

# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF BELMONT, MAINE

## TOWN OFFICIALS

### ***Selectmen/Assessors***

1<sup>st</sup> – Sharon A. Reed-Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> – Suzette Harford

3<sup>rd</sup> – Wanda Pinkham

### ***Director To RSU #71***

Judson Colby

### ***Fire Chief***

Ronald Harford II

### ***Code Enforcement Officer***

Jerry Howard

### ***Plumbing Inspector***

Jerry Howard

### ***Assessors Agent***

Amber Poulin

### ***Planning Board***

Chairman- Brent Waterman

Rick Kidson

Brooks Grotton

Judson Colby

Jessica Patrick

### ***Health Officer***

Anita Wellman

### ***Town Clerk/Election Warden/Registrar of Voters***

Kristen Waterman

### ***Tax Collector/Treasurer/Administrative Assistant***

Kristen Waterman

### ***Deputy Clerk/Office Assistant***

Jennifer Richeson

### ***EMA Director***

Ronald Harford II

### ***Road Commissioner***

Craig Luce

### ***Animal Control Officer***

Henry Dow

### ***911 Addressing Officer***

Amber Poulin

### ***Board of Appeals***

Chairman-Lois Cross

Terri Curtis

Anita Wellman

### ***Facilities Manager***

Brent Waterman

### ***General Assistance Administrator***

Kristen Waterman

# TOWN WARRANT

To Kristen Waterman:

Clerk of the Town of Belmont, in the County of Waldo and the State of Maine

## GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Belmont qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Belmont Municipal building on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00pm, to act on the following articles to wit:

## ELECTIONS:

**Article 1 To choose a Moderator.**

**Article 2 To elect the following Town Officials for the ensuing year.**

- Selectpersons/Assessors
  - First Selectperson-Chair
  - Second Selectperson
  - Third Selectperson
- Fire Chief/Fire Warden
- RSU 71 School Board Director – Remainder of 3-year term (2025 to 2028)

The Following positions are to be appointed by the newly elected Board of Selectmen.

- Health Officer
- Animal Control Officer
- EMA Director
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Planning Board Members
- Appeals Board Members
- Licensed Plumbing Inspector
- Facilities Manager
- Treasurer/Tax Collector/Administrative Assistant
- Town Clerk/Election Warden/Registrar of Voters
- Road Commissioner
- Assessing Agent
- Deputy Clerk/Office Assistant
- General Assistance Administrator

**Article 3 To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the various Town Officials.**

- First Selectperson \$5,000.00 Annually
- Second Selectperson \$4,000.00 Annually
- Third Selectperson \$4,000.00 Annually
- Road Commissioner \$2,500.00 Annually
- Facilities Supervisor \$2,000.00 Annually
- Animal Control Officer \$600.00 Annually, plus \$17.00 Hr
- Fire Chief/Warden \$5,000.00 Annually
- Assistant Fire Chief \$2,000.00 Annually
- Emergency Management Director \$1,500.00 Annually
- Health Officer \$400.00 Annually

NOTE: Mileage reimbursement of seventy-two cents (0.72) per mile when using private vehicle on town business for all elected and appointed Town Officials.

- Article 4 To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the Fire Department members.**
- Monthly Meetings shall be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per attended meeting up to 12 meetings annually. Not to include Junior Fire Fighters. Paid annually in December.
  - Monthly Trainings shall be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per attended training up to 12 trainings annually. Not to include Junior Fire Fighters with the exception of State Mandated training. Paid annually in December.
  - Additional Required Trainings shall be compensated at the state minimum wage rate up to 16 hours annually. Not to include Junior Fire Fighters with the exception of State Mandated training. Paid annually in December.
  - Page-out shall be compensated at a rate of \$20.00 per completed page and state minimum wage hourly after the first hour. Paid annually in December.
    - Definition of Page-out: A page-out is a call to respond and/or assist from Waldo County Dispatch. The volunteer must initially respond to the Belmont Fire Department.

**Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to enter into contracts as necessary for garbage collection, recycling, plowing/sanding, road maintenance, septic disposal, cemetery/lawn maintenance, animal shelter, legal/auditing and ambulance services.**  
\*Recommend Approval

**Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of or retain any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, in accordance with current state law, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.**  
\*Recommend Approval

**Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons not to exceed 3/12 of the 2026 budgeted departmental accounts to cover the period of January 1, 2027 through the 2027 Annual Town meeting and to accept and expend funds within the appropriate accounts which are donated, refunded or otherwise paid to the Town from fundraisers or for other specified purposes.**  
\*Recommend Approval

**Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to act as the Municipal Agent for the Tri-Town Snowmobile Club and to accept and expend state grants and matching funds on their behalf.**  
\*Recommend Approval

**Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be deemed delinquent, fix a rate of interest for delinquent taxes and authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept advance payments, partial payments of current year taxes and partial payments of liens not involved in foreclosure.**  
\*Recommend interest rate of 7% starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to initiate a speed study on Route 3 aka the Augusta Road.**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

**Article 11** To see if the Town will take the following actions regarding a parcel of tax-acquired real estate consisting of approximately 8.7 acres located at 637 Back Belmont Road Map 3 Lot 13-20-01:

- (a) appropriate \$65,000.00 from unappropriated surplus to fund an appraisal and refund excess equity to the former owner as required by 36 M.R.S § 943-C;
- (b) authorize the select board to establish a municipal cemetery on the property and develop necessary regulations, and documents to manage the cemetery; and
- (c) appropriate \$10,000.00 from unappropriated surplus for attorney and consultant fees necessary for costs associated with confirming title to the property, drafting necessary documents and performing initial surveys or site work.

\*Recommend Approval

**Article 12** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for  
**General Government Accounts-**  
**RECOMMEND:**

	Raise	Carried	Appropriate		2026 Budget
	\$ 295,300.59	\$ 56,593.17	\$ 11,806.24		\$ 363,700.00
					*2025 Budget
					\$ 351,200.00
<b>Government Accounts:</b>					
Town Officials	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -			\$ 107,500.00
Office Operations	\$ 4,048.01	\$ 745.75	\$ 206.24	*State Snowmobile Reg	\$ 5,000.00
Tax Assessor	\$ 3,897.30	\$ 3,602.70			\$ 7,500.00
Administrative	\$ 1,779.04	\$ 1,220.96			\$ 3,000.00
Audits/Legal	\$ 15,544.60	\$ 4,455.40			\$ 20,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 179.88	\$ 520.12			\$ 700.00
Computers/Office Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -			\$ 30,000.00
CEO/LPI	\$ 5,192.56	\$ 1,307.44	\$ 9,500.00	*From Permit Fees	\$ 16,000.00
Planning/Development	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 30,000.00
Utilites	\$ 19,770.45	\$ (1,770.45)			\$ 18,000.00
EMA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 3,000.00
Grounds Repair & Maint	\$ 1,202.56	\$ 797.44			\$ 2,000.00
Building Repair & Maint	\$ 24,764.35	\$ 13,135.65	\$ 2,100.00	*Rental Fees	\$ 40,000.00
Employee Cost	\$ 66,587.40	\$ 8,412.60			\$ 75,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 571.42	\$ 428.58			\$ 1,000.00
Elections	\$ 2,763.02	\$ 2,236.98		Acquired Property	\$ 5,000.00

**Article 13 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for  
Public Safety Accounts-  
RECOMMEND:**

	Raise	Carried	Appropriate		2026 Budget
	\$ 147,887.33	\$ 75,422.67	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 227,310.00
					*2025 Budget
					\$ 206,500.00
<i>Public Safety Accounts:</i>					
Fire Dept. Operations	\$ 4,674.28	\$ 325.72			\$ 5,000.00
Fire Dept Wages	\$ 23,529.49	\$ 5,470.51	\$ 1,000.00	*From First Responde	\$ 30,000.00
Pager/Radios	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00		Account	\$ 3,500.00
Ambulance Contract	\$ 20,209.00	\$ 101.00			\$ 20,310.00
Air Bottles	\$ 1,329.53	\$ 2,670.47			\$ 4,000.00
Truck Maintenance	\$ 6.00	\$ 6,494.00			\$ 6,500.00
Fire Fighter Physicals	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Turnout Gear	\$ 4,871.02	\$ 1,128.98			\$ 6,000.00
Hose/Ladder/Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -			\$ 5,000.00
Building Repair & Maint	\$ 749.03	\$ 41,250.97	\$ 3,000.00	*Safety Grant	\$ 45,000.00
Grounds Repair & Maint	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -			\$ 25,000.00
Utilities	\$ 9,518.98	\$ 481.02			\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 14,000.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	\$ 52,000.00	\$ -			\$ 52,000.00

**Article 14 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for  
Public Works Accounts-  
RECOMMEND:**

	Raise	Carried	Appropriate		2026 Budget
	\$ 216,249.98	\$ 228,295.02	\$ 273,500.00		\$ 718,045.00
					*2025 Budget
					\$ 589,695.00
<i>Public Works Accounts:</i>					
PW Operation/Maintenance	\$ 1,262.37	\$ 3,737.63	\$ 25,000.00	*Excise	\$ 30,000.00
Capital Improvments	\$ 72,375.00	\$ 175,625.00	\$ 122,000.00	*\$100,000 Excise	\$ 370,000.00
				*\$22,000 Road Grant	
Parking Lots	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 300.00			\$ 11,000.00
Winter Roads	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	*Excise	\$ 160,000.00
Street Light	\$ 286.21	\$ 213.79			\$ 500.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 8,180.00	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 1,500.00	*Cemetery Maint. Fees	\$ 15,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -			\$ 7,000.00
Curbside Trash Service	\$ 72,000.00	\$ -			\$ 72,000.00
Landfill Maintenance	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00			\$ 1,000.00
Septic Disposal Contract	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,500.00
Clean Up Days	\$ 8,697.75	\$ (1,197.75)			\$ 7,500.00
911 System	\$ -	\$ 3,695.00			\$ 3,695.00
Salt Shed Utilities/Maintenance	\$ 48.65	\$ 35,801.35			\$ 35,850.00

**Article 15 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Health & Welfare Accounts-RECOMMEND:**

	Raise	Carried	Appropriate		2026 Budget
	\$ 10,371.19	\$ 436.81	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 12,308.00
					*2025 Budget
					\$ 11,518.00
<b>Health &amp; Welfare Accounts:</b>					
Animal Welfare	\$ 4,705.30	\$ (705.30)	\$ 1,500.00	*Animal Control Fees	\$ 5,500.00
General Assistance	\$ 2,607.89	\$ 392.11			\$ 3,000.00
Health Officer	\$ -	\$ 750.00			\$ 750.00
Social Programs	\$ 3,058.00	\$ -			\$ 3,058.00
**Listed Below					
<i>Social Programs</i>					
			<b>Recommend 25%</b>	<b>Requested</b>	
Kennebec Behavioral Health			\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00	
LifeFlight of Maine			\$ 244.00	\$ 976.00	
New Hope for Women			\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	
Spectrum Generations			\$ 94.00	\$ 375.00	
Sweetser			\$ 625.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Waldo Community Action Partners (WCAP)			\$ 1,650.00	\$ 6,598.00	
Waldo County Woodshed			\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Waldo County YMCA			\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00	

**Article 16 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Culture & Recreation-RECOMMEND:**

	Raise	Carried	Appropriate		2026 Budget
	\$ 1,756.49	\$ 3,185.51	\$ 1,058.00		\$ 6,000.00
					*2025 Budget
					\$ 6,000.00
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Accounts:</b>					
Snowmobile Trails			100% As Received	*From Grant/Match	\$ 4,000.00
Community Events	\$ 1,756.49	\$ 1,185.51	\$ 1,058.00	*Donations	\$ 2,000.00
Veterans Memorial	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -		

**Article 17 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Unclassified Accounts-RECOMMEND:**

	Raise	Carried	Appropriate		2026 Budget
	\$ 15,958.96	\$ 22,829.04	\$ 712.00		\$ 39,500.00
					*2025 Budget
					\$ 39,500.00
<b>Unclassified Accounts:</b>					
Municipal Insurance	\$ 12,403.00	\$ 11,885.00	\$ 712.00	*Insurance Refund	\$ 25,000.00
Lien Costs	\$ 3,500.31	\$ 499.69			\$ 4,000.00
Contingency	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00
Bad Check	\$ 55.65	\$ 444.35			\$ 500.00

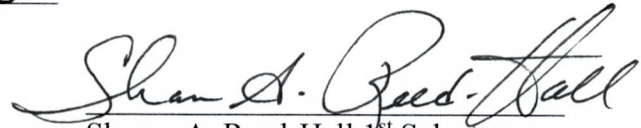
**Article 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Intergovernmental Accounts- RECOMMEND:**


	Raise	Carried	Appropriate	2026 Budget
	\$ 2,492.00	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
				*2025 Budget
				\$ 2,500.00
<i>Intergovernmental Accounts:</i>				
Municipal Dues:	\$ 2,492.00	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00

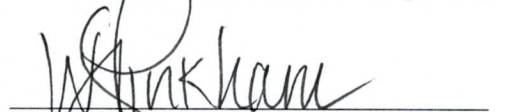
**Article 19 Motion to adjourn.**

The Registrar of Voters will be at the above-named hall and place of meeting on Monday the day of said meeting for the purpose of making corrections to the list of voters from five o'clock in the evening until the Town Meeting is called to order.

Giving under our hands this date: March 17, 2026

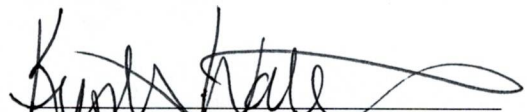
  
 Sharon A. Reed-Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Selectperson

  
 Suzette Harford 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectperson

  
 Wanda Pinkham 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectperson

Clerk Kristen Waterman (witness)

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of Belmont, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Belmont Town Hall Clerks Office and on the towns website www.belmontme.org the same being a conspicuous public place in the said Town.

  
 Kristen Waterman Clerk