty- five residents contributed to the Town of Belmont Scholarship Check-Off Program.

Activity Report for the Town of Belmont Education Check-Off Fund for Fiscal Year 2014

Opening Balance 7/1/13	$104,518.30
Plus Tax Check-Off Donations	6,680.52
Plus Income Earned	2,385.90
Less donation to the School Math Program	(57,483.53)
Closing Balance 6/30/2014	**$56,101.19**

In Fiscal Year 2014, Fifty-three residents contributed to the Town of Belmont Education Check-Off Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Floyd S. Carman
Town Treasurer

ENERGY COMMITTEE:

Chair: Roger Colton and Ian Todreas (co-chairs)
Vice-Chair: Jan Kruse
Committee Members:

Tony Barnes
Peter Castanino
Glenn Clancy
Roger Colton
Fred Domenici
Andrew Healey
Jacob Knowles
Jan Kruse
Lauri Mancinelli
Chris McVay
Ian Todreas

Purpose and Duties:

The Special Town Meeting held in the fall of 2009 voted to adopt a climate action policy committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Town of Belmont by 80% by the year 2050. In furtherance of that commitment, Town Meeting voted also to create the Belmont Energy Committee.

The Energy Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in the Spring of 2010 and began meeting in the Summer of 2010. The work of the Energy Committee in 2012 was devoted to work on electricity, transportation, and residential heating/cooling.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

In the electricity area, the Energy Committee worked with the Belmont Public Schools to negotiate a contract with Broadway Electric, the developer selected to place solar panels on Belmont's Wellington Elementary school. Unfortunately, due to business reasons affecting Broadway Electric, in the Spring of 2014, that contract was cancelled.

In the heating/cooling area, the Energy Committee continued its partnership with Sagewell, Inc. to promote MassSave energy audits to Belmont residents who heat with natural gas through the Town's Better Homes Belmont program. In addition, the Energy Committee, in furtherance of its collaboration with Belmont Light to fund an expansion of the energy audits program to homes heating with fuel oil, the Committee worked with Belmont Light to successfully obtain a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to fund energy audits for fuel-oil homes and to fund rebates for the installation of mini-split heat pumps to reduce the need for carbon-intensive fuel oil. Belmont's continuing success with home energy audits maintains its status as having a higher percentage of requests for home energy assessments than any other community in Massachusetts.

In recognition of its work to promote energy audits, the Energy Committee received from Next Step Living, a statewide energy efficiency firm, a donation of street trees to the Town, which were planted in the fall of 2014.

The Energy Committee worked diligently with Sustainable Belmont and Town staff to fulfill the State's five requirements to become a Green Community. In the Fall of 2014, the Town submitted its Green Community application, which was subsequently approved by the State. The impact will be to qualify Belmont for expected state

funding of nearly $1.0 million over the next several years to improve the efficiency of the Town's use of energy, reduce consumption, and generate the accompanying bill savings.

In the transportation area, the Energy Committee worked with the Community Path Advisory Committee to promote this energy efficient means of transportation. The Committee also worked with the Town's Office of Community Development to incorporate an electric car "charging station" in the Town's plans for redeveloping Belmont Center's parking and traffic patterns.

Not every Energy Committee initiative was successful in 2014. A representative of the Energy Committee presented a report showing the viability of Zero Net Energy (ZNE) for the new Underwood Pool. The report showed the anticipated energy consumption (base design vs. ZNE), key energy drivers, what would be required to achieve ZNE, and information on a nearby precedent ZNE pool. Outcomes resulting from the effort included specifying ultra-low flow showers and lavatory faucets to reduce hot water demand, as well as variable speed drives for the pool pumps. The overall ZNE effort failed because ZNE was not a high enough priority for the pool committee.

Goals for 2014:

The objectives of the Energy Committee for 2014 were to takes those steps necessary for the Town (including both the Town and Schools) and the community will take active, substantial steps toward improving its carbon footprint in furtherance of the objective of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Town of Belmont by 80% by the year 2050.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Colton and Ian Todreas (co-chairs),
Belmont Energy Committee

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION:

Co-Chairs: Joseph Cornish, Lauren Meier

Committee Members:

Jacob Cohen
Arleyn Levee
Theresa McCarthy
James Smith
Lisa Harrington (Alternate)
Michael Smith (Alternate)
Richard Cheek (Emeritus)
Lydia Phippen Ogilby (Emeritus)

Purpose and Duties:

The Belmont Historic District Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is charged with reviewing additions and modifications to properties located within the Town of Belmont's three local historic districts, as well as those properties on which the town holds preservation restrictions. As part of the town's 1999 agreement with McLean Hospital regarding the rezoning of the McLean Hospital Site, the Commission acts as a consultant to McLean Hospital when changes are proposed for the exterior of the historic buildings, the historic landscapes, and the historic landscape elements. Also, as part of the 1999 agreement, the Commission is responsible for overseeing the reuse and rehabilitation of the town-owned Brick Barn at Rock Meadow. The Commission holds public hearings to review proposed projects at protected properties to determine the appropriateness of such alterations, and issues Certificates of Appropriateness to those projects that meets the Commission's guidelines. The Commission offers advice to those property owners considering making alterations to their historic properties. The Commission also advises the Inspector of Buildings with respect to the demolition applications of the buildings subject to the demolition delay bylaw, and addresses town-wide historic preservation issues.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

In 2014 the Commission began work with preservation consultant Lisa Mausolf on a town-wide survey to inventory historic cultural resources that is funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The Commission reviewed several projects within the Pleasant Street historic district including fencing and construction of a shed at 592 Pleasant Street, and driveway expansion, installation of fencing, and exterior renovations at 504 Concord Avenue. The Commission reviewed exterior repairs at the former Waverley Fire Station, and renovation plans for the Upham House at McLean Hospital. The Commission actively participated in the planning of the design of the new Underwood pool.

Goals for 2015:

In the coming year, the Commission plans to continue work to complete the town-wide survey to inventory historic resources, and plans to work with the Planning Board to develop a demolition delay bylaw that will replace the existing bylaw which expires on June 30, 2016. There are also plans to explore preservation tools for protecting the town's historic properties and neighborhood settings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Cornish, Co-Chair
Historic District Commission

HOUSING TRUST:

Chair: Helen Bakeman
Vice-Chair: Judie Feins
Secretary: Gloria Leipzig, ex-officio, Housing Authority; and Ann Verrilli
Committee Members:
Barbara Fiaco, ex-officio, Planning Board
Alisa Gardner-Todreas
Jensen Lozano
Tomi Olson
Ann Silverman

Purpose and Duties:

Authorized by Town Meeting in 1999 and then created by the state legislature (Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1999), the Belmont Housing Trust is a local body appointed by and answering to the Belmont Board of Selectmen. The Trust's purposes are: (1) to investigate and implement alternatives for providing affordable housing for persons of low, moderate, and middle income; (2) to enhance the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts and lives of its residents, and so lessen the burdens of government, by promoting and undertaking the development and maintenance of affordable housing for the benefit of persons of low and moderate income; (3) to foster and promote community-wide interest and involvement in the problems associated with the under-development of affordable housing, and toward that goal, to sponsor and participate in public symposia and discussions involving governmental officials, real property developers, and community organizations and institutions; and (4) to assist parties in obtaining financial support for affordable housing projects from state and federal agencies, foundations and other sources; and by any other means, to cooperate with, encourage, and contribute to the efforts of parties in the accomplishment of affordable housing purposes.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

MetroWest Collaborative Development (MWCD)

The Belmont Housing Trust continues its relationship with Metro West Collaborative Development (MWCD), now a regional non-profit. An Innovations Grant from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership in 2009 had supported efforts to organize the MWCD. Helen Bakeman and Alisa Gardner-Todreas serve on the Board of MWCD and as such are their liaisons to the Trust.

MWCD is the Town's designated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Steve Laferriere, Housing Project Manager for MWCD, continues to work with the Trust by scoping out potential housing projects in Belmont.

MWCD is also assisting the Trust with the First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program, including developing an affirmative marketing plan and assessing applicant eligibility.

Housing Production Plan

In November 2011, MWCD received a grant through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for technical assistance in developing Housing Production Plans. For Belmont to participate, the Town agreed to join the Sustainable Communities Consortium, which required no financial obligation. Trust members, with MAPC, and other Town entities are working on a draft plan.

HOME Funds

- This year the Town's HOME allocation will be approximately $52,000.
- The Town has one year to access this money. This is referred to as the 'exclusive use period'.
- If not committed within one year, the money reverts to the Competitive Funding Pool.
- The exclusive use period runs from November to November – it is based on when the Mutual Cooperative Agreement was signed by all of the member communities of the MetroWest HOME Consortium.

First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program

At the spring 2014 Town Meeting, members voted to approve funding of $375,000 in CPA funds to launch the First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. Since then, the Trust has worked with MWCD on an affirmative marketing plan, currently waiting approval from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Town has also placed a link on its website for those interested in learning more.

Belmont Affordable Shelter Fund

The Belmont Affordable Shelter Fund (BASF) is an initiative of the Belmont Housing Trust. This local crisis intervention fund is used to address situations in Belmont involving a threat to a family's ability to maintain adequate shelter due to an inability to pay. Completely supported by local contributions, 100 percent of the funds are distributed as benefits to Belmont residents. In 2014, BASF continued a partnership with the Family to Family Project, a nonprofit homelessness prevention organization in the Boston area.

Applications for assistance are generally not made directly to BASF. Instead, the majority of people in need are identified by the social outreach worker in the Town of Belmont's Department of Health. Some persons are referred by the Belmont Council of Aging (COA), and others come to BASF from various clergy or faith institutions in town.

In the program year covering the 2013 – 2014 heating season through the end of 2014 heating season, BASF made 12 grants totaling more than $3,200. Of those grants, roughly half went to pay electricity bills, and 40% went to pay past-due natural gas and fuel oil bills. One grant, totaling nearly 10% of the grants made, was made in 2014 to make rent payments. Since January 2005, BASF has made more than 190 grants totaling nearly $45,000.

Annual Meeting of the Housing Trust

This year's annual meeting took place on August 21, 2014. Elections were held for the officers of 2014-15. Helen Bakeman was elected Chair, Judie Feins was elected Vice Chair, and Gloria Leipzig and Ann Verrilli as co-Secretaries.

There were no financial transactions by the Housing Trust in 2014.

Goals for 2015:

- fully implement First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program
- conduct education and outreach forums in conjunction with other Town entities
- revisit tabled issues on Inclusionary Zoning

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Bakeman, Chair and Alisa Gardner-Todreas, former Chair
Belmont Housing Trust

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

Chair: Barbara M. Watson
Vice-Chair: Carl M. Brauer
Commission Members:

Nan Donald
Jirair Hovsepian
Dr. Paul Solomon
Edie M. Stringfellow
Daniel Vernick, Member and Belmont High School Liaison
Fran Yuan

Liaisons:

Captain J. Peter Hoerr; Belmont Police Department
Kathryn Bonifiglio; Belmont Against Racism

Purpose and Duties:

The Human Rights Commission was established by the Board of Selectmen to advance the fair and equal treatment of individuals in Belmont and to create a mechanism for addressing concerns or incidents related to these issues. In particular, the Commission is charged to:

1. Address the full range of discrimination in the areas of commerce, education, public accommodation, housing, employment, and access to municipal services
2. Serve as a resource to the citizenry, the business community, and public agencies on issues regarding diversity and discrimination
3. Give visibility to and increase awareness of issues related to diversity and discrimination through educational activities
4. Assist the citizenry and town agencies in informally resolving disputes on issues relating to discrimination
5. Receive allegations of violations of human rights laws and related legislation, and refer matters to relevant Town, State and Federal authorities for disposition of matters within their respective jurisdictions
6. Report annually on its activities to the Board of Selectmen

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Commission continued its outreach in the Belmont community. The Commission held 10 monthly meetings, with no meetings in July and August. Commission members monitored the Commission's phone line and e-mail account. (617) 993-2795 Belmont.hrc@gmail.com The Commission continued to send representatives to major Town events, such as Meet Belmont, to further its visibility and further educate others about its work in the community and it continued to share its informational materials at community sites, such as the Belmont Public Library and Beech Street Center.

The Commission began 2014 with Belmont's 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast on Monday, January 20, 2014, the Town's 20th Dr. King Day celebration. While the Commission assumed primary responsibility for the 2014 Breakfast, as a result of the combined efforts of members of the Commission and Belmont Against Racism, and members of, or volunteers from, numerous Town, School and religious organizations and donations from the Belmont and surrounding business community, the 2014 Breakfast drew hundreds to Belmont High School and

was a very successful community event. It brought together Belmont residents, Boston residents who participate in, or are associated with, Belmont's METCO program, town officials and administrators, elected and appointed, town agencies, including the school, police and fire departments, businesses, community leaders and volunteers and religious leaders and other representatives of church groups who are interested in celebrating and promoting the values of Dr. King. Massachusetts State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz gave the keynote address and the event was attended by Belmont's then newly elected Congresswoman Katherine Clark, among others. In addition to celebrating the values of Dr. King, the breakfast served as a fundraising event for Belmont 's METCO Support Fund, which provides financial support to Belmont METCO related activities, including late day transportation for high school students from Boston who participate in afterschool activities at Belmont High.

In February 2014, we welcomed new Commission member Edie Stringfellow. In March, we cosponsored a film screening of "What makes me white" and a panel discussion following the screening. In 2014, the Commission again cosponsored One Book One Belmont and Belmont Against Racism's Gay Straight Alliance Potluck. The Commission sought and received a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen honoring the victims of the Armenian Genocide in conjunction with the April 11, 2014 State House commemoration of the event, which was attended by Commission representatives. Commission members staffed BGSAC's Freedom to Marry 10th Anniversary table at Town Day on May 17, 2014, which offered a fun way to share information on marriage equality in Massachusetts and around the nation, and representatives marched in Boston's June 14 Gay Pride parade with BGSAC. In September, the Commission toured the Belmont Police Station with Police Chief Richard McLauglin. In addition, the Commission joined the Belmont community as a cosponsor of a series of events associated with the book and WGBH series, A Path Appears, and members have participated in community discussions relative to race and its impact on individuals and the community as a whole. The Commission is grateful for the support it received in 2014 from the Office of the Board of Selectmen, including Robert Reardon, the Town Administrator, the Town Clerk, and the School Department, and the Commission's liaisons, Captain Peter Hoerr and Kathryn Bonifiglio.

Goals for 2015:

The Commission will continue, and will xpand, its education and outreach activities; will continue to respond to inquiries and complaints received through the phone line and e-mail account; and, will continue to collaborate with other community groups to address difficult and important community issues. The Commission will again present the annual MLK Community Breakfast in January 2015, with guest speaker WGBH Senior Investigative Reporter Phillip Martin. The members of the Commission are committed to helping continue the tradition of Belmont being an open, welcoming and respectful community to all and are grateful to be able to do so. We are all Belmont.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Watson, Chair
Human Rights Commission

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Co-Chairs: James Berets and Philip Lawrence

Secretary: David Goldberg

Committee Members:

Duane Bronson
Daniel Ellard
Jonathan Green
John Lohavichan
Paul Roberts
Charles Smart

Purpose and Duties:

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) serves at the request of the Board of Selectmen but also acts as an advisor to specific Town departments and other Town committees on an as needed basis. In this capacity, ITAC provides guidance on a variety of information technology (IT) and education technology (ET) issues. The Committee concerns itself with matters of information delivery; ensuring access to appropriate communications technology; increasing the efficiency of transactions involving the Town departments; and working to ensure the proper deployment of infrastructure and technology for the Town departments and citizenry. In addition, ITAC provides, as necessary, strategic IT planning advice for the Town's departments and committees.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

ITAC meeting participants also included Mr. Stephen Mazzola, Director of Technology, Belmont Public Schools; Mr. David Petto, Director of Information Technology, Town of Belmont; Mr. John Steeves, Director of IT/Technology, Belmont Police Department, and Mr. Robin Tillberg. IT Manager, Belmont Municipal Light Department. Mr. Mazzola, Mr. Petto, Mr. Steeves and Mr. Tillberg regularly update the Committee on Information Technology issues facing the school system, Town, Police Department and Light Department respectively, and solicit feedback on issues of concern. The broad perspective and technically diverse background of the committee members provide Mr. Mazzola, Mr. Petto, Mr. Steeves and Mr. Tillberg with information and resources to assist them with their projects as well as relating project needs to nongovernmental and non-educational implementations.

The committee met nine times over the year to discuss the progress and status of many of the Town's and School's key Information and Education Technology initiatives. Some of those initiatives included:

- Updating of the Town's IT Service Level Agreement to accommodate separation of the Belmont Municipal Light Department's IT Network from the Town's iPad program at Belmont High School.
- Online permitting system for use by Community Development and other departments.
- Electronic voting at Town Meeting.
- Server virtualization and Network Based Storage implementation and maintenance.
- Phaseout of Cogsdale for utility billing and transition to hosted (from Townhosted) of MUNIS financial system.
- Upgrading of the SCADA system.
- Upgrading of the Town web site.
- Utilization of Cloud Computing and Hosted Services.
- Transitioning to the School Interoperability Framework (SIF).
- The integration of Geographic Information Systems into Town processes.
- Internet Safety.
- Computer and network security including deployment of a password management system (Lastpass).
- Google Apps deployment for the Schools
- Town telephone system configurations.
- School Energy Management Program.

- Separation of Town and Light Department's IT responsibilities.
- Upgrades to Windows 7 and Office 2013 / Office 365.
- New dispatch and records management system for the Police Department

Goals for 2015:

ITAC continues to monitor and provide input to the Town/School's efforts to save money by server virtualization. In addition, ITAC continues to monitor the status of the "Old Light Building", 450 Concord Ave. and the effects of any plans for the Town's disposition of said property. A major piece of the Town's network is housed in this building. ITAC made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the protection of the conduit that houses the fiber cable as it exits the building at 450 Concord Ave.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Lawrence and James Berets, Co-Chairs
Information Technology Advisory Committee

LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR LONE TREE HILL CONSERVATION LAND: (FORMERLY McLEAN OPEN SPACE)

Chair: Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Belmont Board of Cemetery Commissioners Appointee

Committee Members:

Harlan Carere, Belmont Citizen Appointee
Jeffrey North, Belmont Conservation Commission Appointee
Michele Gougeon, McLean Hospital Appointee
Tom Grimble, McLean Hospital Appointee
Andy Healy, McLean Hospital Appointee
Steven Kidder, McLean Hospital Appointee
Wesley Ward, The Trustees of Reservations

Purpose and Duties:

The McLean Land Management Committee, created by the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Belmont and McLean Hospital, consists of nine members (Chairman Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Jeff North, Harlan Carere from Belmont, Michele Gougeon, Andy Healy, Tom Grimble and Steve Kidder from McLean Hospital Wesley Ward from The Trustees of Reservations, holder of the Conservation Restrictions. Wes, a tremendous asset to the Committee, retired from TTOR in 2014 and we await the appointment of a new member from TTOR. A new Historic District appointee, Lauren Meier, will join the committee in 2015. The work of the Committee is funded by the McLean Open Space Maintenance Fund created by the McLean transaction, by the revenue from the cell tower in the inactive cemetery land as well as by generous grants from local land preservation/conservation groups; it is not funded by property tax.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

We are grateful to McLean Hospital for keeping our fire roads clear and open. In addition, approximately 25 volunteers from Belmont Serves volunteer day worked diligently at Lone Tree Hill to pick up trash and debris, created a new trail head leading to the Mill Street kiosk, removed invasive plants in the Pine Allee. The Belmont Citizens Forum again selected Lone Tree Hill for one of their volunteer day projects, spreading woodchips the entire length of the Pine Allee, a tremendous improvement, a photo is posted to the webpage. The Judith K. Record Memorial Conservation Fund, through its members and leadership, have again continued to support our activities and financial assistance. Most recently they have undertaken to conduct a forestry study of the Pine Allee, and we look forward to receiving the recommendations.

During 2014 we again engaged Jeff Collins of Mass Audubon to re-evaluate our fields and meadows at Lone Tree and make recommendations for management and elimination/containment of invasive plant species. The Committee has again engaged with Heritage Fields and Polatin Ecological to accomplish the specified tasks.

After years of consideration, the committee proposed a General Bylaw that was adopted at Town Meeting and approved by the Attorney General. The Bylaw will allow the Belmont Police and agents named by the Board of Selectmen to enforce the provisions of the new Bylaw, §60-1000, including issuance of Non-criminal Violation Notices.

Goals for 2015:

We implement the overall goals, objectives and outline of work highlighted in the ecological management plans developed by BSC and Audubon Extension Service and trails plan prepared by Pressley Associates.

1. We will vigorously enforce the conditions of the Conservation Restrictions with abutting neighbors, particularly the Kendall Gardens neighborhood to ensure compliance and limit "bleed-over" effects both onto and from the property.
2. We continue to employ our budget strategy when considering one-time endeavors and repetitive costs.
3. Continue to restore and revitalize the meadows following the 2014 recommendations by Jeff Collins to restore meadows by mowing and selectively use herbicides.
4. We will reinvigorate our activities in preserving the McLean Barn by working with interested residents and encouraging the Board of Selectmen to act on the request to appoint a committee to evaluate same, including a member from the Land Management Committee.

We want more visitors to the property; drive to Mill Street and park in the lot, walk or bike to the property and enjoy the trails, the nature, the sunsets, the peace and the vistas! Please "take a walk in the wild" at Lone Tree Hill, Belmont Conservation Land.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Chairman
Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill, Belmont Conservation Land
(formerly known as the McLean Land Management Committee)

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCE AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD

Chair of the Board of Selectmen: Andrés T. Rojas

Advisory Board Designees: Peter Castanino (retired November 2014)
Michael Bishop; DPW Water Division Manager

The Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) was created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1984 to succeed the interests of the Metropolitan District Commission to deliver safe drinking water and water for fire protection as well as to treat and dispose of wastewater from its member communities, all in conformance with applicable law and regulation. The same legislation that created the MWRA also created the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority Advisory Board to represent the interest of the sixty-one member communities. Each municipality is represented by at least one person on the Advisory Board. In my capacity as Director of Public Works I have been appointed to the MWRA Advisory Board and Michael Bishop, DPW Water Division Manager, has been appointed as the alternate representative by the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town of Belmont. MWRA provides wholesale water and sewer services to a total of sixty-one communities. Fifty-one communities purchase water supply services, and forty-three communities purchase wastewater transport and treatment services. Thirty- four communities purchase both. Approximately 2.5 million people, or 43 percent of the population of Massachusetts live and work in the communities that purchase water and/or wastewater services from MWRA.

MWRA provides water and sewer services to communities on a wholesale basis and then each community provides services to its customers on a retail basis. As a result, water and sewer fees include each customer's share of the community's MWRA water or sewer assessments plus the community's own cost of providing water or sewer services. The MWRA funds its operations and capital costs primarily through its member assessments and charges.

MWRA finances its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) primarily from issuing long-term general revenue bonds. Savings in capital costs are particularly important since every dollar cut from the capital budget saves approximately three dollars in future debt financing costs. The MWRA has adopted a policy whereby the term of bonds is matched to the life of the facility. In order to control costs to its member communities the MWRA has placed a cap on capital expenditures. Approximately 80% of the capital improvements have been required by court order of regulation. The significant debt service for the MWRA is expected to be 60 to 65% of the annual current expense budget for the foreseeable future.

The severe shortfall in state revenues in FY 2003 required the elimination of the entire previous State Debt Service Assistance level of $52.9 M. In FY 2004 State Debt Assistance returned at a $4.1 M level, FY 2005 at $8.0 M, FY 2006 at $9.6 M, FY 2007 at $18.9 M, FY 2008 at $17.25 M, FY 2009 and 2010 not funded, FY 12 at $0.5 M and in FY 13 funded at $1.0 M and FY 14 funded at $853,667. The MWRA Advisory Board and staff continue to work with the state legislature and Governor's office to increase State Debt Service Assistance to help control debt service costs for the member communities. For FY 2014 Belmont's combined sewer and water assessment from the MWRA increased by $312,365 over FY 2013, translating to a combined increase in sewer and water assessments by the MWRA to Belmont of 4.6%. Each community independently establishes retail sewer and water rates for its customers. By legislation, ratepayers and member communities are required to pay the full amount assessed against the respective communities by the MWRA.

Finance and Rates:

The Advisory Board's process over the years has been to make many multi-year recommendations that are grouped around a central theme.

Examples:

- The Advisory Board's strategy of "Four no More," which has been a successfully implemented approach to keep rate increases under 4%. Rate increases have been as follows: FY12 – 3.5%; FY13- 3.0%; FY14 – 3.5% and FY15 was to 3.43%.
- The Advisory Board set out in FY14 to target years where significant increases were expected. Staff placed a "bullseye" on FY17, which was projected in FY14 to be 8.5%; the FY17 increase is currently projected at 3.9%.
- The Advisory Board, working with Authority staff and the Board of Directors, developed a five-year capital spending cap based on MWRA's system needs; the MWRA has successfully managed to stay at or below the cap number while completing its environmental mandates and not short-changing system maintenance.
- The Advisory Board developed a policy to ensure that debt related savings go toward paying down debt. Since 2006, targeted defeasances have totaled $303.2 million.
- The Community Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Program has been expanded and revamped:
- Added Phases 9 and 10 at $80 million per phase (doubled from $40 million in previous phases)
- Changed mix from 45% grant / 55% loan to 75% grant / 25% loan
- Doubled repayment schedules from five years to ten years
- MWRA Board of Directors adopted the Advisory Board's approach to System Expansion entrance fees
- Debt Service Assistance (DSA) received in a given fiscal year would be utilized to offset next fiscal year's rates. This way, if amounts are "9c'd" by the Governor, it would not force mid-year increases.
    - Example 1: FY14 DSA was received ($853,667) and was utilized to offset the FY15 budget.
    - Example 2: DSA was part of the FY15 budget (to be utilized in FY16 at $1.1 million); however, the Governor has already 9c'd it.

Operations:

Co-Digestion:

MWRA adopted Advisory Board recommendations:

1. "Get Out of Jail Free Card" – Authority would not be penalized if effluent quality upset occurs in operations due to state initiative. (State agreed.)
2. Ratepayers should not be paying for the pilot program. (State committed to funding.)
3. End result should be financial benefit to ratepayers. (To be determined; project has not commenced.)

Molybdenum:

- Advisory Board recommended that beneficial re-use of pellets be used 12 months of the year, in state, as fertilizer.

Legislative:

Successfully worked to have Senate Bill 2021, *"An Act Improving Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure."*

The Bill:

- Increases contract assistance for Mass. Clean Water Trust from $88 million to $138 million
- Subject to appropriation, it creates a 50/50 match for entrance fees for communities seeking to join the MWRA

- Subject to appropriation, it provides for the reimbursement of up to $13.8 million per year of Inflow/Infiltration expenditures by the MWRA
- Establishes community connection costs to the MWRA system as an eligible criteria for principal forgiveness loans
- Establishes a formal, broad-based Advisory Committee to monitor the progress of closing the funding gap (the Advisory Board has a seat on this Committee)
- Re-introduces 0% and principal forgiveness loans

Community Forums; Helping Our Communities:

- Developed "MuniWorks" community workshop concept. Held workshop, with over 120 attendees, on Retail Rates and stormwater fees. (Videos are online and will be sent to local cable stations.)
- Nominated for "Stormy" Award for our educational efforts.

Publications and Media:

- Monthly "Green Sheet" videos, which outlines MWRA financial activities (www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/green-sheets)
- News & Notes – Monthly publication of timely events
- Board of Directors Summaries – Monthly review of MWRA Board of Directors' meetings
- Annual Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey
    - All three of these can be found at: http://mwraadvisoryboard.com/resources/publications/
- FY15 Advisory Board Budget Recommendations
- Follow us on our Website - www.mwraadvisoryboard.com
- Follow Us On Twitter - www.twitter.com/@MWRAAdvisory
- Follow Us On Flickr - www.flickr.com/photos/58745653@N06/

PERMANENT AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Chair: Ernest E. Fay

Committee Members:

James J. Finn, III
Robert A. Keefe

Ex-Officio Members:

Mark A. Paolillo, Board of Selectmen
Floyd S. Carman, Town Treasurer
Chitra V. Subaramanian, Town Accountant

Purpose and Duties:

The Permanent Audit Committee was established pursuant to Article 16 of the Town's General By-Laws. The Committee is charged with assisting the Selectmen in the selection of an independent auditor to perform an audit of the Town's financial statements, monitoring the work of the auditor, and participating in a review and discussion of the audit's results and findings.

Town By-Laws require that an audit be carried out not less than triennially. The Town, however, undertakes an annual audit to comply with federal regulations which call for an annual audit for recipients of certain federal funds. Additionally, it is essential that audits be completed in a timely fashion in order to meet annual bondholder required disclosures and help ensure the maintenance of the Town's Aaa credit rating, which is the highest rating category of Moody's Investors Service. The Town's credit rating has resulted in favorable rates and lower borrowing costs.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Aaa rating was last affirmed on April 1, 2014. The Town is 1 of 14 out of 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that have been assigned an Aaa rating by Moody's.

The Town's general financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 were audited by Powers & Sullivan, LLC. The Town received an unmodified opinion on its basic financial statements. The Town also received a report that it was in compliance on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. Copies of these financial statements are included, may be obtained from the Town Accountant, and they are also posted on the Town Treasurer's web site.

The fiscal year 2014 audit was the first year of our third three-year contract with Powers & Sullivan, LLC. The Committee expresses its sincere appreciation to the Town Accountant Chitra Subramanian for her work, and to Town Treasurer Floyd Carman, who also serves as Clerk of the Committee. We also thank Selectman Mark Paolillo for his participation on this Committee as the Board of Selectmen's representative.

The financial statements of the Belmont Contributory Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2013 were audited by Powers & Sullivan, LLC. Copies of these financial statements may be obtained from the Town Accountant and they are posted on the Town Treasurer's web site.

The Municipal Light Department's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 were audited by Goulet, Silvadio & Associates, P.C. The Light Department received an unmodified opinion on its financial statements. The financial statements for December 31, 2013 may be obtained from the Municipal Light Department and they are posted on the Light Department's web site. The Light Department has its own credit rating established with Standard

& Poor's. The AA-/stable rating was last affirmed on September 20, 2013. The Committee wishes to thank General Manager James Palmer, Finance Manager Maria Klubnichkina and Municipal Light Board Advisory Committee Members Robert Forrester and Ashley Brown for all of their hard work and participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernest E. Fay, Chair
Permanent Audit Committee

PLANNING BOARD:
Chair: Michael Battista
Vice-Chair: Elisabeth Allison
Committee Members:
Karl Haglund
Joseph DeStefano
Barbara Fiaco

Purpose and Duties:
To protect and preserve the character and the quality of life that defines Belmont. The Board may also draft zoning By-Law proposals as well as study land-use patterns, review traffic concerns and to evaluate specific development projects.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
The Planning Board was directed to study zoning in the GR district as the result of a successful Citizen's Petition to place a moratorium on the demolition of single family houses and their replacement with larger two-family houses. The study resulted in a Zoning By-Law Amendment proposal that was presented and passed by a two thirds vote at Town Meeting. A Zoning By-Law Amendment proposal was also presented at Town Meeting regarding shared driveways, which was adopted by a two thirds vote. A Zoning By-Law Amendment was proposed to regulate dog kennel,s which passed at Town Meeting. A Zoning Amendment was proposed requiring AS-Built Plans for New Buildings which passed Town Meeting. Finally, a Zoning By-Law Amendment was proposed for the regulation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries which passed at Town Meeting.

Goals for 2015:

- To incorporate the Zoning By-Law changes that were adopted at Town Meeting relative to the GR Districts in anticipation of the filing of requests for Special Permits.
- To Monitor the changes offered by the newly adopted GR District Zoning changes in an effort to streamline & improve the changes making the changes more likely to be kept in place at the Sunset of the Zoning By-Law.
- To review the Cushing Square Overlay District Zoning and to offer Amendments to further enhance the opportunities available.
- To review Town Wide Zoning for possible Amendments related to the Size, Height & Bulk of houses that are being built and renovated in various Single Residence Districts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Battista
Planning Board Chairman

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: June Roberts

Committee Members:

John Borelli
Joseph Hanley
Ivan Lozano

Purpose and Duties:

The Property and Casualty Insurance Advisory Committee consists of four members and one ex-officio member. The Insurance Advisory Committee is a permanent committee appointed by the Selectmen to review property and casualty insurance issues.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Committee met two times during the year to review the Quarterly Claims Reports, Insurance Rates, Process for obtaining Pollution Liability Coverage for underground fuel tanks remaining in Town, and Planned Solicitation of Quotes for Coverage in the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

June Roberts, Chair
Property and Casualty Insurance Advisory Committee

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Chair: Robert E. McGaw

Vice-Chair: James Staton

Committee Members:

Stanley Dzierzeski
Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Town Clerk, Ex-Officio

Purpose and Duties:

The responsibilities of the Board of Registrars include the following:

- Conducting the Town's annual listing of residents
- Assisting in registration of voters
- Ensuring compliance with voting laws and procedures
- Supervising poll workers
- Determining validity of a ballot, when there is a questionable or ambiguous ballot cast or if a ballot is challenged
- Ensuring that all persons qualified to vote in Belmont are allowed to do so
- Deciding challenges to a person's right to vote
- Responding to allegations of election irregularities
- Deciding validity of signatures on petitions and nomination papers

- Conducting re-counts and hand-counts of ballots
- Counting overseas ballots
- Certifying election results

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Board of Registrars conducted 3 elections in 2014 and one recount/hand count of the Town Election ballots cast in Precinct 3. The turnouts for each election were as follows:

		Turnout	No. Registered Voters
April 1	Town Election	32.89 %	18,087
September 9	State Primary Election	25.61 %	18,066
November 4	State General Election	56.93 %	18,111

In 2014, 1099 new voters were registered as compared to 860 in 2013; voters cast 1447 absentee ballots over three elections in calendar 2014, compared to 1831 over five elections in calendar 2013

The Town is proud to have 105 election workers, who were all re-trained and deployed in 2014. We have a continual need for more election workers, and if you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. To encourage more people to be poll workers, they can now work half a day (until recently, poll workers were required to work a full day—6 am to 9 pm).

REMINDER: Residents need to promptly return their annual census form. This allows the Registrars to know which voters continue to be resident and qualified to vote in addition to those who are non-voting residents. Residents who fail to return timely their annual census forms, will be put on the inactive voting list per Massachusetts General Laws.

Goals for 2015:

We hope to continue to recruit and train more poll workers, and continue to make the voting process easier, even more transparent, and more efficient. We want to support the continuing efforts of the Town Clerk and her staff to update, verify and make available on the Town's website, the resident lists and the voting lists so that on election days, the records are accessible, accurate, and complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. McGaw, Chair
Board of Registrars of Voters

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE:

Chair: Laura M. Simmons
Secretary: DeNee Reiton Skipper
Committee Members:
Ruth Foster
Nancy Forbes
Lucia Gates

Purpose and Duties:

The Shade Tree Committee is an Advisory Committee. Our duties are primarily the protection of public street trees in the town. We work closely with the Tree Warden, Tom Walsh and the Highway Department on choosing and planting new trees. We are also called on to help with projects that require advice and expertise involved in planting around public buildings, parks and other public spaces like deltas.

It is a requirement of 'Tree City USA' that we maintain a Shade Tree Committee.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments

We planted approximately 100 new trees to replace those lost to old age, storm damage or accident. Our objective is to plant 110% of the trees lost the previous year. We plant bare rooted trees which are less expensive and have a better survival and growth rate than trees that are balled and wrapped.

Each year we celebrate Arbor Day with the planting of a larger and more special tree with children from our elementary schools, alternating schools each year. The planting last April was at the new playground at the Winn Brook School as part of the Planting Plan of Joey's Park.

Goals for 2015:

- Our goals continue to be involvement in the care of Belmont's urban forest.
- There are challenges ahead as we consider an improvement to Claypit Pond Park.
- We have undertaken an Analysis of non-street Public Trees. The result of our review will be shared with the Tree Warden and can be used for future decision making by other groups to inform their discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura M. Simmons, Chair
Shade Tree Committee

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chair: Linda Nickens
Vice-Chair: Larry MacDonald
Secretary: Dana Miller
Committee Members:

Peter Curo
Joe Griffin
Don Mercer
Tommi Olsen
Matt Sullivan
Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer, Ex-Officio
Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department, Ex-Officio
Andy Rojas, Belmont Board of Selectmen, Ex-Officio

Purpose and Duties:

The Traffic Advisory Committee addresses concerns raised by Belmont residents, community groups, the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Office of Community Development about all aspects of pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle safety, and traffic management in the Town of Belmont. The Committee meets with Town constituents, and with regional and State committees and officials in its efforts to better understand and address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns.

Committee members are appointed for three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen and meet on a monthly basis. Meeting times, agendas, and minutes are posted on the Town website. The Town Engineer and a representative of the Belmont Police Department serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

Committee tasks include, but are not limited to, providing a forum for residents to voice concerns; and making recommendations to the Board of Selectman about ways to address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns; conducting public hearings; recommending signage for pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle safety enhancement; facilitating public education concerning transportation safety issues; using professional traffic consultants to assist in the evaluation of specific roadways and intersections and the development of recommendations for improvements; refining roadway and intersection reconstruction projects to enhance pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle safety; considering solutions from other communities for application to traffic concerns in Belmont; and developing long-term traffic strategies. The Chair and/or appointed Committee representatives attend meetings with regional officials relevant to traffic concerns within the Town of Belmont.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

Among the issues addressed by the Traffic Advisory Committee in 2014 were: the Belmont Center reconstruction project, for which the TAC developed a plan that includes increased on-street parking, increased green space, and wider sidewalks with new street lamps, benches and garbage receptacles; parking and drop-off areas for the new Belmont swimming pool; parking, cut-through and pedestrian-safety concerns on Glenn Road; traffic and pedestrian-safety concerns at the intersection of Lexington and Sycamore Streets; pedestrian and traffic dangers resulting from Wellington School parking and traffic; traffic speed on Winter Street; double parking on Marion Road; traffic concerns at the intersection of Garrison and Oliver Roads; Illegal parking on Beech Street near the Senior Center; traffic and pedestrian-safety concerns on Marlboro Street and Unity Avenue; pedestrian safety crossing Grove Street to the playground; Palfrey Square parking and traffic concerns; traffic concerns at the intersection of Dalton and Elm Streets and at the intersection of Dalton and Fairview Streets; concerns about traffic speed on Worcester Street; pedestrian-safety concerns at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Underwood Road; cut-through traffic on Old Concord Road, traffic concerns on Wellington Lane; traffic and parking concerns on Maple

Terrace, traffic safety at the intersection of Upland/Horace Roads with Slade Street, and traffic safety for cars using the entering and leaving the parking lot of the Duncan Donuts near the intersection of Trapelo Road an Beech Street.

The Committee held public hearings about most of these issues, authorized police department collection of data about traffic volume and speed in many cases, reviewed and analyzed this data, and recommended remedies in most instances.

Goals for 2015:
The Traffic Advisory Committee will continue to respond to concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety with public hearings, the collection and analysis of traffic data and other information as necessary, and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee will also continue to support planning for traffic and pedestrian safety as these relate to new town projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Miller, Secretary
Traffic Advisory Committee

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE:
Chair: George Durante
Vice-Chair: Natalie Leino
Committee Members:
Doug John
Donald Mercier
Jennifer Page
Mary Power
Paul Solomon
Andres Rojas, Board of Selectmen liaison

Purpose and Duties:

(From the Committee's mandate, approved by the Board of Selectmen on December 7, 2009):

"It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to facilitate, enable, and help the Town of Belmont realize the Working Vision adopted by the Town Meeting on April 23, 2001."

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
The Committee unanimously approved a motion stating that Sustainable Belmont shall no longer be a Task Force of the Vision 21 Implementation Committee. It was decided that Sustainable Belmont had reached a level of organizational maturity and influence that no longer appropriately warranted the label of a committee task force. However, the Committee expressed its gratitude for all of the constructive and positive work that Sustainable Belmont has accomplished and remained confident that the organization would continue its work throughout the community.

The Committee continues to organize and implement the yearly Meet Belmont event, which it founded in 2003. Meet Belmont was initially designed to enable newcomers to town to become familiar with town departments, services, etc.

However, the event also serves to bring longtime residents into contact with their town officials, department heads and services. In 2014, a total of 347 people attended Meet Belmont.

A town-wide survey was developed and distributed to town residents, businesses and visitors. The survey was created as a tool for the Vision 21 Implementation Committee to collect updated information from people in the town regarding which of the Vision's goals currently are most important to them and which of the goals they believe the Town should focus its efforts on working towards. The survey was active from April to September and produced over 1,100 responses.

Goals for 2015:

- Continue to sponsor and organize Meet Belmont, which will occur again in August 2015.
- Analyze and distribute the results of the survey that was distributed to town residents asking for opinions on past progress and recommendations for ongoing efforts toward achieving the Town's Vision.
- In coordination with the Board of Selectmen and pertinent Town committees, identify and pursue a new initiative in response to the survey results.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Durante, Chair
Vision 21 Implementation Committee

WATER ADVISORY BOARD:
Chair: Frank E. French
Vice-Chair: Joseph Barrell
Clerk: William Shea

The Water Advisory Board continues in its function to advocate and advise the Town on policies, operational management, the resolution of water and sewer billing disputes, financial practices and capital investments of the Water Division that will result in the sustained provision of high quality, reliable water service. We are annually challenged by the steadily increasing wholesale cost of water from the MWRA which comprises almost one-half of the Water Division budget, reinvesting in the water infrastructure while managing rates and providing quality, reliable service to our customers for both the supply of drinking water and fire protection.

In 2014 the Water Advisory Board continues to support the 30 year capital investment plan developed by the former Board of Water Commissioners and Water Division staff in 1995. This plan has increased our investment in our water system from $647,000 to $1.3M annually rising with inflation. This investment increase was necessary in order to meet the Capital Improvement Plan (Water Main Replacement Program) goal of replacing all unlined water main in the system within a period of 30 years. This is planned to be accomplished by utilizing no-interest loans from the MWRA and bonding capital expenses while striving to meet the goal of an annual water rate increase of about 5% or less. The Water Main Replacement Program continues and is now in the 19th year (of 30 years) with considerable progress made

but there is still much work ahead as we replace an aging water distribution system. This program is a vital investment to meet the needs of our customers both now and into the future.

We express our sincere appreciation to the highly skilled and dedicated employees of the DPW Water Division for their efforts this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank E. French, Chair
Water Advisory Board

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Chair: Eric Smith (since September)
William Chin (through August)

Committee Members:
Nicholas Iannuzzi
Jim Zakardas
David Iaia, Associate Member
John McManus, Associate Member
Craig White, Associate Member

Liaisons:
Ara Yogurtian, Office of Community Development
Kimberly Beer, Office of Community Development

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a permanent committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It derives its jurisdiction from Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law. The Board acts in a quasi-judicial capacity deciding whether to grant applications for special permits and variances and hearing appeals by aggrieved persons concerning enforcement decisions.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Zoning Board of Appeals held public hearings in almost all months in 2014. During the year, the Board heard 29 applications for one or more special permits. Three of the applications were withdrawn or continued, and the Board decided the other 26 cases. The Board also heard and decided one application for a variance. Long-time Chair William Chin stepped down during 2014 after many years of service.

Goals for 2015:

The Board will continue to hold public hearings on and consider applications for special permits, variances, and other matters that come before the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Smith, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Director of Human Resources: Diane Crimmins

Program Responsibilities:

The H.R. Department has six primary areas of responsibilities.

- *Benefits Administration*: Consists of health, dental, and life insurance enrollments, deductions, bill processing, Cobra notices, and assistance for all Town, Schools and Light Department employees and retirees with these benefits.
- *Employee/Labor Relations*: Employment issues, personnel policies and questions, union contract compliance and interpretations for eight unions, grievance resolution, and collective bargaining of seven union contracts as well as bargaining health insurance benefit changes with the Public Employee Committee per new State law.
- *Recruitment*: Oversight of hiring and promotional processes across Town in compliance with internal polices, union contracts, and State/Federal hiring and wage law.
- *Employment Regulation Compliance*: Areas include health insurance and benefit regulations, wage and hour matters, EEO regulations, FMLA, USERRA, Workers Compensation, unemployment benefits, CORI, ADA, FLSA, HIPAA, etc.
- *Informational assistance to citizens and external agencies*: Provide information to citizens regarding employment opportunities, provide external agencies with Town data for surveys and regulatory information, respond to subpoenas, etc.
- *Pay and Position Classification:* Administration and application of the union and non-union pay plans, updating of job descriptions, the rating of revised and new job descriptions.

Program Outcomes/Performance Indicators:

The Department indicators are primarily based on internal customer satisfaction, a credible and constructive relationship with labor unions which influences fair results and continues to minimize legal challenges and costs, as well as efficient administration of employee and retiree benefits for the Town and Schools.

FY14 Accomplishments:

- H.R. was able to assist the Town Administrator in the hiring process for a new DPW Director as well as the lending support to the Board of Health in replacing the Health Director and Asst. Health Director and assisted with several staffing placements.
- H.R. implemented the annual open enrollment and announced the changes to all School and Town employees and retirees, held an informational meeting with all vendors in attendance to provide information and respond to questions. H.R. also communicated and implemented the annual Medicare and supplemental plan increases for retirees.
- H.R. completed a Pay Plan study of non-union pay ranges for the first time in several years in concert with the Town's Pay Consultant. The final study was approved by the Board of Selectmen and implemented.
- H.R. has successfully bargained a new successor agreement with AFSCME, assisted the Library Trustees in reaching agreement with the Librarians Association, and has reached a tentative agreement with the SEIU in addition to assisting various department heads with employment issues.
- H.R. successfully implemented the updated union and non-union pay plans for FY 15 with Payroll in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Crimmins
Director of Human Resources

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Department Head: David Petto

Purpose and Duties:

The Information Technology Department has five primary responsibilities.

- *Desktop Services.* The Department provides Computer Help Desk, Printer, PC replacement and Mobile (laptop, tablet and smartphone) services for all Town Departments.
- *ERP System Administration.* The Department provides Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System administration for the Town's MUNIS system.
- *GIS and Database Administration.* This Department is responsible for maintaining the Town's Geographical Information System (GIS) including the Master Address Table (MAT) also maintains the several Databases developed by all Town Departments.
- *File Server and Communications Administration.* This Department maintains the Town's Email System (Exchange), systems security (anti-virus, anti-malware and encryption), Terminal services, Web services, File storage, Backup Systems and Virtual Machines.
- *Technical Training.* The Department is responsible for providing training in the use of a number of the Town's Systems, such as, Email, GIS and File Storage. Also, to provide training in proper security measures for protection of personal information for residents and staff.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

- Implemented a secure cloud based collaboration site (Oxygen Cloud).
- Completed moving ERP (MUNIS) System to 'Cloud'.
- Upgraded ERP System to latest version.
- Implemented two new modules to ERP System, Employee Self Service (ESS) and Applicant Tracking.
- Completed implementation and training for LastPass (password vault system).
- Completed migration of old TrackIT data to new BOSS work order system.
- Installed and configured new Storage Area Network (SAN)
- Installed two new Virtual Host Servers.
- Reconfigured SQL Database backup to consolidate databases.
- Converted multiple SQL databases to SQL Express to reduce licensing costs.
- Continued configuration of Intrusion Detection System (IDS) and Log File Management System on Network (Splunk).
- Migrated to Microsoft Office 365 (Cloud) for email.
- Assisted DPW installing new vehicle fuel dispensing and monitoring system (FuelMaster).
- Participated in evaluation of new Utility Billing System.

Goals for 2015:

- Move office applications to Microsoft Office 365 (OFF 365).
- Create a 'cloud based' collaboration space within OFF 365.
- Consolidate some Fire Department systems and move them to a hosted environment.
- Enhance the integration of our GIS with several other Town systems.
- Move our GIS to an open source hosted solution (PeopleGIS).

Respectfully Submitted,

David Petto
Town IT Director

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:
Department Head: Chitra V. Subramanian

The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 have been audited by the accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan, CPAs and are located in Appendix section of the Town report.

Following this message is an additional report that shows the FY14 financial activities for All Funds other than the General Fund. It reflects activities for all funds including Gifts and Grants; Trust Funds; Enterprise Funds and all Capital Projects funds.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified General Fund "Free Cash" as of July 1, 2014 at $ 7,465,047.

Paula Carroll, our Accounting Clerk, retired April 2014 and Frank and I thank Paula for her quality work and her professionalism in running the Accounts Payable warrants and wish her the very best in her retirement. I would like to give special thanks to Pauline Daniels, who helped us with Accounts Payable Warrants from April 2014 through June 2014. I would also like to thank Frank Martin, Assistant Town Accountant, for reviewing all Town contracts especially the new Community Preservation fund contracts, and along with Pauline Daniels, for helping me close out FY14.

Maria Iannetti, our new Accounts Payable specialist, joined the department in June 2014 and currently works 21 hours a week to prepare the Accounts Payable warrants.

Brian Wyncoop, our new staff accountant, joined the department in August 2014.

We welcome aboard Maria and Brian, who joined the department at its busiest period. They have learned several aspects of Massachusetts Municipal Accounting in a relatively short period of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chitra V. Subramanian
Town Accountant

TOWN OF BELMONT						
FY14 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
ALL FUNDS other than GENERAL FUND						
Description	**Balance**	**Revenue**	**Expenditures**	**Transfers**	**Donations**	**Balance**
	7/1/2013	FY14	FY14	FY14	FY14	6/30/2014
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CAPITAL PROJECTS						
OPEN SPACE:						
CLAYPIT POND	20,000.00					20,000.00
ROCKMEADOW IRRIG	10,000.00					10,000.00
RECREATION:						
UNDERWOOD PARK	66,092.85		(66,092.85)			0.00
JOEY'S PARK	100,000.00		(100,000.00)			0.00
UNDERWOOD POOL				594,863.00		594,863.00
HISTORIC PRESERVATION:						
HOMER HOUSE SURVEY	10,000.00		(9,500.00)			500.00
TOWN HALL DOORS	72,000.00		(2,800.00)			69,200.00
SURVEY- HISTORIC PROPERTIES	14,092.85					14,092.85
VITAL RECORDS	100,000.00					100,000.00
COMMUNITY HOUSING:						
COMMUNITY HOUSING WIRING	147,000.00		(128,161.22)			18,838.78
FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER				171,296.00		171,296.00
UNDERWOOD PARK	231,907.00		(69,861.97)			162,045.03

PLAZA						
SURVEY- HISTORIC PROPERTIES	100,907.00					100,907.00
TOTAL - CPA CAPITAL PROJECTS	**871,999.70**	**0.00**	**(376,416.04)**	**766,159.00**	**0.00**	**1,261,742.66**
FUND BALANCES RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION						
INSURANCE. REIMB>$20,000.	85,500.19	50,941.80	(50,941.80)			85,500.19
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	230,637.50	165,200.00	(150,000.00)			245,837.50
SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY	46,761.53					46,761.53
CAPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND	3,340,362.80	433,795.58	(100,000.00)		628.82	3,674,787.20
STABILIZATION FUND - GENERAL	6,915.46	329.71				7,245.17
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	96,703.68	39,000.00				135,703.68
KENDALL SCHOOL FIRE INSURANCE	3,042,955.02					3,042,955.02
PARKING METER RECEIPTS	111,788.48	59,832.62	(60,000.00)			111,621.10
CUSHING SQUARE LOT PROJECT		80,000.00				80,000.00
ASH LANDFILL STABILIZATION FUND	3,376,536.31	17,161.15				3,393,697.46
	10,338,160.97	**846,260.86**	**(360,941.80)**	**0.00**	**628.82**	**10,824,108.85**
TOWN GIFTS AND REVOLVING ACCOUNTS						

COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	17,773.75	97,891.18	(89,748.90)			25,916.03
YOUTH COMMISSION REVOLVING	1,343.26	3,450.00	(4,125.51)			667.75
CULTURAL COUNCIL REVOLVING	7,030.78	7,868.12	(7,489.89)			7,409.01
LIB REVOLVING - PRINTERS/LOST BOOKS	24,804.49	11,368.16	(10,743.57)			25,429.08
TOWN CLERK GIFT	57.19					57.19
TREASURER DONATION	905.33					905.33
RCN TECHNOLOGY GRANT	25,339.50		(25,339.50)			0.00
CONSERVATION ROCK MEADOW GARDEN PLOTS	9,634.50	9,042.50	(7,064.80)			11,612.20
MCLEAN GIFT CONSERVATION	37,588.78		(380.50)			37,208.28
CROSSWALK/ROADS GIFT - BELMONT	7,258.20					7,258.20
BENCHES FOR BELMONT	3.39					3.39
GIFT WOODLAND SEWER I/I	161,528.94		(48,797.28)			112,731.66
COUNCIL OF AGING GIFT	9,799.70		(3,088.22)		3,000.00	9,711.48
DONATION - POLICE DEFIBRILLATOR	1,579.64		(1,579.64)			0.00
BICYCLE RODEO DONATION	4,089.12		(125.28)		434.40	4,398.24
DONATION FIRE DEFIBRILLATOR	146.45					146.45
CERT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GIFT	530.37		(40.29)			490.08
FIRE SAFETY	3,159.07		(2,979.73)		5,000.00	5,179.34

OUTREACH WORKER - DONATION	3,077.53					3,077.53
PAPPAS FIT EQUIPMENT	9,914.16					9,914.16
PAPPAS GIFT - UNIFORMS	25.00					25.00
PAPPAS GIFT - FIREARMS	281.48					281.48
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK LIGHTING GIFT	2,573.26					2,573.26
BARRON POLICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	6,571.83	2,500.00				9,071.83
VERIZON LIBRARY GRANT	0.11					0.11
LIBRARY GIFT ACCOUNT	5,930.95	2,528.99	(1,465.95)			6,993.99
LIBRARY ART COUNCIL	121.35					121.35
DONATION - SHADE TREE	7,470.55		(5,372.43)		668.00	2,766.12
UNDERWOOD POOL FUND	147.68					147.68
BOSTON FOUNDATION DONATIONS PLAYGROUNDS	1,025.80					1,025.80
MEMORIAL TREE DONATIONS - CEMETERY	3,053.00					3,053.00
PEQUOSETTE PLAYGROUND IMPROVE.	3,110.64					3,110.64
ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR	2,076.28					2,076.28
AUDITORIUM BALL	0.07					0.07
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DONATIONS	3,347.86					3,347.86
MISC FIRE GIFT - CAPITAL	34.75					34.75
CULTURAL COUNCIL GALLERY GIFTS	2,851.33					2,851.33

ANIMAL CONTROL GIFT	1,194.91					1,194.91
ALS STUDY - GRANT	190.18					190.18
YOUTH GIFT FROM DARE	64.70	1,750.00	(1,783.75)			30.95
RECREATION DEPARTMENT GIFTS	2,468.48	4,320.00	(4,469.99)			2,318.49
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT GIFT	7,180.65					7,180.65
PINEHURST RD GIFT	489.24		(489.24)			0.00
ROCK MEADOW GIFT-CITIZEN FORUM	1,400.00		(259.00)			1,141.00
FRIENDS OF SENIOR CENTER-CAPITAL NEEDS	16,794.00					16,794.00
K-9 PROGRAM DONATION	9,386.68		(1,817.82)			7,568.86
POLICE DEPT MEMORIAL		1,500.00	(1,400.00)			100.00
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT < $20,000	38,569.46	22,398.91	(36,380.72)			24,587.65
RMV - PARKING HANDICAPPED	55,901.97	6,195.00				62,096.97
HISTORIC DISTRICT	10,227.37					10,227.37
CABLE TELEVISION - TRAFFIC MGT	40,000.00					40,000.00
CABLE TELEVISION - NEW EQUIPMENT	29,160.13	3,974.00				33,134.13
MCLEAN TRAFFIC MITIGATION	2,200.13					2,200.13
PLAN BD SITE PLAN REVIEW	5,200.00	1,150.00				6,350.00
CEMETERY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	1,812.22		(178.05)			1,634.17
VISION	2,210.01		(332.84)			1,877.17

IMPLEMENTATION GIFTS						
PLANNING BOARD LEGAL ADS	887.78		(5,051.63)		5,220.00	1,056.15
WETLAND PROTECTION CONSERVATION	7,033.08	2,290.00				9,323.08
BELMONT 150TH CELEBRATION	16,885.99					16,885.99
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE GIFT	174.12					174.12
MCLEAN LAND MANAGEMENT	30,017.73	13,858.69	(14,017.00)			29,859.42
PARKS ELECTRICITY GIFT	25.00					25.00
BOS RETIRE STUDY GIFT	5,000.00					5,000.00
BIKE RACK PARKING	0.50					0.50
GRANITE CURBING	95,539.00		(86,610.00)		28,865.00	37,794.00
BUS SHELTER - OAKLEY DEVELOPMENT	5,000.00					5,000.00
TOWN MEETING ELECTRONIC VOTING	26,500.00	3,500.00	(15,949.56)			14,050.44
SOLAR COLLECTORS	524.48					524.48
SPRINGWELL HEALTH		4,880.00	(3,850.00)			1,030.00
	776,223.90	**200,465.55**	**(380,931.09)**	**0.00**	**43,187.40**	**638,945.76**
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	**27,064.23**	**902,774.13**	**(905,181.46)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**24,656.90**
SCHOOL GIFTS & REVOLVING ACCOUNTS						
INSURANCE PROCEEDS OVER $20,000 (School)	7,611.49					7,611.49

LOST BOOKS	6,930.40	14,300.05	(19,641.71)			1,588.74
BHS ATHLETIC REVOLVING	31,292.12	460,077.78	(475,944.26)			15,425.64
ADULT EDUCATION	35,699.92	27,382.50	(48,728.09)			14,354.33
TUITION - STUDENTS	278,304.09	201,477.56	(405,830.84)			73,950.81
SUMMER SCHOOL	59,287.25	34,340.00	(83,574.71)			10,052.54
SCHOOL BUILDING RENTALS	160,515.97	199,067.54	(277,767.28)			81,816.23
SATURDAY MUSIC PROGRAM	44,059.57	49,118.00	(62,596.88)			30,580.69
BUSING FEES	39,085.38	198,852.04	(237,767.17)			170.25
KINDERGARDEN TUITION	256,387.37	744,962.67	(849,136.51)			152,213.53
WELLINGTON SCHOOL-DONATIONS	5,458.45		(129.38)			5,329.07
SANTOS EXPENSE - BUTLER	312.92					312.92
BELMONT AGAINST RACISM	17,188.51	8,000.00	(25,188.51)			0.00
BELMONT SAVINGS DONATIONS	10.24					10.24
WINN BROOK DONATION	3,896.93	768.86				4,665.79
FTECH TRAINING MANAGEMENT	1,136.59		(580.16)			556.43
BELMONT SPED ADV COUNCIL	402.81		(35.00)			367.81
BURBANK SCHOOL DONATION	150.82			(150.00)		0.82
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL DONATION	1,946.44	3,000.00	(2,274.62)			2,671.82
COMMISSIONED MUSIC	1,345.45					1,345.45

WORK						
DONATIONS - BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL	300.00	2,500.00				2,800.00
SCHOOL GENERAL DONATION (NOT TREAS.)	19,211.69	22,272.00	(26,238.01)			15,245.68
WELLINGTON SCHOOL-TECH	542.70					542.70
CONCORD CONSORTIUM	15.00					15.00
BURBANK MAEVE GOULDING DONATION	918.21		(493.11)	150.00	100.00	675.10
HS CURB CUTS & WHEELCHAIR GIFT	4,067.35					4,067.35
INSTRUMENTAL MUSC REVOLVING	23,156.52	106,792.50	(119,714.14)			10,234.88
BHS FINE & PERM ARTS REV	11,912.22	93,309.25	(105,221.47)			0.00
BHS CLUB ACTIVITIES	0.00	9,300.00	(9,300.00)			0.00
CMS FINE ARTS & CLUB ACTIVITIES	34,803.35	74,165.50	(100,380.87)			8,587.98
BUTLER DONATIONS	5,430.90	10,381.56	(5,574.71)			10,237.75
CMS ATHLETICS REVOLVING	15,247.00		(10,994.52)			4,252.48
MJ FIRENZE SCHOOL DONATION	450.00					450.00
DAN DOWNEY MEMORIAL IT FUND	1,105.00					1,105.00
SUPERINTENDENT'S INNOVATION FUND	50,000.00	50,000.00	(34,548.60)			65,451.40
BUTLER PLAYGROUND	8,244.03	5,500.00	(8,938.30)			4,805.73
	1,126,426.69	**2,315,567.81**	**(2,910,598.85)**	**0.00**	**100.00**	**531,495.65**

FOUNDATION FOR BELMONT EDUCATION	**0.00**	**42,842.46**	**(42,842.46)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
TOWN FEDERAL GRANTS						
USDA ROCK MEADOW GRANT	5,509.15	4,101.56	(3,000.00)			6,610.71
CDBG - READY RESOURCE (WAVERLEY FIRE)	985.00	615.00				1,600.00
FEMA-FLOOD REIMB SUSP.	3,068.00					3,068.00
POLICE BULLETPROOF VEST	1,684.74	2,572.50	(7,693.63)			(3,436.39)
DRUG GRANT U.S. JUSTICE	162.95					162.95
TITLE III - HEALTH EDUC COUNCIL ON AGING	52.92					52.92
TITLE IIIE - ALTERNATIVE	4,888.89					4,888.89
EOPS - HOMELAND SECURITY	332.96					332.96
GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM	(2,769.02)	1,057.16	(2,492.86)			(4,204.72)
FEMA EMERGENCY PLANNING	1,260.53					1,260.53
CDC - EMERGENCY PREP	4.69					4.69
OFFICE OF JUSTICE GRANT	75.64					75.64
ARRA FIREFIGHTER GRANT	1,380.31					1,380.31
PHER FY11	2,278.26	6,833.05	(4,469.55)			4,641.76
FEMA CITIZEN CORP	2,418.10					2,418.10

SPRINGWELL HEALTH			(38.01)			(38.01)
	21,333.12	**15,179.27**	**(17,694.05)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**18,818.34**
SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANTS						
DRUG FREE SAFE SCHOOLS	10,699.18					10,699.18
IDEA SPED 94-142 GRANT 2014	0.00	768,452.00	(767,414.12)			1,037.88
IDEA SPED 94-142 GRANT 2012/2013	7,287.82	127,554.00	(134,841.82)			0.00
TEACHER QUALITY FY11	(40.00)					(40.00)
TEACHER QUALITY FY14	0.00	63,389.00	(62,448.88)			940.12
TEACHER QUALITY FY13	1,651.36		(1,576.61)			74.75
LEP SUPPORT FY14	0.00	3,419.00	(1,960.00)			1,459.00
LEP SUPPORT FY13	79.69	16,129.00	(16,208.69)			0.00
IMMIGRANT SUPPORT FY13/TITLE II	8.83	10,950.00	(10,958.83)			0.00
SPED ED TITLE V 2003/2004	6,497.49					6,497.49
SPED ED TITLE VI 2001/2002	2,391.59					2,391.59
SPED EARLY CHILDHOOD FY14	0.00	23,315.94	(22,903.67)			412.27
SPED EARLY CHILDHOOD FY13	430.55		(430.55)			0.00
CHAPTER 1 DISTRIBUTION 02/03	56.04					56.04
CHAPTER 1 DISTRIBUTION 03/04	560.34					560.34
CHAPTER 1	0.00	117,572.00	(115,707.00)			1,865.00

DISTRIBUTION FY14						
CHAPTER 1 DISTRIBUTION 12/13	2,056.39	3,255.00	(5,270.99)			40.40
SPED PROF. DEV. FY02	5,880.00					5,880.00
SPED PROF. DEV. FY14	0.00	6,724.00	(4,987.50)			1,736.50
SPED PROF DEV FY13	1,015.62	16,885.00	(17,900.62)			0.00
RACE TO THE TOP	0.26	11,788.00	(11,788.00)			0.26
	38,575.16	**1,169,432.94**	**(1,174,397.28)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**33,610.82**
TOWN STATE GRANTS						
EXTENDED ELECTION HOURS	10,267.61	43,322.42				53,590.03
STATE AID TO LIBRARIES	162,067.07	28,968.93	(13,591.11)			177,444.89
LIBRARY MATCH INCENTIVE	3,094.00					3,094.00
COA SERVICE INCENTIVE GRANT 02	746.90					746.90
COA COORDINATOR - EOEA VOL/GERIATRIC	502.04	41,961.96	(42,464.00)			0.00
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	3,367.88	9,005.38	(8,990.76)			3,382.50
SAFE GRANT OVERTIME	3,309.07	7,704.00	(832.68)			10,180.39
MWPAT:SEPTIC TANK MANAGEMENT PROG	39,343.66					39,343.66
POLICE-BULLET PROOF VEST	(1,376.20)	2,718.70	(2,572.50)			(1,230.00)
COMMUNITY POLICING	22,807.74		(3,233.38)			19,574.36
DARE-EDUCATION ON SMOKING/DRUGS	2,377.39					2,377.39
911 SUPPORT & INCENTIVE-FY14	(24,083.65)	110,136.19	(77,342.01)			8,710.53

FY14 911 TRAINING & EQUIP & PROF GRANT	(4,960.00)	11,158.02	(6,174.00)			24.02
SALE OF COMPOSTERS	2,339.29	2,205.00	(1,770.00)			2,774.29
ARTS LOTTERY	4,366.06	4,379.66	(4,746.00)		410.00	4,409.72
WELLINGTON BROOK GRANT	100.00	175.00				275.00
EOPS 911 TRAINING	803.30					803.30
EOPSS POLICE EQUIPMENT-FY10	1.00					1.00
CITIZENS CORP FY12	(210.00)					(210.00)
COA INCENTIVE GRANT - FY12	575.00					575.00
FY13 PEDESTRIAN GRANT	(463.58)	2,583.21	(2,121.83)			(2.20)
FY12 FIRE 800 Mhz	(5,586.99)	5,625.00	(2,770.55)			(2,732.54)
	219,387.59	**269,943.47**	**(166,608.82)**	**0.00**	**410.00**	**323,132.24**
SCHOOL STATE GRANTS						
ACADEMIC SUPPORT-FY14		9,300.00	(9,249.55)			50.45
ACADEMIC SUPPORT - FY13	189.92	2,082.00	(2,271.92)			0.00
METCO - FY14		542,300.00	(542,300.00)			0.00
CIRCUIT BREAKER FY13	(265,691.47)	353,312.00	(87,620.53)			0.00
CIRCUIT BREAKER FY 14		1,276,808.00	(1,258,122.26)			18,685.74
KINDERGARTEN ENHANCEMENT - FY14		166,154.00	(166,154.00)			0.00
	(265,501.55)	**2,349,956.00**	**(2,065,718.26)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**18,736.19**
CHAPTER 90 - STATE HWY GRANTS	**13,706.96**	**500,000.00**	**(500,000.00)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**13,706.96**

TOWN SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS						
FY00 CEMETERY CONSTRUCTION	86,047.78		(3,245.00)			82,802.78
COMMUNICATION TOWER	2.68					2.68
FY06 ERP/FINANCIAL SOFTWARE	196,497.20		(33,047.50)			163,449.70
TOWN HALL ANNEX	15,080.22		(15,080.00)			0.22
FY 99 LIBRARY FURNISHINGS	57.03					57.03
FY04 & prior CAPITAL PROJECTS - Town	9,544.27		(0.03)			9,544.24
FY06 CAPITAL PROJECTS - Town	8,815.90			(3,164.18)		5,651.72
FY07 CAPITAL PROJECTS - Town Landfill	79,503.46		(17,499.97)			62,003.49
FY14 CAPITAL PROJECTS - Town	0.00					0.00
FY11 CAPITAL PROJECTS	49,529.17		(3,627.00)	(14,242.17)		31,660.00
FY12 CAPITAL PROJECTS	63,077.85		(13,890.00)	(37,207.01)		11,980.84
FY13 - LEASE PURCHASE	141.14					141.14
FY13 FIRE STAFF VEHICLE, DPW PICKUP & DUMPTRUCK	3,429.43					3,429.43
FY13 - ASH LANDFILL PROJECT	796,868.00		(68,054.00)			728,814.00
FY12 SIDEWALKS	3,145.35		(1,812.43)			1,332.92
FY13 POLICE TELELOG RECORDER	2,384.84			(2,384.84)		0.00
IT ELECTRONIC FILE	35,500.00		(35,500.00)			0.00

STORAGE						
BS TOWNWIDE TELEPHONE HARDWARE	(1.38)		1.38			0.00
FY13 BS FACILITIES AUDIT	176,835.45		(2,345.93)			174,489.52
FY13 COA CENTER ROOF	26,350.00		(26,350.00)			0.00
FY13 SIDEWALKS	140,341.00		(115,042.24)			25,298.76
FY14-LEASE PURCHASE	0.00		(119,858.86)	119,859.00		0.14
FY`14 - SNOW FIGHTER CONVERSION	0.00		(42,350.98)	42,800.00		449.02
FY14 SNOW FIGHTER	0.00		(26,500.00)	26,500.00		0.00
Fy14 CENTRAL FLEET UTILITY VEHICLE	0.00		(29,500.00)	29,500.00		0.00
FY14 RIDING MOWER	0.00		(13,000.00)	13,000.00		0.00
FY14 SYNTHETIC TURF	0.00		(39,660.33)	75,000.00		35,339.67
FY14 POLICE COMPARATOR	0.00		(13,849.20)	14,000.00		150.80
FY14 DOMAIN CONTROL SERVER	0.00		(16,000.00)	16,000.00		0.00
FY14 REPEATERS	0.00		(37,785.30)	38,000.00		214.70
FY14 THERMAL IMAGING	0.00		(34,251.00)	39,000.00		4,749.00
FY14 FIBER OPTIC CABLE	0.00		(38,373.02)	57,000.00		18,626.98
FY14 FIRE AMBULANCE (Installment#1)	0.00			50,000.00		50,000.00
FY14 FIRE MONITOR (Installment#1)	0.00			7,000.00		7,000.00
FY14 BUTLER SCHOOL CURBING	0.00		(26,000.00)	26,000.00		0.00
FY14 TOWN HALL WINDOWS REPLACEMENT	0.00		(100,000.00)	100,000.00		0.00

FY14 FIRE LADDER TRUCK	0.00		(2,861.10)	890,000.00		887,138.90
FY14 FIRE	0.00		(2,861.09)	500,000.00		497,138.91
FY14 HARRIS FIELD COMPLEX	0.00		(316.50)	960,000.00		959,683.50
	1,693,149.39	**0.00**	**(878,660.10)**	**2,946,660.80**	**0.00**	**3,761,150.09**
FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE						
FIRE STATIONS CONSTRUCTION	(63,622.17)		(7,817.84)			(71,440.01)
	(63,622.17)	**0.00**	**(7,817.84)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**(71,440.01)**
TOWN NON BUILDING CAPITAL FUND- Pavements						
FY14 PAVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	(10,195.92)	1,189,000.00		1,178,804.08
FY11 PAVEMENTS	254,968.26		(117,131.64)			137,836.62
FY12 PAVEMENTS	1,352.84		(1,352.84)			0.00
FY13 PAVEMENTS	990,013.05		(779,348.48)			210,664.57
	1,246,334.15	**0.00**	**(908,028.88)**	**1,189,000.00**	**0.00**	**1,527,305.27**
SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS						
DESIGN - HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS	25,737.78					25,737.78
CONSTRUCTION - HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS	16,616.38					16,616.38
FY08 CAPITAL PROJECTS	23,322.67					23,322.67

FY09 CAPITAL PROJECTS	6,587.50					6,587.50
FY11 CAPITAL PROJECTS	222,115.63		(176,878.01)			45,237.62
FY12 CAPITAL PROJECTS	55,794.61		(44,323.31)	(8,001.80)		3,469.50
FY13 CAPITAL PROJECTS	264,907.59		(217,000.81)			47,906.78
FY14 CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00		(274,252.31)	568,341.00		294,088.69
FY14 SCHOOL VEHICLE	0.00		(29,810.00)	30,000.00		190.00
	615,082.16	**0.00**	**(742,264.44)**	**590,339.20**	**0.00**	**463,156.92**
WELLINGTON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	**113,489.08**	**172,522.00**	**(394,676.58)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**(108,665.50)**
NON EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	1,607,027.14	74,646.02	(39,000.00)		150,000.00	1,792,673.16
ATKINS, KATHERINE LIBRARY (Library)	21,944.40	1,046.27				22,990.67
BURDICK, ESTHER E. MEMORIAL. (Library)	12,359.32	589.27				12,948.59
DELUTY, MICHAEL E. (Library)	15,517.26	739.84				16,257.10
GRAY (DUSTAN), JANE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (Library)	589,920.92	27,813.73	(11,490.30)			606,244.35
JENNEY, BLANCHE HOWE LIBRARY (Library)	16,728.31	797.57				17,525.88
WRISLEY, MARGARET LIBRARY (Library)	18,984.42	905.14				19,889.56
MARIE TELLIER (Non-expend to 2029)	74,542.09	3,554.04				78,096.13
	2,357,023.86	**110,091.88**	**(50,490.30)**	**0.00**	**150,000.00**	**2,566,625.44**

OPEB PERMANENT TRUST						
OPEB TRUST FUND	**1,380,863.18**	**97,183.41**	**0.00**	**242,342.00**	**0.00**	**1,720,388.59**
WATER ENTERPRISE						
WATER OPERATIONS	**2,432,133.00**	**5,695,201.00**	**(4,605,524.00)**	**(720,525.00)**	**0.00**	**2,801,285.00**
WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS						
MWRA BOND EARNINGS-Interest	0.00	371.80				371.80
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT	76,072.93		(849.62)			75,223.31
FY14 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT				275,000.00		275,000.00
WATER VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	1,281.23		(310.05)			971.18
FY14 VEHICLE REPLACEMENT			(22,230.00)	25,500.00		3,270.00
WATER VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	33,728.12					33,728.12
GIS HARDWARE & SOFTWARE	81,380.39		(6,250.00)			75,130.39
FY13 GIS	49,600.00					49,600.00
WATER METERS	50,628.28		(50,355.36)			272.92
WATER BUILDING DOORS & WINDOWS FY10	272.00					272.00
FY11 WATER ROOF REPAIRS	3,984.58					3,984.58
MWRA WATER SYSTEM	1,581,879.08		(591,882.15)	500,000.00		1,489,996.93

MMDT-FY12						
FY13 WATER MAINS ART12/ATM 5/12	(12,142.62)		(1,342,729.76)	482,000.00		(872,872.38)
	1,866,683.99	**371.80**	**(2,014,606.94)**	**1,282,500.00**	**0.00**	**1,134,948.85**
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SEWER ENTERPRISE						
SEWER OPERATIONS	**2,273,533.00**	**7,928,634.00**	**(6,993,782.00)**	**(832,119.00)**	**0.00**	**2,376,266.00**
SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS						
SEWER & DRAIN REPLACEMENT	249,532.92		(230,696.11)			18,836.81
FY13 SEWER & DRAIN REPLACEMENT	300,000.00		(108,553.54)			191,446.46
FY14 SEWER & DRAIN REPLACEMENT			61,132.42	300,000.00		361,132.42
BOND SEWER LINE REMEDIATION	201,852.04					201,852.04
TRUCK REPLACEMENTS	91,811.84		(3,440.48)			88,371.36
FY13 TRUCK REPLACEMENTS	14,015.00					14,015.00
FY14 TRUCK REPLACEMENTS			(181,556.80)	185,200.00		3,643.20
GIS ENGINEERING & HARDWARE	401.50		(401.50)			0.00
FY13 GIS ENGG & HARDWARE	13,751.50		(5,848.50)			7,903.00
FY13 SEWER & DRAIN REPLACEMENT - ART13,ATM5/12	(41,193.28)		(1,870,345.32)	1,911,538.60		0.00
FY09 MWRA GRANT I&I	915,214.76		(688,942.45)			226,272.31

FY09 MWRA LOAN	68,664.84					68,664.84
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT		1,384.41				1,384.41
	1,814,051.12	**1,384.41**	**(3,028,652.28)**	**2,396,738.60**	**0.00**	**1,183,521.85**
SEWER SRF LOAN FY09 PROJECT						
FY09 $11.608M SRF LOAN	**671.08**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**671.08**
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND						
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	1,590,335.99	3,306,203.23	(2,918,626.38)			1,977,912.84
EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE	5,903,585.34	10,545,231.90	(9,246,422.95)			7,202,394.29
	7,493,921.33	**13,851,435.13**	**(12,165,049.33)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**9,180,307.13**
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
DUSTAN GRAY CHILD LIBRARY	614.85	11,490.30	(11,191.50)			913.65
BELMONT EDUCATION DONATIONS (Check off)	104,518.30	2,385.90	(57,483.53)		6,680.52	56,101.19
MUGAR MEMORIAL POLICE	6,085.21	290.14				6,375.35
LAW ENFORCEMENT	22,721.03	4,047.41	(6,022.98)			20,745.46
CEMETERY ANNUAL PLANTING	109,201.82	4,683.38			1,200.00	115,085.20
SENIOR CENTER CHECK OFF	7,224.80	355.07			3,183.25	10,763.12
LIBRARY GIFT FUND	171,128.41	8,154.49	(1,534.82)			177,748.08

(Library)						
TRUSTEES BLDG FUND (Library) CHALLENGE	24,504.92	1,169.10			245.00	25,919.02
DUSTAN LIBRARY BLDG BEQUEST NON EXPEND	310,941.83	14,825.14				325,766.97
BARRON, CARL FIRE GRANT	2,369.93	114.10				2,484.03
SPECIAL TRUST from 5200	2,178.72		(987.99)			1,190.73
	761,489.82	**47,515.03**	**(89,172.82)**	**11,952.00**	**11,308.77**	**743,092.80**
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS						
ACORN, RUTH SCHOLARSHIP	4,799.38	223.97	(200.00)			4,823.35
ARNO, GUY LIB. SCHOLARSHIP	7,167.89	336.88	(200.00)			7,304.77
BAKON, EDMUND B. SCHOLARSHIP	21,581.19	1,004.64	(1,000.00)			21,585.83
BELMONT SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Check off)	271,692.34	12,868.51	(3,800.00)		890.96	281,651.81
BELMONT WOMEN ROTARY	2,024.12	91.57	(200.00)			1,915.69
BETTENCOURT, WM. SCHOLARSHIP.	29,127.42	1,376.58	(500.00)			30,004.00
BLACKER, LILLIAN SCHOLAR.	26,443.26	1,260.76				27,704.02
BURNHAM, RICHARD A. SCHOLARSHIP	5,418.84	253.50	(200.00)			5,472.34
CRISAFULLI, CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP	3,945.03	182.51	(200.00)			3,927.54
DESTEFANO, COSMO, SCHOLARSHIP	1,910.61	78.95	(500.00)			1,489.56

FRIENDS OF BELMONT WRESTLERS	6,636.03	309.09	(300.00)			6,645.12
GRANT, BRENDAN SCHOLARSHIP	40,203.98	1,843.95	(3,000.00)			39,047.93
HANSON, PAUL MEMORIAL. SCHOLARSHIP	2,803.94	128.84	(200.00)			2,732.78
HECHT, MALCOLM, JR. SCHOLARSHIP.	34,852.52	1,649.55	(500.00)			36,002.07
KELLEY, PAUL L. SCHOLARSHIP	19,117.10	911.47				20,028.57
LEE, EDWARD -RAY, DONALD SCHOLARSHIP	7,387.52	347.36	(200.00)			7,534.88
LYONS, DUNCAN SCHOLARSHIP	6,112.96	288.13	(200.00)		200.00	6,401.09
MCNEIL, JOSEPH SCHOLARSHIP	7,307.22	336.24	(500.00)			7,143.46
MEYERHOEFFER, C. SCHOLARSHIP	2,561.50	109.98	(500.00)			2,171.48
NAHABIDIAN, ALICE MEMORIAL.	5,844.48	266.54	(500.00)			5,611.02
OLIN, JOHN R. SCHOLARSHIP	6,498.27	304.96	(200.00)			6,603.23
PHI BETA KAPPA BOOK AWARD	1,316.55	62.68	(30.00)			1,349.23
ALLEN, RICHARD LEARNING CENTER SCHOLARSHIP	2,028.22	84.55	(500.00)			1,612.77
RILEY, BRIAN SCHOLARSHIP	71,630.34	3,390.89	(1,000.00)			74,021.23
SAIA, PATRICIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	6,209.38	283.90	(500.00)			5,993.28
SHARPE, HOWARD D. SCHOLARSHIP	7,310.21	344.62	(300.00)		300.00	7,654.83

SULLIVAN, JOHN J.,SCHOLARSHIP	17,938.31	855.26				18,793.57
WESTLUND SCHOLARSHIP FUND	14,208.07	669.80	(500.00)		750.00	15,127.87
WESTPHAL CARL A., SCHOLARSHIP	55,248.69	2,609.85	(1,000.00)			56,858.54
WHITNEY, MARY E. SCHOLARSHIP FUND	41,015.01	1,931.21	(1,000.00)			41,946.22
SHAW, NORMA LEE, MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP	855.78	31.40	(500.00)		200.00	587.18
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP	26,950.00		(31,220.00)		38,720.00	34,450.00
RUANE, WM L JR SCHOLARSHIP FUND	9,141.63	423.70	(500.00)			9,065.33
FITZPATRICK, DENIS BOOK AWARD	3,449.52	164.48				3,614.00
REID FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	13,135.68	613.96	(500.00)			13,249.64
VIALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD		1.30			2,420.00	2,421.30
ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP		13.34			5,000.00	5,013.34
	783,872.99	**35,654.92**	**(50,450.00)**	**0.00**	**48,480.96**	**817,558.87**
SPED STABILIZATION FUND						
TRANSFERS IN FROM GENERAL FUND	250,000.00					250,000.00
INTEREST INCOME	574.56	1,280.41				1,854.97
	250,574.56	**1,280.41**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**251,854.97**

AGENCY FUNDS						
SPORTING LICENSES due to COMMONWEALTH OF MA	(29.95)					(29.95)
TOWN HALL/ANNEX DETAIL	1,596.66	11,685.85	(12,680.28)			602.23
POLICE OFFICERS - PAID DETAILS	(33,167.93)	808,185.97	(899,859.41)			(124,841.37)
FIREARM LICENSE/REGISTRATION	200.00	6,600.00	(4,712.50)			2,087.50
FIREFIGHTERS - PAID DETAILS	(5,581.36)	28,724.26	(15,122.84)			8,020.06
AMBULANCE BILLING - THIRD PARTY	10.21	67,300.00	(67,300.00)			10.21
LIBRARY - CUSTODIAL DETAIL	5.92	148.83				154.75
SCHOOL - CUSTODIAL DETAIL	8,692.35	59,929.51	(59,929.51)			8,692.35
BHS ACTIVITY AGENCY	207,387.31	299,757.94	(291,729.82)			215,415.43
CMS ACTIVITY AGENCY	32,315.49	166,841.03	(152,553.91)			46,602.61
ABC STORMWATER FLOODING	12,000.00	24,000.00	(24,000.00)			12,000.00
RETIREMENT BOARD PAYROLL	(1.75)	102,339.30	(102,339.60)			(2.05)
CLARK HOUSE MOVE	8,351.50	4.46	(5,381.77)			2,974.19
BELMONT HOUSING TRUST	24,615.30	59.38				24,674.68
CUSHING VILLAGE REVIEW		29,005.65	(22,971.30)			6,034.35
	256,393.75	**1,604,582.18**	**(1,658,580.94)**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**202,394.99**
GRAND TOTALS	**38,443,021.06**	**38,158,278.66**	**(42,489,086.56)**	**7,873,047.60**	**254,115.95**	**42,239,376.71**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Director: Leo J. Saidnawey
Assistant Director: Rick Nohl
Appointed Members:
David L. Frizzell, Fire Chief
Angus Davison, Ast. Fire Chief
Bob Reardon Jr., Town Admin Office

Purpose and Duties:

The Belmont Emergency Management Agency (BEMA) is a local extension of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to coordinate emergency services with various state, local and federal agencies during a state of emergency or alert. During such emergencies/alerts, MEMA operates from their headquarters in Framingham and communicates with local emergency management agencies, such as Belmont's, via radio, fax, message beepers, the Internet and telephone.

Compliance:

The department's performance indicators are primarily compliance. Unless the Town meets or exceeds basic reporting, training and testing Criteria State and Federal funding we become ineligible for reimbursement. Each year all city and towns are required to complete several state and federal applications ensuring compliance with all local and federal guidelines. One of these forms is the National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance which is a federal program. Compliance is required for Belmont to be eligible for any Federal funding. In addition, the State requires our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) to be updated annually.

Belmont is fully compliant and has a long standing track record of completing these documents well ahead of schedule.

Communications:

Our largest expense is our communications expense. We pay for old fashion copper phone lines and an Internet connection separate to the Town's connection as a backup, in the event of a town-wide failure or an infrastructure failure where the Internet has come subject to attack. Backing up high tech with low tech is common practice in Emergency Operations Centers and in the Town has proved itself to be critical more than once. Emergency Management often takes responsibility for posting updates to the Town website and Social Media Accounts during large scale incidents.

During 2014 the department purchased a license for the Citrix "GoToMeeting" software program. This program will allow the Emergency Management team to hold conference calls when face to face meetings are not possible. The program has also be made available for use by other Town departments who might have need to host conference calls.

CERT – Volunteer Program:

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program is a volunteer organization administered by Emergency Management. CERT was developed by FEMA with the goal of educating people about disaster

preparedness for hazards that may impact our area. Volunteers receive training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. During the last fiscal year Emergency Management staff hosted several training sessions at Fire Headquarters and made volunteers aware of additional training opportunities. At present we have 60 volunteers who have been trained and can be called upon to assist full time Town employees with large scale events and emergencies.

In 2014 the CERT team was activated to assist the Belmont Police with the Memorial Day parade. 6 Members of CERT assisted the police with cooking for over 200 residents/DARE program members at the conclusion of the parade. Police representatives were grateful for this assistance as it freed their personnel to manage the crowds and interact with the graduates of the DARE program.

Storm Ready:

Belmont, one of the dozen communities in the Commonwealth that are certified by the National Weather Service underwent a renewal of the Storm Ready program and the application, while pending, should be approved for an additional 3 year period.

Major Activities and Responses:

Members of the Emergency Management team maintain on-call availability to provide support to the Belmont Police and Fire Departments when major incidents impact the town. Senior members of the Emergency Management team were called upon several times in 2014 to provide support during building fires and weather-related incidents. If additional support, such as staffing a shelter, is necessary members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT Program) will also be called upon to provide assistance. Fortunately 2014 was a quieter year in terms of large-scale emergencies in Belmont and the CERT Team was not called upon for an emergency response.

Support Services:

Emergency Management continues to play a key behind the scenes role in helping other Town departments respond to emergencies. Our staff receives and distributes regular updates from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency that detail weather events and other hazards. In addition Emergency Management typically takes responsibility for compiling and submitting reimbursement requests to the State and Federal Government after any large emergency event.

Conclusion:

I would like to thank Fire Lieutenant Rick Nohl for his role as Assistant Director of Emergency Management.

Special thanks go to Fire Chief David Frizzell, Brian Saper, Elzabeth Allison, Ernest Fay, Viktoria Haase, Bob Reardon Jr. and Administrative Assistant Kim Haley for their continued support to BEMA and the CERT program in Belmont.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo J. Saidnawey, Director
Emergency Management

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief: David L. Frizzell (EMT**)**

Assistant Fire Chief: Edward Angus Davison (EMT)

Fire Prevention Bureau: Captain John A. Pizzi (EMT)

Assistant Fire Prevention / Training Officer: Lieutenant Robert Wollner (EMT)

Administrative Assistant: Kimberly A. Haley

Part Time Administrative Secretary: Wendy McDonald

Captains:
David J. DeMarco (EMT), Kenneth Gardiner, Jr. (EMT), Wayne L. Haley (EMT), John J. Mooney (EMT)

Lieutenants:
David Alesse (EMT), Agostino D. Azzone (EMT), Gerard M. Benoit (EMT), Edward R. Corsino, Jr. (EMT), Geoffrey Harvey (EMT), Richard Nohl (EMT), Daniel Scannell (EMT), Scott Spuria (EMT), Andrew Tobio (EMT), David Toomey (EMT), Steven Whalen (EMT), Stephen Wilcinski (EMT)

Firefighters:
Joseph Baptista (EMT), James A. Bing (EMT), Thomas Biondo (EMT), Brian Campana (EMT), Shaun Campana (EMT), Brian Corsino (EMT), Jason P. Corsino (EMT), Michael Dayton (EMT), Scott D'Entremont, Thomas Deneen (EMT), Christopher Drinan (EMT), Ace Elefteriadis (EMT), Andrew Goneau (EMT), Christopher Hadge (EMT), Dana Harrington (EMT), William A. Kaufman, Jr. (EMT), James Kelly (EMT), Elizabeth Kinch (EMT), Anthony D. Lynch (EMT), John D. MacDonald (EMT), Michael MacNeil (EMT), Michael J. Madruga (EMT), Dennis Maher (EMT), James T. McNeilly (EMT), Tracy Mullen (EMT), Richard J. O'Brien, Brian O'Neill (EMT), James J. Papadinis (EMT), Michael D. Reilly, Steven Reilly (EMT), Sean Ryan (EMT), Christian Tocci (EMT), Ross Vona (EMT)

Appointments
On December 12, 2014, Elizabeth Kinch was appointed as Firefighter.

Resignations
On March 12, 2014, Robert Fowler resigned after 17 ½ years of service.

Retirements
On March 26, 2014, John Forte retired after 33 years of service.

Promotions
On April 28, 2014, Robert Wollner was promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator David Kale, my fellow Department Managers, the Fire Station Building Committee and the dedicated Officers and Firefighters of the Belmont Fire Department for their continued support, cooperation and assistance during 2014. The Fire Department continues to provide top notch service to the residents of Belmont. The Department's Advanced Life Support (ALS) reached its one year anniversary in 2014. This initiative has brought enhanced medical service to the Town's residents, without additional cost to the taxpayer. The Department saw a drop in its EMS calls due to the Town of Watertown changing backup EMS service from Belmont to a private company. Additionally, the Department is the recipient of a Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. The SAFER Grant provided allowed the Department to restore two unfunded positions. The Grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefit costs for two years. Last, the Department received two much needed pieces of apparatus in late December. A new engine will be placed in service at Headquarters and a 1988 engine will be disposed of. A new ladder truck will be placed in service at Station 2 and the current ladder truck will remain as a reserve (unstaffed) piece of apparatus. This new apparatus will be placed in service once training is received and the apparatus is outfitted with the required equipment.

Apparatus Presently Operated by the Fire Department:

Apparatus:	Make and Model:	Location:
Engine 1	2003 Emergency One 1250 GPM Class A Pumper	Headquarters
Engine 2	2005 Emergency One 1250 GPM Class A Pumper	Station 2
Engine 3 (Reserve)	2007 International/Emergency One 1000 GPM Custom Pumper	Headquarters
Engine 4 (Reserve)	1988 Emergency One 1250 GPM Class A Pumper	Station 2
Ladder 1	1999 Emergency One 110' Aerial Ladder	Station 2
Rescue 1	2012 Ford F450 Horton Rescue Type 1 Ambulance	Headquarters
Rescue 2	2007 Horton Rescue 555C Type 1 Ambulance	Headquarters
Boat with Trailer	Inflatable Rescue Boat and trailer	Station 2
Light Tower	Trailer light tower (Town resource)	Headquarters
Tech Rescue	18' Cargo Trailer for Technical Rescue	Headquarters
Squad 1	1999 Ford F450 (transfer from DPW)	Headquarters
Car 1	2013 Ford Utility– Chief's Vehicle	Headquarters
Car 2	2007 Ford Explorer – Assistant Chief's Vehicle	Headquarters
Car 3	2009 Chevy Tahoe – Shift Commander's Vehicle	Headquarters
Car 4	2007 Ford Expedition – Fire Prevention Vehicle	Headquarters
Car 5	2004 Ford Expedition – Fire Prevention/Training Vehicle	Headquarters
New Engine	*2014 Emergency One Typhoon1250 GPM Pumper*	*Headquarters*
New Ladder	*2014 Emergency One 110' Aerial Ladder*	*Station 2*
	Note: Reserve apparatus not staffed	

Fire Alarm Record

2006 – 3054 Calls	2010 – 3484 Calls
2007 – 3143 Calls	2011 – 3076 Calls
2008 – 3140 Calls	2012 – 3047 Calls
2009 – 3026 Calls	2013 – 3163 Calls

The Fire Department responded to **2764** calls during 2014.

A sample of fires and incidents responded to in 2014 are as follows;

Structure Fires	4
Working Fires	0
Second Alarm	0
Third Alarm	1
Outside Fires	12
Refuse Fires	4
Vehicles Fires	8
Fire/Explosion/Other	75
Motor Vehicle Extrication	7
Carbon Monoxide Activation	73
Spill, Leak, No Ignition	85
Hazardous Electrical Equipment	36
Over Pressure or Rupture	0
Bomb Scare-	1
Hazardous Conditions – Other	0
Smoke Scare	37
Good Intent Calls	87
Dispatched & Cancelled Enroute	45
System Malfunction	293
Unintentional Alarms	204
Malicious False	7
Water Calls	67
Assist Police Department	24
Mutual Aid Given Out of Town	57
Mutual Aid Received into the Town	43
Service Calls	231

Fire Prevention Bureau:

Prepared by Captain John A. Pizzi, Fire Prevention Bureau

The Fire Prevention Bureau, located at Fire Headquarters, has been under the direction of Captain John A. Pizzi since 2005. He has been supported by Lieutenant David Alesse from October 2011 to July of 2014, and Lieutenant Robert Wollner since July of 2014, who serve the work of the Bureau in addition to being in charge of the Fire Department's Training Division. Wendy McDonald has served as the Bureau's part-time Administrative Secretary since 2006.

The Fire Prevention Bureau provides a systematic inspection program of commercial establishments, schools, and institutions, as well as residential occupancies. They are inspected for the purpose of removing hazards, correcting conditions, and ensuring compliance with all Massachusetts General Laws, the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, and By-Laws of the Town of Belmont that are under the authority of the Belmont Fire Department. Pursuant to this effort, the Bureau reviews applications and issues permits requiring that all applicable work done in Town is in accordance with Massachusetts fire prevention laws and regulations.

As part of this effort, the Bureau provides planning consultations for permit applicants (architects, contractors, lessees, business owners, property owners, and legal representatives) and conducts substantive conversations with residents who have general questions or specific concerns regarding fire and life safety.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is continuing with its aggressive education and compliance campaign regarding the new Massachusetts State Building Code, Eighth Edition, which includes IEBC, IBC, IRC, IFC, and all Massachusetts amendments. This is a major undertaking for the Bureau. The Fire Prevention Bureau also compiles the information mandated by Federal law requiring notification, permitting, and site inspections of underground tanks.

The Fire Officers assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau are members of the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts (FPAM). Captain Pizzi currently serves as its president. Both Bureau officers attend the monthly meetings and seminars presented by the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts and the Department of Fire Services. In addition, the Fire Prevention Bureau works in conjunction with the Department of Fire Services, Division of Fire Safety, to obtain the latest information for compliance with and enforcement of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148, Massachusetts Fire Prevention Regulations 527 CMR, and Fire Protection sections of the State Building Code 780 CMR.

In the interest of life safety and property protection, all citizens of the Town are encouraged to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau with any concerns pertaining to fire protection and safety. As a part of its public education agenda, the Bureau schedules children's group and school class visits to Belmont fire stations.

Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis:

Total value of Property involved in incidents	= $ 4,448,800
Total of Property Losses in incidents	= $ 3,186,100
Total of Property Saved in Incidents	= $ 1,262,700
Total Value of Passenger Vehicles involved in incidents	=$ 136,500
Total of Passenger Vehicle Losses in incidents	=$ 112,000
Total of Passenger Vehicles Saved in incidents	=$ 24,500

726 Permits were issued in the following categories:

- General
- Blasting
- Building Permit Plan Review/Permit to Proceed
- Propane Use/Storage
- Smoke Detector/CO Alarm Inspections (26F & 26F1/2)
- Oil Burner/Tank Installation
- Tank Truck (FP44)
- Tank Removal (AST & UST)
- Underground Storage Tank (FR290 Part 3)
- Cutting and Welding
- Fire Alarm Contractors Permit
- Flammable/Combustible Storage

1,063 Inspections and Fire Drills reflect the following categories:

- Restaurant Alcohol License Inspections
- Above/Underground Tank Removal
- Tank Truck (FP44)
- McLean
- Public and Private Schools
- Nursery Schools, Pre-Schools, Day Care Centers
- Assembly
- Other (Nursing Home, Lodging Houses, Group Homes)
- "Red Tag" Service Notices
- General Permits Inspections
- Blasting
- Smoke Detector/CO Alarm Inspections
- Building Permit Plan Review/Permit to Proceed
- Propane Use/Storage
- Underground Storage Tank (FP290 Part 3)
- Cutting and Welding
- Flammable/Combustible Storage

Belmont Fire EMS Report:

Prepared by Captain David J. DeMarco, EMT IC, EMS Coordinator

Total Number of Ambulance Responses	1,570
Number of Transports	947
Basic Life Support Transports	400
Advanced Life Support Transports	547
Mutual Aid Given	16
Mutual Aid Received (Fire Department)	11
Professional Ambulance	311
Professional Ambulance BLS Transports	55
Professional Ambulance ALS Transports	256
Armstrong Ambulance	6
Armstrong Ambulance BLS Transports	1
Armstrong Ambulance ALS Transports	5

The Belmont Fire Department has a total of 51 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and 3 First Responders. EMT staffing includes 41 EMT-Basics and 9 EMT-Paramedics. Any member of the department recertifying as an EMT-Basic are required to participate in twenty hours of National curriculum, ten hours of local and ten hours of individual based training. First Responders were included in EMT training and are required to participate in twenty-four hours of training every 3 years. Any member of the department recertifying as an EMT-Paramedic must complete thirty hours National curriculum, fifteen hours of local and fifteen hours of individual based training.

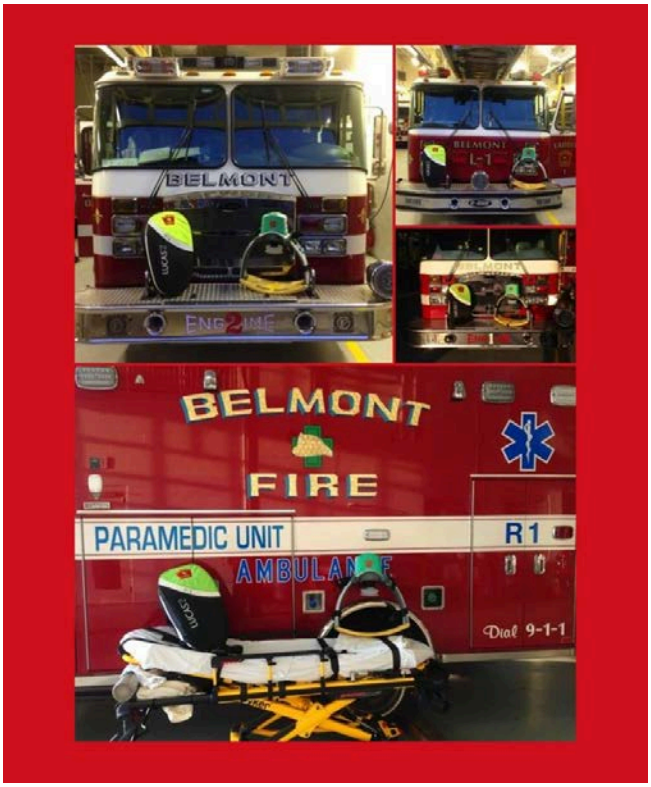
On September 15, 2013 the Belmont Fire Department started ALS Services for the Town of Belmont. Professional Ambulance provides both ALS and BLS back-up services. The fire department works with the Mount Auburn Hospital, Professional Ambulance and South Middlesex EMS in order to receive medical control, quality assurance and training and billing is conducted by Professional Ambulance.

Fire apparatus in Belmont are classified as ambulances and EMT's are allowed to administer medications in an emergency. As American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Providers members of the Fire Department participate annually in CPR, CCR, Lucas and Automated External Defibrillation training. Additionally, the Belmont Fire Department stands as one of the first fire departments in the Metropolitan Boston area to have received Albuterol, Mark 1, Glucometer and Pediatric defibrillator training. Members of the department work with the DPH, OEMS, Mount Auburn Hospital, Metropolitan Boston EMS Council, Region 4, South Middlesex EMS, Professional Ambulance and the FDA in order to assure full compliance with all laws, regulations and standards pursuant to the standard of care set forth by the Commonwealth. The fire department is proud of the high quality of EMS services that we are able to provide to the citizens of Belmont and our surrounding communities. The dedication to duty that EMT's and First Responders show in their day-to-day operations are commendable and serve as a testament to the quality of care and service that is provided to our community.

Belmont Fire ALS Report:

Prepared by Firefighter James McNeilly, EMT-P, I/C Advanced Life Support Service Coordinator

It is my pleasure to present the 2014 Annual Report of the Belmont Fire Department's Advanced Life Support Program which began at 1200 hours on the 15th of September 2013. The Paramedic staff assigned to the Rescue are a remarkable team of highly trained, proficient and dedicated professionals. These dedicated pre-hospital providers take their roles and responsibilities very seriously and are truly committed to serving our community.



This report is intended to provide not only an overview of our operations, but also to highlight many of the important services and programs offered that add both community value and help achieve our mission and vision as a department. Although, it is impossible to include every aspect of the program in this report, we hope to provide an overview of our structure, functions, contributions, and value. The continued support of the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and last, but not least, the citizens of Belmont have made and will continue to make the Belmont Fire Department's Advanced Life Support Program a great success and a benefit to both Belmont citizens and visitors.

During Calendar year 2014, our Rescue staff transported 963 sick and injured individuals. Advanced Life Support care was delivered to 563 of these individuals or 58.5% while the remaining patients were transported at the Basic Life Support level which accounted for 400 or 41.5%.

The first line of defense and arguably one of the primary determinants of survival for a critically ill or injured person is early recognition and treatment. Many times, this initial step is taking place simultaneously with the help of the extraordinary individuals who make up our Fire Alarm Operators. These professionals, our Dispatchers (all of whom are trained as Emergency Medical Dispatchers), receive the initial 9-1-1 calls for help, triage and provide emergency medical instructions prior to the arrival of the first response fire apparatus and the Rescue. As a result, care begins immediately and continues when the Fire Department arrives and until the patient is subsequently transported to the appropriate medical facility.

Belmont is very fortunate to have a solid, reputable Dispatch Center which is always ready to answer calls for help.

The Fire Department provides first response Advanced Life Support (ALS) transporting service for the community. This equates to faster access to advanced care from Paramedics including advanced airway control, intravenous (IV) access, medication administration, cardiac monitoring, interpretation, and treatment/defibrillation. These highly trained Paramedics work together with our Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to transport patients to area hospitals. We currently have nine Paramedics on staff.

Training Division:

Prepared by Lieutenant Robert Wollner, Training Officer/Assistant Fire Prevention Officer

The Training Division operates under the direction of the Chief of Department David L. Frizzell. The Training Officer works in conjunction with the Department of Fire Services/Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and other public and private organizations, in order to provide quality training to the members of the Belmont Fire Department. Training activities are conducted in accordance with professional standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additionally, the Training Officer works with the EMS and ALS Coordinators to coordinate and schedule appropriate EMS continuing education and refresher training.

The Training Officer's responsibilities include; selection and implementation of up-to-date continuing education in the areas of fire, rescue, safety and related public safety topics, organization of fire department training materials, and the production and maintenance of training records for every member of the Belmont Fire Department. Additional duties include equipment maintenance and inventory, providing support to the Fire Prevention Bureau and providing manpower support to fire suppression activities.

During 2014, the members of the Belmont Fire Department received training in the following areas: Computer training for the departments new fire inspection software, ropes and knots, ice and water rescue, confined space rescue, electrical safety, hot stick familiarization, driver training, combustible gas indicator (CGI) training, aerial ladder training, brush truck training, foam operations, mobile natural gas unit training, ladder operations, engine/pump operations, review of extrication tools, training on the departments new thermal imaging cameras, NFPA 1 training (new fire code which takes effect January 1, 2015), MedFlight training, master stream training, reading smoke, building familiarization, 2 ½ story wood frame fire strategies, Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), and hoarding. Additionally the Training Division provided an in-house 2 ½ week Recruit Training Program for our new probationary firefighter.

In May, annual testing was completed on the departments 8,000+ feet of firefighting hose. During the month of October nearly 800 fire hydrants were inspected for defects, in conjunction with the Belmont Water Department. Over the winter months, snow was removed from around fire hydrants throughout the town for winter operations following snow storms.

Metro Fire:

The Fire Departments of 34 greater Boston communities and Massport, with the support and approval of their local governments comprise the Metro Fire District 13 Association.

Formed in 1980, the association is enacted under provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. Its service area encompasses the urban area within the Route 128 perimeter, serving an area of 351 square miles and a population of approximately 1,883,000. The premise for Metro-Fire is the realization that no urban community can completely self

protect. This is the basis for mutual aid among the communities. A very natural extension of this concept is the mutual sharing of a single or limited number of specialized resources. In the fire service, there are many instances requiring specialized equipment that are vital to a given situation, but only occasionally used. Metro-Fire is providing the mechanism for these types of resources to be available on a cooperation-shared basis. Some of these resources include District 2 Hazardous Material Response Team. The Team is available on a 24-hour basis to respond to hazardous material incidents that are beyond the capabilities of any one individual community to control. All members of the Team have attended an extensive 160-hour training course and participate in monthly training sessions throughout the year. The Belmont Fire Department is extremely proud in having two members from the Department, Lieutenant Edward R. Corsino, Jr., and Lieutenant Scott Spuria on the District 2 HazMat Team. Their knowledge, interest and dedication to the program are a credit to the department.

In addition to the HazMat Team and trucks, there is an incident command vehicle with a communications center on board. In addition, a heavy rescue for all transit accidents, a confined space/collapse/tunnel rescue unit, an air supply unit, foam bank and the extensive training film library. We also have access to the S.A.F.E. House trailer for training young people in fire safety at home. In an emergency situation, the vehicles can be delivered to the community in need. That community must then supply the personnel to operate it.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Frizzell
Chief of Department

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Chair: Asst. Fire Chief Angus Davison

Vice - Chair: Leo J. Saidnawey

Committee Members:

Chief David Frizzell, Fire Department
Chief Richard McLaughlin, Asst. Chief James McIsaac, Police Department
Fire Lt. Edward Corsino, HazMat Rep.
Leo Saidnawey, Fire Lt. Richard Nohl, Emergency Management
Angela Braun, Belmont Health Dept.
Andrew Healy, McLean Hospital Rep. (Covered Facilities)
Asst. Chief Angus Davison, Emergency Medical Services Rep.
Fred Domenici, School Dept. and Transportation Rep.
Michael Santoro, Dept. Public Works
Robert Reardon Jr., Media Rep.
(Vacant) Community Rep.
James Palmer, Craig Spinale, Belmont Electric Light Rep.

Ex-Officio and Liaisons:

Robert J. Gad, Recording Secretary

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

In compliance with Federal Regulations the Town of Belmont established a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in 2003. The LEPC is the local body that handles emergency planning and community right-to-know reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals. The LEPC is comprised of Town Departments, industry representatives and community members.

In 2006, the Commonwealth launched a new on-line tool for the Town and LEPC to update and maintain its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This was used through the year to maintain and update the plan. The latest information form the reporting sites has been entered and catalogued in this database. This on-line reporting tool was updated by the Commonwealth in 2008 to make it more user-friendly and provide more comprehensive information.

At the end of 2006 the Battle Road Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BRREPC) was formed. This regional approach originally involved the communities of Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington, and Lexington. Through this regional effort, the communities combined their efforts and resources to develop a Regional plan and apply for Regional Development and Training funding, which is more readily available from the Federal Government and its agencies. The Regional Committee continues to work in cooperation with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in bringing this new venture together. The BRREPC achieved Start-Up certification and held a disaster drill in early 2008. The success of the Committee's formation attracted the communities of

Watertown, Newton and Brookline to also join us. The BRREPC conducted a tabletop emergency drill in June of 2010 in its process of achieving full certification. As stated last year, the retirement of Lexington Fire Chief William Middlemiss in 2011, who was chair of the BRREPC, caused some uncertainty in the direction of the Committee. Many Committee members of member communities have changed and the ability to get commitments has been sparse.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
Reviewed the status of the BRREPC and consulted with neighboring involved communities on reformation of the Committee.

Goals for 2015:
Continue work to re-form and reorganize the Battle Road Regional Emergency Planning Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Assistant Chief Angus Davison, Chair
Local Emergency Planning Committee

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief: Richard J. McLaughlin

Assistant Police Chief: James G. MacIsaac

Administrative Assistant to the Chief: Donna M. Costello

Captain: John P. Hoerr

Lieutenants:
Kristin Daley, Darin Demagistris, Christopher Donahue, Mark Hurley, Brendan O'Leary

Sergeants:
Paul Cowing, Kimberly Hurley, Benjamin Mailhot, Marc Pugliese, William Regan, Kevin Shea, Janice Sparks, David Sullivan, Brendan Young

Police Officers:
Shiraz Banosian, Todd Benedetti, Matthew Benoit, Alex Cheung, Timothy Connors, Kate Coppi, Anthony DeStefano, John DeVito, Paul Garabedian, Michael Horan, Gary Long, Marie McHugh, Melissa O'Connor, Michael Pelrine, David Pimentel, Kristine Pugliese, Michael Pugliese, Jonathan Riddell, Robert Sacca, James Schwab, Scott Shallow, James Siracusa, Matthew Stewart, Franz Strassmann, Cory Taylor, John Thompson, Richard Wright

School Resource Officer
Melissa O'Connor

School Traffic Supervisors
Robert Berrigan, Erin Callanan, Katherine Chaprales, Jacqueline Daye, Joan DiPace, John Igo, Mafalda Iannetta, Laurence P. MacDonald, James Marcantonio, Leonard Muccioli, Frances Napoli, Donald Oates, Jr., Margaret Pelrine, James Ralston, Laurette Stevens, Reuben Wheeler

Reserve School Traffic Supervisors
James Busa, Marylou Conley, Marie McDonough, Germaine Walcott

Parking Control Officers
Laurence MacDonald, John Tobin, Richard Cooney

Technical Services
John Steeves

Traffic Bureau Administrative Secretaries
Carol Hurley, Linda Smith

Detective Bureau Secretary
(Part Time)
Carol Hurley

Promotions
Mark Hurley to Lieutenant on June 28, 2014
Marc Pugliese to Sergeant on August 24, 2014
William Regan to Sergeant on August 24, 2014

Appointed
Police Officer Melissa O'Connor to School Resource Officer on June 29, 2014
James Busa to Reserve Crossing Guard on September 4, 2014
Germain Walcott to Reserve Crossing Guard on September 4, 2014

Retired
Patricia Dixon, Crossing Guard on March 3, 2014
Jean Turner, Crossing Guard on November 28, 2014

The present staffing of sworn officers at the Belmont Police Department is 48. Recent retirements required us to fill vacancies and make promotions.

Sergeant Mark Hurley was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as a Night Shift Commander to one of our two night shifts. Officer Marc Pugliese and Detective William Regan were both provisionally promoted to Sergeant positions. Sergeant Pugliese was assigned to the Traffic Division and Sergeant Regan was assigned to the Patrol Division as a Patrol Supervisor on the night shift. Officer Melissa O'Connor was selected to the recently restored School Resource Officer position at Belmont High School.

In 2014, we began the process of filling four vacancies. We were able to interview a number of qualified candidates. Three of those candidates, Belmont residents Michael A. Santoro, William J. Watkins, Jr and Marco D'Andrea, were selected and are currently attending the Boston Police Academy. Upon completion of the academy program in June, they will begin a 12 week Field Training Officer Program at the Belmont Police Department.

In efforts to improve our communications with the public, the Department continues to utilize their social media accounts. Our Facebook page is reaching roughly several thousand people per week and we have currently 4,422 followers on our Twitter account. Our use of social media augments our Community Notification System (Blackboard Connect) and department web site.

The addition of the K9 Program continues to benefit the department and provides many opportunities that were not previously available to us. The K9 has proven to be a force multiplier in certain incidents. Officer Cory Taylor and K9 Grim, have proven themselves to be a sought after team, throughout the area, when there is a need for K9 services.

In May 2014 the Police department, in partnership with the Belmont Religious Council and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, coordinated Belmont's first ever Gun Buy Back Event. The Gun Buy Back Event resulted in 62 firearms voluntarily turned into the Police Department. The firearms were then given a history check and turned over to the Massachusetts State Police for destruction. At the conclusion of the Event, additional proceeds that were raised by the Religious Council allowed for a $2,500.00 donation to the Belmont Food Pantry.

In an effort to assist those individuals and families within our community that are experiencing a mental health crisis, 5 members of the department participated in a specialized mental health training program. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), training was (40 hours) and hosted by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and its partner the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

The department continues to have great success with the "Child Safety Seat Installation/Inspection Program". We routinely receive positive feedback from expectant parents and grandparents whom we have assisted in keeping their children safe. The program is an ongoing success due to the hard work of Officers Melissa O'Connor and Paul Garabedian, who collectively installed 139 child safety seats in 2104.

We continue to be heavily involved in a number of regional efforts, such as NEMLEC (North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council) where we are one of 61 member cities and towns, along with (2) Sherriff's departments. NEMLEC agencies share personnel, resources, equipment and technology.

The department's regional collaboration also includes membership in the Suburban Drug Task Force where we work collaboratively along with seven other communities to investigate and prosecute drug crimes and other related crimes.

Our commitment to the Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont, high risk assessment and response team (CABHART) remains strong. CABHART, along with 24 other public and private organizations, was developed to assist victims of "High Risk" domestic violence situations.

In an effort to keep prescription drugs off the streets and out of the hands of children, we continue our partnership with the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office by utilizing the "Prescription Drug Take Back Program". The program allows for residents and non-residents to turn in their unwanted prescription drugs at the Police Station 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

I continue to be extremely proud of the members of the Belmont Police Department, including our Auxiliary Police Unit, for the outstanding job they perform day in and day out in an effort to keep our community safe. Department employees are encouraged to always take the extra steps in providing the best possible service to our customers and it is very evident in the positive feedback, I continually receive from the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. McLaughlin
Police Chief

Traffic Bureau Annual Report:

Prepared by Benjamin J. Mailhot, Traffic and Records Sergeant

Total Calls for Service	21,000
Traffic Stops	5,335
Domestic / Follow-ups	177
209A Served	74
209A Violations	26

ACCIDENTS

Reported	775
Investigated	410
Personal Injury	61
Persons Killed	0
Pedestrian	9
Pedestrians Injured	8
Pedestrians Killed	0
Bicycle	10
Bicycle with Injury	4
Bicycle with Fatality	0
Hit and Run	76

Intersections with 10 or More Accidents:

1. Belmont Street & Grove Street
2. Common Street & Concord Avenue
3. Concord Avenue & Mill Street
4. Lexington Street & Sycamore Street
5. Lexington Street & Trapelo Road
6. Mill Street & Trapelo Road
7. Pleasant Street & Trapelo Road

CITATIONS

Civil Motor Vehicle Violations (Civil Fine)	563
Civil Motor Vehicle Violations (Warnings)	3,246
Criminal Motor Vehicle Violations (Complaints)	144
Arrests for Motor Vehicle Violations	51
Motor Vehicle Violations Issued (Total)	4,004
Parking Violations	11,190

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Taxi Licenses Issued	18
Parking Permits Issued	1,329
Bicycles Registered	0

TRAFFIC BUREAU REVENUE RECEIVED

Report Copies	$2,110
Taxi Licenses	$170
Parking Permits	$78,810
Bicycle Licenses	$0
Civil Motor Vehicle Fines Paid	$18,700
Parking Violations Paid	$178,480

Detective Bureau Annual Report:

Prepared by Lieutenant Brendan O'Leary and Sergeant Detective Kevin Shea

Arson	3
Assaults	61
Attempted Murder/Murder	0
Burglaries	42
Firearms Offenses	2
Kidnapping	1
Larcenies	195
Motor Vehicle Thefts	14
Narcotic Violations	9
Rape/Sexual Assaults	17
Robberies	5
All Other Offenses	203
Total	547

2014 DETECTIVE BUREAU REVENUE RECEIVED

License to Carry Firearms & FID Permits		$6,675
	State Share	$4,976
	Town Share	$1,688
Persons fingerprinted for security clearance, alien & employment applications, etc.		245
Clearance Letters		$50

2014 ANNUAL COURT SUMMARY

Total Court Dates:	
Criminal Cases Filed	350
Arrests	139
Juvenile Trials	2
Adult Trials	125
Superior Court	6
Other Trials	2
Magistrate Hearings (Civil) (MV)	170
Magistrate Hearings (Criminal Traffic)	47
Magistrate Hearings (Criminal)	19
Traffic Appeals	20
Court Overtime (Hours)	549

Community Services / Training Division Annual Report:

Prepared by Lieutenant Kristin Daley, Community Services/Training Division

The training officer ensures all sworn members of the department receive up-to-date training mandated by the Municipal Police Training Committee. This includes in-service training at the Lowell Police Academy and bi-annual firearms training. Currently, all members are trained first responders and certified in CPR and AED. In addition to in-service training, Department personnel received specialized training in the following areas; Domestic Violence, Incident Command System, Active Shooter, Highway Drug Interdiction, Law Enforcement Officer Survival, Elder Abuse, Crisis Intervention, Domestic Terrorism, Child Passenger Safety, School Safety, and Juvenile Law.

Throughout the year, the Community Services Unit offers to the Community various programs such as the RX Drug Take Back, Child Safety Program, & Home Security Surveys. Also, in conjunction with the Council on Aging, we worked to educate our senior citizens on the most recent scams that target the elderly. The unit gave a lecture regarding fraud to our senior citizens as well as working with our senior citizens one on one. The unit has also assisted residents in our town with mental health and other family issues. For our younger citizens, we work directly with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and their Summer Camp Program that takes place in August each year. This year, we had 50 children attend this highly popular program.

DARE

The DARE Program continues to be a welcome fixture in the Chenery Middle School. This year, 364 students were enrolled in the DARE Program.

5th Grade Classroom Hours	127 hours
DARE Graduation	1 hour
Belmont Recreation Summer Blast-Off Party	5 hours
Burbank School Second Grade Walking Tours	3 hours
Memorial Day Cookout & Parade	11 hours
Belmont Town Day	11 hours
Health and Wellness Advisory Meetings	7.5 hours
DARE Board of Directors Meetings	6 hours
Middlesex County Sheriff Department Youth Public Safety Academy	35 hours
DARE Charity Golf Tournament	15 hours
Police Department Station Tours	12 hours

Auxiliary Police:

Prepared by Lieutenant Kristin Daley, Community Services/Training Division

The Auxiliary Police gained one member bringing the Unit's strength to 22 officers. The Unit continues to provide officers for events such as Town Day, Christmas Tree Lighting, Halloween, Brendan Grant Road Race, Dan Scharfman Road Race and major storms, just to name a few. For the year 2014, the unit provided the Town with the following volunteer hours:

Events	301 hours
Patrol – Cruiser and Mountain bike	1013 hours
Administrative	329 hours
Miscellaneous	38 hours

Training -	1212 hours
Firearms, OC and Baton Training	
Defensive Tactics	
Reserve In-Service Academy	
Legal Updates	
Communications Training	
CPR/AED and First Responder Training	
Monthly Training Meetings	

2014 PUBLIC SAFETY / COMMUNICATIONS

Operations Manager: Daniel E. MacAuley, EMD

Supervisor of Communications: Edward S. Pendergast, EMD

Permanent Public Safety Dispatchers:
Edward Hudson, EMD; David Jones, EMD; Thomas O'Brien, EMD; James Riccio, EMD; Brendan Reilly, EMD; Michael Tortola, EMT; Daniel Walsh, EMD; Colby Weston, EMD

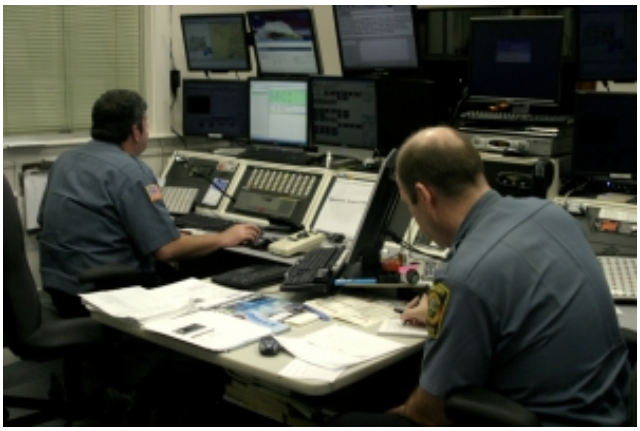
Per Diem Public Safety Dispatchers:
Robert McQuaid, P.A.; John Steeves, EMD; Andrew Tobio, EMT

2014 Public Safety Communications Revenue Received:

Alarm Fines	$7,680
Alarm Registrations	$21,590
Master Box Fees	$17,000
Detail Administration 10%	$31,020

All of our Dispatchers are certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD) and now provide State mandated pre-arrival medical instructions on all medical emergency calls. All are re-certified annually as American Red Cross First Responders/CPR Rescuers which includes the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

I am proud of the Public Safety Communications Division and know all of the staff is dedicated to making Belmont a safer community. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week by highly trained, highly motivated dispatch professionals. An emphasis on continuous training within the department maintains a level of readiness that we all can be proud of. The department continues to maintain a close relationship with the other Town agencies. Our dispatchers answer many calls for service after hours and on holidays for the Light Department, Highway Department and Water Department.



Respectfully submitted,

Daniel E. MacAuley, Operations Manager
Public Safety Communications

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
Department Head: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E.

Full Time Staff Ara Yogurtian, Assistant Director – 1/20/2014
Jeffrey A. Wheeler, Senior Planner
Murad Kozelian, Inspection/Enforcement Officer
Raymond Matte, Inspection/ Enforcement Officer – 8/25/2014
Robert Bosselman, Resident Engineer – 6/2/2014
Leanne Fierro, Administrative Coordinator – 2/1/2014
Kimberly Beer, Administrative Assistant II – 9/8/2014
Gina Farrar, Administrative Secretary

Part Time Staff: John D. MacDonald, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
David Farrar – Electrical Inspector
Mary Trudeau, Conservation Commission Agent

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Conservation Commission:
The Office of Community Development has a part-time Conservation Agent on staff who works closely with the Conservation Commission. The agent administers the Victory Garden's at Rock Meadow, manages the Rock Meadow conservation land and provides technical assistance on all matters relating to the Wetlands Protection Act.

Trapelo Road / Belmont Street Reconstruction Project:
In October 2013 the Massachusetts Department of Transportation held a ground-breaking ceremony to formally begin the Trapelo Road / Belmont Street reconstruction project. Newport Construction from Salem NH was the low bidder with an amount of $14, 547,000. The project has a time of completion of two years and is scheduled to be substantially complete by December 1, 2015. The funding is from federal transportation bond money and some state funds. The Town of Belmont leveraged 1.5 Million in design funds over seven years to be able to take advantage of the state and federal funds.

Belmont Center Reconstruction:
In 2014 funding was approved by Town Meeting for the reconstruction of Belmont Center. Community Development has worked for 5 years developing the project. Construction is set to begin in the spring of 2015.

Police Department:

The Department worked closely with the Traffic Division in 2013 on several projects such as traffic pattern realignments and crosswalk locations as requested by different neighborhoods in Town. The Department also worked closely with the Police Department during numerous reviews of proposed developments that would impact traffic in Town. In addition, the Department prepared maps of the Town and provided court testimony to assist in court hearings.

Pavement Management:

In 2014, the following roadways were reconstructed.

Street	From	To
BRIGHTON ST	PLEASANT ST	CUL-DE-SAC
KNOWLES RD	HOLT ST	WALTHAM TOWN LINE
WHITCOMB ST	LEXINGTON ST	WATERTOWN TOWN LINE
WELLESLEY RD	VILLAGE HILL RD	CRESTVIEW RD
FAIRVIEW AVE	PAYSON RD	SCHOOL ST
HOITT RD	NEWCASTLE RD	DEAN ST
BRETTWOOD RD	COMMON ST	HORACE RD
RADCLIFFE RD	SCOTT RD	FRONTAGE RD
UNITY AVE	FALMOUTH ST	PARK RD
FALMOUTH ST	FAIRVIEW AVE	BELMONT ST
CONCORD AVE (W.B.)	CAMBRIDGE TOWN LINE	LOUISE RD

Sanitary Sewers:

During 2014 private contractors made 22 connections to the sanitary sewer. The Department continued to provide various information as requested.

Storm Sewers:

Private contractors made 11 connections to residential properties and the Department took measurements and locations of the sewers for permanent records.

Town Clerk:

Restriction lines, 150 feet from election polling places, were marked out at each of the eight precincts at the request of the Town Clerk.

The Department also assisted the Town Clerk in selecting the proper house number for new or converted dwellings by providing technical assistance and plot plans of the property.

Traffic Advisory Committee:

In 2014 the Director of Community Development attended monthly meetings as staff liaison to the Traffic Advisory Committee. Truck traffic, intersection redesign, Trapelo Road redesign, Belmont Center, as well as many other concerns were discussed at these meetings. Information and support was given to the Committee by this department as needed.

Public Works - Water Division:
The Engineering Division performed various functions for the Water Division including locating sanitary sewers and storm drains for repair and/or replacement of domestic water lines and main lines.

Notifications of new sanitary sewer house connections were sent to the Water Division to update the sewer use master list for billing purposes. Additionally, all phases of the Water Division's 30-Year Plan are closely coordinated with the Engineering Division in order to ensure coordination of utility replacements or upgrades as well as pavement restoration.

BUILDING DIVISION

During 2014, this division processed 1,034 building permits, received 39 possible zoning violation complaints, 13 possible building code complaints and 109 general bylaw violation complaints. Estimated total building construction value was $45,963,123. All alleged zoning and building code violation complaints received during the year were investigated and notifications were sent to the parties involved. Through the cooperation of the Fire Department, the Building Division is notified of every fire in which possible structural damage is evident. Immediate inspections are made and recommendations given to the owners or builders.

Income for the calendar year 2014 from Building Permits totaled $707,745 and income from Plumbing, Gas, Electrical, Board of Appeal, Certificate of Inspections, Home Occupation, Certificate of Compliance, Signs, etc. totaled $280,459.

Total income received by this division was $988,204.

During 2014, 658 plumbing permits were issued to properly licensed persons. Inspections were made on all work for which permits were issued and other inspections were made at the request of the property owner.
Total income received was $44,661.

During 2014, 463 gas permits were issued for which all necessary inspection and re-inspections were made. Total income received was $23,754.

During 2014, 696 electrical permits were issued for which all necessary inspections and re-inspections were made. Total income received was $95,815.

State Building Code:
During 2014, as part of the duties required by the Massachusetts State Building Code, this division inspected 93 public buildings and spaces, (schools, hospitals, restaurants, public halls, day care centers etc.) for compliance with safe egress, emergency lighting and maximum capacity. The Code requires on-site inspections. Mandatory fees collected during 2014 totaled $3,002. As a means of keeping informed with the State Building Code and its ongoing changes and amendments, representatives from this division attended several state sponsored workshops during 2014.

Health Department:
The Office of Community Development continued to work very closely with the Health Department in 2013. Many of the public safety issues that are addressed by the Building Inspector also involve the Health Department. Additionally,

the Director of Community Development works very closely with the Health Department assisting with the review of proposed septic systems under the Title V Regulations. The Department also works closely with the Health Department to review plans for new restaurants.

PLANNING DIVISION

Zoning Board of Appeals:

During 2014, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard 31 cases for Special Permits and/or Variances with the following results (some of these cases involved more than one application):

TOTAL CASES	31
Special Permits	38
Variances	1
Appeal	0
DECISIONS	31
Granted	29
Upheld	2
Withdrawn	2

Planning Board:

The Planning Board heard (15) Cases. These cases included reviewing a commercial development, reuse of an historical accessory building, and a joint hearing for the removal of a tree and stonewall on a Scenic Road.

TOTAL CASES	15
Site Plan Review	6
Special Permit	9
DECISIONS	Pending

Total application fees for both the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board were $9,140.00

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn R. Clancy, P.E., C.B.O.
Director of Community Development

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
Department Head: Jay Marcotte, MPA

Assistant Director: Michael A. Santoro

Public Works Administration:
Herewith I submit the Department of Public Works (DPW) report for the year ending December 31, 2014 covering the following: Public Works Administration, the Highway Division, the Recreation, Parks and Cemetery Division and the Water Division.

During 2014, Public Works Administration procured and administered 27 contracts for vehicles, supplies and/or services under Chapter 30B; the Uniform Procurement Act and Chapter 30 section 39M. Administrative time was spent working with the Tree Warden, Executive Safety Committee, Massachusetts Water Resources Advisory Board, Arlington – Belmont - Cambridge (ABC) Stormwater Board, Water Advisory Board, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Shade Tree Committee and the Energy Committee. DPW personnel assisted with the following community projects: Voting, Arbor Day Celebration, Belmont Center Town Day, Holiday Lighting Ceremony in Belmont Center, Belmont Thanksgiving Day Football game, Belmont Garden Club Community Planting Program, Belmont Serves Day, assisting with the maintenance of Joey's Park by the Friends of Joey's Park, started the construction phase for Underwood Pool Replacement Project and improvements to the Conservation Land at Rock Meadow.

Under the Public Works Capital Program the Highway Division was authorized to purchase a sidewalk snow blower at a cost of $87,500, one nine foot material spreader at a cost of $13,000, one 37,000 GVW dump truck at a cost of $119,600 and one three cubic yard hot box for asphalt at a cost of $40,000. The Recreation, Parks and Cemetery Division was authorized to purchase one half a ton pickup truck at a cost of $30,000. The Water Division was authorized to purchase a replacement utility vehicle at a cost of $79,000.

The fourth Public Works Day in Belmont was held on May 3, 2014 in acknowledgement of National Public Works Week. The American Public Works Association assists communities in recognizing National Public Works Week as a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works. Families of Belmont were welcomed by Public Works employees who volunteered their time to exhibit some of our heavy equipment, demonstrate Public Works operations and answer questions about Public Works responsibilities and operations. Our appreciation is extended to DPW personnel for volunteering their time and demonstrating their knowledge and skills for such an important community event.

Personnel:
Mr. John McDonough retired from the Cemetery Division after 37 years of dedicated service to the Town. Mr. James Busa retired from the Highway Division after 46 years of dedicated service to the Town. The Town thanks them both for their service.

The Director of Public Works, Mr. Peter Castanino retired after 33 years of dedicated and loyal service to the Town. Working diligently and with the help of other Town Officials, Peter Castanino formulated, constructed and was appointed the first Director of Public Works in 2004 which consolidated Highway, Parks, Cemetery and Water Divisions and recently the Recreation Department became a part of the Parks and Cemetery Division. This

consolidation was a more effective way to serve the public efficiently. Before becoming the Director of Public Works, he worked as the Highway Department Superintendent and prior to that he worked under his father Mr. James Castanino who was the Highway Superintendent and served the Town for a total of 42 years. As Superintendent and later Director of Public Works, Peter Castanino has made many beneficial changes to help the employees work more effectively to ensure proper service to the residents of Belmont. He has had many accomplishments during his time with the Town. To name a few, he was very instrumental in getting the Underwood Pool Replacement Project up and moving forward as well as overseeing the new Harris Field Turf Replacement Project. He also spent countless hours on many various Boards and Committees giving his assistance, expertise and advice. Peter Castanino, throughout his many years working for the Town has not only gained the respect from his employees, co-workers and residents but has been a tremendous positive impact on countless people. Peter Castanino humbly retired on November 30, 2014. Mr. Michael Santoro has taken the position of Public Works Director in the interim.

Annual Report of the Highway Division:

Prepared by Michael A. Santoro, Assist. Director of Public Works and Highway Division Manager

Street Maintenance:

The Highway Division maintained, cleaned and signed Belmont's 77.76 miles of public roads. In addition, we cleaned, signed and performed minor maintenance work on 8.10 miles of private ways.

During 2014 a total of 12 sidewalk locations were repaired by Highway personnel totaling 350 square feet and the Town's Contractor repaired 6,320 square feet of concrete sidewalk at various locations throughout town.

Street signs, regulatory and traffic signs were purchased, prepared, erected and maintained by the Highway Division. Crosswalks, center and parking lines were repainted by Highway personnel during the year. The Highway personnel painted blue and white handicap markings on 32 various designated parking spaces throughout Town. A total of 665 gallons of white traffic paint, 130 gallons of yellow traffic paint and 42 pounds of reflective glass beads were used during 2014.

During 2014, Highway personnel responded to 33 overtime snow or ice calls ranging from one inch to twelve inches. All snow and ice storms were cleared and treated for ice control by DPW personnel. Contractors assisted with snow plowing during seven storms in 2014. The total snowfall for calendar year 2014 was 61 inches. Belmont's 1995 By-Law allowing a Snow Emergency Parking Ban was put into effect three times during 2014. The Highway Division is responsible for providing emergency service response for this program at all times for public safety as well as for the continuity of services.

The deterioration of the roads and sidewalks continues to be a major concern. With each passing year additional staff time and funding is required to maintain the public ways. The Pavement Management Program, administered by the Office of Community Development Department, continued to address the serious condition of the roads with limited available funding. A coordinated approach working with the Community Development Department and DPW continues to coordinate the replacement and repair of utilities in advance of the road and sidewalk improvements.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance:

Belmont has three sanitary sewer pumping stations, one located on Stony Brook Road, one on Woodbine Road and a new station recently installed on Channing Road as part of the Winn Brook Overflow Mitigation Program. The Highway Division routinely maintains these stations on a weekly basis. The Division is responsible for 76 miles of main lines, appurtenances and about 6,700 building services. The Division also maintains and cleans selected main lines throughout the Town as part of a regular maintenance program. This maintenance program has been significantly

reduced because of staffing limitations. The Division is responsible for providing emergency service response at all times for this program for public safety and health as well as for continuity of service.

During 2014, 50 individual building connections were televised to determine the condition and priority for repair. As a part of our ongoing maintenance program 23 sanitary sewer lines were repaired. The Highway Division responded to 265 building service pipeline blockages during the year.

The Board of Selectmen voted to increase the metered sewer charge to $11.25/CCF (hundred cubic feet) with a minimum service charge of $15.91 per quarterly billing. The "lifeline" rate is at $7.88/CCF.

Storm Drain Maintenance:

The annual cleaning of approximately 1,941 catch basins was completed during the spring by a private contractor. The Highway Division repaired 15 catch basins. An ongoing program of maintenance and cleaning of main lines was continued during 2014. This maintenance program has been significantly reduced because of staffing limitations. Maintenance and cleaning is also provided for storm drain connections to buildings. The Division is responsible for maintenance of all catch basins, manholes, 54 miles of main lines and the storm water pumping station that was installed on Pleasant Street in 2010. The Division is responsible for providing emergency service response at all times for this program for public safety and health as well as for continuity of service.

Central Fleet Maintenance Facility:

Since 1981 the Highway Division has managed a Central Fleet Maintenance facility at the Highway Yard on C Street. Most Town owned vehicles and equipment are serviced and fueled at this location. Gasoline, diesel fuel, preventive and general maintenance along with extensive equipment repair is available to all Town Departments. The Central Fleet Maintenance Facility staff is available to repair all Town vehicles as needed at all times. Waste motor oil generated from the Town's fleet as well as oil accepted from residents is collected at this location to be recycled. This facility is the base of operations and provides equipment storage for all Highway Division programs.

In 2014, the central fueling system was changed at a total cost of $75,300. This new system allows for more accurate computerized tracking, monitoring and maintenance of gasoline and diesel fuel for Town vehicles.

Deltas and Grounds Maintenance:

The Highway Division is responsible for 52 separate deltas, islands and grounds including most of the land around Clay Pit Pond. During the spring all areas were cleaned and for the balance of the growing season the property was mowed and maintained. Because of budget constraints, no seasonal staff was authorized to be employed during the growing season to assist with maintenance.

The Belmont Garden Club has, once again, provided labor and plantings to enhance several public areas throughout the Town. Their generosity and public spirit has helped enormously to beautify the town and is especially appreciated given recent budget and staffing limitations.

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal:

Residential solid waste continues to be collected once per week at each household, with recyclables collected every other week. Russell Disposal is currently the Contractor for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling.

In addition to weekly residential trash and the weekly appliance collection for recycling, the program also collects and recycles on an every other week

schedule clear, green and brown glass, #1 thru #7 plastics, steel/tin/metal containers, mixed recyclable paper, corrugated cardboard, milk and juice cartons. Cathode ray tubes (televisions and computer monitors, also known as CRTs) are collected weekly as scheduled. On July 1, 2004 a $15 per item fee was instituted for the recycling of Cathode Ray Tubes and a $20 per item fee for the recycling of household appliances. Yard waste is collected every other week from April to mid-October and weekly during the fall leaf season. The Belmont Transfer Station is open for seven weeks during the fall, including Saturdays for convenient residential drop off of leaves.

The Town is under separate contract with the Wheelabrator North Andover (WNA) Resource/Recovery Facility in North Andover, MA until 2015 to dispose of its solid waste.

During Calendar 2014, the Town recycled 5886 tons from a total residential solid waste stream of 13,431 tons for a recycling rate of 44 percent. The Town realized $2,090 from the sale of recycling bins, $1,725 from the sale of compost bins along with $16,665 from the sale of appliance and CRT recycling stickers.

The position of a Recycling Coordinator was filled in 2012. This position has promoted program participation through the development and implementation of educational materials and outreach campaigns focused on increasing residential and municipal recycling. The efforts of the Recycling Coordinator initiated recycling by placing public recycling containers at the Underwood Pool, Skip Viglirolo Skating Rink and the High School Athletic Complex. In other public buildings there was a coordinated effort to improve recycling. There has been a concentrated effort to improve recycling at all public schools with expanded recycling in classrooms, lunch rooms and a permanent cardboard recycling program. The Recycling Coordinator continued the public information program to increase recycling through the local media, met with various Town groups including the Belmont Religious Council and worked with the Health Department coordinating the Household Hazardous Waste Program and community sanitation. In 2014 residents had the opportunity to recycle items not collected at the curb. With the help of the DPW and volunteers, on two Saturdays, scheduled in May and November, residents dropped of bulky rigid plastics, electronics, textiles, Styrofoam and personal paper for shredding diverting them from Belmont's trash tonnage.

Transfer Station Operation and Site:

The site continues to be used for solid fill disposal from Public Works and Town operations. Asphalt, concrete, wood chips, tree stumps and logs from operations continue to be stored at this site before being recycled.

For the municipal service, leaves were collected weekly in containers by our solid waste and recycling contractor to be recycled by composting commercially out of Town. The fee of $400 per vehicle to local landscape contractors for depositing leaves in our compost pile at the Transfer Station site on 1130 Concord Avenue for the fall season generated $10,000 in revenue. Residents were also allowed to bring leaves to the compost area at no charge. For the last twenty-one years, the Division has windrowed the leaves in an effort to facilitate decomposition. Active marketing enabled a large amount of leaf compost to be transferred out of Town and recycled at no cost to the Town. We continue to actively seek markets for leaf compost so that we will have space for storage of future years' leaves for composting.

Working with the Office of Community Development the Town has retained CDM Smith, Inc. Consulting Engineers to provide an engineering assessment of the former Incinerator Site and ash landfill at 1130 Concord Avenue to comply with The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) regulations. The initial site

assessment and comprehensive site assessment have been completed. We continue to work with the DEP to comply with the regulatory process to cap the ash landfill. Within the next year we expect to determine a post-closure use and complete the assessment and the final cap of the ash landfill meeting DEP regulations.

Annual Report of the Tree Warden:

Prepared by Thomas D. Walsh, Tree Warden

Asplundh Tree Expert Company is serving the third year of a three-year contract for tree care during fiscal year 2014. Thomas D. Walsh also is serving the third year of a three-year term as Tree Warden and his report follows:

For the twenty eighth consecutive year, the Town of Belmont was recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Arbor Day was celebrated on May 2, 2014 with the planting of two trees. The ceremony took place at the Winn Brook Elementary School to celebrate the rebuilding of Joey's Park Playground.

During 2014, the Town purchased 140 trees to be planted in various locations. Trees were watered by Highway staff during the growing months. The Town removed 117 dead and dangerous trees during 2014.

The contractor maintained public shade trees predominantly in response to requests from citizens for service. In addition to maintenance work performed on these larger public shade trees, many small, young trees were pruned as part of our pro-active program to assure good form, structure, health and vigor as they develop towards maturity. Storm damaged trees also were routinely repaired to insure the long-term health of the affected trees. There was one Tree Hearing held during 2014.

As Tree Warden, I express my appreciation and thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Director of Public Works, Department and Division Managers, Shade Tree Committee and employees of the Town for their support, cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Annual Report of the Parks and Cemetery Division:

Prepared by Joseph M. Urciuolo, Parks & Cemetery Division Manager

Parks and Facilities provides for the cleaning, maintenance, repair and improvement of the resources for recreational enjoyment. These include; the Skip Viglirolo Skating Rink, Underwood Pool and adjacent park, Concord Avenue Athletic fields and facilities, Hittinger Street Field, Town Field, Pequossette Field, Chenery Middle School Field, Grove Street Field, Payson Park Playground and Winn Brook Field. In addition, this group maintains the tennis courts at the Grove Street Field, Pequossette Field, Chenery Middle School Field and Winn Brook Field as well as basketball courts at Town Field, Grove St. Field and Pequossette Field.

The chain link fencing maintenance program has continued to provide safe enclosures for these facilities. We made repairs at Pequossette Park, Grove Street Park, Town Field and the Underwood Pool. These repairs have added to the safety and overall appearance of the perimeter fencing of the parks.

A new synthetic turf field at Harris Field was completed with new synthetic turf, fencing, signage and drain grates. This field accommodates games for football, soccer, track, lacrosse and field hockey. It also allows other sports such as softball and baseball to practice on it when their playing fields are unplayable. This field is a tremendous asset for the Town. Belmont Youth Sports have grown tremendously and there is a lack of playing fields in the Town. The field serves multiple purposes for High School and Youth Sports.

Again in 2014, the athletic fields and facilities had many improvements thanks to the generous donations from many organizations.

- As in the past the Brendan Grant Foundation has generously contributed to many projects for all the baseball and softball programs in town. The Foundation has supplied a new infield mix conditioner for the Varsity Baseball Field and Grove Street Park. They have paid to install and remove the outfield fence at the varsity and junior varsity baseball diamonds.
- We are grateful to the Frank E. French Company for once again donating a generous amount of infield mix.
- The Boy Scouts volunteered their time and energy to paint the fence at the Little League field at the Grove Street Park. This project helped to beautify and upgrade this popular park.
- The Belmont Day School graciously gave their time and energy to paint the retaining wall at the Town Field baseball diamond beautifying this well used park.
- The Winn Brook Playground has been refurbished with new sod, irrigation system, two new wells and new drainage due to Belmont Second Soccer and the Belmont Soccer Association. Special thanks go to Charles Conroy, David Hammer and Jim Fitzgerald who spearheaded this extremely beneficial project. This project has tremendously upgraded this park for the children and families of Belmont.
- The Belmont Soccer Association and Belmont Second Soccer have also again paid to maintain all the soccer fields in Town. Through their efforts the Belmont Soccer Fields are as well maintained as any in the area.
- Through the efforts of Ellen Schreiber, Diane Miller and the Friends of Joey's Park, a completely new Joey's Park tot lot was built at the Winn Brook Playground. The original Joey's Park, built in 1989, had provided generations of children with many hours of enjoyment. This project was a wonderful community effort twenty four years ago and a revitalized community effort again today. All funds were raised by fundraising events, donations and a Community Preservation Committee grant. Such an effort brings the whole Belmont Community into play (young and not so young). Volunteers, companies that donated materials, heavy equipment, labor and the DPW built this tot lot from the ground up. We now have a play structure very similar to the old one with modern amenities meeting current safety standards. Joey's Park will benefit the children of Belmont as well as visitors from surrounding towns for many years to come.
- The Youth Hockey Association installed billboards in the Skip Viglirolo Skating Rink; these boards enhance the appearance of this old facility.

The many generous contributions add great value to the recreational facilities and are enjoyed by the staff, participants and spectators alike. We thank all of these organizations for their tireless continued financial support at a time of great need and for donating their time to improve and maintain these important facilities. The Parks staff works closely with all of the Town organizations in the care and maintenance of all athletic facilities for the benefit of all.

Annual Report of the Water Division:

Prepared by Michael R. Bishop, Water Division Manager

Significant Information and Statistics:

All water consumed in Belmont is supplied by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) from reservoirs owned and operated by the Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The Town is under contract with the MWRA and is required to pay for all drinking water supplied to the Town.

Safe Drinking Water Act:

During 2014 the water supplied to the Department of Public Works Water Division by the MWRA was in compliance with all Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL'S) as established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA defines water quality parameters which are considered safe for human consumption. The SDWA is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Water samples are analyzed on a weekly basis for microbiological contamination and on a periodic basis for organic compounds, heavy metals and pesticides. All tests are performed by the MWRA laboratory or a certified laboratory under contract with the MWRA. Reports are on permanent file both at the MWRA and the Water Division Office. The Division has identified all water service pipes which are either all or partial lead. A program designed to replace these lead pipes was started in 1992 and will continue in 2015. As of December 31, 2014 there is only one partially lead lined water service line in Belmont.

Water Distribution System:

System Composition

Types of Pipe:	Ductile Iron, Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Copper, Asbestos Cement
Size Range:	1.5 Inch to 16 Inch Diameter
Number of Hydrants:	772
Number of Services:	7,724
Types of Services:	Copper, Brass, Cement Lined Iron, Galvanized Iron, Wrought Iron, and Cast Iron.
Percentage of Services Metered:	100%
Total Water Main:	489,681 Feet (92.74 miles)

Water Consumption Data:

** Data supplied by the MWRA

Average Water Consumption in Millions of Gallons per Day (MGD) **

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	2.147	1.763	2.060	1.968	1.817
February	2.040	1.851	2.007	1.944	1.857
March	2.021	1.776	1.951	1.950	1.811
April	2.055	1.752	2.105	1.996	1.817
May	2.324	1.954	2.228	2.355	2.013
June	2.522	2.312	2.624	2.433	2.523
July	3.001	2.673	2.845	2.743	2.620
August	2.861	2.398	2.535	2.710	2.579
September	2.423	2.303	2.308	2.434	2.481

October	1.906	2.042	1.904	2.098	2.005
November	1.766	1.797	1.878	1.781	1.851
December	1.736	1.898	1.916	1.754	1.820
Average	2.236	2.045	2.197	2.183	2.101

*Average Consumption per person per day

2010 - 86.39 Gallons 2011 - 79.02 Gallons 2012 - 84.89 Gallons 2013 - 84.35 Gallons
2014 - 81.19 Gallons

* Estimated Population of 25,879

Total Consumption from MWRA** 2010 - 816,000,000 Gallons 2011 - 746,380,000 Gallons
2012 - 804,428,000 Gallons 2013 - 796.694.000 Gallons 2014 – 766,785,000 Gallons

Water Main Replacement Program:

Charles, Edward, Orchard, Somerset, Wellington Lane Water Main Replacement Project – 2014

The Charles, Edward, Orchard, Somerset, Wellington Lane project was awarded to Cedrone Trucking Inc., Billerica MA for the amount of $1,237,546.08 dollars. Engineering estimates were $1,307,425.00 dollars. Construction began on July 29, 2014 and concluded on December 4, 2014 on the following streets: Holt Street, Warwick Road, Somerset Street and Wellington Lane. The remaining streets to be constructed as part of the 2014 Water Main Project in 2015 are listed below. A total of 8,450 linear feet of six inch, eight inch and twelve inch ductile iron water main will be installed along with 83 six, eight and twelve inch isolation valves and 24 new fire hydrants and the transfer of 140 water services and abandonment of existing water mains and all appurtenant work within the project limits.

Water Main Replacement Project – 2014

The 2014 Capitol Water Main Replacement Project

- Charles Street: Orchard Street to Slade Street
- Edward Street: Orchard Street to Waverley Street
- Orchard Street: Common Street to Beech Street
- Winthrop Road: Common Street to Charles Street
- Richmond Road: Prospect to Leicester Road – Leicester Road to Lawrence Lane

Water Main Replacement Project – 2015

The 2015 Capitol Water main Replacement Project will consists of:

- Bartlett Avenue: White Street to Harriet Avenue
- Clifton Street: Beatrice Circle to Prospect Street
- Palfrey Road: Gilbert Road to Common Street
- Payson Terrace: Payson Road (E) to Payson Road (W)
- Winslow Road: Hammond Road to Palfrey Road
- Winter Street: Country Club Lane to Concord Avenue
- Glendale Road: Common Street to Orchard Street

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Marcotte, MPA
Director of Public Works

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT:
Department Head: Gerald R. Boyle

Purpose and Duties:
During the calendar year 2014, the Town's Building Services Department and the School's Building & Grounds Department continued the consolidation process into a single Facilities Department. This consolidated Facilities Department continues the responsibility of providing proper maintenance and repair services to all Town and School buildings. In addition to performing traditional preventive maintenance, efforts were undertaken to complete planned or unexpected repairs and upgrades.

Building Systems and Maintenance:

450 Concord Ave

- No major work performed other than normal preventive maintenance work.

Town Hall

- Continued to have more shows in the Auditorium. There are now three different theatrical groups using the hall for about two shows per group per year.
- Completed work on refurbishing exterior doors
- Completed window replacement project
- Reviewed Auditorium lighting system to improve quality of performances.

Homer Municipal Building

- Replaced fan coil units in the Information Technology Department and Server Room
- Provided workstation modifications for three departments
- Repaired and seal coated parking lot
- Replaced Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) for town wide server
- Annual tile and carpet cleaning work was performed. All windows interior and exterior were washed.

Beech Street Center

- Replaced two elevator hydraulic piston covers
- Annual carpet and tile cleaning work was completed. Windows were cleaned interior and exterior.
- Repaired and seal coated parking lot
- Reviewed landscaping issues

Public Works Facility

- Installed new industrial/commercial garage door
- Continued a preventive maintenance program for overhead doors.
- Reviewed DPW storage building and Cemetery roofs and found them both in need of replacement.

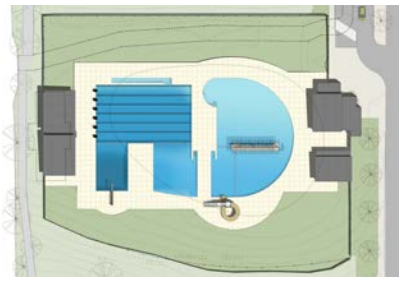
Fire Stations

- Completed air quality testing at Fire Substation
- Repaired and seal coated parking lots
- Resolved boiler control issues for better performance
- Performed various repairs to the HVAC systems at both stations.

Police Headquarters

- Completed window replacement in women's locker room
- Repaired rotted drain vent

Underwood Pool



- Participated in design development process with Underwood Pool Building Committee
- Assumed responsibilities of Town liaison to Committee in November

Town Wide

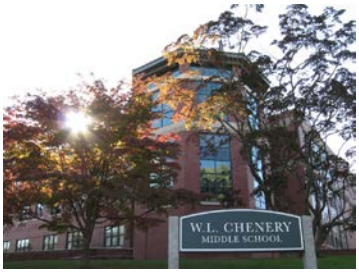
- All inspections performed and licenses issued on elevators, sprinkler and
- fire alarm systems, stove hoods and fire extinguishers.
- Awarded consolidated bid contracts for Elevators, HVAC maintenance and repairs, HVAC Controls and On-call plumbing.
- All preventive maintenance work was performed on elevators, HVAC equipment, overhead doors, boiler treatment, lifts and telephone and security software.
- The State mandated a new charge for annual boiler inspections.

School Administration Building

- Replaced occupancy sensors of lighting control system.

Belmont High School

- Repaired and painted ceiling over Higginbottom Pool
- Installed an ultraviolet filtration system in Higginbottom Pool
- Completed a project to convert three oil burners to dual fuel at Belmont High.
- Completed interior build out of learning spaces in High School Library.
- Installed ceiling fans in Wenner Field House.
- Reupholstered 220 seats in BHS Auditorium



Chenery Middle School

- Replaced Emergency Generator
- Made adjustments to main breaker panel for consistent power supply
- Completed first phase of security upgrades consisting of door hardware modifications

Mary Lee Burbank Elementary School

- Completed first phase of security upgrades

Daniel Butler Elementary School

- Completed first phase of security upgrades consisting of door hardware modifications

Roger Wellington Elementary School

- Replaced pump and submersible motor.

Winn Brook Elementary School

- Completed first phase of security upgrades consisting of door hardware modifications

Project Management

- Completed Facilities Condition Assessment of six Town and School facilities.
- Worked to achieve Green Community status
- Assumed responsibilities as Town liaison for the Underwood Pool Building Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald R. Boyle
Director of Facilities

COUNCIL ON AGING:
Department Head: Nava Niv-Vogel, Director

Council on Aging Board Members:
Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Chair: Penelope Schafer
Vice-Chair: Maryann Scali
Treasurer: Michael Cahalane
Board Members:
Carolyn Bunyon
Theodore Dukas
Ethel Hamann
Chao-Qiang Lai
Tommasina Olson
Joel Semuels
Judy Singler
James Stanton
Leo Saidnawey, *Housing Authority Liaison*

The Belmont Council on Aging serves the needs of Belmont's sizable senior citizen population -- over 9,000 Belmont Citizens are age 50 and older. Nearly 5,500 are age 60 and older, and almost 4,000 are age 65 and older. Using a combination of Town-provided funds, state, federal and foundation grants, user fees, donations from individuals and organizations, and volunteer services, the COA efficiently provides a wide-range of services to seniors. They include transportation, nutrition, health and wellness, social, arts and educational programming, as well as social support for seniors and their families. The COA completed its fourth full calendar year of operations in the new Beech Street Center. At year's end 1,954 persons were registered in the COA database. This remains an undercount of the true number of users. For a variety of reasons there are users who do not register. Participation rates increased in almost all programs and services.

Satisfaction surveys for center programming were distributed and collected in November. The results indicated high satisfaction with programs. One of the more interesting findings was that over 60% of respondents were users of the center for 3 years or less.

The range and scope of COA services encompass the following:

- The health and wellness programs include fitness classes such as aerobics, strength and flexibility, tai chi, chair yoga, meditation group, line dancing, special ballroom dancing events, cardio conditioning, arthritis exercise, core workout and personal coaching. The fitness room program which opened in March 2012 continues to grow, and there were 152 members at the end of the year. In the satisfaction survey of programs it was the one program for which extended hours was requested. Health education courses and workshops are offered by a variety of healthcare providers on diverse issues pertinent to the health of older adults. Direct health services are also provided. They include a weekly blood pressure clinic, monthly podiatry and physical therapy consultations and hearing screenings. A health fair was conducted in October. There is also a medical equipment loan program. This service helps those seniors who are at risk of living independently at home. This past fiscal year 45 seniors received some needed piece of equipment.
- Socialization, adult education and the arts programs include the following: the "Bel-Aires" choral group, painting, card making, quilting, knitting round table, duplicate bridge, poker, mahjong, bingo, backgammon group, scrabble, ping pong, pool, in-house library, computer classes, tutoring in digital camera use, "hot topics" discussion group, book discussion group, movie matinees, concerts, live theatrical performances, local artist exhibits, adult education programming provided by individual expert presenters, English as Second Language classes and travel presentations Over this past year an additional ESL conversation class was offered. Aside from the ESL program other programs were implemented to encourage diversity and tolerance of different minority groups The COA sponsors Diwali or Indian Christmas and a Chinese New Year's event each year. A variety of translation services for Chinese speaking elders has been researched and is being implemented. The free senior swim program arranged through the Fernald School continues. The center continues to partner with the Powers Music School to provide quality concerts. Also off- site are two programs located at the Belmont Media Center, one a community service to the blind and the other a community news magazine program. The senior trips program is another enrichment program based at the center. Trips organized have included the Boston Symphony Orchestra, out of town performances, nature education oriented outings, local museums, boat outings and overnight trips.
- It should be noted that all the above programs are fee based. The COA revolving account is used to collect the fees from clients, which pay instructors or other providers for their services and/or for program supplies. Due to the increase in the number of programs and program participation and subsequent increase in revenues and expenditures resulting from this increase, Town Meeting approved an increase in the amount of the revolving account. Tracking of revenues and expenses are done by diving the account into 4 sub-accounts. They are:1) fitness room program 2) supplies and equipment for programs and costs of separate events 3) on-going programs and 4)program donations.
- Social work and transportation services remain core services which are vital for the well-being of seniors living at home. Social workservices include assistance with obtaining fuel subsidies, tax preparation, social, financial resources, social work evaluations, and home visits as well as health insurance counseling and outreach to seniors of linguistic minorities in the Town. The social work team provides assistance with obtaining home safety tools such as the Vial for Life and access to subsidies for home safety alert systems. The director facilitates two monthly support groups for family caregivers. With the social work position just budgeted for 10 months a year, the director provides social work services over the summer. In addition to providing direct casework the social work interns assist with special projects, which for this past year have included finding specialized health services for Chinese speaking elders and assisting seniors with on-line benefits program called BenefitsCheckup.org. As the number of social work consultations has been steady at 57 over the summer months, a repeat request has been made this current budget season for social work coverage in those gap months.
- Transportation services include rides to medical appointments, adult day health centers, grocery and mall shopping, as well as destinations for activities of daily living such as banking, medication prescription pick ups and visits to friends and relatives living in institutions or at home in the Town assists elders in emergency situations and collaborates with other departments to provide necessities during various types of disasters. As a means of insuring that Belmont seniors and COA are kept abreast of all pertinent issues that advance the quality of life for the

Town's older population the director of the COA continues to take leadership roles such as the role of regional representative for the MCOA and as chair and organizer of a local geriatric provider group called Action for Community Elders.

Over the years the COA has also taken the lead in providing social services not only to seniors but to residents of all ages. These services include but are not limited to: 1) transportation to disabled adults under age 60 (as space permits); 2) volunteer opportunities and a supportive work environment for unemployed residents and students seeking to gain new work skills; 3) fuel assistance, free tax preparation assistance and health insurance counseling for seniors are utilized by residents of any age in the town (counseling is available to families who are caregivers of seniors or disabled adults); 4) intergenerational programming is planned throughout the entire calendar year and includes the yearly Ice Cream Social and musical programming. This year an intergenerational community garden was created and a specialized statewide intergenerational program called Bridges Together was implemented at the center. The fitness room program is open to residents age 50 and older, and for a second year in a row there was a mailing in the March edition of the Senior Notes to all households of residents over the age of 50.The library and COA partner for certain adult education programming set at the center. The Beech Street Center provides space for a number of Recreation Department activities, including those for SPORT. In late 2013 the COA and SPORT program worked out an arrangement whereby fitness room is available to SPORT participants on Saturday morning. The after camp' children's program continued to use the center after hours. The Board of Selectmen, the Warrant Committee and other town groups continue to use the center after hours for hearings and other public events. Some of these meetings are televised for the public since the center was wired to make this possible. When adding the revenue-generating rental events and the extended hours of COA operations on Tuesday evenings, the center is used almost continuously during the day and evening at least 5 days a week. It is used almost every calendar day for some activity.

The following is a list of highlighted, specific accomplishments over the past year:

- **Continued Acquisition of Additional Funding from Private Businesses** The COA applied for and received a $3,000 grant from Mount Auburn Hospital, for transportation services. This is in addition to Cambridge Savings Bank on-going grant of $2,500 each year for personal safety alert devices to qualified seniors and for the BSC Fitness Room Program.
- **Innovative Evidenced Based Programming for Memory Improvement& Chronic Pain Management**. FY'15 marked the second year of implementation of a a $5,000 grant awarded to the COA to provide seniors with a newly conceived program developed by aging experts at McLean Hospital. Also funded by Springwell, a new evidence based program to teach seniors about Chronic Pain Management was provided in the Fall of 2014.
- **Continued Growth in a Variety of Programming**: Of the varied forms of growth a few stand out. The number of fitness programs and the number of participants in fitness programs has increased. A new Strength and Flexibility Class was formed to address the issue of overflow from that class. Core Workout classes were also added. ESL classes have expanded from 3 to 5 weekly classes. Adult education programming now includes as maintays Memoir Wrigin and Spanish language instruction.
- **Continued Growth in Collaborative Projects with Other Town Departments**: The Recreation Department partners with the COA in a variety of ways. This past summer the SPORT program expanded to include Monday night Bocce lessons. The BelderBus is used on some weekends for SPORT program transportation. In conjunction with Board of Health, Fire and Police Departments the COA has recently offered to chair the newly formed Healthy and Safe Housing Task Force as these departments have identified an increase in residents living at risk in their own homes. The COA continues to partner with other departments such as the library, the police and fire departments,the Town Clerk's office in providing joint programming.

- **Improvements in Center Environment**: As participation increases at the center parking has become more of a challenge The COA in conjunction with other departments has taken measures to address this problem 1) advising the Treasurer's Office and Police Department's Traffic Unit on policy issues to address the problem 2) better ability to identify violators of parking policies 3) education and encouragement of seniors to use COA transportation or other group rides when attending center events. The COA board worked with the Facilities Department to design an improved landscaping plan for the exterior of the building.

The COA partners with other agencies to provide services to Belmont seniors. Partners include the Area Agency on Aging called Springwell,, McLean Geriatric Services, an inter-agency group called Belmont Action for Community Elderly, the state volunteer service called Serving the Health Needs of the Elderly (SHINE), AARP, Mass. Department of Transportation Mt. Auburn Hospital Community Health Department, Belmont Media Center, Belmont Housing Authority, Powers Music School, Perkins Center for the Blind and a variety of other state and private health organizations.

The total sum of the budget appropriation for this past fiscal year remained stagnant. As reported by the Warrant committee in recent years, the department's budget is growing slightly less on average than other departments. Over a 13 year span there has been an overall decrease of Town funded FTEs from 7.7 in 2001 to 5.91 in FY'14 – a 23% reduction. Funding for most of the classes and special events are sustained by the participants, and those fees are processed through the department's revolving fund account which in now divided into subaccounts to facilitate tracking of revenues and expenditures. The annual increase in the allowable revenues and expenditures in the revolving account is directly attributable to the growth in programs and level of participation in programs. A measure of participation rates is the number of event "sign ins" recorded in the center's database called MySeniorCenter. The actual FY'14 number was 46,985, representing a 24% increase from the expected number (and which was based on FY'13 number) of 37,975. None of the programs and services would be possible without the support of volunteers and labor funded by grants and other sources. Partnerships with universities and schools continue to be forged and maintained for the purposes of acquiring various types of skilled internships. For the third academic year in a row, Simmons School of Social Work has provided graduate level interns.

Apart from special grants, funding for additional programs and center needs has been available through non-profits organized to support the COA, private businesses and individuals. The Friends of the Belmont COA, Inc. currently funds scholarships for seniors who otherwise cannot afford center programs, the annual volunteer recognition dinner, extra light furniture for the center, and a publicity consultant to plan for expanded use of the media in advertising programs and services. Their newsletter and web-site, www.beechstreetcenter.org, serve as vital sources for publicizing the activities of the COA. The Friends organized a variety of fund-raising activities which also served as significant

community events and services. They included: 1. the annual crafts fair; 2. the buy- a- brick program; and 3. a concert performance by a local and prominent swing band. Cambridge Savings Bank has continued to fund Lifeline personal alert security systems for elders in need and the for center's fitness room.

In sum, significant growth in programming and services has continued this past calendar year despite the flat budget. A strong focus of the COA is to adapt and design programming in tune with the needs and desires of the baby boomer population which is aging. The COA is now tracking participation by age. Since the opening of the current center in 2009 the average age reported then was 75, then dipped to 71.5 in 2013 and rose to 72.5 in 2014. Although a small sample size of 85 respondents to the recent survey in November of 2014 60% were participants who had joined three years ago or more recently. Given this burgeoning demographic there is every reason to believe that needs and participation rates will rise and that, hopefully, the Town's financial picture will be improved so that resources will be made available to support the COA in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Nava Niv-Vogel, Director

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Recreation Programs Supervisor: June Howell
Recreation Program Coordinator: Luke Ferreira

Recreation Commission Board Members:

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Chair: David Kane
Vice - Chair: Jensen Lozano
Secretary: Katy Bonnin
Committee Members:

Ann Bere
Anthony Ferrante
Lynn Findlay
Kathy Jones
Anne Helgen
Kelly Linehan

Committee's Purpose and Duties:

The Recreation Commission consists of nine members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, whose charge is to set policies for the Recreation Division of the Dept. of Public Works in the areas of:

- Facilities and Maintenance
- Recreation Programming
- Long Range Planning
- Fees
- Permitting

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Recreation Commission and the Recreation Department successfully ran programs throughout the year benefitting residents of all ages and abilities as summarized below:

School Year Programs:

- Swimming lessons, both group and private for ages 18 months and over
- Dolphins Swim Team, 158 swimmers compete with area teams in the Middlesex League
- A variety of after school and evening programs featuring but not limited to Karate, Musical theater, and Parkour
- Ice Skating and Hockey Programs for all ages
- Ski Program at Nashoba Valley featuring six weeks of night skiing and one evening of snow tubing
- Recreation Soccer for adults ages 16 and over 3 times per week

- Zumba Exercise class for adults
- Babysitter Training Courses for grades 5 and over
- Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Courses for ages 15 and over
- Themed dance parties for grades 5 & 6 four times per year
- Tee Ball and Baseball Programs to prepare children for the Little League experience
- Other special events throughout the year
- Recreation Membership offers the opportunity for swimming, ice skating and informal exercise throughout the fall and winter months.

Summer Programs:

- Membership offers the opportunity for swimming in the Town's Underwood (outdoor) and Higginbottom (indoor) pools. The summer of 2014 marked the end of an era in Belmont as we bid farewell to our historic Underwood Pool and await the beginning of a new era with a new, modern facility, opening summer 2015.
- Swimming lessons offered for children ages 2 and over
- New programming for all ages at the Underwood Pool (programs are in the planning stages at press time)
- A wide variety of summer sports and activity programs offered for 8 weeks during the summer. These week long programs offer instruction and play in:
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse (new for summer 2015)
- Non-Sports Programs for children ages 4 and over offer swimming, arts and crafts, games and field trips
- Early drop off and Extended Day Option for families requiring additional day care (early drop off is new for 2015)

Special Needs Programs:

The Belmont S.P.O.R.T. Program (Special Programs Organized for Recreation Time), provides more than 300 individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity for competitive and non-competitive sports as well as social activities year round.

Athletes may choose to compete in the Special Olympics, many do and Belmont S.P.O.R.T. consistently sends the largest contingent of athletes to both summer and winter games, often reaching the maximum allowed for groups.

Some highlights in 2014 include: our Floor Hockey players

- Being recognized and honored at a Harvard hockey game vs Team Russia. Our athletes met with both coaches and players following the game in December.
- Enjoyed the opportunity to watch a Boston Bruins game from Patrice Bergeron's box at Boston Garden.

The Flag Football Program has grown to 3 teams and players had the opportunity to compete at Gillette Stadium, home of the Super Bowl Championship team, the New England Patriots.

Athletes also participated at the Special Olympics in the following events:

- Basketball
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Alpine and Nordic Skiing
- Bowling
- Bocce
- Tennis
- Floor Hockey
- Power Lifting
- Track and Field
- Golf
- Softball
- Cycling

Belmont S.P.O.R.T. athlete Ashley Connelly and the Murray family, ardent volunteers, were inducted into the MA Special Olympics Hall of Fame in 2014.

Belmont S.P.O.R.T.'s Annual Family Trip was to New York City in 2014. A packed weekend of events included:

- The Broadway Musical *Cinderella*
- A visit to West Point Military Academy
- A visti to The Bronx Zoo

Goals for 2015:

The Recreation Commission is committed to:

- Continuing to expand programming for residents of all ages
- Working closely with Town Committees to achieve similar goals which benefit residents
- Keeping fees at a reasonable rate while offering a quality program

Respectfully Submitted,

David Kane, Chair
Recreation Commission

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD AND LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD:

Municipal Light Board / Board of Selectmen:
Chair & Advisory Board Liaison: Andrés Rojas
Vice-Chair: Sami Baghdady
Board Member: Mark Paolillo

Appointed Light Advisory Board:
Chair: Ashley Brown
Vice-Chair: Robert Forrester
Secretary: Gretchen McClain
Committee Members:
Mark McVay
Patricia DiOrio
Ralph Jones (Alternate)
Steve Klionsky (Alternate)

Committee's Purpose and Duties:
Belmont's three selectmen serve as the Municipal Light Board (Light Board), Belmont Light's governing body. They are advised by the Municipal Light Advisory Board (MLAB), which was established by the Light Board in 2006. MLAB members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Members include persons with expertise in power, engineering, related financial markets, economics, marketing, legal and regulatory matters related to municipal utilities, and knowledge of the history and operations of Belmont Light and the community it serves.

MLAB assists the Light Board in discharging their duties under Massachusetts G.L. 164, Section 56, including:

- setting the strategic direction of the department in light of developments in wholesale and retail power and related credit markets;
- assessing the general manager's exercise of his or her duties; and
- monitoring progress toward the goals of the department, including the identification and use of key indicators and trends to compare Belmont Light's performance with industry standards.

MLAB members meet and confer with Belmont Light's general manager and make recommendations to the Light Board on issues related to the organization and staffing of the department; the procurement of power supplies; service quality; rate structure; related matters of customer services, human resources, financial, and legal management; efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and communication with the Belmont community regarding the performance and value of Belmont Light.

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:
In 2014, MLAB continued its focus on power supply procurement and reliability. The Power Supply Procurement Policy (approved in 2007) and The Energy Resources Policy (approved in 2013) provide a framework for the purchased power agreements Belmont Light secures. These policies call for a layered, diversified power supply portfolio to minimize Belmont's exposure to price volatility in the daily electric market. They also solidify Belmont Light's commitments toward system reliability, economic efficiency, customer equity, stewardship of the environment, and reasonableness of costs and prices. MLAB's approach to power procurement includes ensuring contracts with

specific New England renewable energy sources, which made up over 15% of Belmont Light's supply portfolio in 2014. (Within the next few years, this number will increase to 18% as Saddle Back Ridge Farm in Maine reaches energization.) The boards review Belmont Light's supply position each quarter.

The boards are also committed to thoughtful and effective Demand-Side Management (DSM). As a public power utility, Belmont Light engages the community in energy efficiency and conservation. MLAB was instrumental in bringing energy efficiency programs to the forefront of the utility's energy policy and reinforced this effort throughout the year. Thanks in part to the boards' dedication to DSM and an Energy Committee-Belmont Light partnership, Belmont is now a leading community for residential energy efficiency programs.

Another key focus for the Light Board and MLAB is Belmont's ongoing substation and transmission project. During the year, MLAB continued to assist the Light Board in its oversight of the change in the transmission line from Alewife, the substation at 20 Flanders Road, and the distribution system within the Town. Throughout 2014, the Light Board and MLAB were kept fully updated on the project schedule, budget estimate, cash flow, and financing strategy for the project. In 2014, the project's planning, negotiations, permitting, and design work was finalized. Demolition work began at the future site of the new substation building, Belmont Light held successful site visits and hearings with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, and the project team issued a number RFPs soliciting vendors for construction and major equipment. In September, Belmont Light General Manager Palmer gave a public presentation summarizing the project's progress to date. The Light Board and MLAB received positive feedback from the community following the presentation.

Throughout 2014, MLAB and the Light Board also prioritized updating Belmont Light's pricing structure for solar distributed generation. The boards emphasized incorporating resident input into the process in order to find a policy that is equitable for both solar and non-solar customers, as well as economically and environmentally efficient. Belmont Light's new Residential Rate APV was approved by the Light Board and MLAB in December and will take effect in mid-2015.

Activities for 2015:

In 2015, the Light Board and MLAB will continue to provide oversight of Belmont Light's supply contracts, demand-side management, and policies regarding renewable energy sources. This will include developing additional energy efficiency programs and incentives for more non-carbon emitting resources. The next year will also be an important one for the substation and transmission project, as construction of the new substation building is expected begin by the end of the first quarter.

The Boards will also work with the Department in its efforts to maintain clear and transparent communications with key constituents, including ratepayers, town departments and committees, and regulatory bodies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Brown, Chair
Light Advisory Board

BELMONT LIGHT:

Municipal Light Board:
Chair: Andrés T. Rojas
Vice - Chair: Sami S. Baghdady
Selectman: Mark A. Paolillo

Leadership:
General Manager: James F. Palmer

Belmont Municipal Light Department (Belmont Light) has powered the community of Belmont since 1898. The utility strives to provide reliable, safe electricity for Belmont's residents, businesses, and municipal buildings. In addition to supporting the community's power needs, Belmont Light provides other essential services, including:

- street and area lighting;
- traffic signal and the fire alarm systems;
- fiber-optic infrastructure construction and maintenance;
- water and sewer billing;
- lighting and banners for community events; and
- general support to other town departments.

Belmont Light is a member of the American Public Power Association, Northeast Public Power Association, The Solar Electric Power Association, Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts, Energy Council of New England, Belmont Rotary Club, and Watertown-Belmont Chamber of Commerce.

Community Outreach:
Belmont Light staff worked closely with the community on spreading awareness about electricity and energy issues, with an emphasis on energy efficiency and conservation. This year, Belmont Light participated in and supported:

- Belmont Town Day;
- Meet Belmont;
- civic and community organizations, including the Boy Scouts, the Belmont Lions Club, and the Belmont Energy Committee;
- educational events at Belmont schools;
- the Belmont Farmers' Market;
- the Green Cup Energy Challenge;
- public presentations and forums; and
- the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Belmont Light also held its second annual Winter Solstice event in December. At the event, residents donated over 50 blankets to Mission of Deeds, a local charity that provides household essentials to residents in need. Belmont Light also encouraged energy conservation through the publication of its annual historic calendar.

Photo At Left: Administrative Assistant Teodolinda DaRosa distributed a goodie bag to Belmont Light customer Jan Bauer at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. The bag contained information and takeaways highlighting Belmont Light's energy efficiency programs.

Photo Below: From left to right, Light Board Chair Andrés T. Rojas, MLAB Member Ralph Jones, and General Manager James F. Palmer pose with Frosty at Belmont Light's 2nd annual Winter Solstice celebration. Belmont residents who attended the event donated 50 blankets and comforters to local charity Mission of Deeds.

2014 Financials:

In 2014, Belmont Light provided a total of 124,951,795 kWh of electricity, with a highest system peak demand of 29.48 MWh occurring on July 23rd. Electric revenue for the year totaled $21,267,803, while purchased power amounted to 131,171,933 kWh. Belmont Light also transferred $650,000 to the Town's General Revenue Fund as a Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILOT).

A rate increase for residential, commercial, and municipal customers took effect on June 1, 2014. The rate adjustment reflects drastic increases in supply costs for natural gas, which rose throughout New England in 2013 and 2014 due to capacity and transmission constraints. Many other electric utilities across the region also changed their rates as a result of increased supply costs. Under Belmont Light's new rate structure, residential ratepayers are billed an additional 2.274 cents per kilowatt hour over 2013 rates. To help customers manage the high costs of electricity in New England, Belmont Light placed an augmented priority on promoting energy conservation and efficiency throughout 2014. Detailed information on Belmont Light's rates is available at www.belmontlight.com.

Operations:

Advanced Metering

Belmont Light continued to modernize its infrastructure through its ongoing advanced metering project, which reached the 75% completion point in 2014. The project entails the installation of state-of-the art hardware, software, and communications networking equipment that will create opportunities for energy savings; operations efficiency; enhanced customer service; and reduced energy costs. The "smart" electric meters installed as part of the project

communicate via a highly secure, town-wide, 900-MHz private network. Data collected from these meters will ultimately be made available to customers through a web portal The web portal will help customers to easily analyze and manage their own electricity usage.

Substation and Transmission Project
An impressive amount of progress was achieved on Belmont's substation and transmission project in 2014. The project will majorly improve Belmont's currently unreliable transmission system and aging substations via the building of a new substation building and 115kV transmission line. This project is a critical step in ensuring that Belmont Light customers continue to receive safe, reliable power for years to come.

Over the past year, many important project milestones were reached, including the successful completion of the project's planning, permitting, negotiations, and design work. For instance, all of the project's property and easements were secured, and a site visit and hearing with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities was successful. Additionally, demolition work at 20 Flanders Road, the future site of the new substation, is underway and a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting bids for the construction contract for the new substation building was released in late 2014, as well as RFP's for the major electrical equipment needed for the new substation.

Looking forward to 2015, The New Year brings with it a focus on construction and building. Construction of the new substation is expected to begin in the 1st quarter of 2015 and the delivery of major equipment, including transformers and switchgear, for the building is expected to occur in the 4th quarter of 2015. An RFP for the construction of the transmission line is expected to be released and awarded in the first quarter of 2015. With the momentum from 2014's tremendous progress continuing into 2015, the goal for full energization of the new substation remains set for mid-2016.

Supply-Side Management & Renewable Energy Resources:
Belmont Light purchases electricity from the Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE) marketplace and maintains a diversified power supply portfolio that enables Belmont Light to continue to offer its ratepayers affordable and competitive electricity pricing.

It is Belmont Light's policy to contract for environmentally benign and renewable power whenever it is cost-effective relative to other available resources. To this end, in 2014, Belmont Light continued its commitment to exploring emission-free renewable energy opportunities. Highlights from the year include:

- Throughout 2014, 15% of the power that Belmont Light delivered to customers came from specific renewable energy generators. Combined with the 14% of renewable energy resources generally available via the New England power grid, these contracts made it so that approximately 29% of Belmont Light's 2014 energy supply came from renewable energy resources.
- In December, Belmont Light began receiving power from the Saddleback Ridge Wind Project under a Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) that was executed in 2013. Phase I of Saddleback Ridge construction was completed in December 2014 and three turbines are currently operating. Saddleback Ridge is expected to begin full commercial operation with 12 turbines in the fall of 2015. At that time, Saddle Back Ridge will supply approximately 3% of Belmont Light's power under the PPA, increasing the percentage of the amount of energy Belmont Light gets from contracts with specific renewable generators from 15% to 18%.
- Belmont Light will purchase and retire 226 Massachusetts Class I RECs on behalf of customers who participated in the 2014 Green Choice Program.
- Under the Belmont Light's Emission Free Renewable Distributed Generation Tariff, residential and commercial customers provided approximately 300 kW of distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity. In November, the Belmont Light Board approved the Residential Rate APV for customers with solar PV

distributed generating facilities, which is expected to be effective in the spring of 2015 and will allow for increased solar PV capacity on the Belmont Light system.

- Belmont Light will continue to seek opportunities to acquire contract rights for proposed renewable energy projects throughout New England.

Demand-Side Management & Energy Conservation:

Belmont Light maintains a commitment to promoting the efficient use of energy, especially in light of increased energy costs in New England. In 2014, after a competitive application process, Belmont Light was awarded an energy efficiency grant of $240,250 from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to provide two residential energy efficiency programs and a municipal energy efficiency project. The new residential programs began in October and will provide funding for 100 home weatherization projects and 50 high-efficiency heating and cooling installations at significantly reduced costs to customers. Together, the residential energy efficiency programs are expected to save 6,065 MMBtu of electricity annually. The municipal project will include the purchase and installation of 100 LED streetlights and is expected to begin in 2015. The streetlight project is expected to save 26 MWh per year.

Free home energy assessments continued to be offered to residential customers. In 2014, Belmont Light partnered with the Belmont Energy Committee and Sagewell, Inc. to innovate the type of energy audits offered to Belmont residents. As a result, the energy audits offered to Belmont Light customers are now some of the most innovative in the country, incorporating new technology that provides high-tech thermal imaging of buildings and reduces insulation auditing from 3 hours to just 30 minutes.

Belmont Light also supplied residential customers with $13,500.00 in rebates for energy efficient appliances through the continuation of its ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program. Gross energy savings from the 2014 Appliance Rebate Program are estimated to be 34,320 kWh annually.

To further promote energy conservation throughout the community, Belmont Light donated over 3,000 energy-efficient light bulbs to customers, property owners, and area schools.

Personnel:

Belmont Light had the pleasure of welcoming four new employees to the team in 2014: Senior Customer Service Representative Heather Fisk, Executive Assistant & Communications Coordinator Becca Keane, Staff Accountant Jim Zocco, and Administrative Assistant Teodolinda DaRosa. With these new employees as part of the team, Belmont Light continues its commitment toward efficiency and superior customer service.

General:

Belmont Light staff appreciates continued support from and opportunities to collaborate with staff from other Belmont town departments. We would also like to thank the Municipal Light Board and the Municipal Light Advisory Board for their expertise, support, and dedication.

The general manager, the Municipal Light Board, and the Municipal Light Advisory Board extend their gratitude to Belmont Light's staff for their hard work and commitment, which is the foundation of Belmont Light's ability to provide outstanding and reliable electric services year after year.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Palmer
General Manager

MINUTEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Superintendent-Director: Edward Bouquillon, PhD
Belmont Representative: Jack Weis

Purpose and Duties:

Minuteman High School is a four-year, public high school in Lexington, Massachusetts, founded in the Career and Technical Education tradition. Minuteman serves the member towns of Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston, and teaches more than 700 diverse young men and women from local communities across eastern Massachusetts. Minuteman is a revolution in learning, preparing every student for success in college, industry and life.

Minuteman is governed by a 16-member School Committee which sets policy for the district. Each town has one representative on the committee. Belmont's representative is Jack Weis.

Belmont Enrollment:

As of October 1, 2014, 29 high school students and two (2) post-graduate students from Belmont were enrolled at Minuteman.

2014 Belmont Graduates and Awards		
Graduate	Program	Awards
Joaquin Davis	Drafting	
Hanry Riechelmann	Biotechnology	John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Award
John Robichaux	Drafting	
Sarah Senato	Cosmetology	Academic Achievement Award (Physical Education)
Mark Stewart	Telecommunications	Ralph Hersey Memorial Scholarship
John Uva	Plumbing	

Minuteman Half-Day Program:

Minuteman offers a unique program allowing juniors and seniors who have passed the MCAS to enroll on a half day-every day basis in a career major. This allows a student to graduate from another high school within the Minuteman district and receive a competency certificate from Minuteman.

Post-Graduate and Continuing Education Programs:

Minuteman offers technical training programs to adults who are looking for rewarding jobs in high-demand careers. Adults may apply to the Minuteman Technical Institute programs to hone skills in a technical area, retrain for new employment, or learn new technical skills for the first time.

Career and Technical Offerings:

Minuteman currently offers 19 career majors categorized into three clusters: Bio-Science/Engineering, Human & Commercial Services, and Trades & Transportation.

The District School Committee endorsed a new Educational Program Plan for the school which identified two potential new programs: Multi-Media Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing.

Academic Program Offerings:
Minuteman offers Advanced Placement courses in English Literature and Composition. During 2014, the school added Calculus A-B. Due to the career and technical emphasis in their program, Minuteman students also have enjoyed success on Advanced Placement tests in Environmental Technology.

Capital Project:
Minuteman has received an extension to continue the work of the Feasibility Study as authorized in June 2010. In conducting this study, the professional team, including SKANSKA, as the Owner's Project Manager, and Kaestle Boos Associates, as the Designer, have been working closely with the School Building Committee and the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Through this process, the Minuteman School Committee has approved a target design enrollment of 628 students and approved a new Educational Program Plan that will embrace an academy concept housing two career academies. These academies will aim to integrate career and technical education with academic subjects to create a truly cohesive learning experience for Minuteman students. Under the current Feasibility Study agreement, Minuteman plans to bring a proposed building project before area Town Meetings in 2016 for approval.

Regional Agreement:
The revised Regional Agreement has currently been approved by 10 member communities. The article will be on the Town Meeting warrant of the remaining six towns in the spring.

Minuteman in the Community:
Students and staff from Minuteman work on public service projects in the community. As examples, the school is working with Habitat for Humanity in Wayland and with LexHab in Lexington to create more affordable housing.

The school also offers a wide variety of services, including hairdressing and auto repairs, to residents of the district. Our restaurant is also open to the public.

The Minuteman Experience:
Minuteman offers a distinctly modern learning experience where students venture beyond a traditional high school curriculum to explore their interests and discover their passion, whether that's Bio-technology, Robotics, Environmental Technology, or another one of our many career majors.

Our teachers and staff encourage students to:

- **Believe in Yourself**. Students graduate from Minuteman with an enduring confidence that they can achieve anything they set out to do, no matter how high the hurdle, how long the road, or how loud the skeptics.
- **Prepare for College and Life**. Minuteman equips students with the academic foundation and study skills to succeed in college, and the industry certifications and acumen to succeed in business, affording every graduate a unique flexibility to pursue their dreams.
- **Learn from Experts**. Minuteman's teachers are demonstrated experts in their respective fields, injecting a depth of knowledge and experience into their classes that is rarely found in public or private schools.
- **Be More Than Just Another Student**. There is no such thing as "just another student" at Minuteman—instead, teachers and staff personally invest themselves in truly knowing each student and working closely with them to realize their full, individual potential.
- **Make a Fresh Start**. From their first day of school, Minuteman students are given the opportunity to make a fresh start among new friends and new teachers who will see them as they are and not as who they once were.

SkillsUSA:
SkillsUSA, in partnership with business and industry, provides opportunities for members to develop individually and improve teamwork, leadership and professional skills through education, training, service, and competition. SkillsUSA Massachusetts programs include local and state competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills.

Student Access, Participation and Support:
An Executive Function initiative was launched in 2010. Study skills, pre-reading strategies, and time management training help students to develop habits and techniques to improve their planning and organization skills.

Minuteman continues to support a full-time Reading Specialist who consults with academic and CTE teachers to implement a school-wide reading program.

The Special Education Department provides services so that all students succeed. The department successfully implemented the Student Learning Center (SLC), which allows students to understand their disability, develop skills and techniques to minimize the impact of that disability, and promote independence and personal responsibility. The SLC also supports the transition to post-secondary education, by following a model of service delivery that is popular among colleges and universities.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Bouquillon, Ph.D.
Superintendent-Director

RETIREMENT BOARD:

Chair: Rosario Sacco; *Elected by Town Employees*
Vice-Chair: Thomas Gibson; *Elected by Other Members of the Retirement Board*
Committee Members:
James Sloman; *Appointed by the Board of Selectmen*
Walter Wellman; *Elected by Town Employees*
Staff Liaisons:
Marion Coté; Retirement Administrator
Chitra Subramanian; Town Accountant

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

The Belmont Contributory Retirement Board respectfully submits it's report for the year ending December 31, 2014 Annual Town Report.

During the year of 2014, 16 employees were granted retirement allowances. 16 retirees passed away in 2014. There is a total of 337 retirees and survivors receiving monthly allowances.

The composite market value of the Belmont Retirement System is $84,577,139.00 as of December 31, 2014. The rate of return was 7.7%.

The Retirement Board members continued to complete training during the year. They must complete 3 credits each year. Failure to complete this mandatory retirement will prohibit the member from serving beyond the conclusion of the term for which the training requirement was not met. Board members are also required to take the State Ethics Commission training program and the Open Meeting Law training.

In 2014 the Retirement Board Members and Staff attended educational seminars and workshops. The Board held monthly meetings and special meetings when necessary. They met with the Board of Selectmen, the Warrant Committee, and Town Administrator.

In 2014 the Retirement Board voted unanimously to grant a 3% Cost of Living increase to eligible retirees on their first $12,000. There are a number of retirees that receive less than $12,000 annually. The maximum cost of living increase that a retiree can receive is $360.00 annually.

The employees of the Town are not covered by Social Security. When they retire and are eligible to receive Social Security from other employment then those benefits may be prorated. The Retirement Board offers information to all employees about Social Security and their Town Pension. Their Social Security benefit may be impacted if they are receiving a Public Pension.

The Retirement Administrator met with active employees as requested to provide information regarding retirement options and the value of their pension. She also meets frequently with retirees who have questions about their pensions. The Administrator participated in the Annual Town Benefits Fair, which is open to all active employees and retirees. A presentation was made to the School Department employees, with the School Department Human Resources Director and the Town's Health Insurance Director.

Membership Summary:

Actives:

On December 31, 2013 there were:	470 Active Members
During 2014 there were:	16 Employees who Retired
During 2014 there were:	42 New Employees
During 2014 there were:	17 Withdrawals & Transfers
On December 31, 2013 there were:	479 Active Employees

Retirees:

On December 31, 2013 there were:	335 Retirees
During 2014 there were:	16 Employees who Retired
During 2014 there were:	2 New Survivors
During 2014 there were:	16 Retirees who Died
On December 31, 2013 there were:	337 Retired Members

Respectfully Submitted,

Marion Coté
Retirement Administrator

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TOWN OF BELMONT
WARRANT FOR 2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 5, 2014
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, qualified as the law requires to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Belmont High School Auditorium on **MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014, at 7:00 P.M**., and to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members to meet and act at said time and place on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: REPORTS

To hear the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore appointed and to act thereon.

This article accepts the reports of Town departments appearing in the Annual Town Report and allows the Board of Selectmen and other Town officers, boards and committees to report orally to the Town Meeting on appropriate matters not otherwise appearing on the Warrant. This article stays "on the table" throughout the Town Meeting to allow Town officials and committees to report when necessary.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE TOWN'S LEGAL INTERESTS

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to bring and defend actions for and against the Town, to submit any such claims to arbitration and to enter into settlement on account of the same in behalf of the Town, as and when they deem it for the best interest of the Town to do so, or in any way act thereon.

This article is traditional and authorizes the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town's legal interests. This authority is clearly identified in the Massachusetts General Laws and the General Bylaws of the Town of Belmont.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 3: AMENDMENT TO MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL AGREEMENT

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on March 11, 2014 and which have been submitted as restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of March 11, 2014 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town prior to its vote on this article, or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Regional School Committee)

This article seeks to make amendments to the Minutemen Regional Vocational High School Agreement. The Agreement was last amended in 1980. These amendments require passage by all member communities (16 total) in order to take effect.

Summary of Proposed Amendments:

- *Uses a four-year rolling average where student enrollment is a factor in determining the annual operating and capital assessment in place of the single year figure;*
- *Introduces a weighted voting methodology for most School Committee actions;*
- *Authorizes the Regional School Committee to negotiate terms of the capital assessment for new member communities;*
- *Establishes a revised procedure for withdrawing from the District;*
- *Revises the formula by which annual capital costs are assessed; and*
- *Changes the method for authorizing debt, which would allow a community not supporting the debt to withdraw from the District.*

Belmont's Regional School Committee Representative and the Warrant Committee will report orally on this article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 4: USE OF PUBLIC LAND BYLAW – LONE TREE HILL, BELMONT CONSERVATION LAND

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new Article 10, Use of Town Property, as follows:

ARTICLE 10
Use of Town Property

§ 60-1000: Lone Tree Hill Conservation Land.

A. Intent and Purpose.

This Section is adopted for the purpose of preserving and protecting the portion of the Lone Tree Hill property (the "Property"), formerly known as the McLean Open Space, currently owned by the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont and managed by the Town of Belmont Land Management Committee (the "Committee") pursuant to a Quitclaim Deed from The McLean Hospital Corporation to The Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, and Conservation Restrictions B-1 and B-2, each on file with the

Middlesex County South Registry of Deeds at Book 45478, Page 283 (Deed) and Book 45375, Page 258 (Conservation Restriction B-1) and Book 45375, Page 275 (Conservation Restriction B-2). By preserving and protecting the Property, this Section promotes the public welfare by ensuring the safety of visitors, protecting the land and resident wildlife, and preserving passive recreation spaces within the Town consistent with the above-referenced documents. This Section shall be interpreted in furtherance of the intents and purposes described in this Subsection.

B. Permitted Uses.

(1) Hours. The public shall be permitted to use the Property for passive recreation on designated trails from dawn until dusk. The public shall observe seasonal closings and other restrictions as established by the Committee.
(2) Dogs. The public shall be permitted to bring dogs onto the Property, provided that those dogs remain on leashes measuring 6 feet or less. Members of the public shall remove all feces created by their dogs on the Property.
(3) Bicycles. The public shall be permitted to ride bicycles on the Property, provided however those bicyclists shall:

(a) Use only trails designated by the Committee as “shared use”;
(b) Permit pedestrians to have the right of way; and
(c) Use appropriate caution and speed on trails to promote safe use.

(4) Other Uses Permitted by the Committee. The Committee may permit the public to use the Property in other ways with prior Committee permission.

C. Prohibited Uses.

(1) Trails. The public shall not deviate from trails on the Property.
(2) Animals and Natural Materials. The public shall not physically disturb animals, vegetation, or natural materials on the Property in any manner.
(3) Trash. The public shall not litter on the Property and shall remove all items brought on to the Property upon departure.
(4) Other Prohibited Uses. The public shall not engage in any of the following activities on the Property:

(a) Use of motorized vehicles;
(b) Dumping of trash or other refuse;
(c) Use or creation of fires;
(d) Smoking;
(e) Possession or use of alcohol;
(f) Camping or use of a tent;
(g) Creation of construction of any temporary or other structure;
(h) Hunting;
(i) Ball playing or other active recreation including, but not limited to, baseball, soccer, football, or Frisbee;
(j) Throwing of stones, snowballs, sticks, or other missiles;
(k) Flying kites or other objects; or
(l) Possession, shooting or use of an airgun, bow and arrow, slingshot or other similar device.

D. Enforcement.

Violations of this Section shall be punishable by a fine of $50 for each offense.

In addition to the provisions for enforcement set forth elsewhere in this Section, the provisions of this Section may also be enforced by non-criminal disposition as provided in MGL c. 40, § 21D ("Section 21D"). The penalty for such violation shall be $50 for each offense. Each day or part thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

(1) An Enforcing Person taking cognizance of a violation of this Section may, as an alternative to instituting criminal proceedings, give the offender written notice to appear before the Clerk of the District Court having jurisdiction thereof for the noncriminal disposition thereof in accordance with the provisions of § 21D. The provisions of § 21D are incorporated herein by this reference.

(2) "Enforcing Person" as used in this Subsection shall mean any police officer of the Town or any other Town employee designated by the Board of Selectmen as an Enforcing Person.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by Land Management Commission for Lone Tree Hill, Formerly McLean Open Space)

This article sets forth permitted uses and prohibitions on the Lone Tree Hill Conservation Land. It provides the Police Department with the authority to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and if necessary issue tickets for violations.

The Bylaw Review Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 5: AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS FOR "CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS", § 60-905

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 60-905 of the General Bylaws to correct clerical errors as follows:

By striking §60-905 E (2) and replacing it with the following:

§ 60-905 E (2):

In determining whether to recommend the applicant as fit for the License, the officer shall consider whether any entry in the records constitutes an automatic disqualification from the occupation. The officer shall also consider how the following convictions or pending criminal cases bear specifically upon the applicant's fitness or ability to serve in the occupation for which he or she is seeking a license:

(a) any felony,
(b) any offense related to unlawful sexual conduct,
(c) the distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance,
(d) any misdemeanor involving as an element the use or threatened use of force,
(e) any misdemeanor involving the unlawful taking or receipt of property, or attempts to do so, and
(f) any other relevant crime

In addition, the officer conducting the check shall consider whether the person is registered as a sex offender.

And, by striking § 60-905F (3) and replacing it with the following:

The Licensing Authority will consider the information provided pursuant to this Section and other information relevant to the applicant's fitness.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Police Chief and the Board of Selectmen)

This article seeks to correct clerical errors.

The Bylaw Review Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 6: CITIZENS' PETITION - DELETE GENERAL BYLAW § 60-800 I. "RESIDENTIAL SNOW REMOVAL"

To see if the Town will vote to strike from its General Bylaws Section 60-800 Subsection I, "Residential Snow Removal," and that the Bylaw Review Committee renumber Section 60-800 according to the requirements of the General Bylaws of the Town of Belmont, or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by Eric Anderson)

This article is submitted in the exact form as provided by the Citizens.

The Bylaw Review Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 7: CITIZENS' PETITION – NEW GENERAL BYLAWS REGARDING YARD SALES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 60 of the General Bylaws by adding a new Article 9 thereto as follows:

ARTICLE 9
Yard Sales, Garage Sales and Tag Sales

§ 60-905 Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to continue to allow private citizens, civic groups and neighborhood groups to conduct yard sales, garage sales and tag sales, so long as they are carried out in a manner that does not create violations of Town Bylaws and is respectful of neighbors. Neighboring residents' willingness to tolerate these sales cheerfully can be expected only if they take place infrequently.

§ 60-905 Application

A. Any person or group intending to hold a yard sale, garage sale or tag sale shall obtain a permit therefor from the Town Clerk. No more than three permits per calendar year may be issued for yard

sales, garage sales or tag sales at a single address. Copies of the issued permit shall be sent to the Police Department.

B. Any person or group holding a yard sale, garage sale or tag sale shall take appropriate steps to avoid traffic congestion and unsafe parking conditions, unreasonable noise or other neighborhood nuisance.

C. A single yard sale, garage sale or tag sale may be held over the course of a Saturday and Sunday in a single weekend. Sale hours shall not commence before 8:30 am and shall end by 5:30 pm. All unsold items or objects from the sale shall be stored out of public view by 6:00 pm.

D. All signs erected or posted in connection with a yard sale, garage sale or tag sale shall be promptly removed upon the completion of the sale.

E. If it is substantiated that a person or group is holding a yard sale, garage sale or tag sale without a permit issued pursuant to this Section, the Belmont Police shall be authorized to order the sale to be shut down immediately. Thereafter, any person or group attempting to reestablish the sale at the same address during the calendar year without a permit shall be subject to a fine of $300 for each violation.

F. The Belmont Police are authorized to enforce this Section by issuing non-criminal citations as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D. The penalty for any violation of this Section shall be $50 for each offense.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by Stephen Ganak)

This article is submitted in the exact form as provided by the Citizens.

The Bylaw Review Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 8: AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS FOR "ANIMALS", § 60-200

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 60, Article 2 of the General Bylaws Section 60-200 "Pets and Other Animals" and Section 60-205 "Kennels" and that the Bylaw Review Committee renumber according to the requirements of the General Bylaws of the Town of Belmont:

ARTICLE 2
Animals

§ 60-200. Pets and other animals.

A. Licensing of dogs and cats. No person shall own or keep a dog or cat, six months of age or older, within the Town unless a license for such dog or cat is obtained from the Town Clerk. The license period shall be from January 1 through December 31; provided, however, that all applications for license renewals shall be submitted by March 15 of each year, or the licensee may be subject to late fees. Non-refundable license and late fees shall be established from time to time by the Town Clerk, unless Town Meeting approval is required pursuant to MGL c. 140, § 139 or other applicable law. License fees for dogs and cats owned or kept by residents who are age 60 or older shall be at a discounted rate of at least 25% less than the established fee. All license fees shall be waived for dogs and cats that serve as service animals as defined by the

Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated thereunder. Not more than three dogs over three months of age shall be kept in any household without complying with the kennel licensing provisions set forth in § 60-205. All dogs and cats are required to wear their license tags at all times.

(1) No dog or cat six months of age or older shall be licensed unless a valid rabies vaccination certificate is presented to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing.

(2) No dog or cat six months of age or older shall be licensed unless there is presented to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing either:

(a) Proof that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered;

(b) A statement signed by a veterinarian stating why spaying or neutering has been delayed; or

(c) A statement signed by the owner or keeper of the dog or cat that a decision has been made not to spay or neuter the dog or cat.

(3) A special breeder's license shall be obtained for any dog or cat with respect to which a statement is presented that a decision has been made not to spay or neuter pursuant to § 60-200(A)(2)(c).

B. The owner of any dog or cat that is sold or given away, or whose custody is otherwise transferred, to any other resident of the Town shall obtain from the Town Clerk and furnish to such other resident a copy of this Section of the General Bylaws or a summary thereof.

C. No person who owns, keeps or controls a dog shall allow the dog to run free when not restricted to the premises of said person, except as permitted by the Board of Health. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, such dogs shall be leashed and curbed when off such premises.

D. Removal of feces.

(1) Each person who owns, keeps or controls a dog within the Town shall remove and dispose of any feces left by such dog on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area or on any private property that is not owned or lawfully occupied by such person.

(2) No person who owns, keeps or controls a dog within the Town shall permit such dog to be on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area unless such dog is accompanied by a person carrying a device that is suitable for picking up and containing feces, unexposed to such person and to the general public.

(3) For purposes of this Subsection, feces may be disposed of only at a place suitable and regularly reserved for the disposal of human feces or otherwise designated as appropriate by the Board of Health.

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Subsection shall not apply to a dog accompanying any person who, by reason of a handicap, is physically unable to comply with its requirements.

E. No person within the Town shall possess, maintain, propagate, cultivate or deal in wild or exotic animals within the meaning of MGL c. 131, § 23, unless notice thereof has been filed with the Board of Health and all permits required by said § 23 or otherwise have been obtained.

F. No person within the Town shall feed any wild animals, including, without limitation, ducks, geese and raccoons, or any homeless dogs or cats, except birds through freestanding bird feeders or bird feeders attached to a private residence. Persons feeding their own domestic animals shall do so only in a sheltered space inaccessible to wild or roaming animals. This Subsection shall not apply to the feeding of homeless dogs or cats if done in a sheltered place inaccessible to wild or roaming animals with the express purpose of befriending the dog or cat in order later to have it vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and ultimately adopted.

G. Nuisance or Dangerous Dogs or Other Animals.

(1) No person shall permit any dog, cat or other household pet that by biting, barking, howling, scratching or crying, or in any other manner, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood, destroys private property, endangers the safety of any person, or otherwise acts as a nuisance or dangerous dog as defined by MGL c. 140, § 136A.

(2) The Animal Control Officer, or any other Town officer tasked with the enforcement of this Section, shall respond to complaints and reports of a violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

(3) All bites by dogs, cats, other domestic animals or wild or exotic animals shall be reported to the Board of Health and the Animal Control Officer by the person bitten or by the owner or keeper of the animal, as soon as possible after the incident.

(4) Any person, including the Animal Control Officer, may make a complaint to the Board of Health, the Town's Hearing Authority pursuant to MGL c. 140, concerning a nuisance or a dangerous dog as defined by MGL c. 140, § 136A. Upon the receipt of such a complaint, the Board of Health shall conduct a public hearing to gather evidence and testimony with respect to the allegation made in the complaint. At the close of the public hearing and after deliberation, the Board of Health may dismiss the complaint, or deem the dog a nuisance or dangerous dog. If the Board of Health deems the dog a nuisance or a dangerous dog, it may order any of the remedies available to it under MGL c. 140, § 157.

H. The operator of a motor vehicle that strikes and injures or kills a dog or cat within the Town shall report such incident to the owner or keeper of such dog or cat or to a police officer of the Town.

I. Except as the Board of Health may otherwise permit, no dogs, except those dogs that serve as service animals as defined by regulations issued pursuant to the American with Disabilities, 28 CFR § 35.104, will be allowed in the following areas of the Town: all cemetery land, all public school playgrounds and athletic fields and all Recreation Department playgrounds and athletic fields. Nor may any dog be allowed inside food establishments, retail businesses or public buildings.

J. Violations of this Section shall be disposed of, in the discretion of the Board of Health, either in the manner provided in § 40-220E or, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 140, § 173A. For all violations of this Section other than violations of the licensing Subsections, a noncriminal citation will be issued on the following schedule: first offense, written warning; second offense, $25; third offense and each succeeding offense occurring within a twelve-month period, $50. Any violation of the licensing Subsections shall result in a fine of $50 per such violation and, for violations continuing 30 days past licensing deadlines, an additional fine of $100 per such violation. The fines specified in this Subsection shall be in lieu of the schedule of fines specified in MGL c. 140, § 173A.

§ 60-205. Kennels.

A. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

KENNEL — A pack or collection of dogs on a single property, including a commercial boarding or training kennel, commercial breeder kennel, domestic charitable corporation kennel, personal kennel, or veterinary kennel, as defined in MGL c. 140, § 136A .

KENNEL INSPECTOR — The Town's Animal Control Officer, the Police Chief, or such other qualified party as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

KENNEL LICENSE — An annual license permitting a Kennel to operate within the Town, issued to a Kennel that has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of this Section.

LICENSE PERIOD — The time between January 1 and the following December 31, both dates inclusive.

B. Licenses; Fees; Requirements; Violations.

(1) No person shall operate a Kennel within the Town without first obtaining a Kennel License from the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Possession of a Kennel License shall not demonstrate compliance with any other provision of the Bylaws of the Town of Belmont.

(2) The Town Clerk shall determine the amount of the non-refundable fee for a Kennel License for each License Period. The Town Clerk may charge an increased fee for applications for Kennel License renewals received after March 15 for that License Period.

(3) The location and operation of any Kennel shall be appropriate for housing the number of dogs allowable under the terms of its Kennel License and may not be detrimental to the health and safety of dogs or persons.

(4) All Kennels shall be operated in a safe, sanitary, and humane condition, as provided in MGL c. 140, § 137C.

(5) No Kennel may keep more than 25 dogs on the premises at any time. Dogs that are on the premises for grooming, but not for overnight boarding, or, for medical or surgical treatment or observation, shall not be counted in this number.

(6) No Kennel may contract with security dog firms or other businesses to board protection or security dogs, or dogs in training to be protection or security dogs on the premises. A security dog kept on the premises for the Kennel's own security purposes is permitted.

(7) Kennel operations, including the exercising of dogs, shall be in an indoor enclosed area, except that individual dogs may be exercised one at a time in a prescribed outdoor area.

(8) Every Kennel shall at all times keep and maintain accurate records of the number and identities of all dogs kept on the premises, and the identities of persons who have purchased dogs from the Kennel.

(9) In addition to the requirements of this Section, the provisions of § 60-200C and Article 6 of this Chapter shall apply to all Kennels.

(10) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, any violation of this Section shall result in a fine of $50 per such violation and, for violations continuing 30 days past licensing deadlines, an additional fine of $100 per such violation. A person maintaining a Kennel after the Kennel License therefor has been revoked, or while such Kennel License is suspended, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $250. Violations shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 140, § 173A.

C. Application Process; License Issuance; Renewals.

(1) Any person or entity seeking a Kennel License or renewal or reinstatement thereof shall complete and submit to the Town Clerk a Kennel License application, in a form prescribed by the Town Clerk. The application shall include a statement that the applicant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the provisions of this Section and agrees to comply with all applicable provisions.

(2) Upon receipt of a completed application, the Town Clerk shall so notify the Kennel Inspector who shall forthwith conduct an inspection of the applicant's Kennel as provided in Subsection (D). The Town Clerk shall also give notice of the application to direct abutters to the proposed Kennel location and provide such abutters 14 days to submit written comments on the application.

(3) The Town Clerk shall review the completed application, all comments received within 14 days of the notice to abutter given pursuant to Paragraph (2), and the Kennel Inspector's report. The Town Clerk shall determine whether the proposed Kennel is in compliance with the requirements of this Section and MGL s. 140, §§ 137C and 137D and, if so, shall issue a Kennel License to the applicant. If the Town Clerk finds that the proposed Kennel is not in compliance with such requirements, the Town Clerk shall deny the application and state the reasons for such denial.

(4) Any application for renewal of a Kennel License shall be submitted to the Town Clerk on or before March 15 for that License Period.

D. Inspections. The Kennel Inspector, the Police Chief, the Board of Selectmen, or the Town's Animal Control Officer may at any time inspect a Kennel or cause the inspection of a Kennel to ascertain whether the Kennel complies with the requirements of this Section and applicable state statutes.

E. Suspension or Revocation of Kennel License; Reinspections.

(1) If the Town Clerk denies a Kennel License application or renewal application, the applicant or Kennel License holder may request a reinspection of the proposed Kennel after reasonably demonstrating to the Kennel Inspector that the proposed Kennel has been brought into compliance with the requirements of this Section and applicable state statutes. The Kennel Inspector shall thereafter, as soon as is practicable, reinspect the proposed Kennel and make a report to the Town Clerk, who shall, within a reasonable time, review the application in accordance with Subsection (C). The Town Clerk may set fees for reinspections performed pursuant to this Paragraph.

(2) If the Kennel Inspector, Police Chief, Board of Selectmen, or the Town's Animal Control Officer inspects or causes to be inspected a Kennel and, in the judgment of the person or entity that performed the inspection, the Kennel operator is not maintaining the Kennel in compliance with this Section and applicable state statutes, then the Kennel Inspector, Police Chief, Board of Selectmen, or the Town's Animal Control Officer shall, by order, revoke or suspend the Kennel License, in accordance with MGL c. 140, § 137C.

(3) If a Kennel License is suspended, the Kennel License holder may apply for reinstatement by requesting a reinspection of the Kennel after reasonably demonstrating to the Kennel Inspector that the Kennel has been brought into compliance with this Section and applicable state statutes, and that the License Holder has satisfied the terms of the suspension order. The Kennel Inspector shall thereafter, as soon as is practicable, reinspect the Kennel and make a report to the Town Clerk who shall, within a reasonable time, review the application in accordance with Subsection (C). The Town Clerk may set fees for reinspections performed pursuant to this Paragraph.

(4) If a Kennel License is revoked, the Kennel License holder may apply for a new Kennel License in accordance with Subsection C. The Town Clerk may set fees for reinspections performed pursuant to this Paragraph.

F. Petitions to Declare a Kennel a Nuisance. Any group of 25 citizens may file a petition with the Board of Selectmen setting forth that they are aggrieved, or annoyed to an unreasonable extent, by one or more dogs maintained in the Town due to excessive barking or other conditions connected with a Kennel constituting a nuisance, as provided in MGL c. 140, § 137C. The Board of Selectmen shall request that the Kennel Inspector investigate and provide a report for the parties' review prior to the public hearing provided in MGL c. 140, § 137C.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Board of Health)

This article seeks to bring the Town's kennel regulations into compliance with state law. It addresses licensing of dogs and cats, removal of feces, nuisance or dangerous dogs or other animals, and establishes processes for handling of same.

The Bylaw Review Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 9: ALLOW KENNELS BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Definitions and Abbreviations, by inserting after the definition for 'Height, Building', the following definitions for 'Kennel' and for five (5) types of Kennels, 'Commercial Boarding or Training', 'Commercial Breeder', 'Domestic Charitable Corporation', and 'Personal', as follows:

Section 1.4, Definitions and Abbreviations

Height, Building - The vertical distance from the grade to:

- the highest point of the roof or parapet for flat or shed roofs;

- the midpoint between the lowest and highest points of the roof for gable, hip and gambrel roofs (upper roof pitch 4" per foot or greater); or

- the point of change in roof slope for mansard roofs (upper roof pitch under 4" per foot).

Kennel - A pack or collection of dogs on a single premise, including a commercial boarding or training kennel, commercial breeder kennel, domestic charitable corporation kennel, personal kennel or veterinary kennel.

Kennel, Commercial Boarding or Training - An establishment used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of animals that are not the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such animal; provided, however, that "commercial boarding or training kennel" shall not include an animal shelter or animal control facility, a pet shop licensed under Section 39A of Chapter 129, a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming and not for overnight boarding or an individual who temporarily, and not in the normal course of business, boards or cares for animals owned by others.

Kennel, Commercial Breeder – An establishment, other than a personal kennel, engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration.

Kennel, Domestic Charitable Corporation – A facility operated, owned or maintained by a domestic charitable corporation registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources or an animal welfare society or other nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals, including a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a licensed veterinarian, which operates consistent with such purposes while providing veterinary treatment and care.

Kennel, Personal – A pack or collection of more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, owned or kept under single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit.

Kennel, Veterinary – A veterinary hospital or clinic that boards dogs for reasons in addition to medical treatment or care; provided, however, that "veterinary kennel" shall not include a hospital or clinic used solely to house dogs that have undergone veterinary treatment or observation or will do so only for the period of time necessary to accomplish that veterinary care.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.3 of the Zoning By-Law, Schedule of Use Regulations, in the 'Business' category, by inserting the new uses 'Kennels' and the four sub types of Kennels after the use 'Solar Energy System' and in the 'Accessory Uses' category insert the new use 'Personal Kennel' after the use 'Commercial provision for the care and recreation of dogs…' as follows:

3.3 Schedule of Use Regulations

USES	DISTRICTS							
	SR-A,B,C,D	GR	AH	LB I	LB II	LB III	GB	PL
Solar Energy System	N	N	N	SP	SP	SP	SP	N
Kennels (Commercial or Nonprofit):								
➢ Day Care - the provision of day time services for the care of animals that does not include overnight boarding.	N	N	N	N	SP	SP	SP	N
➢ Boarding	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	N
➢ Commercial Breeder	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
➢ Veterinary	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Commercial provision for the care and recreation of dogs … and minimize its impacts.	SP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Personal Kennel	SP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

This article was brought to the attention of the Planning Board by Town Counsel who was helping to draft the Animal Control General Bylaw. He argued that this would be an appropriate time to address the zoning associated with regulating kennels.

The Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 10: CHANGE HOME OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.4.2 of the Zoning By-Law, Home Occupations, by deleting the word 'three' in subsection i) and replacing it with the word 'four', as follows:

3.4.2 Home Occupations

i) A Certificate of Occupancy is required prior to establishing a home occupation, or re-establishing one following termination, and shall be issued for a period of no greater than ~~three~~ four years, to be extended only following determination by the Building Inspector that the use continues to comply with the Zoning By-Law.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

This article was requested by the Town Clerk in order to coordinate the expiration of Business Certificates and Home Occupation Certificates.

The Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 11: ALLOW SHARED DRIVEWAYS BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Definitions and Abbreviations, by inserting after the definition for 'Development' a new definition for 'Driveway, Shared', as follows:

Section 1.4, Definitions and Abbreviations

Development – Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or drilling operations.

Driveway, Shared – A driveway shared by adjacent property owners and privately owned and maintained.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.3 of the Zoning By-Law, Schedule of Use Regulations, in the 'Accessory Uses' category insert the new use 'Shared Driveway' after the use 'Solar Energy System', as follows:

3.3 Schedule of Use Regulations

USES	DISTRICTS							
	SR-A,B,C,D	GR	AH	LB I	LB II	LB III	GB	PL
Solar Energy System (See §4.3.8)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shared Driveway (See §5.1.3)	SP	SP	SP	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.1.3 of the Zoning By-Law, Parking and Loading Area Location and Design, by inserting a new subsection 'k) Shared Driveway', as follows:

k) Shared Driveway. In accordance with Section 7.4, and the objectives, findings and determinations, and conditions for approval set forth below, the Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA), may grant a Special Permit to allow a driveway on one lot to lead to a parking space on another lot, or to allow a driveway to straddle the lot line and provide access from one lot to a principal use on an adjoining lot on not more than two lots, when both lots are in a residential district(s) provided an easement is executed and is filed in the Registry of Deeds of Middlesex County. Where the Shared Driveway is located in a Cluster Development, pursuant to Section 6.5, for which a Special Permit with Site Plan Review is required, an additional Special Permit under this Section shall not be required.

1. Objectives

Any use of land involving the arrival, departure, or storage of motor vehicles shall be designed and operated to:

a. Promote traffic safety by assuring adequate places for storing of motor vehicles off the street, and for their orderly access and egress to and from the public street;

b. Increase the traffic-carrying capacity of streets and highways in the Town and obtain a more efficient utilization of on-street curbside parking;

c. Reduce hazards to pedestrians upon public sidewalks;

d. Protect adjoining lots and the general public from nuisances and hazards such as:

   i) Noise, glare of headlights, dust and fumes resulting from the operation of motor vehicles;

   ii) A lack of visual relief from expanses of paving; and,

   iii) Accelerated runoff of surface water from land covered by impervious materials;

e. Maintain the character of the neighborhood and/or streetscape; and,

f. Preserve historic walls, structures, and/or significant trees.

2. Findings and Determinations

Prior to granting a Special Permit, the SPGA shall make a finding and determination that the proposed Shared Driveway:

a. Complies with the Special Permit criteria set forth in Section 7.4.3;

b. Is consistent with the general purposes of this By-Law and its objectives;

c. Is designed in a manner that is compatible with the existing natural features of the site and is compatible with the characteristics of the surrounding area;

d. Does not result in the removal of mature trees or, where such trees are proposed to be removed, that the removal is mitigated through replanting or other means;

e. Will not result in conditions that unnecessarily add to traffic congestion or the potential for traffic accidents on the site or in the surrounding area;

f. Will not constitute a demonstrable adverse impact on the surrounding area resulting from:

   i) Excessive noise, level of illumination, glare, dust, smoke, or vibration which is higher than levels now experienced from uses permitted in the surrounding area;

   ii) Emission or discharge of noxious or hazardous materials or substances; or

   iii) Pollution of waterways or groundwater; and,

g. Will be maintained through a maintenance agreement mutually accepted by the subject property owners.

3. Conditions for Approval

The SPGA may impose conditions and limitations on the Special Permit for the Shared Driveway as it deems necessary to ensure that the findings and determinations that it must make under Section k) 2 above are complied with, including but not limited to:

a. Screening or landscaping from view from adjoining lots or from a street, by planting, walls, fences or other devices;

b. Regulating the number, design and location of access drives or other traffic features;

c. Requiring a greater number of off-street parking spaces, and with greater setbacks, landscaping and screening than the minimum standards set forth in Section 5.3; and

d. Such other limitation as may be reasonably related to reducing any adverse impact on, or increasing the compatibility of the Shared Driveway with the surrounding area.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

This article was requested by the Director of Community Development. It will allow the Planning Board to grant Special Permits in certain circumstances provided that the driveway meets requirements within the By-Law.

The Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 12: CREATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA OVERLAY DISTRICT

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Definitions and Abbreviations, by inserting after the definition for 'Premises' a new definition for 'Registered Marijuana Dispensary', as follows:

Section 1.4, Definitions and Abbreviations

Premises – A lot together with all structures, buildings, and uses thereon and including any water bodies and watercourses or parts thereof.

Registered Marijuana Dispensary (or "RMD") - also known as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, means a not-for-profit entity properly registered with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health under 105 CMR 725.100, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.3 of the Zoning By-Law, Schedule of Use Regulations, by inserting the new use 'Registered Marijuana Dispensary' after 'Solar Energy System', as follows:

3.3 Schedule of Use Regulations

USES	DISTRICTS							
	SR-A,B,C,D	GR	AH	LB I	LB II	LB III	GB	PL
Solar Energy System	N	N	N	SP	SP	SP	SP	N
Registered Marijuana Dispensary (See § 6E)	N	N	N	N	SP	N	SP	N

3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting a new Section 6E, 'Medical Marijuana Overlay District', after a proposed new Section 6D, 'Single and Two Family Dwellings in the General Residence Zoning Districts', as follows:

Section 6E Medical Marijuana Overlay District

6E.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Medical Marijuana Overlay District (MMOD) is to provide for the placement of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (RMD), as they are authorized pursuant to state regulations set forth at 105 CMR 725.000, Implementation of an Act for the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana, in locations suitable for lawful medical marijuana facilities and to minimize adverse impacts of RMDs on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools, playgrounds and other locations where minors congregate by regulating the siting, design, placement, security, and removal of RMDs.

6E.2 Authority and Establishment

The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for a Registered Marijuana Dispensary.

The boundaries of the MMOD are shown on the Zoning Map on file with the Town Clerk and include the underlying Local Business II and General Business Districts. Within the MMOD, all requirements of the underlying districts remain in effect, except where these regulations provide an alternative to such requirements. Land within the MMOD may be used either for a RMD, in which case the requirements set forth in this Section shall apply or a use allowed in the underlying district, in which case the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MMOD are silent on a zoning regulation, the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MMOD conflict with the requirements of the underlying district, the requirements of the MMOD shall control.

Besides the zoning districts listed above, RMDs shall be allowed, subject to the provisions of this Section 6E, within the Belmont Uplands District. RMDs shall not be allowed within the McLean or the Cushing Square Overlay Districts.

6E.3 Use Regulations

a. The building or buildings in which the RMD activities take place shall not be located within, on the same lot as, or on a lot immediately adjacent to a licensed pharmacy or within buildings that contain any pharmacy, medical doctor offices or the offices of any other professional practitioner authorized

to prescribe the use of medical marijuana, which exist as of the effective date of this amendment to the Zoning By-Law.

b. The RMD shall establish policies and procedures to ensure that no marijuana is smoked, eaten or otherwise consumed or ingested on the Premises.

c. The hours of operation shall be set by the Planning Board, but in no event shall a RMD be open to the public, nor shall any sale or other distribution of marijuana occur upon the Premises or via delivery from the Premises, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

6E.4 Physical and Locational Requirements

a. All aspects of the RMD must take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building (including, but not limited to, loading, refuse and service areas), or in the case of cultivation within a locked, limited access area in compliance with CMR 725.15(B)(1)(c), and shall not be visible from the ground outside the enclosure. Outside storage of marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all areas, in which the sales of marijuana products take place, must be visible through appropriate windows from public places.

b. All buildings housing RMDs shall be ventilated in such a manner that:

   i. Pesticides, insecticides or other chemicals or products used in the cultivation or processing shall not be dispersed into the outside atmosphere; and,
   ii. Odor from marijuana or its processing shall not be detected at the exterior of the RMD building or at any adjoining use or property.

c. Signage determined to be sufficient by the Planning Board shall be displayed in plain sight of clients at the entrance of the RMD facility stating that 'Registration Card Issued by the MA Department of Public Health Required' in text two inches in height.

d. RMD facilities may not be located within 300 feet of the following uses, but only if the uses exist as of the effective date of this amendment to the Zoning By-Law:

   1. A dwelling unit;
   2. School, including a public or private elementary or secondary school, or child care facility;
   3. Playground, public park, athletic field, or building used for athletic activities and events; or,
   4. Library, public swimming pool or similar facility in which minors congregate.

e. The distance under this Section is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the lot line of the protected uses identified in Section 6E.4 d. to the nearest point of the building in which the RMD is located.

6E.5 Application

In addition to the materials required under Section 7.4.4 of the Zoning By-Law, the application for a Special Permit RMD shall include:

   a. Disclosure Statement - A notarized statement signed by the organization's Chief Executive Officer and corporate attorney disclosing all of its designated representatives, including officers and directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than

persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of all such responsible individual persons for such entity;

b. Description of Activities - A narrative describing the type and scale of all activities that will take place on the proposed site, including, but not limited to cultivating and processing of marijuana or marijuana infused products, on-site sales, off-site deliveries, distribution of educational materials, and other programs or activities;

c. Floor Plans - a floor plan of the premises of the proposed RMD that identifies the square footage available and describes the functional areas of the RMD, including areas for any preparation of marijuana-infused products;

d. Site Plans – A plan or plans depicting all proposed development on the property, including the dimensions of the building, the layout of parking, the location of pedestrian and vehicular points of access and egress, the location and design of all loading, refuse and service facilities, the location, type and direction of all outdoor lighting on the site, and any landscape design;

e. Service Area - A map and narrative describing the area proposed to be served by the RMD and the anticipated number of clients that will be served within that area. This description shall indicate where any other RMD exists or have been proposed within the expected service area;

f. Transportation Analysis - a quantitative analysis, prepared by a qualified transportation specialist acceptable to the Planning Board, modeling the expected origin and frequency of client and employee trips to the site, the expected modes of transportation used by clients and employees, and the frequency and scale of deliveries to and from the site;

g. Context Map – a map depicting all lots and land uses within a 500 foot radius of the Premises, including but not limited to all of the protected uses identified in Section 6E.4 d. above;

h. Building Elevations and Signage – Architectural drawings of all exterior building facades and all proposed signage, specifying materials and colors to be used;

i. Registration Materials: Copies of registration materials issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the purpose of seeking registration, to confirm that all information provided to the Planning Board is consistent with the information provided to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

   1. Its registration as an RMD;
   2. Proposed waste disposal procedures; and,
   3. A description of any waivers from DPH regulations issued to the RMD; and,

j. Letters from the Police and Fire Departments indicating that they have reviewed the application materials and approve the safety and security measures of the RMD.

6E.6 Special Permit Criteria

In granting a Special Permit for a RMD, in addition to the general criteria for issuance of a Special Permit as set forth in Section 7.4.3 of this Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board shall find that the following criteria are met:

1. The RMD is located to serve an area that currently does not have reasonable access to medical marijuana, or if it is proposed to serve an area that is already served by other RMD, it has been

established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health that supplemental service is needed.

2. The RMD meets all of the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations.

3. The Premises have been designed to be compatible with other buildings in the area and to mitigate any adverse visual or economic impacts that might result from required security measures and restrictions on visibility into the building's interior.

4. The RMD provides a secure indoor waiting area for individuals and clients.

5. The site is designed such that it provides convenient, safe and secure access and egress for clients and employees arriving to and leaving from the site using all modes of transportation, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation users.

6. Traffic generated by client trips, employee trips, deliveries to and from the RMD, and parking and queuing especially during peak periods at the RMD, shall not create a substantial adverse impact on nearby residential uses.

6E.7 Special Permit Conditions

The Planning Board shall impose conditions reasonably appropriate to improve site design, traffic flow, public safety, air quality, and preserve the character of the surrounding area and otherwise serve the purpose of this Section. In addition to any specific conditions applicable to the Applicant's RMD, the Planning Board shall include the following conditions in any Special Permit granted under this Section:

a. Hours of Operation, including dispatch of home deliveries.

b. The Special Permit shall lapse within five years of its issuance. If the permit holder wishes to renew the Special Permit, an application to renew the Special Permit must be submitted at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the Special Permit.

c. The Special Permit shall be limited to the current Applicant and shall lapse if the permit holder ceases operating the RMD.

d. The Special Permit shall lapse upon the expiration or termination of the Applicant's registration by DPH.

e. The permit holder shall provide to the Inspector of Buildings, Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments, and the Board of Health, the name, telephone number and electronic mail address of a contact person in the event that such person needs to be contacted after regular business hours to address an urgent issue. Such contact information shall be kept updated by the permit holder.

f. The designated contact person(s) shall notify in writing the Police and Fire Departments, Inspector of Buildings, Board of Health, and the Planning Board within a minimum twelve (12) hours following a violation, a potential violation, or any attempts to violate any applicable law, or any criminal, potential criminal, or attempted criminal activities as a RMD permitted under this Section.

g. The designated representatives shall file an annual report (annually from the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy) with the Office of Community Development providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the RMD and to demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

6E.8 Exemption from RMD Special Permit Requirement

RMDs that demonstrate that they are protected pursuant to the agricultural exemption under G.L. c.40A §3 are not required to obtain a Special Permit, but shall apply for Site Plan Approval pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Zoning By-Law.

6E.9 Severability

If any provision of this Section shall be found invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall be construed as narrowly as possible, and the balance of the Section shall be deemed to be amended to the minimum extent necessary, so as to secure the purposes thereof, as set forth in Section 6E.1.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

In the fall of 2012, Massachusetts voters legalized the sale of marijuana for medical use only. In response, the Town adopted a one year moratorium (expires June 30, 2014) in order for the Department of Public Health to promulgate regulations for licensing of dispensaries. This article seeks to regulate the placement of dispensaries and to mitigate their impacts.

The Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No___**

ARTICLE 13: REQUIRE 'AS-BUILT' PLAN SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.1 of the Zoning By-Law, General Requirements, by inserting a new paragraph after the existing paragraph that will require submission and approval of an 'as built' plan to verify that any new building comply with the dimensional regulations contained in Section 4.2 as follows:

4.1 General Requirements

The erection, extension, alteration, or moving of a structure, and the creation or change in size or shape of a lot shall be permitted only in compliance with the intensity and dimensional requirements set forth herein, except as provided at Section 1.5, Non-Conforming Uses and Structures, and in Section 6, Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Law, and except for lot line changes which create neither additional lots nor increase in nonconformity.

<u>In order to verify that any new construction requiring a plot plan at the time of building permit application complies with the intensity and dimensional requirements set forth herein and any conditions imposed by the SPGA, an 'as-built' plan shall be required. This plan, paid for by the property owner, prepared and stamped by a professional engineer (P.E.), architect or Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) shall be submitted to the Office of Community Development and approved by the Inspector of Buildings prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for that building.</u>

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

This article seeks to insure that all new construction complies with the Zoning By-Laws.

The Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 14: ADDRESS CITIZENS' PETITION FROM 2013 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Definitions and Abbreviations, by inserting after the definition for 'Dwelling' new definitions for 'Dwelling, Single-Family' and 'Dwelling, Two-Family', as follows:

Section 1.4, Definitions and Abbreviations

Dwelling – A building containing one or more dwelling units separated by side yards from any other structure or structures except accessory buildings.

Dwelling, Single-Family – A single residential building designed for occupancy by one family.

Dwelling, Two-Family – A single residential building designed for occupancy by two families:

- **Traditional, Two-Family** (Horizontal Style) –
  - Each unit is completely separated by a common horizontal element (i.e., interior floor-ceiling assembly), and
  - At least 75% of one dwelling unit must be directly above or below the other, or
- **Duplex** (Vertical Style) –
  - A structure containing two dwelling units that share a common vertical wall and roof, and
  - Each unit has direct access to the outside.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Definitions and Abbreviations, by inserting after the definition for 'Swimming Pool' a new definition for 'Townhouse', as follows:

Section 1.4, Definitions and Abbreviations

Swimming Pool – An artificial receptacle capable of containing a body of water, whether in or above ground, or created by artificial means from a natural watercourse, and all appurtenances, equipment, appliances and other facilities for its operation, maintenance or use, used or intended to be used by the owner or tenant thereof and his/her family and by friends invited to use it without payment of any fee, but not including portable or other pools incapable of containing a depth of water exceeding 24 inches at any point.

Townhouse – A one-family dwelling unit, with a private entrance, which is part of a residential structure containing three or more dwelling units that are attached horizontally in a linear arrangement, and having two or three totally exposed walls, depending on the number of units in structure, to be used for access, light, and ventilation.

3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.5.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Nonconforming Single and Two-Family Residential Structures, by inserting a new paragraph at the beginning of the Section as follows:

1.5.4 Nonconforming Single and Two-Family Residential Structures

In the General Residence Zoning District, as provided in M.G.L. c.40A, §6, pre-existing nonconforming structures may be extended or altered with a Special Permit by the Planning Board, provided that no such extension or alteration shall be permitted unless there is a finding by the Planning Board that such extension or alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming structure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, dormers that comply with Section 4.2.2, Linear Requirements, shall be allowed without review by the Planning Board. On lots that do not comply with the minimum area requirements of this Zoning By-Law (including the minimum lot area per dwelling unit), pre-existing nonconforming single and two-family structures may not be voluntarily demolished and reconstructed except in accordance with a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board under Section 6D of this Zoning By-Law.

In all other districts, nonconforming single and two-family residential structures may be reconstructed, extended, altered, or structurally changed upon a determination by the Building Commissioner that such proposed reconstruction, extension, alteration, or structural change does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure. The Building Commissioner may issue a Building Permit under the following circumstances:

4. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.3 of the Zoning By-Law, Schedule of Use Regulations, by inserting '(see §6D)', a reference to Section 6D, after the use 'Detached single-family dwelling' and 'Two-family dwelling' and by changing the 'Y' to 'SP' for 'Two-family dwelling' in the GR Districts and as follows:

3.3 Schedule of Use Regulations

USES	DISTRICTS							
	SR-A,B,C,D	GR	AH	LB I	LB II	LB III	GB	PL
Detached single-family dwelling (see §6D)	Y	Y	N	SP	SP	SP	N	N
Two-family dwelling (see §6D)	N	SP	Y	SP	SP	SP	N	N

5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by deleting Section 4.2, Schedule of Dimensional Regulations, in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 4.2, Schedule of Dimensional Regulations, as follows:

4.2 Schedule of Dimensional Regulations

4.2.1 Area Requirements

	MINIMUM LOT AREA	MINIMUM LOT FRONTAGE	MINIMUM LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO	MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE	MINIMUM OPEN SPACE
DISTRICTS	**SQ. FT.**	**FEET**	**SQ. FT./D.U.**		**% OF LOT**	**% OF LOT**
SR-A	25,000	125	--	--	20%	50%
SR-B	12,000	90	--	--	25%	50%
SR-C	9,000	75	--	--	25%	50%
SR-D	25,000	125	--	--	20%	50%
GR	5,000	50	3,500	--	30%	40%
AH	85,000	100	1,200	--	30%	40%
LB I	--	20	--	1.25	--	--
LB II	--	20	--	1.05	35%	--
LB III	--	20	--	1.05	35%	--
GB	--	20	--	--	--	--
PL	--	--	--	--	--	--

1) In the GR District, a minimum lot area of 7,000 square feet and a minimum lot frontage of 70 feet shall exist for a two-family dwelling.

2) In the GR District, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit to modify the minimum lot area per dwelling unit and/or the minimum lot frontage requirements, pursuant to Sections 6D and 7.4 of the Zoning By-Law, provided that the lot size and frontage of the lot on which the two-family dwelling will be constructed has a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet and a minimum lot frontage of 50 feet.

3) In an LBI District, a floor area ratio up to a maximum of 1.5 may be allowed by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals (see §4.4).

4.2.2 Linear Requirements for Residential Districts

	MINIMUM SETBACK DIMENSIONS FEET			MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT	
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS	**Front**	**Side**	**Rear**	**Feet**	**Stories**
SR-A and SR-D					
➢ Dwelling	30	15	40	36	2½
➢ Other	30	15	25	36	2½
SR-B and SR-C					
➢ Dwelling	25	10	30	36	2½
➢ Other	25	10	25	36	2½
GR					
➢ Dwelling	20	10	20	33	2½
➢ Other	20	10	12	33	2½
AH	30	30	30	60	--

A. Setbacks

1. Ornamental features, such as belt courses, chimneys, eaves, gutters, sills, pilasters, or lintels, may project up to two feet into the setback.

2. No building need be set back more than 30% of the depth of the lot in a Single Residence A or D District, 25% of the lot depth in a Single Residence B or C District, nor 20% of the lot depth in a General Residence District, nor more than the average of the setbacks of the buildings on the lots contiguous thereto on either side, a vacant lot, a lot occupied by a building set back more than the required minimum, or an intersecting street being counted as though occupied by a building set back at that minimum. However, in no case shall the setback be less than 10 feet in the General Residence District or 15 feet in Single Residence Districts.

3. Notwithstanding the front setback requirement listed in Section 4.2.2, the front setback for the GR District shall not exceed the average of the front setbacks of the buildings on the lots contiguous thereto on either side. A vacant lot, a lot occupied by a building set back more than the required minimum, or an intersecting street shall be counted as though occupied by a building set back at that minimum.

4. Heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electric generating, or other noise emitting equipment shall not be located within the front yard of the lot. The front yard for this provision is defined as the area between a line obtained by extending the front elevation of the dwelling to each of the sidelines of the lot and the front line of the lot.

5. Heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electric generating, or other noise emitting equipment shall not be located within the required side or rear setbacks and not visible from the street or from the adjacent properties.

6. On lots having depth of less than 100 feet, dwelling setback from the rear lot line shall equal not less than 40% of lot depth in the Single Residence A and D Districts, not less

than 30% of lot depth in Single Residence B and C Districts, and not less than 20% of lot depth in General Residence Districts; but in no event shall the rear setback equal less than 25 feet in Single Residence Districts or less than 16 feet in General Residence Districts.

7. In the SR Districts, the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit reducing the rear setback requirement of corner lots and other unusually configured lots to not less than the side requirement, taking into consideration the configuration of the lot, and the effect upon the neighboring property.

8. In the GR Districts, on lots having depth of greater than 100 feet, dwelling setback from the rear lot line shall equal 20% of the lot depth.

9. For structures other than dwellings, on lots having depth of less than 100 feet, principal building setback from the rear lot line shall equal not less than 25% of lot depth in Single Residence Districts or 15% of lot depth in General Residence Districts. For accessory buildings, see Section 4.3.5.

B. Height

1. Chimneys, towers and other projections not used for human occupation may exceed the height limitations herein provided that, except for single vertical freestanding tubular antennae; any such projection above the building exceeding 10 feet or 20% of the building height, whichever is greater, shall be allowed by Special Permit only.

2. In the SR Districts, greater height is permitted provided the building setback from each street and lot line exceeds otherwise applicable requirements by 10 feet plus one foot for each foot of excess height, but in no case shall building height exceed 60 feet or 4 stories in height.

4.2.3 Linear Requirements for Commercial Districts

	MINIMUM SETBACK DIMENSIONS FEET			**MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT**	
COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS	**Front**	**Side**	**Rear**	**Feet**	**Stories**
LB I	5	6 or None	6 or none	28	2
LB II	10	0	20	32	2
LB III	10	0	20	28	2
GB	5	6 or None	6 or none	36	--
PL	--	--	--	--	--

A. Setbacks

1. Ornamental features, such as belt courses, chimneys, eaves, gutters, sills, pilasters, or lintels, may project up to two feet into the setback.

2. In the LB III Districts, for structures originally built as residences and not adjacent to Residential District, the lesser of the side setback existing as of May 5, 2003, or 10 feet.

3. Adjacent to Residential District, the side and/or rear setback shall be no less than building height or 20 feet, whichever is greater.

B. Height

1. Chimneys, towers and other projections not used for human occupation may exceed the height limitations herein provided that, except for single vertical freestanding tubular antennae; any such projection above the building exceeding 10 feet or 20% of the building height, whichever is greater, shall be allowed by Special Permit only.

2. No more than two stories wholly or partially above grade.

3. In LBI Districts, a maximum building height of up to 32 feet and 3 stories may be allowed by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals, as provided in Section 4.4.

6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.3.4 of the Zoning By-Law, Exception for Recorded Lots, by deleting the third paragraph and associated criteria, so that the Section reads as follows:

4.3.4 Exception for Recorded Lots

As provided in Section 6 of Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Law, any increase in the area, frontage, width, or setback requirements of this By-Law shall not apply to a lot to be used for single- and two-family dwellings if at the time of its recording the lot was:

1) Not held in common ownership with any adjoining land,

2) Conformed to then existing requirements, and

3) Had less than the proposed requirement but at least 5,000 square feet of area and 50 feet of frontage.

~~Applicants seeking this exemption shall document to the Building Inspector the lot's eligibility for it, through copies of recorded deeds for that and adjoining properties as of the date of adoption of the requirements not being complied with.~~

~~In addition, in the General Residence District, the separate use of contiguous nonconforming lots for erection of single-family or two-family~~

~~1) Conforming at the time any instrument on which it was shown was first recorded in the Registry of Deeds,~~

~~2) Contains at least 5,000 square feet of lot area and has 50 feet of frontage, and~~

~~3) Is consistent in size and shape with the prevailing pattern in the vicinity.~~

7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting a new Section 6D, Single and Two-Family Dwellings in the General Residence Zoning Districts, after Section 6C, The Oakley Neighborhood Smart Growth Overlay District, as follows:

Section 6D. Single and Two-family Dwellings in the General Residence Zoning Districts

6D.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to promote development of single and two-family dwellings that are compatible with the surrounding built environment.

6D.2 Time Limitation

The provisions of this Section shall expire on the earlier of either June 30, 2018, or until such future time that the Belmont Town Meeting enacts superseding regulations for the General Residence Zoning Districts.

6D.3 Use Regulation and Authority

Single and two-family dwellings in the General Residence Zoning Districts shall require Design and Site Plan Review from the Planning Board, pursuant to this Section and Section 7.3 of this Zoning By-Law.

The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for all single and two-family dwellings in the General Residence Zoning Districts that require a Special Permit.

6D.4 Performance Standards

a. Scale of Building. The building shall be sited and constructed in a manner that is consistent with the scale of other structures in the neighborhood through the use of appropriate massing, front setbacks, and other architectural techniques such as variation in detail, form and siting.

b. Design of Building. The building shall be designed consistent with the prevailing character of buildings in the neighborhood including the use of appropriate materials and other architectural techniques such as style, roof design and pitch, window design, and color. Front doors for each of the dwelling units shall be facing the street and not permitted to face into the side yards. The front door accessing the second unit shall be setback no greater than 25% of the setback of the unit closest to the street.

c. Height. The height of the building should be compatible with the style and character of the buildings in the surrounding neighborhood.

d. Proportions. The proportions and relationships of height to width between windows, doors, and other architectural elements should be compatible with the architectural style and character of the surroundings.

e. Building and Driveway Siting. The building and driveway shall be sited so as to work with the natural topography of the site. Re-grading should be kept to a minimum and shall be in keeping with the general appearance of the neighboring developed areas. The development shall be integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape and shall maximize retention of open space; and, minimize tree, vegetation and soil removal, blasting and grade changes. No more than one curb cut shall be allowed for lots with less than 70’ of frontage; except in situations

where the Applicant can demonstrate that the second curb cut is in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood.

f. Circulation. Walkways, drives and parking shall be safe and convenient and not detract from the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties, sidewalks, and Town streets.

g. Lighting. Exterior lighting shall be minimized and only as needed to accomplish safety and design objectives and shall be arranged so as to minimize the impact on neighboring properties.

h. Open Space (landscape). The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state by minimizing use of any grade changes and vegetation and soil removal. The open space shall be as extensive as is practicable and the landscape shall be designed so as to add to the visual amenities of the neighborhood for persons passing the site or overlooking it from nearby properties. Reasonable efforts shall be made to save significant trees and enhance the landscaping.

i. Relation of Structures and Spaces. The relation of a structure to the open space between it and adjoining structures should be compatible with such relations in the surrounding area.

j. Screening. Objectionable features shall be screened from abutting properties. Consideration shall be given to the need for vegetated buffers. The larger the house, the greater the buffer that will be required.

k. Drainage. The development shall comply with the Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw (General Bylaws Section 60-325). As such, measures shall be incorporated to prevent increased rates of runoff, minimize potential for flooding, and maximize groundwater recharge.

l. Street Trees. During construction, street trees shall be protected to insure their survival. The number and size of curb cuts shall be minimal to protect the roots of the trees. Construction vehicles and staging areas shall be kept away from the drip line of the trees. Where feasible, the addition of street trees is encouraged.

6D.5 Submission Requirements for Design and Site Plan Review

In addition to the documents required to be submitted pursuant to Section 7.3, each application for Design and Site Plan Review shall be accompanied by ten copies of the following:

1. Scale drawings showing proposed architectural elevations and sections,

2. A site plan showing property boundaries, existing and proposed grades, the location of all existing and proposed structures, driveways and driveway openings, existing and proposed lighting, existing and proposed landscape features both vegetative and structural.

3. Photographs or other readily available data concerning the location and size of structures on lots adjacent to or visible from the lot under consideration in order to provide a neighborhood context for the development under consideration.

The Planning Board may, in its discretion, waive any portions of the submission requirements or request additional information that directly relates to the purpose of this Section or to the Planning Board's evaluation of the applicable standards under Section 6D.4.

6D.6 Special Permit Standards

a. An application for a Special Permit under this Section shall comply with the procedures and requirements set forth in Section 7.4 of this Zoning By-Law.

b. Special Permit Standards

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.4.3, a Special Permit shall be issued if, upon submission of all required materials and documents and compliance with the procedures set forth in Section 7.4.4, the Planning Board finds that it is:

1) Generally in harmony with the neighborhood; and

2) Neither generates excessive traffic, parking, noise or density impacts on the abutters, or creates other detrimental effects on the neighborhood.

Such Special Permit shall be subject to any limitations imposed pursuant to Sections 6D.7 and 7.4.5.

c. Factors to Consider in Special Permit Decision

In making any Special Permit decision pursuant to this Section, the Planning Board shall consider, in addition to those set forth in Section 7.4, the following:

1. Scale and design of the structure;

2. The siting of the structure and driveway;

3. Walkway, driveway and parking circulation;

4. Exterior lighting;

5. Open Space and screening; and,

6. Drainage.

6D.7 Conditions of Approval

In granting a Special Permit under this Section, the Planning Board may impose such other conditions, safeguards and limitations on time or use that it determines to be appropriate to assure compliance with the applicable criteria set forth in this Section including, but not limited to conditions:

a. Specifying the required number of on-site parking spaces and their location;

b. Requiring installation of additional landscaping; and,

c. Requiring a performance guarantee to insure preservation of street trees.

6D.8 Severability, Conflict with Other By-Laws

1) To the extent that a conflict exists between this By-Law and other By-Laws of the Town of Belmont, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.

2) If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this By-Law invalid, the remainder of the By-Law shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections, or parts of any section or sections, of this By-Law shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or parts of sections or the other By-Laws of the Town of Belmont.

or in any way act thereon.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

This article seeks to address the Citizens Petitioned Moratorium adopted by the 2013 Special Town Meeting. The purpose of this amendment is to promote new development that is compatible with the surrounding built development.

The Planning Board will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 15: FY15 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET & PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY15 Community Preservation budget and, pursuant to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, or to reserve amounts in the Community Preservation Fund for future appropriations, for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY15; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space - including land for recreational use; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or in any way act thereon.

PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED:

Amount	Project Name	Category	Funding Sources
$ 8,700	JV Field Irrigation Upgrade	Recreation	Open Space/Recreation
$165,000	Electrical Upgrade	Community Housing	Community Housing
$ 66,524	Daniel Butler School Playground Project (Phase II)	Recreation	Open Space/Recreation
$100,000	Winn Brook Field Renovation	Recreation	Open Space/Recreation
$375,000	First Time Homebuyer Assistance	Community Housing	Community Housing
$ 12,000	Belmont Community Moving Image Archive	Historic Resources	Historic Resources

This article is a standard article that appropriates funds to support the operations of the Town's Community Preservation Committee and its approved projects. The Community Preservation Fund receives revenues from a 1.5% property tax surcharge to fund the program. The state provides limited matching grant funds to the Town based on the surcharge collections. The above table includes proposed project appropriations only; appropriations to the reserves for future appropriations, and for administrative expenses, will also be offered by the Community Preservation Committee.

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

The Warrant Committee, Community Preservation Committee, and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on the article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 16: FY15 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET & PROJECTS - UNDERWOOD POOL

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, including land for recreational use, as indicated below; or in any way act thereon.

Amount	Project Name	Category	Funding Sources
$2,000,000	Underwood Pool	Recreation	Open Space/Recreation

This article is to implement the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, as presented under Article 15, with regard to the partial funding of the Underwood Pool project from Community Preservation Act funds.

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

The Warrant Committee, Community Preservation Committee, and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on the article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 17: UNDERWOOD POOL PROJECT APPROPRIATION BY BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to allow the Town of Belmont to borrow a portion of funds for the purpose of Design, Demolition and Reconstruction of the Underwood Pool facility on Cottage Street NOT paid from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds; said sum to be raised by borrowing in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or in any way act thereon.

This article will provide for a portion of the financing, in addition to the CPA funding, for the construction of the new Underwood Pool. The voters approved the exclusion of the principal and interest on any such borrowing from the levy limit (a "Proposition 2½ debt exclusion") at the annual town election on April, 2014.

The Warrant Committee and the Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 18: SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of each and all the elected officers of the Town, appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, determine how the same shall be raised, or in any way act thereon.

Elected Officials of the Town	Salary	
Town Moderator	$200	
Chair of the Board of Selectmen	$5,000	
Selectmen (2)	$4,500	(each)
Town Clerk	$82,971	
Town Treasurer	$94,602	
Chair of the Board of Assessors	$3,030	
Assessors (2)	$2,200	(each)

This article fulfills the state law requiring Town Meeting to set the compensation levels and to appropriate the funds necessary for FY15. Please note that Town Meeting establishes and appropriates the compensation of other municipal employees under Article 20.

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No _____**

ARTICLE 19: ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR WATER AND SEWER AND STORMWATER SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the accounts classified as an "Enterprise Fund", pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the General Laws for water service, and for sewer and stormwater service; or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article to appropriate funds to support the operations of the Town's water and sewer functions from enterprise funds that receive revenues from user fees. Enterprise funds are entirely self-supporting from user fees and do not receive any funding from property taxes.

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage (two-thirds if borrowing). **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 20: FY15 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

To determine what sums of money shall be granted to pay Town expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and to make the necessary appropriations for the same for the support of schools and for other Town purposes; to determine how the same shall be raised, or in any way act thereon.

This article appropriates the Town's FY15 budget, commencing on July 1. The budget consists of several categories of expenditures, each require a separate vote of Town Meeting. Due to uncertainty regarding the amount of state aid, the budget will be heard at the June sessions of Town Meeting. The Warrant Committee Report contains the budget summary and supporting information in advance of the sessions.

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 21: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER BALANCES TO FUND THE FY15 BUDGET

To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of certain balances on the Treasurer's books and Accountant's books, or in any way act thereon.

This article authorizes the transfer of balances from various sources necessary to achieve the Town's financial plan for FY15 (the General Fund Budget).

The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 22: AUTHORIZATION FOR UP-FRONT FUNDS FOR CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, sums of money for the repair, improvement and construction of highways, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the Commonwealth for the said purposes, authorize the acceptance of such allotment, determine how the money raised and allotted as aforesaid shall be expended under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to appropriate "up-front" funds that will be reimbursed from state highway aid, referred to as Chapter 90. This aid is authorized by the Legislature through state transportation bond issues. The estimated apportionment will be reported prior to the June sessions of Town Meeting. These funds, when supplemented with capital budget funds, will be used for the Town's Pavement Management Program to extend the life of our roadway system. In addition, the Town has used Chapter 90 funds to "leverage" substantial state/federal funding to design major road projects (i.e., Trapelo Road).

The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 23: APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sums of money to purchase public safety equipment, computer equipment (including consulting work), public works equipment and furnishings and equipment for Town facilities, construct public ways, and for building and facility and public works construction, major maintenance and alterations (including design work); to determine whether these appropriations shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article to appropriate funds for capital expenditures. While the article is general as to the categories of capital expenditures, the motion will be explicit. The recommendations of the Capital Budget Committee for FY15 capital expenditures will be provided prior to the June session of Town Meeting.

The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage (two-thirds if borrowing). **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 24: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) STABILIZATION FUND APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to the Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") Stabilization Fund; and to determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from the departmental Enterprise Funds, or by any combination of these methods; or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to appropriate $264,882 from available free cash or other available funds for future Town liabilities for Other Post Employment Benefits.

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage. **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 25: AUTHORIZATION FOR REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½, of the General Laws, to establish new revolving funds; to reauthorize revolving funds established under various previous votes of the Town by various Town Departments, to hear or receive a report concerning the receipts and expenditures of same, to establish new revolving funds or to amend the votes under any previously adopted revolving funds, to appropriate a sum of money to fund same, to determine how the money shall be raised or expended; or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks authorization to establish new revolving funds, and to re-authorize existing revolving funds, for certain operations of the Town. These funds allow the expenditure of user fees for program expenses without further Town Meeting appropriation. However, Town Meeting must annually renew these funds.

The Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 26: APPROPRIATION FOR INSURANCE PROCEEDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in insurance proceeds to the School Department Building Rental Revolving Account, or in any way act thereon.

This article seeks to appropriate $50,941.80 from insurance proceeds related to the repair of a burst pipe in the Belmont High School boiler room to reimburse the School Department Rental Account.

The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 27: BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL HVAC BORROWING DE-AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused borrowing authority in the amount of $57,074 that was appropriated under Article10 of the June 18, 2007 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of performing improvements to the Belmont High School HVAC; or in any way act thereon.

This article rescinds the authority to borrow funds that were not needed for improvements to the Belmont High School HVAC. The total authorization was approved for $1,000,000 on Article 10 of the June 18, 2007 Town Meeting.

The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No_____**

Given under our hands this **7th** day of **April, 2014.**

BELMONT - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Andrés T. Rojas, Chair

Sami S. Baghdady, Vice Chair

Mark A. Paolillo

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Ellen O'Brien Ashman

Town Clerk of Belmont, MA

TOWN OF BELMONT
WARRANT FOR 2014 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2014
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, qualified as the law requires to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Chenery Middle School Auditorium on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.**, and to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members to meet and act at said time and place on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: **REPORTS**

To hear the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore appointed and to act thereon.

This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other town officers, boards and committees to report orally to the Town Meeting on appropriate matters not otherwise appearing on the Warrant. This article stays "on the table" throughout the Special Town Meeting to allow town officials and committees to report when necessary.

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No____**

ARTICLE 2: APPROPRIATION OF EXPENDITURES – BELMONT CENTER RECONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $2.75 million to complete the Belmont Center Reconstruction Project, or a greater or lesser amount; and to meet this appropriation, to authorize a transfer from available funds in the Treasury and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow and issue bonds and to take any other actions necessary and incidental thereto, or in any way act thereon.

This article is to provide funds for the completion of the Belmont Center Reconstruction Project, including new pavement surface, sidewalk, ornamental lighting, curb extensions and crosswalks, traffic improvements, green space, additional parking, bicycle lanes and related infrastructure. The recommendations of the Capital Budget Committee for the expenditure will be provided prior to the November session of Special Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen, Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage (two-thirds if borrowing). **Yes____ No_____**

ARTICLE 3: AMEND MOTION FROM ARTICLE 15 FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET FROM 2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend and re-approve the action taken under Article 15 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting (Community Preservation Committee Budget).

Floyd Carman, Town Treasurer, Community Preservation Committee, and Warrant Committee will report orally on this Article

Majority vote required for passage. **Yes____ No_____**

Given under our hands this **29th** day of **October, 2014**.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF BELMONT

Andrés T. Rojas, Chair

Sami S. Baghdady, Vice Chair

Mark A. Paolillo

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Appendix B:

2014 Election Results:

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Election Summary Report
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELMONT, MA
Summary For All Precincts, All Counters, All Races
OFFICIAL RESULTS AFTER RECOUNT OF PRECINCT 3 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS
Tuesday, April 01, 2014

Registered Voters 18087 - Cards Cast 5949 32.89% — Num. Report Precinct 8 - Num. Reporting 8 100.00%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total
Cards cast	966	790	735	527	656	822	517	936	5949

MODERATOR	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		653	552	492	355	444	552	350	535	3933	66.11%
Number of Uncast Votes		313	238	243	172	212	270	167	401	2016	
MICHAEL J WIDMER	*	**650**	**551**	**487**	**352**	**441**	**550**	**347**	**531**	**3909**	**99.39%**
Write-in Votes		3	1	5	3	3	2	3	4	24	0.61%

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		943	778	716	516	635	807	508	918	5821	97.85%
Number of Uncast Votes		23	12	19	11	21	15	9	18	128	
SAMI S BAGHDADY	*	**388**	**459**	**325**	**368**	**333**	**358**	**238**	**564**	**3033**	**52.10%**
ROGER DUANE COLTON		554	318	391	148	302	449	269	354	2785	47.84%
Write-in Votes		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0.05%

TREASURER	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		622	543	478	372	434	531	342	555	3877	65.17%
Number of Uncast Votes		344	247	257	155	222	291	175	381	2072	
FLOYD S CARMAN	*	**619**	**540**	**476**	**370**	**434**	**529**	**340**	**555**	**3863**	**99.64%**
Write-in Votes		3	3	2	2	0	2	2	0	14	0.36%

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		609	515	467	353	418	500	341	525	3728	62.67%
Number of Uncast Votes		357	275	268	174	238	322	176	411	2221	
ROBERT P REARDON	*	**607**	**514**	**466**	**351**	**418**	**498**	**340**	**524**	**3718**	**99.73%**
Write-in Votes		2	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	10	0.27%

BD/CEM. COMMISSIONERS	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		627	541	490	388	427	503	338	588	3902	65.59%
Number of Uncast Votes		339	249	245	139	229	319	179	348	2047	
ALEXANDER E. CORBETT, III	*	**625**	**541**	**488**	**387**	**427**	**500**	**338**	**586**	**3892**	**99.74%**
Write-in Votes		2	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	10	0.26%

BOARD OF HEALTH	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		613	526	453	361	408	491	332	503	3687	61.98%
Number of Uncast Votes		353	264	282	166	248	331	185	433	2262	
DONNA SUE DAVID	*	**611**	**525**	**452**	**360**	**407**	**488**	**332**	**503**	**3678**	**99.76%**
Write-in Votes		2	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	9	0.24%

HOUSING AUTHORITY		Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8		
	Elected	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		562	487	424	349	392	475	318	470	3477	58.45%
Number of Uncast Votes		404	303	311	178	264	347	199	466	2472	
DONALD L BECKER	*	**559**	**486**	**423**	**346**	**392**	**471**	**317**	**470**	**3464**	**99.63%**
Write-in Votes		3	1	1	3	0	4	1	0	13	0.37%

LIBRARY TRUSTEES		Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8		
	Elected	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		1356	1144	977	689	910	1172	739	1191	8178	68.74%
Number of Uncast Votes		576	436	493	365	402	471	295	681	3719	
KATHLEEN KEOHANE	*	**496**	**470**	**340**	**237**	**305**	**382**	**256**	**422**	**2908**	**35.56%**
GAIL S MANN	*	**495**	**342**	**348**	**215**	**314**	**466**	**254**	**353**	**2787**	**34.08%**
MATTHEW J SULLIVAN		362	332	289	236	291	320	229	416	2475	30.26%
Write-in Votes		3	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	8	0.10%

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3yrs		Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8		
	Elected	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		1210	939	877	657	798	1016	684	974	7155	60.14%
Number of Uncast Votes		722	641	593	397	514	628	350	898	4743	
KEVIN M CUNNINGHAM	*	**582**	**463**	**427**	**332**	**395**	**494**	**330**	**478**	**3501**	**48.93%**
LAURIE A GRAHAM	*	**624**	**476**	**448**	**322**	**402**	**519**	**354**	**495**	**3640**	**50.87%**
Write-in Votes		4	0	2	3	1	3	0	1	14	0.20%

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1yr	Elected	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes		593	466	444	337	402	502	327	473	3544	59.57%
Number of Uncast Votes		373	324	291	190	254	320	190	463	2405	
LISA B FIORE	*	**590**	**465**	**443**	**334**	**402**	**499**	**327**	**471**	**3531**	**99.63%**
Write-in Votes		3	1	1	3	0	3	0	2	13	0.37%

PRECINCT 1 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		6058	52.26%
Number of Uncast Votes		5534	
FREDERICK S PAULSEN	*	**584**	**9.64%**
KATHERINE A LIND	*	**560**	**9.24%**
CAROLYN J BISHOP	*	**529**	**8.73%**
BARBARA E MIRANDA	*	**522**	**8.62%**
JOHN P ALCOCK	*	**510**	**8.42%**
DANIEL PATRICK BARRY	*	**491**	**8.10%**
YVETTE J TENNEY	*	**456**	**7.53%**
JEFFREY B MILLER	*	**451**	**7.44%**
JOHN KOLTERMAN	*	**419**	**6.92%**
HOLLY HART MUSON	*	**400**	**6.60%**
JAMES R WILLIAMS	*	**399**	**6.59%**
JAMES L CRAWFORD	*	**383**	**6.32%**
MICHAEL D LIBENSON		337	5.56%
Write-in Votes (all others)		17	0.28%

PRECINCT 2 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		4295	45.31%
Number of Uncast Votes		5185	
JULIA H WEEKS	*	**468**	**10.90%**
M. PATRICIA BRUSCH	*	**447**	**10.41%**
ROBERT E McLAUGHLIN	*	**428**	**9.97%**
FRANK E FRENCH, III	*	**427**	**9.94%**
RACHEL J BERGER	*	**414**	**9.64%**
RONALD H GEIGER	*	**410**	**9.55%**
JOHN S ROBOTHAM	*	**405**	**9.43%**
WILLIAM M LYNCH	*	**403**	**9.38%**
DANIEL D NOLAN	*	**393**	**9.15%**
GANG ZHAO	*	**389**	**9.06%**
ELIZABETH MCGUIRE	*	**34**	**0.79%**
BRIAN LYNCH	*	**29**	**0.68%**
BARRY SIMMONS		8	0.19%
Write-in Votes (all others)		40	0.93%

PRECINCT 3 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs			
ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		4714	53.45%
Number of Uncast Votes		4106	
SUZANNE R BASS	*	**405**	**8.59%**
RALPH T JONES	*	**373**	**7.93%**
MARTHA C MOORE	*	**356**	**7.55%**
REBECCA S VOSE	*	**348**	**7.40%**
JULIE T BARTON	*	**343**	**7.27%**
LIZ ALLISON	*	**341**	**7.23%**
ANN M JANSEN	*	**333**	**7.06%**
CHRISTINE M McVAY	*	**331**	**7.06%**
MARK M D'ANDREA, JR	*	**331**	**7.01%**
JENNIFER A PAGE	*	**329**	**6.97%**
ANNE C ALLEN	*	**329**	**6.95%**
DAVID R CHASE	*	**324**	**6.89%**
MARTIN L COHEN		323	6.82%
LEO J GENDRON		232	4.92%
MARTHA BAZAKAS		13	0.28%
CAROLE WILLIAMS		1	0.02%
JOHN GALLAGER		1	0.02%
ALEX CORBETT		1	0.02%

PRECINCT 4 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs			
ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		3027	47.87%
Number of Uncast Votes		3297	
ROLA M BAGHDADY	*	**341**	**11.27%**
WILLIAM J CHEMELLI	*	**308**	**10.18%**
MARION E COTE	*	**296**	**9.78%**
PHILIP W LAWRENCE	*	**265**	**8.75%**
ANNE BARRINGTON MAHON	*	**263**	**8.69%**
SUSAN E BURGESS-COX	*	**260**	**8.59%**
BRIAN KEEFE	*	**257**	**8.49%**
JUDITH L BROWN	*	**253**	**8.36%**
CATHERINE AC BOWEN	*	**252**	**8.33%**
DAVID POWELSTOCK	*	**247**	**8.16%**
LINDA DEVITO GHILARDI	*	**241**	**7.96%**
ROSE E. O'NEIL	*	**19**	**0.63%**
Write-in Votes (all others)		25	0.83%

PRECINCT 4 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 1 yr			
ELECT TWO	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		43	4.08%
Number of Uncast Votes		1011	
Write-in Votes (all others, tied votes)		43	100.00%
FAILURE TO ELECT - CAUCUS TO BE CALLED TO FILL TWO SEATS			

PRECINCT 5 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs			
ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		3720	47.26%
Number of Uncast Votes		4152	
JEANNE WIDMER	*	**353**	**9.49%**
JOANNE E COAKLEY	*	**343**	**9.22%**
ANDREA SERRA-MASCIARI	*	**342**	**9.19%**
JOHN P SULLIVAN	*	**341**	**9.17%**
DONALD L BECKER	*	**335**	**9.01%**
NANCY A CARLSON	*	**335**	**9.01%**
KATHLEEN M RUSHE	*	**334**	**8.98%**
LOIS J POLLOCK	*	**331**	**8.90%**
KATHERINE E SIGEL	*	**312**	**8.39%**
RICHARD GLADE HANSEN	*	**307**	**8.25%**
MARK D WAGNER	*	**298**	**8.01%**
JULIE S. CROCKETT	*	**43**	**1.16%**
Write-in Votes (all others)		46	1.24%

PRECINCT 5 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 2 yrs			
ELECT TWO	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		51	3.89%
Number of Uncast Votes		1261	
MARY BRADLEY	*	**28**	**54.90%**

PRECINCT 6 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs			
ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		4324	43.84%
Number of Uncast Votes		5540	
DAVID B ALPER	*	**475**	**10.99%**
JEANNE R MOONEY	*	**462**	**10.69%**
SUZANNE JOHANNET	*	**423**	**9.78%**
LINDA N OATES	*	**422**	**9.76%**
MICHAEL A SMITH	*	**421**	**9.74%**
ELYSE B SHUSTER	*	**419**	**9.69%**
ROBERT P REARDON, JR	*	**417**	**9.64%**
EDWARD A KAZANJIAN	*	**414**	**9.57%**
STEPHEN A EVANS	*	**400**	**9.25%**
TARA DONNER	*	**365**	**8.44%**
BENJAMIN BAUER	*	**47**	**1.09%**
JOHN MALONE	*	**7**	**0.16%**
Write-in Votes (all others)		52	1.20%

Write-in Votes (all others, tied votes)		23	45.10%

FAILURE TO ELECT - CAUCUS TO BE CALLED TO FILL ONE SEAT

PRECINCT 7 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs			
ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		1861	30.00%
Number of Uncast Votes		4343	
MARGARET M CALLANAN	*	**328**	**17.62%**
ELIZABETH GROB	*	**315**	**16.93%**
DONNA L RUVOLO	*	**307**	**16.50%**
HENRY D JACOBY	*	**302**	**16.23%**
BRETT C SORENSON	*	**297**	**15.96%**
STEVEN A KUNDROT	*	**283**	**15.21%**
ANN REYNOLDS	*	**5**	**0.27%**
JENNIFER DEWEY KUNDROT	*	**2**	**0.11%**
Write-in Votes (all others, tied votes)		22	1.18%

FAILURE TO ELECT - CAUCUS TO BE CALLED TO FILL FOUR SEATS

PRECINCT 7 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 1 yr			
ELECT ONE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		21	4.06%
Number of Uncast Votes		496	
JANNA E. HUTZ	*	2	9.52%
Write-in Votes (all others)		19	90.48%

PRECINCT 8 TOWN MEETING MEMBERS 3 yrs			
ELECT TWELVE	Elected	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	
Total Votes		5365	47.77%
Number of Uncast Votes		5867	
ALEXANDER E. CORBETT, III	*	**528**	**9.84%**
CAROLYN A BUNYON	*	**469**	**8.74%**
STEPHEN B ROSALES	*	**445**	**8.29%**
MONTE ALLEN	*	**397**	**7.40%**
ROBERT C KOCHEM	*	**351**	**6.54%**
SCOTT D STRATFORD	*	**344**	**6.41%**
ELLEN F SCHREIBER	*	**343**	**6.39%**
STEPHEN M KERINS	*	**327**	**6.10%**
DOUGLAS J MASSIDDA	*	**312**	**5.82%**
MELISSA ANN IRION	*	**307**	**5.72%**
KATHERINE ZEVITAS	*	**304**	**5.67%**
ANN COVINO GOLDENBERG	*	**279**	**5.20%**
ROGER H READ		272	5.07%
DOUGLAS M MATSON		262	4.88%
ANTOINE G HRAIZ		237	4.42%
STEPHEN N GANAK		177	3.30%
Write-in Votes		11	0.21%

QUESTION ONE: UNDERWOOD POOL DEBT EXCLUSION	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2 Total	Precinct 3 Total	Precinct 4 Total	Precinct 5 Total	Precinct 6 Total	Precinct 7 Total	Precinct 8 Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting	1	1								
Total Votes	903	723	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Number of Uncast Votes	63	67	696	477	602	762	484	823	3846	91.64%
			39	50	54	60	33	113	351	8.36%
YES	**607**	**421**	**427**	**279**	**385**	**500**	**320**	**438**	**2349**	**61.08%**
NO	296	302	269	198	217	262	164	385	1495	38.87%

Town Meeting Members 3 yr term	1	2	3	4	5	Envelope # 6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total	* = Elected
Suzanne R. Bass	27	32	32	26	33	26	28	22	23	22	29	21	30	29	25	405	*
Ralph T. Jones	26	26	20	27	29	28	29	33	26	15	23	19	23	25	24	373	*
Martha C. Moore	17	29	27	24	30	22	24	19	19	19	29	20	26	28	23	356	*
Rebecca S. Vose	20	28	28	25	29	21	24	14	20	19	28	22	24	23	23	348	*
Julie T. Barton	25	33	24	24	33	16	24	19	21	14	25	21	19	20	25	343	*
Liz Allison	22	28	24	20	30	24	25	22	23	17	24	25	18	24	15	341	*
Ann M. Jansen	20	28	26	25	28	18	29	21	21	15	24	19	18	19	22	333	*
Mark M. D'Andrea, Jr.	14	26	23	24	28	20	24	24	24	19	26	20	21	25	13	331	*
Christine Marie McVay	17	26	27	22	26	21	26	22	25	17	20	20	20	19	23	331	*
Anne C. Allen	18	32	26	29	29	14	21	22	19	13	22	24	22	23	15	329	*
Jennifer A. Page	18	28	28	25	27	18	25	21	19	20	19	19	18	20	24	329	*
David R. Chase	16	27	25	26	28	18	17	20	18	19	25	21	19	21	24	324	*
Martin L. Cohen	18	24	23	24	29	18	19	20	20	23	24	14	23	21	23	323	
Leo J. Gendron	13	16	16	15	20	13	20	24	21	7	18	12	15	15	7	232	
Blank Ballot / Overvotes	5	3	8	3	7	12	7	6	10	15	6	6	6	4	3	101	
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Martha Bazakas															13	13	
Carole Williams															1	1	
John Gallager															1	1	
Alex Corbett															1	1	
																0	
																0	
																0	
Total Number In Envelopes	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	36	736	

Election Summary Report
STATE PRIMARY
BELMONT, MA

Summary For All Precincts, All Counters, All Races
Official Results
9/9/2014

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total
Registered Voters			2251	2359	2233	2091	2288	2190	2300	2354		18066
Total Cards Cast			685	648	552	411	485	691	458	697		4627
Democratic Cards Cast			619	550	492	347	421	627	398	578		
Republican Cards Cast			66	98	60	64	64	64	60	119		
Percent			30.34%	27.43%	24.68%	19.66%	21.20%	31.55%	19.74%	29.61%		25.61%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
SENATOR in CONGRESS	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			490	421	377	282	318	483	340	426	3137	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			129	129	115	65	103	144	58	152	895	
EDWARD J MARKEY	*		482	417	374	278	315	472	337	418	3093	98.60%
Write-in Votes			8	4	3	4	3	11	3	8	44	1.40%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
GOVERNOR	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			604	539	485	339	415	604	392	561	3939	99.97%
Times Blank Voted			15	11	7	8	6	23	6	17	93	
MARTHA COAKLEY	*		229	206	192	150	175	214	157	224	1547	39.27%
STEVEN GROSSMAN			194	219	164	114	131	201	133	218	1374	34.88%
DONALD M BERWICK			181	114	128	73	109	188	101	117	1011	25.67%
Write-in Votes			0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	6	0.15%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			475	394	390	278	326	459	326	435	3083	99.94%
Times Blank Voted			144	156	104	69	95	168	72	143	951	
LELAND CHEUNG	*		295	208	213	134	165	292	197	192	1696	55.01%
STEPHEN J KERRIGAN			106	116	106	104	105	118	100	175	930	30.17%
MICHAEL E LAKE			72	69	68	39	56	49	28	63	444	14.40%
Write-in Votes			2	1	1	1	0	0	1	5	11	0.36%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
ATTORNEY GENERAL	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			606	540	482	334	409	605	383	561	3920	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			13	10	10	13	12	22	15	17	112	
WARREN E TOLMAN	*		280	324	262	185	219	301	202	324	2097	53.49%
MAURA HEALEY			326	216	220	149	190	303	181	235	1820	46.43%
Write-in Votes			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0.08%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
SECRETARY of STATE	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			417	394	357	275	307	430	302	424	2906	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			202	156	135	72	114	197	96	154	1126	
WILLIAM F GALVIN	*		414	394	355	274	307	428	298	422	2892	99.52%
Write-in Votes			3	0	2	1	0	2	4	2	14	0.48%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
TREASURER	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			489	437	413	299	356	495	334	458	3281	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			130	113	79	48	65	132	64	120	751	
DEBORAH B GOLDBERG	*		202	175	177	130	142	212	162	157	1357	41.36%
THOMAS P CONROY			155	133	109	83	106	162	83	171	1002	30.54%
BARRY R FINEGOLD			132	129	126	86	108	120	89	129	919	28.01%
Write-in Votes			0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0.09%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
AUDITOR	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			358	336	320	235	258	366	275	333	2481	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			261	214	172	112	163	261	123	245	1551	
SUZANNE M BUMP	*		357	335	317	232	257	362	272	331	2463	99.27%
Write-in Votes			1	1	3	3	1	4	3	2	18	0.73%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
REP in CONGRESS	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			526	453	431	308	369	536	352	483	3458	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			93	97	60	39	52	91	45	95	572	
KATHERINE M CLARK	*		447	350	349	247	307	438	297	364	2799	80.94%
SHELDON SCHWARTZ			78	103	81	61	62	97	55	117	654	18.91%
Write-in Votes			1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	0.14%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
COUNCILLOR	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			458	370	383	292	332	462	324	430	3051	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			161	180	109	55	89	165	74	148	981	
M.M. PETITTO DEVANEY	*		228	216	196	173	197	270	200	252	1732	56.77%
CHARLES N SHAPIRO			229	154	187	119	135	192	123	177	1316	43.13%
Write-in Votes			1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0.10%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
SEN in GENERAL COURT	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			483	418	395	276	336	489	321	425	3143	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			136	132	97	71	85	138	77	153	889	
WILLIAM BROWNSBERGER	*		478	417	392	275	336	486	320	419	3123	99.36%
Write-in Votes			5	1	3	1	0	3	1	6	20	0.64%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
REP in GENERAL COURT	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			424	374	338	252	303	420	291	379	2781	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			195	176	153	95	118	207	107	199	1250	
DAVID M ROGERS	*		422	373	336	250	303	418	288	376	2766	99.46%
Write-in Votes			2	1	2	2	0	2	3	3	15	0.54%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			555	475	429	315	377	543	359	519	3572	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			64	75	63	32	44	84	38	59	459	
MARIAN T RYAN	*		427	349	309	208	250	400	238	352	2533	70.91%
MICHAEL A SULLIVAN			127	126	119	105	127	143	121	166	1034	28.95%
Write-in Votes			1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	0.14%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
REGISTER of PROBATE	**WIN**	DEMOCRATIC										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			329	308	286	233	253	346	258	335	2348	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			290	242	206	114	168	281	140	243	1684	
TARA E DeCRISTOFARO	*		327	307	284	231	252	344	256	332	2333	99.36%
Write-in Votes			2	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	15	0.64%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
SENATOR in CONGRESS	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			43	72	42	47	46	49	44	84	427	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			23	26	18	17	18	15	16	35	168	
BRIAN J HERR	*		42	72	42	47	46	49	44	84	426	99.77%
Write-in Votes			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.23%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
GOVERNOR	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			65	98	58	63	64	64	60	119	591	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	
CHARLES D BAKER	*		61	89	49	43	46	58	43	95	484	81.90%
MARK R FISHER			4	9	9	20	17	6	16	24	105	17.77%
Write-in Votes			0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0.34%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			52	82	48	52	51	47	50	94	476	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			14	15	12	12	13	17	10	25	118	
KARYN E POLITO	*		52	82	48	52	51	46	48	94	473	99.37%
Write-in Votes			0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0.63%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
ATTORNEY GENERAL	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			46	72	45	48	49	50	49	87	446	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			20	26	15	16	15	14	11	32	149	
JOHN B MILLER	*		46	72	45	48	48	50	48	87	444	99.55%
Write-in Votes			0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0.45%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
SECRETARY of STATE	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			44	68	44	45	49	46	45	83	424	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			22	30	16	19	15	18	15	36	171	
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	*		44	68	44	45	49	45	45	83	423	99.76%
Write-in Votes			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.24%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
TREASURER	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			48	69	41	47	50	46	46	81	428	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			18	29	19	17	14	18	14	38	167	
MICHAEL J HEFFERNAN	*		47	69	40	47	50	46	45	81	425	99.30%
Write-in Votes			1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0.70%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
AUDITOR	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			43	66	42	44	47	40	46	79	407	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			23	32	18	20	17	24	14	40	188	
PATRICIA SAINT AUBIN	*		41	66	42	44	47	40	46	79	405	99.51%
Write-in Votes			2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.49%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
REP in CONGRESS	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			7	9	8	8	8	14	6	8	68	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			59	88	52	56	56	50	54	111	526	
Write-in Votes			7	9	8	8	8	14	6	8	68	100.00%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
COUNCILLOR	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			5	6	6	6	5	9	5	6	48	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			61	92	54	58	59	55	55	113	547	
Write-in Votes			5	6	6	6	5	9	5	6	48	100.00%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
SEN in GENERAL COURT	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			6	6	5	5	4	12	6	6	50	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			60	92	55	59	60	52	54	113	545	
Write-in Votes			6	6	5	5	4	12	6	6	50	100.00%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
REP in GENERAL COURT	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			5	5	5	5	5	9	5	5	44	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			61	93	55	59	59	55	55	114	551	
Write-in Votes			5	5	5	5	5	9	5	5	44	100.00%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			6	6	8	4	8	10	5	9	56	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			60	92	52	60	56	54	55	110	539	
Write-in Votes			6	6	8	4	8	10	5	9	56	100.00%

Precinct			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
REGISTER of PROBATE	**WIN**	REPUBLICAN										
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Percent
Number of Precincts			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Precincts Reporting			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Votes			41	65	38	40	43	43	39	79	388	100.00%
Times Blank Voted			25	33	22	24	21	21	21	40	207	
JOHN W LAMBERT, SR	*		40	65	38	39	43	43	39	78	385	99.23%
Write-in Votes			1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0.77%

Election Summary Report
STATE ELECTION
BELMONT, MA
Summary For All Precincts, All Counters, All Races
11/4/2014
OFFICIAL RESULTS

Registered Voters 18111 - Cards Cast 10345 57.12%

Num. Report Precinct 8 - Num. Reporting 8 100.00%

Total Ballot Cards Cast Each Precinct:	**1348**	**1425**	**1261**	**1054**	**1237**	**1380**	**1189**	**1451**	**10345**	
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total	Percent
SENATOR in CONGRESS										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1287	1374	1213	1022	1203	1333	1142	1388	9962	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	61	51	48	32	34	47	47	63	383	
EDWARD J MARKEY	952	848	881	759	898	1025	848	871	7082	71.09%
BRIAN J HERR	332	524	331	261	302	305	294	517	2866	28.77%
Write-in Votes	3	2	1	2	3	3	0	0	14	0.14%

GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1336	1414	1245	1042	1229	1370	1176	1435	10247	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	12	11	16	12	8	10	13	16	98	
COAKLEY & KERRIGAN	748	614	701	637	709	839	694	681	5623	54.87%
BAKER & POLITO	544	775	501	358	482	491	440	712	4303	41.99%
FALCHUK & JENNINGS	35	16	31	29	30	29	23	31	224	2.19%
McCORMICK & POST	4	4	8	10	4	4	10	5	49	0.48%
LIVELY & SAUNDERS	3	4	4	7	2	5	7	5	37	0.36%
Write-in Votes	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	11	0.11%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total	Percent
ATTORNEY GENERAL										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1285	1362	1199	1014	1182	1336	1141	1382	9901	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	63	63	62	40	55	44	48	69	444	
Number of Uncast Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAURA HEALEY	932	799	857	748	842	1011	841	855	6885	69.54%
JOHN B MILLER	353	563	341	265	337	324	300	527	3010	30.40%
Write-in Votes	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	6	0.06%

SECRETARY of STATE										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1252	1330	1177	1009	1179	1318	1136	1372	9773	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	96	95	84	45	58	62	53	79	572	
WILLIAM F GALVIN	973	885	884	771	884	1035	852	964	7248	74.16%
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	238	409	254	189	232	218	224	361	2125	21.74%
DANIEL L FACTOR	41	35	39	48	61	63	59	47	393	4.02%
Write-in Votes	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	7	0.07%

TREASURER										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1219	1306	1162	996	1145	1290	1118	1341	9577	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	129	119	99	58	92	90	71	110	768	99
DEBORAH B GOLDBERG	767	688	735	647	698	862	707	702	5806	60.62%
MICHAEL J HEFFERNAN	400	573	371	293	367	350	329	580	3263	34.07%
IAN T JACKSON	51	43	56	56	79	77	81	59	502	5.24%
Write-in Votes	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	6	0.06%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total	Percent
AUDITOR										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1192	1266	1141	970	1132	1259	1100	1311	9371	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	156	159	120	84	105	121	89	140	974	
SUZANNE M BUMP	782	683	735	639	729	837	719	711	5835	62.27%
PATRICIA SAINT AUBIN	359	538	347	272	331	346	318	534	3045	32.49%
MK MERELICE	51	43	59	59	72	75	63	66	488	5.21%
Write-in Votes	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.03%

REP in CONGRESS										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	968	948	924	831	908	1056	922	950	7507	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	380	477	337	223	329	324	267	501	2838	
KATHERINE M CLARK	951	922	908	819	897	1039	908	933	7377	98.27%
Write-in Votes	17	26	16	12	11	17	14	17	130	1.73%

COUNCILLOR										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1086	1088	1044	921	1020	1147	1030	1148	8484	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	262	337	217	133	217	233	159	303	1861	
M.M. PETITTO DEVANEY	764	696	738	662	747	821	748	746	5922	69.80%
THOMAS SHEFF	320	389	305	256	270	322	277	401	2540	29.94%
Write-in Votes	2	3	1	3	3	4	5	1	22	0.26%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total	Percent
SEN in GENERAL COURT										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1037	1020	993	831	955	1078	941	1004	7859	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	311	405	268	223	282	302	248	447	2486	
WILLIAM BROWNSBERGER	1024	995	981	820	945	1065	928	989	7747	98.57%
Write-in Votes	13	25	12	11	10	13	13	15	112	1.43%

REP in GENERAL COURT										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	948	918	903	810	899	1027	896	924	7325	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	400	507	358	244	338	353	293	527	3020	
DAVID M ROGERS	936	900	894	802	890	1011	888	911	7232	98.73%
Write-in Votes	12	18	9	8	9	16	8	13	93	1.27%

DISTRICT ATTORNEY										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	953	949	899	815	902	1035	904	969	7426	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	395	476	362	239	335	345	285	482	2919	
MARIAN T RYAN	944	931	889	806	894	1020	892	956	7332	98.73%
Write-in Votes	9	18	10	9	8	15	12	13	94	1.27%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total	Percent
REGISTER of PROBATE										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1105	1170	1078	949	1064	1182	1046	1232	8826	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	243	255	183	105	173	198	143	219	1519	
TARA E DeCRISTOFARO	786	686	750	684	753	882	761	747	6049	68.54%
JOHN W LAMBERT, SR	316	483	326	265	309	298	284	485	2766	31.34%
Write-in Votes	3	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	11	0.12%

QUESTION 1										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1298	1366	1207	991	1193	1333	1151	1401	9940	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	50	59	53	63	44	47	38	50	404	
NO	821	760	710	548	653	810	671	745	5718	57.53%
YES	477	606	497	443	540	523	480	656	4222	42.47%

QUESTION 2										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1321	1397	1242	1031	1212	1364	1175	1434	10176	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	27	28	19	23	25	16	14	17	169	
NO	635	847	660	612	671	631	627	940	5623	55.26%
YES	686	550	582	419	541	733	548	494	4553	44.74%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Precinct 7	Precinct 8	Total	Percent
QUESTION 3										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1313	1397	1237	1020	1210	1347	1172	1421	10117	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	35	28	24	34	27	33	17	30	228	
YES	798	776	687	475	662	863	679	771	5711	56.45%
NO	515	621	550	545	548	484	493	650	4406	43.55%

QUESTION 4										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1310	1378	1221	1011	1201	1343	1171	1402	10037	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	38	47	40	43	36	37	18	49	308	
YES	878	752	785	709	817	941	811	822	6515	64.91%
NO	432	626	436	302	384	402	360	580	3522	35.09%

QUESTION 5										
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
Number of Precincts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Precincts Reporting	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Total Votes	1194	1227	1121	925	1077	1233	1074	1271	9122	100.00%
Times Blank Voted	154	198	140	129	160	147	115	180	1223	
YES	885	894	830	696	814	933	806	872	6730	73.78%
NO	309	333	291	229	263	300	268	399	2392	26.22%

Appendix C:

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TOWN OF BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

TOWN OF BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Belmont, Massachusetts

Report on the Financial Statements

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 year ended June 30, 2014 (except for the Belmont Contributory Retirement System which is as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013), and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Belmont Municipal Light Plant as of December 31, 2013, which represent 43.6%, 35.5%, and 62.0%, respectively, of the assets, net position, 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 business-type activities of the Belmont Municipal Light Plant, 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

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, 2014 (except for the Belmont Contributory Retirement System and Municipal Light Plant which are as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013), and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2015 on our consideration of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and on 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Powers + Sullivan, LLC

January 7, 2015

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 year ended June 30, 2014.

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 Summary

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of year 2014 by $113.8 million.
- The Town's total net position decreased by $5.7 million.
- At the end of year 2014, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was $12.4 million or 12.9% of general fund expenditures.
- This is the sixth year since the Town implemented GASB Statement #45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.* At year end, the postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability totaled $71.6 million. Please see Note 13 in the financial statements for further details.
- To offset the impact of OPEB liability, the Town has established an Other Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund (Trust) to account for funds set aside to help meet future postemployment benefit costs for retirees. During 2014, the Town transferred $242 thousand and the Trust received $97 thousand in investment income, bringing the balance to $1.7 million. The Town voted to transfer $265 thousand into the fund during 2015.
- At year end, the balance in the Town's Internal Service Fund totaled $7.5 million, an increase of $1.8 million from the prior year.

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 position* presents information on all of the Town's assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between them reported as *net position.* Over time, increases or decreases in net position 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 position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position 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 periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick and vacation time).

Both of the government-wide statement of activities 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 government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, community preservation and interest. The business-type activities of the Town include the water, sewer and light plant.

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. The focus of the Town of Belmont'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 of Belmont's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The Town has implemented GASB #54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.* The implementation of this standard changed the fund balance components to nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. Additionally, under the new standard, the Town's general stabilization fund is reported within the general fund as unassigned while the Ash Landfill stabilization fund and the Special Education stabilization fund are reported within the general fund as committed.

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 wellington school construction fund and the community preservation 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 for the general fund as Required Supplementary Information 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 light plant 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 light plant 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.

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: a pension trust fund, an other postemployment benefit trust, private purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Private purpose trust funds are used to account for trust arrangements that benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Town's agency fund accounts for primarily police off-duty details and school student activity funds.

The Town is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plan and other postemployment benefit plan. The Town's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the Town's government-wide financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Governmental Activities

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As noted below, assets exceeded liabilities by $71.1 million at the close of the most recent year.

	2014	2013
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 55,830,467	$ 49,432,739
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	-	537,104
Capital assets	135,575,484	136,836,307
Total assets	**191,405,951**	**186,806,150**
Total deferred outflows of resources	**428,964**	**458,076**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	5,532,697	7,309,229
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	71,231,392	59,550,440
Current debt	3,577,838	3,364,191
Noncurrent debt	39,055,416	38,333,862
Total liabilities	**119,397,343**	**108,557,722**
Total deferred inflows of resources	**1,318,776**	**-**
Net Position:		
Capital assets net of related debt	98,844,737	99,262,443
Restricted	4,770,295	4,272,253
Unrestricted	(32,496,236)	(24,828,192)
Total net position	$ **71,118,796**	$ **78,706,504**

A significant portion of the Town's net position, $98.8 million, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related 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 position, $4.8 million, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining deficit balance of *unrestricted net position,* of $32.5 million is due to the recognition of the liability associated with GASB Statement #45 in the amount of $66.4 million.

The governmental activities net position decreased by $7.6 million in the current year. The decrease was primarily due a $13.0 million increase in the other postemployment benefits liability. In year 2014, the liability totaled $66.4 million. The decrease was offset by $1.3 million of capital grants related to MSBA funding of school projects, Chapter 90 highway grants, and State matching CPA fund grants. Other elements affecting net position were a surplus of $1.0 million in the community preservation fund and the Town's ability to fund capital additions (approximately $2.4 million) from current year revenues.

Key elements of the change in net position are as follows:

	2014	2013
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	$ 6,880,480	$ 6,467,836
Operating grants and contributions	19,449,179	18,183,030
Capital grants and contributions	1,275,108	1,508,432
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes	72,256,633	71,037,653
Tax liens	334,414	515,334
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	3,231,491	3,112,953
Community preservation tax	907,112	896,125
Nonrestricted grants	2,526,960	2,402,949
Penalties and interest on taxes	389,566	378,917
Unrestricted investment income	886,008	975,803
Total revenues	**108,136,951**	**105,479,032**
Expenses:		
General government	7,450,689	7,067,537
Public safety	20,163,937	20,597,571
Education	72,354,998	68,960,876
Public works	11,037,195	9,776,192
Human services	1,320,058	1,345,467
Culture and recreation	3,182,350	3,198,779
Interest	1,152,557	1,634,086
Total expenses	**116,661,784**	**112,580,508**
Change in net position before transfers	**(8,524,833)**	**(7,101,476)**
Transfers	**937,125**	**838,064**
Change in net position	**(7,587,708)**	**(6,263,412)**
Net position at beginning of year	**78,706,504**	**84,969,916**
Net position at end of year	$ **71,118,796**	$ **78,706,504**

Business-type activities

Combined business-type activities net position increased by $1.8 million in the current year. The following table identifies key elements of the enterprise operations:

	2014	2013
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 26,492,464	$ 28,792,838
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	3,186,971	2,602,716
Capital assets	52,276,923	46,511,058
Total assets	**81,956,358**	**77,906,612**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	2,544,127	2,863,949
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	5,546,982	4,665,946
Current debt	17,112,246	15,256,161
Noncurrent debt	12,797,737	13,016,444
Total liabilities	**38,001,092**	**35,802,500**
Total deferred inflows of resources	**1,310,917**	**1,306,056**
Net Position:		
Capital assets net of related debt	24,686,083	21,155,481
Unrestricted	17,958,266	19,642,575
Total net position	**42,644,349**	**40,798,056**
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	34,859,538	33,856,258
General Revenues:		
Unrestricted investment income	15,791	16,649
Total revenues	**34,875,329**	**33,872,907**
Expenses:		
Water	4,937,845	4,327,920
Sewer	7,316,529	6,972,704
Light	19,837,537	19,270,550
Total expenses	**32,091,911**	**30,571,174**
Change in net position before transfers	**2,783,418**	**3,301,733**
Transfers	**(937,125)**	**(932,873)**
Change in net position	**1,846,293**	**2,368,860**
Net position at beginning of year	**40,798,056**	**38,429,196**
Net position at end of year	$ **42,644,349**	$ **40,798,056**

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, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $37.8 million comprised of $19.5 million in the general fund, a deficit of $109 thousand in the Wellington School construction fund, $3.0 million in community preservation, and $15.4 million in the nonmajor governmental funds. Overall fund balance increased by $5.5 million in year 2014. This was primarily due to the issuance of $2.4 million of long-term debt, a surplus in the general fund of $1.8 million, a $92 thousand surplus in the Wellington School construction fund, and a $1.0 million surplus in the community preservation fund.

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current year, the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was $12.4 million, while the total fund balance was $19.5 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 12.9% of general fund budgetary expenditures, while total fund balance represents 20.2% of that same amount. During 2014, the fund balance of the general fund increased by $1.8 million. The increase was primarily due to a budgetary surplus of $1.9 million offset by a reduction in the accrual for 60 day receipts of $90 thousand and an increase in the Town's estimate for Appellate Tax Board cases of $24 thousand.

The Wellington School construction fund is used to account for the activities related to the construction of the new school building. During 2014, the Town spent $80 thousand on the project and received $173 thousand of grant proceeds from the MSBA. At June 30, 2014, the fund has a deficit balance of $109 thousand. The deficit will be funded with available funds and grant proceeds in future years. The project is essentially complete as of June 30, 2014.

The community preservation fund had a fund balance at June 30, 2014 of $3.0 million. These funds are attributable to the Town's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act, which allows the Town to impose up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes and to receive matching state grant funds for specified uses related to the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing. The fund increased $1.0 million during year 2014 due to the receipt of both state grants and the tax surcharges, offset by $389 thousand of expenditures.

Financial Analysis of Proprietary Funds

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

The net position of the water, sewer and electric light funds increased $1.8 million in year 2014. This performance was primarily the result of an increase in light user fees while controlling the related cost structures. The light department experienced an overall increase in kilowatt hours sold due to a very cold winter and hot summer, as well as an increase of 6% in rates which were used to cover the debt service costs. The water and sewer funds experienced relatively flat revenues with slight increases in overall operating costs which resulted in less operating income in relation to the prior year.

The internal service fund had an ending fund balance of $7.5 million, which represents an increase of $1.8 million over the prior year. Contributions exceeded claim payments by $1.8 million and the fund earned $15.1 thousand in investment earnings.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There was a net increase of $254 thousand between the original and final adopted budgets. This increase primarily relates to a voted contribution to the OPEB Trust.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Asset Administration

The Town of Belmont's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2014 amounted to $187.9 million (net of depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure assets. The Town's major capital projects relate to the Wellington School project, Town restoration projects, paving, and various other infrastructure projects.

In conjunction with the operating budget, the Town annually prepares a capital budget for the upcoming 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 per year from current-year appropriations for capital projects.

Light Department

Of the $2.9 million increase in construction in progress, $2.6 million was attributed to the 115KV substation project funded by $14,000,000 from a short term Bond Anticipation Note (See debt administration note below for further information).

Debt Administration

Outstanding governmental bonded long-term debt, as of June 30, 2014, totaled $40.7 million of which $25.0 million relates to various School construction projects and purchases, $9.4 million of refunding bonds, $2.3 million relates to the senior center project, $1.4 million relates to the purchase of fire vehicles, $1.2 million relates to the Fire Station construction, and $960 thousand relates to Harris Field repairs, leaving a balance of $459 thousand for other CIP projects. The enterprise funds have $4.2 million in water debt and $9.8 million in sewer debt, all of which are fully supported by the rates.

The Town has an "Aaa" rating from Moody's for general obligation debt.

Light Department

On April 26, 2012, the Town issued a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the aggregate amount of $14,000,000, which included a bond premium, bearing interest at 1.83% and maturing April 25, 2013. The proceeds are to be used to finance the 115kv Transmission Service Upgrade Project. On April 25, 2013, the BAN matured and was renewed in the aggregate amount of $14,000,000 which included a bond premium, bearing interest at 1.77% and maturing April 25, 2014. As of April 2014, the $14,000,000 BAN was permanently financed and an additional $12,100,000 was added for a total long-term debt issuance of $26,100.000.

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

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 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 $74.0 million in 2014, which resulted in a $1.9 million increase from the prior year. $744 thousand of this increase is the product of the certified new growth of the Town. Within this levy approximately $3.4 million of previous debt exclusions were paid off.

The Town continues to experience growth in residential renovation and development. In year 2014, 1006 building permits were issued, resulting in $51.2 million in taxable value. This activity has produced new growth tax revenue, which is exempt from the limitation imposed by Proposition 2 ½. For year 2014, the Town realized $744 thousand in new taxes from this source.

The unemployment rate for Belmont as of August 2014 was 3.9% compared to the state figure of 6.0% and the nationwide figure of 6.1%.

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 POSITION

JUNE 30, 2014

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 32,592,050	$ 19,810,051	$ 52,402,101
Investments	18,092,113	-	18,092,113
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	680,885	-	680,885
Real estate tax deferrals	686,321	-	686,321
Tax liens	938,744	30,882	969,626
Motor vehicle excise taxes	183,345	-	183,345
User fees	-	4,435,040	4,435,040
Departmental and other	430,241	-	430,241
Intergovernmental	2,122,554	-	2,122,554
Inventory	104,214	483,276	587,490
Prepaid expenses	-	80,754	80,754
Purchased power advanced deposits	-	1,652,461	1,652,461
NONCURRENT:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	3,186,971	3,186,971
Capital assets, non depreciable	16,330,885	10,337,721	26,668,606
Capital assets, depreciable	119,244,599	41,939,202	161,183,801
TOTAL ASSETS	191,405,951	81,956,358	273,362,309
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred loss on refunding	428,964	-	428,964
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable	1,348,998	1,532,492	2,881,490
Accrued liabilities	-	747,324	747,324
Accrued payroll	460,440	33,470	493,910
Health claims payable	1,650,000	-	1,650,000
Tax refunds payable	577,000	-	577,000
Accrued interest	585,686	74,674	660,360
Other liabilities	491,697	139,984	631,681
Capital lease obligations	297,078	-	297,078
Landfill closure	52,000	-	52,000
Compensated absences	69,798	16,183	85,981
Notes payable	-	15,911,539	15,911,539
Bonds payable	3,577,838	1,200,707	4,778,545
NONCURRENT:			
Capital lease obligations	403,953	-	403,953
Landfill closure	3,095,000	-	3,095,000
Compensated absences	1,326,164	307,489	1,633,653
Other postemployment benefits	66,406,275	5,239,493	71,645,768
Bonds payable	39,055,416	12,797,737	51,853,153
TOTAL LIABILITIES	119,397,343	38,001,092	157,398,435
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Advanced collections	1,318,776	-	1,318,776
Rate stabilization reserve	-	1,310,917	1,310,917
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,318,776	1,310,917	2,629,693
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	98,844,737	24,686,083	123,530,820
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	1,015,800	-	1,015,800
Nonexpendable	2,708,722	-	2,708,722
Other purposes	1,045,773	-	1,045,773
Unrestricted	(32,496,236)	17,958,266	(14,537,970)
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 71,118,796	$ 42,644,349	$ 113,763,145

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 7,450,689	$ 669,027	$ 46,679	$ 629	$ (6,734,354)
Public safety	20,163,937	1,093,129	212,149	-	(18,858,659)
Education	72,354,998	2,928,377	18,901,757	420	(50,524,444)
Public works	11,037,195	1,172,684	2,205	1,067,059	(8,795,247)
Human services	1,320,058	224,858	185,645	-	(909,555)
Culture and recreation	3,182,350	792,405	49,144	-	(2,340,801)
Community preservation	-	-	-	207,000	207,000
Interest	1,152,557	-	51,600	-	(1,100,957)
Total Governmental Activities	116,661,784	6,880,480	19,449,179	1,275,108	**(89,057,017)**
Business-Type Activities:					
Water	4,937,845	5,536,347	-	-	598,502
Sewer	7,316,529	7,694,263	-	-	377,734
Light	19,837,537	21,628,928	-	-	1,791,391
Total Business-Type Activities	32,091,911	34,859,538	-	-	**2,767,627**
Total Primary Government	$ 148,753,695	$ 41,740,018	$ 19,449,179	$ 1,275,108	$ **(86,289,390)**

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page……	$ **(89,057,017)**	$ **2,767,627**	$ **(86,289,390)**
General revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable……	72,256,633	-	72,256,633
Tax liens……	334,414	-	334,414
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes……	3,231,491	-	3,231,491
Community preservation tax……	907,112	-	907,112
Penalties and interest on taxes……	389,566	-	389,566
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs……	2,526,960	-	2,526,960
Unrestricted investment income……	886,008	15,791	901,799
Transfers, net ……	937,125	(937,125)	-
Total general revenues and transfers……	81,469,309	(921,334)	80,547,975
Change in net position……	(7,587,708)	1,846,293	(5,741,415)
Net Position:			
Beginning of year……	78,706,504	40,798,056	119,504,560
End of year……	$ 71,118,796	$ 42,644,349	$ 113,763,145

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2014

	General	Wellington School Construction	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 14,907,602	$ -	$ 795,746	$ 7,708,395	$ 23,411,743
Investments	8,426,190	-	2,230,708	7,435,215	18,092,113
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:					
Real estate and personal property taxes	673,295	-	7,590	-	680,885
Real estate tax deferrals	686,321	-	-	-	686,321
Tax liens	938,744	-	-	-	938,744
Motor vehicle excise taxes	183,345	-	-	-	183,345
Departmental and other	417,711	-	-	12,530	430,241
Intergovernmental	331,000	-	207,000	1,584,554	2,122,554
Due from other funds	108,666	-	-	-	108,666
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 26,672,874	$ -	$ 3,241,044	$ 16,740,694	$ 46,654,612
LIABILITIES					
Warrants payable	$ 1,293,645	$ -	$ -	$ 55,353	$ 1,348,998
Accrued payroll	440,991	-	-	19,449	460,440
Tax refunds payable	577,000	-	-	-	577,000
Other liabilities	491,697	-	-	-	491,697
Due to other funds	-	108,666	-	-	108,666
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,803,333	108,666	-	74,802	2,986,801
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue	4,349,904	-	233,804	1,277,882	5,861,590
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	2,708,722	2,708,722
Restricted	-	-	3,007,240	12,679,288	15,686,528
Committed	3,628,391	-	-	-	3,628,391
Assigned	3,450,458	-	-	-	3,450,458
Unassigned	12,440,788	(108,666)	-	-	12,332,122
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	19,519,637	(108,666)	3,007,240	15,388,010	37,806,221
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 26,672,874	$ -	$ 3,241,044	$ 16,740,694	$ 46,654,612

See notes to basic financial statements.

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

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Total governmental fund balances		$ 37,806,221
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		135,575,484
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds		4,542,814
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 position		7,530,307
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(585,686)
Inventory is capitalized in the Statement of Activities		104,214
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Bonds payable	(42,633,254)	
Capital lease obligations	(701,031)	
Landfill closure	(3,147,000)	
Other postemployment benefits payable	(66,406,275)	
Compensated absences	(1,395,962)	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities		(114,283,522)
In the statement of activities, deferred losses are reported for refundings of debt, which are amortized over the shorter of the remaining life of the refunding bonds or refunded bonds. In governmental funds, defeasances of debt are expensed when the refunding bonds are issued		428,964
Net position of governmental activities		$ 71,118,796

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	General	Wellington School Construction	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 73,657,181	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 73,657,181
Tax liens	489,554	-	-	-	489,554
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	3,273,897	-	-	-	3,273,897
Charges for services	2,194,716	-	-	-	2,194,716
Penalties and interest on taxes	389,566	-	-	-	389,566
Licenses and permits	1,170,923	-	-	-	1,170,923
Fines and forfeitures	269,294	-	-	-	269,294
Intergovernmental	17,874,796	172,522	470,418	4,510,183	23,027,919
Departmental and other	-	-	-	3,503,520	3,503,520
Community preservation tax	-	-	908,256	-	908,256
Contributions	-	-	-	158,719	158,719
Investment income	200,457	-	12,399	657,933	870,789
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	2,386	2,386
TOTAL REVENUES	99,520,384	172,522	1,391,073	8,832,741	109,916,720
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General government	3,414,809	-	388,938	606,656	4,410,403
Public safety	12,235,301	-	-	277,721	12,513,022
Education	54,572,642	80,432	-	7,894,982	62,548,056
Public works	8,912,397	-	-	1,790,667	10,703,064
Human services	818,828	-	-	139,151	957,979
Culture and recreation	2,582,155	-	-	131,680	2,713,835
Pension benefits	5,634,285	-	-	-	5,634,285
Employee benefits	1,896,831	-	-	-	1,896,831
State and county charges	1,678,335	-	-	-	1,678,335
Debt service:					
Principal	3,364,191	-	-	-	3,364,191
Interest	1,619,336	-	-	-	1,619,336
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	96,729,110	80,432	388,938	10,840,857	108,039,337
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,791,274	92,090	1,002,135	(2,008,116)	1,877,383
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds from bonds and notes	-	-	-	2,380,000	2,380,000
Premium from issuance of bonds	298,180	-	-	-	298,180
Transfers in	1,162,125	-	-	2,662,432	3,824,557
Transfers out	(2,411,000)	-	-	(476,432)	(2,887,432)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(950,695)	-	-	4,566,000	3,615,305
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,840,579	92,090	1,002,135	2,557,884	5,492,688
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	17,679,058	(200,756)	2,005,105	12,830,126	32,313,533
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 19,519,637	$ (108,666)	$ 3,007,240	$ 15,388,010	$ 37,806,221

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

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 5,492,688
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.		
Capital outlay	3,059,323	
Depreciation expense	(4,320,146)	
Net effect of reporting capital assets		(1,260,823)
Governmental funds report inventories as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is capitalized and expensed when depleted		87,651
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are unavailable 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 unavailable revenue		(1,794,988)
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 position. 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.		
Amortization of issuance costs	(264,328)	
Amortization of bond premiums	129,647	
Amortization of deferred charges	(90,986)	
Principal payments on capital leases	287,900	
Proceeds from bonds and notes	(2,380,000)	
Debt service principal payments	3,364,191	
Net effect of reporting long-term debt		1,046,424
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.		
Net change in compensated absences accrual	8,765	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt	129,938	
Net change in landfill closure accrual	(102,800)	
Net change in other postemployment benefits	(13,030,949)	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities and amortizing deferred losses		(12,995,046)
Internal service funds are used by management to account for health insurance and workers' compensation activities.		
The net activity of internal service funds is reported with Governmental Activities		1,836,386
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ (7,587,708)

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Water	Sewer	Light (as of December 31, 2013)	Total	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
ASSETS					
CURRENT:					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,031,401	$ 3,620,671	$ 12,157,979	$ 19,810,051	$ 9,180,307
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Tax liens	11,913	18,969	-	30,882	-
User fees	1,180,416	1,756,442	1,498,182	4,435,040	-
Inventory	129,741	11,839	341,696	483,276	-
Prepaid expenses	-	-	80,754	80,754	-
Purchased power advanced deposits	-	-	1,652,461	1,652,461	-
Total current assets	5,353,471	5,407,921	15,731,072	26,492,464	9,180,307
NONCURRENT:					
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	3,186,971	3,186,971	-
Capital assets, non depreciable	3,138	-	10,334,583	10,337,721	-
Capital assets, depreciable	12,714,383	22,775,261	6,449,558	41,939,202	-
Total noncurrent assets	12,717,521	22,775,261	19,971,112	55,463,894	-
TOTAL ASSETS	18,070,992	28,183,182	35,702,184	81,956,358	9,180,307
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT:					
Warrants payable	77,023	44,883	1,410,586	1,532,492	-
Accrued liabilities	-	-	747,324	747,324	-
Accrued payroll	18,142	15,328	-	33,470	-
Health claims payable	-	-	-	-	1,650,000
Accrued interest	-	74,674	-	74,674	-
Compensated absences	3,472	3,520	9,191	16,183	-
Notes payable	-	1,911,539	14,000,000	15,911,539	-
Bonds payable	583,358	617,349	-	1,200,707	-
Total current liabilities	681,995	2,667,293	16,167,101	19,516,389	1,650,000
NONCURRENT:					
Compensated absences	65,971	66,885	174,633	307,489	-
Other liabilities	-	-	139,984	139,984	-
Other postemployment benefits	1,389,500	1,059,893	2,790,100	5,239,493	-
Bonds payable	3,655,666	9,142,071	-	12,797,737	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	5,111,137	10,268,849	3,104,717	18,484,703	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,793,132	12,936,142	19,271,818	38,001,092	1,650,000
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Rate stabilization reserve	-	-	1,310,917	1,310,917	-
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	9,613,446	12,288,496	2,784,141	24,686,083	-
Unrestricted	2,664,414	2,958,544	12,335,308	17,958,266	7,530,307
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 12,277,860	$ 15,247,040	$ 15,119,449	$ 42,644,349	$ 7,530,307

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Water	Sewer	Light (as of December 31, 2013)	Total	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES:					
Employee contributions	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,184,621
Employer contributions	-	-	-	-	10,161,728
Charges for services	5,536,272	7,694,263	21,281,079	34,511,614	-
Other	75	-	347,849	347,924	489,867
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	5,536,347	7,694,263	21,628,928	34,859,538	13,836,216
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Cost of services and administration	4,630,356	6,589,751	18,573,301	29,793,408	-
Depreciation	307,489	490,243	1,263,827	2,061,559	-
Employee benefits	-	-	-	-	12,015,049
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	4,937,845	7,079,994	19,837,128	31,854,967	12,015,049
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	598,502	614,269	1,791,800	3,004,571	1,821,167
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):					
Investment income	4,303	5,112	6,376	15,791	15,219
Interest expense	-	(236,535)	(409)	(236,944)	-
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET	4,303	(231,423)	5,967	(221,153)	15,219
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSERS	602,805	382,846	1,797,767	2,783,418	1,836,386
TRANSFERS:					
Transfers out	(160,250)	(126,875)	(650,000)	(937,125)	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	442,555	255,971	1,147,767	1,846,293	1,836,386
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,835,305	14,991,069	13,971,682	40,798,056	5,693,921
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	$ 12,277,860	$ 15,247,040	$ 15,119,449	$ 42,644,349	$ 7,530,307

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Water	Sewer	Light (as of December 31, 2013)	Total	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Receipts from customers and users	$ 5,691,270	$ 7,986,039	$ 21,855,531	$ 35,532,840	$ -
Receipts from interfund services provided	-	-	-	-	13,836,216
Payments to vendors	(2,961,217)	(5,103,889)	(14,319,074)	(22,384,180)	-
Payments to employees	(1,365,020)	(1,250,137)	(4,134,499)	(6,749,656)	-
Payments for interfund services used	-	-	-	-	(12,184,394)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,365,033	1,632,013	3,401,958	6,399,004	1,651,822
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Transfers out	(160,250)	(126,875)	-	(287,125)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Proceeds from the issuance of bonds and notes	982,000	1,911,539	-	2,893,539	-
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,952,442)	(3,020,464)	(3,641,781)	(8,614,687)	-
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(571,356)	(684,805)	-	(1,256,161)	-
Customer advances for construction	-	-	6,409	6,409	-
Interest expense	-	(240,167)	(409)	(240,576)	-
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,541,798)	(2,033,897)	(3,635,781)	(7,211,476)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Rate stabilization reserve	-	-	4,861	4,861	-
Investment income	4,303	5,112	6,376	15,791	15,219
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	4,303	5,112	11,237	20,652	15,219
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(332,712)	(523,647)	(222,586)	(1,078,945)	1,667,041
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,364,113	4,144,318	15,567,536	24,075,967	7,513,266
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	$ 4,031,401	$ 3,620,671	$ 15,344,950	$ 22,997,022	$ 9,180,307
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Operating income (loss)	$ 598,502	$ 614,269	$ 1,791,800	$ 3,004,571	$ 1,821,167
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:					
Depreciation	307,489	490,243	1,263,827	2,061,559	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Tax liens	5,695	8,986	-	14,681	-
User fees	149,228	221,658	224,383	595,269	-
Intergovernmental	-	61,132	-	61,132	-
Inventory	28,557	3,942	(59,450)	(26,951)	-
Prepaid expenses	-	-	(45,061)	(45,061)	-
Purchased power advance deposits	-	-	(143)	(143)	-
Other postemployment benefits obligation	235,224	225,900	522,185	983,309	-
Warrants payable	26,380	1,923	(281,505)	(253,202)	(19,345)
Accrued liabilities	-	-	(27,842)	(27,842)	-
Accrued payroll	3,490	2,224	-	5,714	-
Health claims payable	-	-	-	-	(150,000)
Other liabilities	-	-	(4,646)	(4,646)	-
Accrued compensated absences	10,468	1,736	18,410	30,614	-
Total adjustments	766,531	1,017,744	1,610,158	3,394,433	(169,345)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ 1,365,033	$ 1,632,013	$ 3,401,958	$ 6,399,004	$ 1,651,822

See notes to basic financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY POSITION

JUNE 30, 2014

	Pension Trust Fund (as of December 31, 2013)	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS				
CURRENT:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,515,729	$ 193,226	$ 336,786	$ 206,219
Investments	77,444,415	1,527,163	480,773	23,958
Due from general fund	3,520,311	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	203,182
TOTAL ASSETS	82,480,455	1,720,389	817,559	433,359
LIABILITIES				
Warrants payable	174,502	-	-	6,301
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-	21,482
Liabilities due depositors	-	-	-	202,394
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	203,182
TOTAL LIABILITIES	174,502	-	-	433,359
NET POSITION				
Restricted for pensions	82,305,953	-	-	-
Held in trust for OPEB and other purposes	-	1,720,389	817,559	-
	$ 82,305,953	$ 1,720,389	$ 817,559	$ -

See notes to basic financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Pension Trust Fund (as of December 31, 2013)	Other Postemployment Benefit Trust	Private Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS:			
Contributions:			
Employer	$ 6,899,432	$ 242,342	$ -
Employee	2,287,679	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	48,481
Total contributions	9,187,111	242,342	48,481
Net investment income (loss):			
Net change in fair value of investments	9,867,905	97,184	-
Interest	1,829,725	-	35,655
Total investment income (loss)	11,697,630	97,184	35,655
Less: investment expense	(417,336)	-	-
Net investment income (loss)	11,280,294	97,184	35,655
Intergovernmental	144,640	-	-
Transfers from other systems	247,987	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	20,860,032	339,526	84,136
DEDUCTIONS:			
Administration	179,470	-	-
Transfers to other systems	597,010	-	-
Retirement benefits and refunds	9,437,523	-	-
Educational scholarships	-	-	50,450
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	10,214,003	-	50,450
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	10,646,029	339,526	33,686
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	71,659,924	1,380,863	783,873
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	$ 82,305,953	$ 1,720,389	$ 817,559

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.

Component Unit Presented as a Fiduciary Fund – The following component unit is presented as a Fiduciary Fund of the primary government due to the nature and significance of relationship between the Town and the component unit.

In the Fiduciary Funds:

(1) The Belmont Contributory Retirement System (System) was established to provide retirement benefits to Town employees, the Belmont Housing Authority 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 member 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 position and the statement of changes in net position) 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 and deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets and deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*

- If the total assets and deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, 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 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 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 w*ellington school construction fund* accounts for activity related to the construction of the new Wellington School.

The c*ommunity preservation fund* is used to account for funds held for uses restricted by law for community preservation purposes. These funds are attributable to the Town's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act, which allows the Town to impose up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes and to receive matching state grant funds for specified uses related to the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing.

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 s*pecial revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than permanent funds or capital projects.

The c*apital projects fund* is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets of the governmental funds.

The *permanent fund* is used to account for and report 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.

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 year of the levy.

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

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process they 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 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, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles 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:

Capital Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Land improvements……	20
Buildings……	40-50
Machinery and equipment……	5-20
Vehicles……..……	5-15
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 year of the purchase.

H. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. In 2014, the Town reported the deferred loss on refunding as a deferred outflow.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources,* represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. In 2014, the Town reported advanced collections and the light plant rate stabilization reserve as deferred inflows.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

In addition to liabilities, the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents assets that have been recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until it becomes available. The Town has recorded unavailable revenue as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds balance sheet.

I. Unavailable Revenue

Unavailable revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents billed receivables that do not meet the availability criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unavailable revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the entity-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

J. 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 position. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the statement of net position 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.

K 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 position. 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.

L. Net Position and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net position)

Net position reported as “net investment in capital assets” includes capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less the principal balance of outstanding debt used to acquire capital assets. Unspent proceeds of capital related debt are not considered to be capital assets. Outstanding debt related to future reimbursements from the state’s school building program is not considered to be capital related debt.

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

Net position has been “restricted for” the following:

“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.

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Town’s policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Governmental fund balances are classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The governmental fund balance classifications are as follows:

"Nonspendable" fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

"Restricted" fund balance includes amounts subject to constraints placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or that are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

"Committed" fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Town meeting is the highest level of decision making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

"Assigned" fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Selectmen has by resolution authorized the Town Accountant to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment.

"Unassigned" fund balance includes the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from different components of fund balance. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. When different components of fund balance can be used for the same purpose, it is the Town's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted first, followed by committed fund balance, and assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

M. 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 position. 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.

N. 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.

O. 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 sick 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 upon maturity of the liability.

P. 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 year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

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 year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled $42,461,710 and the bank balance totaled $43,676,065. Of the bank balance, $2,059,066 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, $29,623,249 was covered by the Depositors Insurance Fund, $3,897,388 was collateralized, and $8,096,362 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2013, the carrying amount of the Retirement System's deposits totaled $110,942 and the bank balance totaled $221,435. All of the bank balance was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Investments

Following are the investments of the Town as of June 30, 2014 and the Retirement System as of December 31, 2013.

Town's Investments:

		Maturity			
Investment Type	Fair Value	Under 1 Year	1-5 Years	6-10 Years	Quality Rating
Debt Securities					
U.S. Treasury Note	$ 237,248	$ -	$ 237,248	$ -	AAA
Corporate Bonds	1,443,720	797,446	497,615	148,659	A/AA/NR
Federal National Mortgage Association	216,176	-	216,176	-	AAA
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	113,602	-	113,602	-	AAA
Total Debt Securities	2,010,746	$ 797,446	$ 1,064,641	$ 148,659	
Other Investments					
Equity Securities	2,891,291				
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	13,701,047				
Mutual Funds	1,520,923				
Money Market Mutual Funds	2,657,594				
MMDT	11,205,999				
Total Investments	$ 33,987,600				

Retirement System's Investments:

	Fair Value	Maturity 1-5 Years	Maturity 6-10 Years	Quality Rating
Debt Securities				
Scout Core Plus Bond Fund	$ 11,528,685	$ 11,528,685	$ -	AA *
Mondrian Global Fixed Income	1,875,833	-	1,875,833	AA *
Total Debt Securities	13,404,518	$ 11,528,685	$ 1,875,833	
Other Investments				
Equity Mutual Funds	11,921,755			
Equity Securities	14,242,766			
PRIT Hedge Fund Account	9,189,207			
PRIT Alternative Fund	9,183,565			
Short Term Investment Fund	1,404,787			
PRIT Real Estate Fund	9,122,401			
PRIT International Equity Fund	8,558,669			
PRIT Fund	1,821,534			
Total Investments	$ 78,849,202			

* Duration of underlying holdings in Scout Core Mutual Fund is 5.0 years and Mondrian Global Fixed Income Fund is 5.1 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 risks 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, corporate bonds, asset backed securities, and equity securities, as detailed above the Town has a custodial credit risk exposure of $4,902,037 because the related securities are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty.

The Town's investment policy states that before conducting any business with a brokerage house that the Town must obtain a copy of their latest audited financial statement, proof of National Association of Security Dealers certification, and proof of credit worthiness, which the Town defines as at least five years in operation and minimum capital of $10 million.

The Retirement System has custodial credit risk exposure of $14,242,766 because the related debt and equity securities 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's investment policy states that safety of principal is the foremost objective, followed by liquidity and then yield. Investments shall be made to achieve the best rate of return, taking into account safety and liquidity constraints, as well as, legal requirements while not explicitly limiting the maturities of allowable investments.

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.

The Town participates in MMDT, which maintains a cash portfolio and a short-term bond fund with combined average maturities of approximately 2 months.

The System participates in PRIT. The effective weighted duration rate for PRIT investments ranged from .25 to 10.78 years.

Credit Risk

The Town's investment policy seeks to lessen the credit risk associated with certain types of investments through diversification and prudent selection of investments in line with MGL CH 44 Sec. 55B.

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 a limit of 10% on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer. The Town does not have more than 10% of its investments with any one issuer as of June 30, 2014.

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, 2014, receivables for the individual major and nonmajor governmental funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 684,010	$ (3,125)	$ 680,885
Real estate tax deferrals	686,321	-	686,321
Tax liens	938,744	-	938,744
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	418,226	(234,881)	183,345
Departmental and other	656,406	(226,165)	430,241
Intergovernmental	2,122,554	-	2,122,554
Total	$ 5,506,261	$ (464,171)	$ 5,042,090

At June 30, 2014, receivables for the enterprise funds consist of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Water user fees	$ 1,180,416	$ -	$ 1,180,416
Water enterprise tax liens	11,913	-	11,913
Sewer user fees	1,756,442	-	1,756,442
Sewer enterprise tax liens	18,969	-	18,969
Light user fees	1,498,182	-	1,498,182
Total	$ 4,465,922	$ -	$ 4,465,922

Governmental funds report unavailable 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 year, the various components of unavailable revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Receivable and other asset type:				
Real estate, personal property and tax deferrals	$ 2,479,104	$ 26,804	$ -	$ 2,505,908
Tax liens	938,744	-	-	938,744
Motor vehicle and other excise	183,345	-	-	183,345
Intergovernmental	331,000	207,000	1,265,352	1,803,352
Departmental	417,711	-	12,530	430,241
Total	$ 4,349,904	$ 233,804	$ 1,277,882	$ 5,861,590

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2014, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 16,194,930	$ -	$ -	$ 16,194,930
Construction in progress	315,670	135,955	(315,670)	135,955
Total capital assets not being depreciated	16,510,600	135,955	(315,670)	16,330,885
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	3,829,794	339,896	-	4,169,690
Buildings	130,940,609	740,805	-	131,681,414
Machinery and equipment	13,143,409	452,576	-	13,595,985
Vehicles	4,748,902	107,628	-	4,856,530
Infrastructure	34,244,878	1,598,133	-	35,843,011
Total capital assets being depreciated	186,907,592	3,239,038	-	190,146,630
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(2,354,496)	(128,605)	-	(2,483,101)
Buildings	(40,822,512)	(2,111,094)	-	(42,933,606)
Machinery and equipment	(10,480,830)	(1,033,953)	-	(11,514,783)
Vehicles	(3,710,650)	(317,299)	-	(4,027,949)
Infrastructure	(9,213,397)	(729,195)	-	(9,942,592)
Total accumulated depreciation	(66,581,885)	(4,320,146)	-	(70,902,031)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	120,325,707	(1,081,108)	-	119,244,599
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 136,836,307	$ (945,153)	$ (315,670)	$ 135,575,484

Business-Type Activities:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Water:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 3,138	$ -	$ -	$ 3,138
Construction in progress	825,510	-	(825,510)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	828,648	-	(825,510)	3,138
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	7,822	-	-	7,822
Buildings	519,034	-	-	519,034
Machinery and equipment	551,499	-	-	551,499
Vehicles	896,812	22,830	-	919,642
Infrastructure	29,054,546	1,929,612	-	30,984,158
Total capital assets being depreciated	31,029,713	1,952,442	-	32,982,155
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(7,822)	-	-	(7,822)
Buildings	(162,197)	(7,701)	-	(169,898)
Machinery and equipment	(460,868)	(60,886)	-	(521,754)
Vehicles	(691,164)	(57,960)	-	(749,124)
Infrastructure	(18,638,232)	(180,942)	-	(18,819,174)
Total accumulated depreciation	(19,960,283)	(307,489)	-	(20,267,772)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	11,069,430	1,644,953	-	12,714,383
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 11,898,078	$ 1,644,953	$ (825,510)	$ 12,717,521

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Sewer:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	$ 1,133,504	$ 119,414	$ -	$ 1,252,918
Vehicles	524,185	62,806	-	586,991
Infrastructure	22,558,256	2,838,244	-	25,396,500
Total capital assets being depreciated	24,215,945	3,020,464	-	27,236,409
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(941,302)	(157,876)	-	(1,099,178)
Infrastructure	(3,029,603)	(332,367)	-	(3,361,970)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,970,905)	(490,243)	-	(4,461,148)
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 20,245,040	$ 2,530,221	$ -	$ 22,775,261

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Light:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 9,349	$ -	$ -	$ 9,349
Construction in progress	7,351,221	2,974,013	-	10,325,234
Total capital assets not being depreciated	7,360,570	2,974,013	-	10,334,583
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Distribution Plant	17,028,543	239,326	(334,111)	16,933,758
General Plant	8,247,999	466,689	(5,000)	8,709,688
Total capital assets being depreciated	25,276,542	706,015	(339,111)	25,643,446
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Distribution Plant	(13,520,339)	(852,361)	334,111	(14,038,589)
General Plant	(4,748,833)	(411,466)	5,000	(5,155,299)
Total accumulated depreciation	(18,269,172)	(1,263,827)	339,111	(19,193,888)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	7,007,370	(557,812)	-	6,449,558
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 14,367,940	$ 2,416,201	$ -	$ 16,784,141

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

Governmental Activities:	
General government	$ 571,768
Public safety	739,598
Education	2,138,542
Public works	770,642
Human services	24,532
Culture and recreation	75,064
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 4,320,146
Business-Type Activities:	
Water	$ 307,489
Sewer	490,243
Light	1,263,827
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	$ 2,061,559

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL LEASES

During year 2007, the Town entered into a lease agreement to finance the acquisition of energy conservation equipment. During year 2012, the Town entered into a lease agreement to finance the acquisition of an ambulance and other public safety related equipment. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes, and therefore, have 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:

	Governmental Activities
Asset:	
Machinery and equipment	$ 2,141,096
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,437,786)
Total	$ 703,310

The future minimum lease obligation and the net present value of the minimum lease payment at June 30, 2014, follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities
2015	$ 317,997
2016	317,997
2017	99,069
Total minimum lease payments	735,063
Less: amounts representing interest	(34,032)
Present value of minimum lease payments	$ 701,031

NOTE 6 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

As of June 30, 2014, the Town had an interfund receivable and payable between the general fund and the Wellington school construction capital project fund in the amount of $108,666. The purpose of this balance was to cover a deficit cash balance for cash flow purposes.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2014, are summarized as follows:

	Transfers In:			
Transfers Out:	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total	
General Fund	$ -	$ 2,411,000	$ 2,411,000	(1)
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	225,000	251,432	476,432	(2)
Water Enterprise Fund	160,250	-	160,250	(3)
Sewer Enterprise Fund	126,875	-	126,875	(3)
Light Enterprise Fund	650,000	-	650,000	(4)
Total	$ 1,162,125	$ 2,662,432	$ 3,824,557	

(1) Transfers represent amounts voted to fund various capital projects.
(2) Transfers represent amounts voted from receipts reserved for appropriation to fund the operating budget and amounts between various non-major funds.
(3) Transfers represent the reimbursement of indirect costs form the Water and Sewer enterprise funds.
(4) Transfers represent amounts related to a payment in lieu of taxes.

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.

Short-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2014 was as follows:

Type	Purpose	Rate (%)	Due Date	Balance at June 30, 2013	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance at June 30, 2014
BAN	Light - Bond Anticipation Note……	1.25%	05/25/14	$ 14,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ 14,000,000
BAN	Sewer - MCWT Interim Loan…….	0.11%	12/31/14	-	1,911,539	-	1,911,539
Total short-term debt……				$ 14,000,000	$ 1,911,539	$ -	$ 15,911,539

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".

In prior years, certain general obligation bonds were defeased by placing the proceeds of bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. Accordingly, the trust account's assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds are not included in the basic financial statements. During 2014, the remaining balances of the defeased debt outstanding was callable and ultimately paid off. Therefore, there is no outstanding balance for defeased debt at June 30, 2014.

Details related to the outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2014, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2013	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2014
Septic Loan 97-2002	2020	$ 60,160	0.00	$ 22,053	$ -	$ 3,191	$ 18,862
Fire Station Construction	2024	8,500,000	3.00-5.00	425,000	-	425,000	-
Fire Land Acquisition	2024	1,500,000	3.00-5.00	75,000	-	75,000	-
Communications Tower	2014	126,000	3.00-5.00	10,000	-	10,000	-
Fire Station Construction	2026	2,030,000	3.00-5.00	1,300,000	-	100,000	1,200,000
Land Acquisition	2025	780,000	4.00-6.00	480,000	-	40,000	440,000
Senior Center	2026	3,310,000	5.00	2,530,000	-	195,000	2,335,000
High School HVAC	2014	600,000	3.50	120,000	-	120,000	-
2010 Debt Refunding	2015	5,455,000	2.70	2,200,000	-	1,100,000	1,100,000
Wellington Elementary School	2035	26,700,000	2.00-3.00	24,580,000	-	745,000	23,835,000
2012 Debt Refunding	2024	9,956,000	3.00-5.00	9,956,000	-	551,000	9,405,000
School Department Vehicle	2020	30,000	3.00-4.00	-	30,000	-	30,000
Ladder Truck	2024	890,000	3.00-5.00	-	890,000	-	890,000
Fire Engine	2024	500,000	3.00-5.00	-	500,000	-	500,000
Harris Field Repairs	2024	960,000	3.00-5.00	-	960,000	-	960,000
Total Bonds Payable				41,698,053	2,380,000	3,364,191	40,713,862
Add: unamortized premium				2,049,039	-	129,647	1,919,392
Total				$ 43,747,092	$ 2,380,000	$ 3,493,838	$ 42,633,254

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

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	$ 3,448,191	$ 1,656,133	$ 5,104,324
2016	2,358,134	1,486,717	3,844,851
2017	2,378,134	1,382,204	3,760,338
2018	2,403,134	1,281,374	3,684,508
2019	2,438,134	1,188,330	3,626,464
2020	2,463,135	1,096,807	3,559,942
2021	2,475,000	994,939	3,469,939
2022	2,520,000	896,286	3,416,286
2023	2,555,000	796,026	3,351,026
2024	2,070,000	697,201	2,767,201
2025	1,435,000	618,851	2,053,851
2026	1,435,000	561,275	1,996,275
2027	1,190,000	509,400	1,699,400
2028	1,240,000	461,800	1,701,800
2029	1,290,000	412,200	1,702,200
2030	1,345,000	360,600	1,705,600
2031	1,400,000	306,800	1,706,800
2032	1,465,000	250,800	1,715,800
2033	1,530,000	192,200	1,722,200
2034	1,600,000	131,000	1,731,000
2035	1,675,000	67,000	1,742,000
Total	$ 40,713,862	$ 15,347,943	$ 56,061,805

Bonds Payable Schedule – Enterprise Funds

Project	Maturities Through	Original Loan Amount	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2013	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2014
MWRA Water Main	2014	$ 650,000	0.00	$ 65,000	$ -	$ 65,000	$ -
MWRA Water	2018	714,000	0.00	357,000	-	71,400	285,600
MWRA Water	2019	872,000	0.00	523,200	-	87,200	436,000
MWRA Water	2021	1,977,570	0.00	1,483,180	-	197,756	1,285,424
MWRA Water	2022	1,000,000	0.00	900,000	-	100,000	800,000
MWRA Water	2023	500,000	0.00	500,000	-	50,000	450,000
MWRA Water	2024	500,000	0.00	-	500,000	-	500,000
General Obligation Bonds of 2014	2034	482,000	2.75-4.00	-	482,000	-	482,000
Total Water				3,828,380	982,000	571,356	4,239,024
MWRA Sewer	2014	3,754,230	0.00	75,086	-	75,086	-
Sewer & Surface Drains	2027	2,479,000	4.10-5.00	1,715,000	-	125,000	1,590,000
MCWT Sewer	2031	7,226,667	2.00	6,627,014	-	308,942	6,318,072
MCWT Sewer	2017	559,406	0.00	447,525	-	111,881	335,644
MCWT Sewer	2033	1,579,600	2.00	1,579,600	-	63,896	1,515,704
Total Sewer				10,444,225	-	684,805	9,759,420
Total Enterprise				$ 14,272,605	$ 982,000	$ 1,256,161	$ 13,998,444

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

Water Enterprise

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	$ 583,358	$ 17,860	$ 601,218
2016	581,356	17,238	598,594
2017	581,358	16,238	597,596
2018	581,356	15,488	596,844
2019	509,958	14,488	524,446
2020	422,759	13,488	436,247
2021	323,879	12,488	336,367
2022	225,000	11,488	236,488
2023	125,000	10,488	135,488
2024	75,000	9,488	84,488
2025	25,000	8,238	33,238
2026	25,000	7,488	32,488
2027	25,000	6,800	31,800
2028	25,000	5,800	30,800
2029	25,000	5,050	30,050
2030	25,000	4,050	29,050
2031	20,000	3,050	23,050
2032	20,000	2,250	22,250
2033	20,000	1,600	21,600
2034	20,000	800	20,800
Total	$ 4,239,024	$ 183,878	$ 4,422,902

Sewer Enterprise

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	$ 617,349	$ 221,603	$ 838,952
2016	625,136	208,760	833,896
2017	633,083	194,665	827,748
2018	529,309	180,409	709,718
2019	537,583	167,083	704,666
2020	546,028	153,624	699,652
2021	554,645	139,961	694,606
2022	563,438	126,029	689,467
2023	572,411	111,859	684,270
2024	581,568	97,505	679,073
2025	585,914	82,968	668,882
2026	595,450	68,454	663,904
2027	585,182	53,748	638,930
2028	495,112	39,695	534,807
2029	505,248	29,692	534,940
2030	515,589	19,484	535,073
2031	526,144	9,066	535,210
2032	94,093	2,863	96,956
2033	96,138	961	97,099
Total	$ 9,759,420	$ 1,908,429	$ 11,667,849

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 year 2014, approximately $555,000 of such assistance was received and approximately $383,000 will be received in future years. Of this amount, approximately $52,000 represents reimbursement of long-term interest costs, and approximately $331,000 represents reimbursement of approved construction costs. Accordingly, a $331,000 intergovernmental receivable and corresponding deferred inflow of resources have been reported in governmental fund financial statements. The deferred inflow of resources 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, 2014, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

Purpose	Amount
Wellington school	$ 2,638,586
Fire station	115,398
Water	4,645,000
Underwood pool facility	2,902,000
Municipal light plant construction	27,600,000
Total	$ 37,900,984

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2014, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2013	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2014	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds……	$ 41,698,053	$ 2,380,000	$ (3,364,191)	$ 40,713,862	$ 3,448,191
Add: unamortized premium……	2,049,039	-	(129,647)	1,919,392	129,647
Total Bonds Payable……..	43,747,092	2,380,000	(3,493,838)	42,633,254	3,577,838
Other Postemployment Benefits…..	53,375,326	17,910,034	(4,879,085)	66,406,275	-
Landfill Closure..…….	3,044,200	926,800	(824,000)	3,147,000	52,000
Compensated Absences…….	1,404,727	61,471	(70,236)	1,395,962	69,798
Capital Leases……	988,931	-	(287,900)	701,031	297,078
Total governmental activity long-term liabilities……	$ 102,560,276	$ 21,278,305	$ (9,555,059)	$ 114,283,522	$ 3,996,714
Business-Type Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds……	$ 14,272,605	$ 982,000	$ (1,256,161)	$ 13,998,444	$ 1,200,707
Other Postemployment Benefits…..	4,256,184	1,450,043	(466,734)	5,239,493	-
Compensated Absences…….	293,058	45,265	(14,651)	323,672	16,183
Total business type activity long-term liabilities……	$ 18,821,847	$ 2,477,308	$ (1,737,546)	$ 19,561,609	$ 1,216,890

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

NOTE 9 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Town classifies fund balance according to constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances, which are nonspendable and spendable. Nonspendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Examples of this classification are prepaid items, inventories, and principal (corpus) of an endowment fund. The Town has reported principal portions of endowment funds as nonspendable.

Massachusetts General Law Ch.40 §5B allows for the establishment of Stabilization funds for one or more different purposes. The creation of a fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body and must clearly define the purpose of the fund. Any change to the purpose of the fund along with any additions to or appropriations from the fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body.

At year end, the balance of the General Stabilization Fund is $7,245 and is reported as unassigned fund balance within the general fund; the balance of the Ash Landfill Stabilization Fund is $3,376,536 and the balance of the Special Education Stabilization Fund is $251,855, both of these are reported as committed fund balance within the general fund.

In addition to the Nonspendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of Spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

- Restricted: fund balances that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- Committed: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government from its highest level of decision making authority.
- Assigned: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government to be used for a particular purpose.
- Unassigned: fund balance of the general fund that is not constrained for any particular purpose

The Town has classified its fund balances with the following hierarchy:

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
	General	Wellington School Construction	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Permanent fund principal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,708,722	$ 2,708,722
Restricted for:					
Community Preservation Fund	-	-	3,007,240	-	3,007,240
Nonmajor governmental funds	-	-	-	12,679,288	12,679,288
Committed to:					
Ash Landfill Stabilization Fund	3,376,536	-	-	-	3,376,536
Special Education Stabilization Fund	251,855	-	-	-	251,855
Assigned to:					
General government	413,976	-	-	-	413,976
Public safety	49,445	-	-	-	49,445
Education	146,209	-	-	-	146,209
Public works	180,187	-	-	-	180,187
Human services	470	-	-	-	470
Free cash used for 2015 appropriations	1,880,000	-	-	-	1,880,000
Release of overlay for 2015 budget	235,000				235,000
Free cash used to offset 2015 property tax debt exclusion	60,897	-	-	-	60,897
Free cash used to offset future property tax debt exclusion principal and interest	219,392	-	-	-	219,392
Free cash used for the 2015 OPEB contribution	264,882	-	-	-	264,882
Unassigned to:					
Kendall School Fire	3,042,955	-	-	-	3,042,955
Other unassigned	9,397,833	(108,666)	-	-	9,289,167
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	$ 19,519,637	$ (108,666)	$ 3,007,240	$ 15,388,010	$ 37,806,221

NOTE 10 – 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 $3.15 million as the estimate of the landfill closure liability at June 30, 2014. This amount is based on estimates of what it would cost to perform all future closure and post closure care in year 2014.

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, which had a balance of $3.4 million at year end.

NOTE 11 – 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 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. At June 30, 2014, the amount of the liability for health insurance claims totaled $1,650,000.

Changes in the reported liability since July 1, 2012, are as follows:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimate	Claims Payments	Balance at Year-End
2014…..	$ 1,800,000	$ 12,034,394	$ (12,184,394)	$ 1,650,000
2013…..	1,600,000	13,765,146	(13,565,146)	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, 2014, 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 12 - 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 $9,193,987 for the year ended June 30, 2014, 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, 2013, the System's membership consists of the following:

	2013
Active members……	473
Inactive members……	151
Disabled members……	44
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits……	322
Total……	990

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 year's 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 years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were approximately $6,899,000, $6,466,000, and $6,062,000, respectively, which equaled its required contribution for each year. The required contribution was determined as part of the January 1, 2012, actuarial valuation using the individual entry age normal actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included a 7.75% investment rate of return and projected salary increases of 3.75% - 6% per year for non-public safety employees and 4.25% - 7% per year for fire and police employees; and annual cost of living adjustments of 3%. 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, 2012, was 15 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)
1/1/2012	$ 67,144,549	$ 134,522,071	$ 67,377,522	49.9%	$ 183,857,670	36.6%
1/1/2010	63,499,612	123,684,550	60,184,938	51.3%	180,889,933	33.3%
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%

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 13 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

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 20% 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 year 2014, the Town contributed $5.3 million to the plan.

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:

Annual required contribution	$ 20,304,505
Interest on net OPEB obligation	2,593,418
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(3,537,846)
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	19,360,077
Contributions made	(5,345,819)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	14,014,258
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	57,631,510
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	$ 71,645,768

The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for year 2014 was as follows:

Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
6/30/2014	$ 19,360,077	28%	$ 71,645,768
6/30/2013	18,237,509	25%	57,631,510
6/30/2012	18,525,794	43%	43,975,829

Funded Status and Funding Progress – As of July 1, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits was $196.0 million, of which was the Town has funded approximately $1.3 million. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was $44.0 million, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 442%.

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, 2012, actuarial valuation, actuarial liabilities were determined using the projected unit credit cost method. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.5% 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 open method over the maximum acceptable period of 30 years. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2014 is 30 years.

NOTE 14 - COMMITMENTS

The Town has entered into, or is planning to enter into contracts totaling approximately $37.9 million related to water and sewer infrastructure upgrades, for education and public safety vehicles, construction of a fire station, construction of a new municipal light plant, and for construction of the new Wellington School.

NOTE 15 - 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, 2014, 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, 2014, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2014.

NOTE 16 – FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During 2014, the following GASB pronouncements were implemented:

- GASB Statement #65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. Financial statement changes include the presentation of deferred outflows and inflows in the Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet. Notes to the basic financial statements were changed to provide additional disclosure on deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

- GASB Statement #70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*. The implementation of this pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.

The following GASB pronouncements will be implemented in future years:

- The GASB issued Statement #67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans,* which is required to be implemented in 2015.

- The GASB issued Statement #68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, which is required to be implemented in 2015.

- The GASB issued Statement #69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, which is required to be implemented in 2015.

- The GASB issued Statement #71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, which is required to be implemented simultaneously with GASB Statement #68 in 2015.

Management is currently assessing the impact the implementation of these pronouncements will have on the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

GENERAL FUND

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

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		
	Amounts Carried forward From Prior Year	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ -	$ 73,181,474	$ 73,181,474
Tax liens	-	-	-
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	-	2,650,000	2,650,000
Charges for services	-	2,030,097	2,030,097
Penalties and interest on taxes	-	180,000	180,000
Licenses and permits	-	756,390	756,390
Fines and forfeitures	-	148,435	148,435
Intergovernmental	-	8,425,556	8,425,556
Investment income	-	100,000	100,000
TOTAL REVENUES	-	87,471,952	87,471,952
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government	323,257	4,457,298	3,882,856
Public safety	40,306	12,358,957	12,791,621
Education	123,909	45,324,993	45,524,993
Public works	368,750	9,182,833	9,378,333
Human services	7,937	851,568	851,568
Culture and recreation	4,279	2,664,604	2,669,104
Pension benefits	-	5,634,285	5,634,285
Employee benefits	-	2,227,301	2,223,373
State and county charges	-	1,656,483	1,656,483
Debt service:			
Principal	-	3,364,191	3,364,191
Interest	-	1,671,836	1,671,836
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	868,438	89,394,349	89,648,643
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(868,438)	(1,922,397)	(2,176,691)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Premium from issuance of bonds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	1,162,125	1,162,125
Transfers out	-	(2,411,000)	(2,411,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(1,248,875)	(1,248,875)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(868,438)	(3,171,272)	(3,425,566)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	-	11,332,716	11,332,716
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ (868,438)	$ 8,161,444	$ 7,907,150

See notes to required supplementary information.

Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance To Final Budget
$ 73,723,467	$ -	$ 541,993
489,554	-	489,554
3,273,897	-	623,897
2,194,716	-	164,619
389,566	-	209,566
1,170,923	-	414,533
269,294	-	120,859
8,680,809	-	255,253
181,685	-	81,685
90,373,911	-	2,901,959
3,414,808	233,714	234,334
12,235,301	49,445	506,875
45,378,655	146,209	129
8,912,397	180,187	285,749
818,828	470	32,270
2,582,155	-	86,949
5,634,285	-	-
1,896,831	180,262	146,280
1,678,335	-	(21,852)
3,364,191	-	-
1,619,336	-	52,500
87,535,122	790,287	1,323,234
2,838,789	(790,287)	4,225,193
298,180	-	298,180
1,162,125	-	-
(2,411,000)	-	-
(950,695)	-	298,180
1,888,094	(790,287)	4,523,373
11,332,716	-	-
$ 13,220,810	$ (790,287)	$ 4,523,373

Other Postemployment Benefit 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 Employer Contributions presents, over time, the ratio of the actual annual employer contributions to the annual required contribution.

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

OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

JUNE 30, 2014

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)
7/1/2012	$ 1,316,700	$ 195,943,349	$ 194,626,649	0.67%	$ 44,045,000	441.9%
7/1/2010	1,009,894	184,907,102	183,897,208	0.55%	39,766,311	462.4%
7/1/2008	501,409	166,550,323	166,048,914	0.30%	33,252,323	499.4%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended	Annual Required Contribution	Actual Contributions Made	Percentage Contributed
2014	$ 20,304,505	$ 5,345,819	26%
2013	19,375,232	4,581,828	24%
2012	18,970,005	7,905,784	42%
2011	18,153,513	7,387,738	41%
2010	16,797,954	7,041,276	42%

See notes to required supplementary information.

OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN
ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Actuarial Methods:

Valuation date	July 1, 2012
Actuarial cost method	Projected Unit Credit
Amortization method	Level Dollar, Open
Remaining amortization period	30 Years as of June 30, 2014
Asset valuation method	Market

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment rate of return	4.5%
Medical/drug cost trend rate	10% graded to 5% over 5 years

Plan Membership:

Current retirees, beneficiaries, and dependents	493
Current active members	670
Total	1,163

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 year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent 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 year 2014 approved budget authorized approximately $91.8 million in appropriations and other amounts to be raised.

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 year ended June 30, 2014, is presented below:

Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources (uses) over expenditures - budgetary basis……	$	1,888,094
Perspective difference:		
Activity of the Stabilization Funds recorded in the General Fund for GAAP……		18,771
Basis of accounting differences:		
Net change in recording tax refunds payable……		24,000
Net change in recording 60-day receipts accrual……		(90,286)
Recognition of revenue for on-behalf payments……		(9,193,987)
Recognition of expenditures for on-behalf payments……		9,193,987
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources (uses) over expenditures - GAAP basis……	$	1,840,579

C. Appropriation Deficit

During 2014, expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations for state & county charges. This deficit will be funded with available funds in 2015.

NOTE B – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT 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 postemployment benefits (OPEB) on a pay-as-you-go basis, but has established an Other Postemployment Benefit Trust fund to accumulate assets to help mitigate the costs of these benefits. As of the most recent actuarial report dated July 1, 2012, the Town had contributed approximately $1.3 million to the fund. As a result, the funded ratio (actuarial value of assets expressed as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liability) is .67%. 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.

The Schedule of Employer Contributions presents, over time, the ratio of the actual annual employer contributions to the annual required contribution.

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.

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