



**MOTIONS**  
**2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 21, 2025**  
**Draft as of May 7, 2025**  
*(Subject to Change)*

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**PRELIMINARY MOTION**

**ORDER OF THE ARTICLES**

**MOVED:** That the Town Meeting hear the motions in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4  
  
*(Majority vote.)*

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**ARTICLE 1**

**REPORTS**

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

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

*(Majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 2**

**ACCEPT AND ADJUST CERTAIN SENIOR AND VETERAN TAX RELIEF MEASURES**

**MOVED:** A. That the Town accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C½, which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and provide an additional exemption up to 100 percent of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

B. That the Town accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for

the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

- C. That the Town accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, or the earliest date permitted by law.
- D. That the Town adjust eligibility for Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, by reducing the minimum age of eligibility from 70 to 65, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.
- E. That the Town accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, which provides that the amounts of the gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal, as set forth in Clause 41C, shall be increased annually by an amount equal to the increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.
- F. That the Town accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset limitation for the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.
- G. That the Town accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17F, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

***(Majority Vote)***

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board, Board of Assessors, Warrant Committee and Senior Tax Relief Working Group will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 3**

**FY2025 APPROPRIATIONS FROM OVERLAY RELEASE**

MOVED: A. That \$100,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Release to support the Conservation Commission's efforts to establish a conservation restriction for Rock Meadow, including Boundary and Topographic surveys, Resource Mapping, and drafting the Conservation Restrictions and other legal review.

- B. That \$225,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Release for initial costs of a maintenance plan to enhance playing field maintenance for Belmont's baseball, softball and multi-purpose fields.
- C. That \$275,000 be transferred from the Overlay Release to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

***(Majority Vote)***

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board and Warrant Committee will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 4**

**CITIZENS PETITION - BEECH STREET CENTER**

**MOVED:** That the Town approve article 4 as printed in the May 21, 2025 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

***(Majority Vote)***

Submitted by the Petitioners, Paul Joy and Robert McGaw

Reporting: The Petitioners will report on this Article.