

Some taxpayers in Belmont may be confused about about the Warrant Articles submitted by the Save Our Gale School Committee. There are a number of flyers circulating so we are going to make an effort to lessen the confusion.

Warrant Article 8 asks taxpayers for \$122,878, the breakdown shows the total cost of the project, donations received, and what work will be done. This warrant article also moves the Gale School to the Concord Street location on a separate piece of land owned by the district. (Whereas, the school district does not want anything to do with the building this is the best option to ensure longevity, and allows the building to be sold off should the fate of the Gale come into question ever, or it could be leased by the district for additional revenue). This will make the Gale ineligible for the State/National Historic Registers. Grant monies and donations will be utilized to complete the inside of the building. Being that the location of the building currently is causing an issue with private restoration efforts, without being moved it doesn't have a chance as the school district has no use for the building and does not want it. The Tax Rate impact for Belmont would be 15 cents per thousand on the tax bill and 11 cents per thousand for Canterbury taxpayers.

Warrant Article 9 asks taxpayers for \$77,979, again the breakdown shows the total cost of the project, donations received, and what work will be done. This Warrant Article keeps the Gale School in its current location. It is anticipated that it will cost less than the projected amount, and some funds could be refunded back to taxpayers. In this Warrant Article the building use would be used for district purposes only due to the location, but it will be eligible for the State/National Historic Registers. Grant monies and donations will be utilized to complete the inside of the building. The Gale School could still at any future point be not wanted by the district, and future Warrant Articles could be brought fourth to RAZE the building once again. The Tax Rate impact for Belmont would be 8 cents per thousand and 6 cents per thousand for Canterbury taxpayers.

The difference between the two warrant articles is \$44,899. To demolish (Warrant Article 10) the building it will cost the district \$70,000 to remove, \$35, 000 to build a storage facility to house everything in the building for a total cost of \$105,000 (taxpayers would be asked to fund) \$70,000. Please post your questions and I will be happy to explain. For more information visit www.belmontnh.net/GaleEducation.html