

A yellow rectangular graphic with a black border. On the left side, there is a black spotlight fixture pointing towards the right, casting a bright yellow beam of light across the center of the rectangle. The text "Employee Spotlight" is written in bold black font in the center of the beam.

## Employee Spotlight

# Leslie Davidson

Belmont Town Treasurer/Collector



Each month, Town Administrator Patrice Garvin, recognizes Belmont’s dedicated and professional staff in a series of employee spotlights. There are many hard-working employees working for Belmont that often go unrecognized. The purpose of these articles is to bring these incredible employee accomplishments to light and act as an opportunity to introduce staff to the Belmont community.

In this month’s Bulletin, Town Administrator Garvin would like to recognize Belmont’s new Town Treasurer/Collector **Leslie Davidson** who joined the Town Treasurer’s Office in July.

Leslie comes to the Town of Belmont with extensive experience in municipal government finance from her tenure in the Towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead and Wenham. Prior to her municipal service, Leslie worked in private-sector banking where she was able to forge her love for numbers into the skills and mindset that prepared her for a career where she would play leading roles in finance.

Leslie says her passion for municipal finance comes from its basis in laws and regulation. As Leslie puts it, “having rules to follow – laws and regulations, they’re my roadmap. Municipal finance, especially in the realm of a Treasurer-Collector has a great degree of certainty and predictability because you can find a root law or regulation to help you map out the solution to a problem.”

Leslie was attracted to Belmont, because she saw it as a terrific opportunity to apply her knowledge and skills toward assisting a community where she believed its structure of government and size could allow her to shine as a collaborative leader. Furthermore, she sees Belmont as a place where she can build and manage lasting and meaningful relationships with the people of the community.

Leslie says she “comes into work ready and looking forward to the tasks that the day brings.” She describes herself as a “problem solver” and “people person” who is ready to work with the Belmont community and her co-workers to get things done. In fact, what Leslie cites as her greatest motivation at work is her team.

“I work with some great people who really motivate me. Odalys Torres, Richard Arria, Janine Doumanian and Karen Kiejna are all helpful and good at what they do. Having been here for a few months, I’m really encouraged that we are forming a strong team. The good work we do doesn’t take one person; it takes all of us.”

The Town Treasurer/Collector’s Office is responsible for collecting all taxes and committed bills issued by the Town. In addition, the Town Treasurer/Collector is responsible for the receipt, posting, classifying, depositing and investment of all money belonging to the Town and bills for various Town departments.

Leslie would like Town residents to be aware that they can explore the [Treasurer/Collector Department webpage](#) to learn more about the services of the department. Also, she would like to remind the community of the [ability to pay tax bills online, and to subscribe to alerts when quarterly tax bills and the annual motor vehicle excise have been mailed.](#)

In her time outside of work Leslie takes great pleasure in time spent with her family. Leslie also takes pride in her ability to “make people laugh and smile.”