Public Input Survey Questions

Dear Resident:

The Belmont Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) is conducting a short survey to assess how residents are engaging with the work of both elected and appointed committees in our town government. We are asking for your help.

It is the job of ITAC to provide strategic planning and advising functions to the Town's departments and committees. As such, we are exploring ways in which Belmont town committees and the great work they do can be made more accessible to you, as residents.

The purpose of this survey is to gauge how you, as residents, interact with government committees. We would appreciate your input.

This survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete.

If you have questions about this survey or any of the questions, feel free to contact the committee Chair and Vice Chair as follows:

Chairman: Paul Roberts | paulroberts@gmail.com | 617 932-1234
Vice Chair: Phil Lawrence || plaw@live.com

Meeting Participation

How often do you attend Belmont government meetings in person?
__ weekly
__ semi-monthly
__ monthly
__ quarterly
__ yearly
__ less than once per year
__ I have never attended a Belmont government meeting

I find out about committee meetings that interest me:
__ from the Town website
__ from an email alert sent by the Town
__ from Belmont Media Center (community access cable TV)
__ from a notice in one of the Town's papers
__ from a posting on a bulletin board in a public building (Library, Town Hall, school)
__ from an online news group (i.e. Yahoo or Google group)
__ from a social media site (Facebook, Nextdoor, etc.)

__ from a friend or social group (word of mouth)
__ other

In the last year I have attended a meeting of the: (check all that apply)
__ Board of Selectmen
__ School Committee
__ Warrant Committee
__ Belmont High School Building Committee
__ Logan Airport Community Advisory
__ Community Preservation Committee
__ Council on Aging
__ Cultural Council
__ Energy Committee
__ Municipal Light Board
__ Permanent Building Committee
__ Retirement Board
__ Historic District Committee
__ Housing Trust
__ Human Rights Committee
__ IT Advisory Committee
__ Planning Board
__ Recreation Committee
__ Capital Budget Committee
__ Library Board of Trustees
__ Traffic Advisory Committee
__ Zoning Board of Appeals
__ Community Path Advisory Committee
__ Town Meeting
__ other _____

I have done the following (check all that apply):
___ attended a personal, work or other meeting virtually using Skype, WebEx, GoToMeeting or some similar platform
___ attended a meeting where a colleague was using Skype, WebEx, etc. to participate
___ scheduled a meeting using a shared, online calendar
___ selected a meeting time using a scheduling tool (i.e Doodle)
___ shared documents, photos or other information using a shared drive (Box, DropBox, Google Drive)
___ watched a live or recorded video of a meeting or event that I was unable to attend in person

Feelings about remote (online) participation

How would feel about allowing elected or appointed Belmont committee members to participate (deliberate, vote) remotely (online) in committee meetings?

___ strongly support
___ support
___ oppose
___ strongly oppose
___ no opinion

How would feel about allowing members of the public to attend and participate (e.g. ask questions?) in committee meetings remotely (online)?
___ strongly support
___ support
___ oppose
___ strongly oppose
___ no opinion

Access to committee material

If you have attended a Belmont government meeting, have you been able to access all or most of the documents discussed at the meeting prior to attending?
___ always
___ sometimes
___ never

Have you been able to obtain documents discussed at Belmont government meetings after the fact?
___ all the time
___ frequently
___ sometimes
___ never
___ I have never tried to obtain documents discussed at a Belmont government meeting.

Interaction with committees

On occasions where you have interacted with committee members regarding issues relevant to their committee, how have you done so (check that apply):
__ in person at a committee meeting
__ in person outside of committee meeting
__ letter sent to committee member(s) by US Postal Service
__ phone conversation(s) with committee member(s)
__ email(s) with committee member(s)
__ social media comments (blog, Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
__ public comments (letter to editor, etc.)
__ text / SMS