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**TOWN OF BELMONT
WARRANT FOR 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 1, 2023
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belmont 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 1, 2023, 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:

ARTICLE 1

REPORTS

To hear the report of the Select Board and other Town Officers, 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 Select Board 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 at the call of the Moderator.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 2 AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE TOWN'S LEGAL INTERESTS

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board 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 on behalf of the Town, as and when they deem it for the best interest of the Town, or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article that authorizes the Select Board to represent the Town's legal interests and to settle legal claims.

Submitted by the Select Board

The Select Board will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 3 AMEND UTILITY EASEMENT 778-782-790 PLEASANT STREET

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to modify easements located on land now owned by Empire Management Corporation granted to the Town of Belmont, recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Land Court Division, as Book 9549 Page 383 and Book 9541 Page 289, for the purpose of relocating existing water and sewer utility pipes, as shown on the plan entitled "Easement Plan 778-782-790 Pleasant Street Belmont, Massachusetts" dated April 7, 2023 by Brennan Consulting, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will amend existing utility easements by allowing the creation of a new sewer and water easement on the property at 778-782-790 Pleasant Street.

Submitted by the Select Board

The Select Board will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 4 AMEND ZONING BY-LAW - INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To see if the Town will clarify certain terms in the Zoning By-law by amending Section 1.4 to add this definition:

Inspector of Buildings – The person holding the title "Inspector of Buildings" for the Town of Belmont, who shall be deemed the "zoning administrator" and a "permit granting authority" under M.G.L. c. 40A, § 1A. The terms "Building Commissioner" and "Building Inspector" in this Zoning By-law are deemed to be the same as "Inspector of Buildings."

or in any way act thereon.

The article is to correct the terminology in the Zoning By-Law to "Inspector of Buildings" as well as to define this phrase.

Submitted by the Select Board

The Select Board and Planning Board will report on this Article.

Two-thirds majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 5 AMEND GENERAL BYLAW §50-2020: ESTABLISH RECREATION REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund under M.G.L. chapter 44, § 53E½ by amending § 50-220 of the Town Bylaws to add a new subsection I., as follows, or in any way act thereon:

I. Recreation Revolving Fund: funds derived from recreation programs and activities to be expended by the Director of the Recreation Department for costs associated with recreation programs, including part-time wages, for FY2025 and subsequent years.

The article is to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund to allow the Recreation Department to transition their self-sustaining programs from the General Fund budget to a revolving fund, beginning in FY2025.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 6 CITIZEN PETITION: Sidewalk Safety – Amend General Bylaws: §60-800. D(2) and D(3) Public Ways, Sidewalks and Rights-Of-Way. Obstructions

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws with a goal of calling specific attention to the problem of obstruction of sidewalks especially by the parking of vehicles on sidewalks that interfere with the safe use of sidewalks by pedestrians, persons using wheelchairs, persons using carriages to transport children, elderly persons, and students walking to school, by amending § 60-800.D(2) "Obstructions," by inserting the words *"(including, without limitation, the parking of vehicles of any type)"* after the words "man-made materials" and by inserting the following words at the beginning of § 60-800.D(3) *"Fines for violations of subsections D(1) and D(2) shall be on the following schedule: first offense: written warning; second offense: \$50; third and successive offenses: \$100 each. The Town will communicate at least annually to the residents of the Town the requirements of this §60-800.D, but failure to do so shall not affect its enforceability."* so that it reads:

§ 60-800. Public ways, sidewalks and rights-of-way.

D. Obstructions.

1. No person shall permit a tree, branch thereof, hedge, bush or shrubbery growing on his/her land to extend over or overhang any street, sidewalk or highway so as to interfere with the free and full use of such street, sidewalk or highway.
2. No person, other than an authorized agent of the Town, may place or cause to be placed or maintained any permanent or temporary structure or any natural or man-made materials (*including, without limitation, the parking of vehicles of any type*) on any public street, sidewalk or highway in such a manner as to obstruct or otherwise interfere with the free and full use of such public street, sidewalk or highway for the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, except upon written permit or authorization from the Select Board or its designee, which the Board or its designee may in its discretion issue subject to such terms and conditions, including a bond, as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to protect the public safety.
3. *Fines for violations of subsections D(1) and D(2) shall be on the following schedule: first offense: written warning; second offense: \$50; third and successive offenses: \$100 each. The Town will communicate at least annually to the residents of the Town the requirements of this §60-800.D, but failure to do so shall not affect its enforceability. In addition to other penalties applicable to violation of these bylaws, in the event the Town undertakes to remove any obstructions described in Subsection D(1) and (2) , the Town may charge the landowner for the reasonable cost thereof.*

or in any way act thereon.

Submitted by Gi Yoon-Huang, Town Meeting Member - Precinct 8

The Petitioner will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 7 CITIZEN PETITION: Amend Section 7.5.2(a) of the Belmont Zoning Bylaw to Require Development Impact Report (DIR)

To see of the Town will vote to amend the Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law by adding this provision to Section 7.5.2(a)

A DIR shall be required if such application is for a proposed project that involves any of the following:

- i. the total land area affected by the alteration, regrading, landscaping, and construction of the proposed project exceeds 35,000 square feet;
- ii. the removal of more than 50 trees that each have a caliper exceeding 4 inches (measured 4.5 feet above the surface of the adjacent ground); or
- iii. an alteration that will result in land disturbance of more than 10,000 square feet of land, whether or not the land is substantially restored to its previous grade and surface coverage; or
- iv. the addition or relocation of 40 or more parking spaces.

or in any way act thereon.

Submitted by Ralph Jones, Town Meeting Member - Precinct 3

The Petitioner and the Planning Board will report on this Article.

Two-thirds majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 8 CITIZEN PETITION: Amend General Bylaw §40-325E: Fees for Special Event permits for use of the park sites

To see if the Town will Amend § 40-325.E by adding the following:

"Fees for Special Event permits for use of the park sites shall be waived if the permittee is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Belmont, the event is open to the public, and attendees are not charged a fee to attend."

or in any way act thereon.

Submitted by the Tommasina Olson, Town Meeting Member - Precinct 5

The Petitioner will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 9 CITIZEN PETITION: Authorizing 10 Year Terms for Town Leases & Procurement Contracts for Electric Vehicles, Buses and Trucks

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following binding resolution:

In recognition of the growing availability of electric-powered cars, buses, trucks, vans, and other classes of vehicles (each an "EV", together "EVs"), as well as the increasing availability of federal and state public grants to support their procurement, it is fiscally prudent to authorize the Town to enter into long-term leases, rentals, subscriptions, or similar vehicle procurement contracts (each an "EV Contract") for EVs whenever an EV Contract is an appropriate alternative to outright EV purchase.

The upfront procurement cost of EVs, especially buses and large trucks, when combined with the purchase and installation of dedicated charging equipment, may make it financially beneficial to the Town to enter into a multi-year EV Contract in order to amortize those upfront costs over a longer term and allow the annual cost of an EV to be economically competitive with gas and diesel alternatives.

The 2009 Town Meeting adopted Belmont's Climate Action Plan, which calls for an 80% reduction in the Town's carbon emissions by 2050 (compared to 2007). The 2019 Town Meeting adopted the Climate Action Roadmap, which laid out a plan to reach that goal, including reducing vehicle emissions. The procurement of EVs across the Town's fleet is consistent with both the Climate Action Plan and the 2019 Climate Action Roadmap.

Statewide procurement law limits any municipal contract to a term of not more than three years, unless authorization for a longer term of contract is approved by the governmental body, i.e., Town Meeting. M.G.L. c. 30B, § 12(b) provides: "Unless authorized by majority vote, a procurement officer shall not award a contract for a term exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension, or option. Such authorization may apply to a single contract or to any number or types of contracts, and may specify a uniform limit or different limits on the duration of any such contracts."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Belmont hereby authorizes Belmont Schools and all other Town Departments (each a "Town Department") to enter into EV Contracts for municipal vehicles as follows:

(1) Any EV Contract hereafter entered into by any Town Department may be for a term of up to 10 years, including any term renewals, extensions, or options (the "10-Year Term"); provided, that nothing herein shall require any Town Department to procure EVs at any time, nor for any particular term of years; and

provided further, that any Town Department may enter into an EV Contract with a term shorter than a 10-Year Term, if a shorter term is deemed to be in the best financial or operating interests of the Town;

(2) The foregoing maximum 10-Year Term authorization shall be deemed hereby granted for any EV Contract entered into by any Town Department from this date forward, unless and until this authorization is revoked by action of a subsequent Town Meeting; and

(3) This authorization is intended to and shall be interpreted to implement the authorizations contemplated by M.G.L. c. 30B, § 12(b), or in any way act thereon.

Submitted by the Brian Kopperl, Belmont Registered Voter - Precinct 6

The Petitioner, the Warrant Committee, and the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 10 CITIZEN PETITION: Replace General Bylaw § 60-310 with Specialized Energy Code

To see if the Town will vote to replace § 60-310 of the Town of Belmont General Bylaws, titled "Stretch Energy Code" with a new § 60-310 titled "Specialized Energy Code," for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including future editions, amendments, or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, so that it reads as follows:

§ 60-310 Specialized Energy Code

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Specialized Energy Code is to provide a more energy-efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the State Building Code for new construction.

B. Applicability

This § 60-310 applies to residential and commercial buildings.

C. Specialized Energy Code

The Specialized Energy Code codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 including Appendices RC and CC, and including any future editions, amendments, or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into this § 60-310.

D. Enforcement

The Specialized Energy Code is enforceable by the Inspector of Buildings. This section § 60-310 shall be effective January 1, 2024.

or in any way act thereon.

Submitted by the Roger Wrubel, Town Meeting Member - Precinct 5

The Petitioner will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 11 FY2024 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET & PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects as summarized in the table below, and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or in any way act thereon.

Amount	Project Name	Category	Funding Source
\$ 200,000	Conservation Fund	OS	Open Space Recreation
\$ 250,000	Fund to Support the Creation of New Affordable Housing	CH	Community Housing
\$ 941,953	Grove Street Baseball and Basketball Reconstruction	RC	Open Space Recreation
\$ 86,787	Library Historic Objects Preservation Plan	HP	Historic Preservation
\$ 124,592	PQ Park Basketball Court Replacement - In Kind	RC	Open Space Recreation
\$ 400,000	Rejuvenation of Sherman Gardens	CH	Community Housing

Off-Cycle Funding Applications			
\$ 31,500	Belmont Womans' Club Window Restoration Installation Project for 3rd Floor	HP	Historic Preservation

This 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.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The Select Board, Community Preservation Committee, Warrant Committee, and Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 12

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	FY2023 Salary	FY2024 Salary	Change
Town Moderator	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$—
Chair of the Select Board	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$—
Select Board (2)	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$— (each)
Town Clerk	\$ 106,556	\$ 106,556	\$—
Chair of the Board of Assessors	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,030	\$—
Assessors (2)	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$— (each)

This is a standard article to comply with the provision in M.G.L. c. 41, §108 requiring the compensation levels of all elected officers to be fixed at the Annual Town Meeting, and to appropriate the funds necessary for FY2024. Please note that Town Meeting will establish and appropriate the compensation of other municipal employees under Article 22.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 13 ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR WATER, 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.

Submitted by the Select Board

The Select Board, Warrant Committee, and Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 14 ESTABLISH EXPENDITURE LIMITATION FOR REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½, of the General Laws, to establish expenditure limitations for FY2024 for the revolving funds authorized in § 50-220 of the Town Bylaws;

Fund Title	Entity/Dept.	Spending Limits
Senior Programs	Council on Aging	\$ 150,000
Art Gallery	Belmont Cultural Council	\$ 15,000
Rock Meadow Maintenance	Conservation Commission	\$ 15,000
Copying/Lost Books	Library Trustees	\$ 15,000
Stormwater Improvements	Community Development	\$ 100,000
MLK Day Breakfast	Human Rights Commission	\$ 5,000
Non-School Property Maintenance	Facilities	\$ 60,000
Stormwater Consulting	Community Development	\$ 50,000
Total		\$ 410,000

or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article that sets a limit on the amount of fee revenue that can be expended from the various revolving funds listed in §50-220 of the Town Bylaws during the upcoming fiscal year.

- A. *Senior Programs Fund: funds derived from Council on Aging course and program fees, charges or other receipts to be expended by the Council on Aging to fund courses and programs for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*

- B. *Art Gallery Fund: funds derived from commissions on art sales, to be expended by the Belmont Cultural Council for gallery exhibits and event expenses, including administrative costs and part-time wages, for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*
- C. *Rock Meadow Restoration and Maintenance Fund: funds derived from rental fees from garden plots, to be expended by the Conservation Commission for costs associated with the restoration and maintenance of the Rock Meadow conservation area, including part-time wages, for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*
- D. *Library Lost Book and Copying Fund: funds derived from lost book fees and fees for printing and copying, to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees for the replacement of lost books and for copier and printer supplies and maintenance for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*
- E. *Stormwater Improvement Fund: funds derived from payments made in lieu of on-site stormwater facilities, under the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw, to be expended by the Director of the Office of Community Development for design, construction, and maintenance of public or shared stormwater facilities, for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*
- F. *Martin Luther King Day Breakfast Fund: funds derived from ticket sales for the annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, to be expended by the Human Rights Commission for event expenses for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*
- G. *Non-School Property Maintenance Fund: funds derived from the rental of Town properties not under the control of the School Department, to be expended by the Select Board for the maintenance and repair of such properties.*
- H. *Stormwater Consulting Fund: funds derived from consultant fees paid by applicants for stormwater permits, to be expended by the Director of the Office of Community Development for peer review consultant services for Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years.*

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 15

TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to the General Stabilization Fund, or in any way act thereon.

This article is to transfer a portion of the Town's certified Free Cash balance to the General Stabilization Fund.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

**ARTICLE 16 RENAME AND REPURPOSE THE CAPITAL/DEBT STABILIZATION FUND
AS THE CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to rename and repurpose the Capital/Debt Stabilization Fund established via Article 19 at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting and replace it with a new Capital Stabilization Fund as follows, or in any way act thereon:

Article 19 from 2015 Annual Town Meeting:

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

Revised Capital Stabilization Fund:

That the Town create a Capital Stabilization fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purpose of funding capital projects as recommended by the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee. Any funds received by the Town from the sale of surplus property, refunds, rebates and reimbursements from energy efficiency projects, solar installations, and other capital investments, shall be dedicated to the fund.

This article updates the Capital Stabilization Fund and dedicates future funding to the fund for later appropriation by Town Meeting, as recommended by the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee.

Submitted by the Select Board

The Select Board, Warrant Committee and the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

Two-thirds vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 17 APPROPRIATION OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of funding improvements to the Town’s transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services, or in any way act thereon.

This article is to appropriate \$10,394.60 received from the Commonwealth as the Town’s share of the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund. The funds will provide additional support for transportation related projects.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

**ARTICLE 18 ESTABLISH OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND AND
DEDICATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT
STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to create an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Section 5B of Chapter 40, for the purpose of funding prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery programs as further detailed in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, and further to dedicate the amounts received from Statewide Opioid Settlements between the Massachusetts Attorney General and non-bankrupt opioid industry participants to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, or in any way act thereon.

This article is to establish a Stabilization Fund to dedicate funds received from the Opioid Settlement for later appropriation by Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 19 APPROPRIATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds from the Opioid Settlement distributions to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to allow the Town to meet its requirements under the Opioid Settlement agreement, or in any way act thereon.

This article appropriates the Opioid Settlement distribution payments received in FY2023 to the Opioid Settlement Distribution fund. Without this dedication, the funds would become General Fund revenues, and the Town would be unable to use them to meet the requirements of the Opioid Settlement and would be out of compliance. No funds can be spent from the fund until appropriated by Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

ARTICLE 20

APPROPRIATION OF FY2024 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 budget expenditures. While the article is general as to the categories of capital expenditures, the motion will be explicit. The recommendations of the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee for FY2024 capital expenditures will be distributed to Town Meeting Members prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Select Board

The Select Board, Warrant Committee, and Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage unless bonding authorization is required.

ARTICLE 21

**APPROPRIATION TO OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)
STABILIZATION FUND**

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 from available free cash or other available funds for future Town liabilities for Other Post-Employment Benefits.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

Majority vote required for passage.

**ARTICLE 22 FY2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO
TRANSFER BALANCES TO FUND THE FY2024 BUDGET**

To determine what sums of money shall be granted to pay Town expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and to make the necessary appropriations for the same for the support of schools and for other Town purposes; and to raise, appropriate, transfer money from available funds, and change the purpose of the unexpended balance of prior appropriations to fund the ensuing year's operations, or in any way act thereon.

This is a standard article that appropriates the Town's FY2024 budget, commencing on July 1, 2023. The budget consists of several categories of expenditures; each such category, and the transfer of balances from various sources necessary to fund the General Fund Budget, will be presented for a separate vote of Town Meeting. The Warrant Committee Report contains the budget summary and supporting information and will be distributed to Town Meeting Members in advance of the Annual Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Select Board

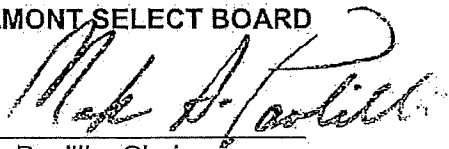
The Select Board and Warrant Committee will report on this Article.

Majority vote required for passage.

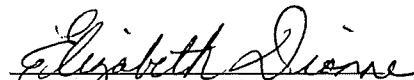



Given under our hands this 11th day of April, 2023

BELMONT SELECT BOARD


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Roy Epstein, Vice Chair


Elizabeth Dionne, Member

A True Copy, Attest

Town Clerk of Belmont, MA