

- **MINUTES**
- **TOWN OF BELMONT**
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
- **SPECIAL SESSION**
- **CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**
- **Monday, February 4, 2009**
- **7:30 PM**
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- **CALL TO ORDER**
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- A special meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:37 pm by Chairman Firenze in the Chenery Middle School Auditorium. All Board members were present. The Board met in joint session with the Warrant Committee. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present.
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- **COMMUNITY FORUM**
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- Warrant Committee Chair Phil Curtis opened the community forum. He reviewed that the Town faces a \$5M budget gap. Town Accountant Barbara Hagg showed charts explaining the revenue situation. Mr. Younger presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the staffing reductions the Town will have to make in FY10 under an available funds budget. Acting Superintendent Pat Aubin gave a presentation on the school budget for FY10 and the differences between the schools' recommended budget and an available funds budget.
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- Town Meeting members and citizens then asked questions and offered feedback. The police and fire chiefs were asked to explain the impact of cuts on their departments. Some residents asked if union contracts could be revisited to reduce or eliminate scheduled raises.
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- Chair Firenze closed the meeting by noting that the Selectmen and the Warrant Committee ask a lot of tough questions about how Town government is run. But even if the Town did everything with perfect efficiency, it would not save enough to close a \$5M budget gap.
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- The Board adjourned at 9:33 PM.
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- Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator