

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 4, 2026
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
CERTIFICATION OF VOTES BY TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE 15: **CITIZEN PETITION #9: PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION FOR
REMOTE AND HYBRID TOWN MEETING**

Moved: That the Town approve Article 15 as printed in the 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Motion : Was approved utilizing electronic voting devices, by roll call vote:
Yes 243; No 6 ; Abstain 0 at the Annual Town Meeting session held
May 6, 2026 at the Belmont Middle and High School Auditorium and by
remote-access participation.

TEXT OF ARTICLE 15 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT

Moved that Town Meeting vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set forth below, providing that hybrid and remote Town Meetings be permitted in the Town of Belmont provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

"An Act authorizing remote participation at Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings in the Town of Belmont"

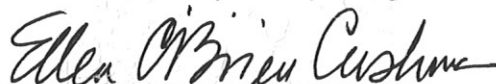
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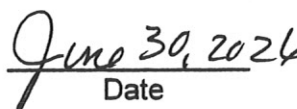
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SECTION 3. All actions taken at a remote or hybrid Town Meeting held in accordance with this act shall have the same effect as if the Town Meeting had been conducted entirely in person.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A True Copy, Attest:


Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Town Clerk
Belmont, Massachusetts


Date

Proposed Special Legislation

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