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To: New Town Meeting Members
From: Liz Allison, Chair, Planning Board
Date: 4/22/2016
Re: Invitation to briefing on "Belmont's Zoning By-Law: April 28, 7pm, Homer Building"

Congratulations on your election as a Town Meeting Member.

As part of its efforts to better serve the Town, the Planning Board, with contributions from Eric Smith, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Sami Baghdady, former chair of the Planning Board and Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen, will be offering a special session "Zoning in Belmont" for newly elected Town Meeting Members. The purpose of this session is to provide you with background on local zoning that will be helpful to you on the many zoning issues you will consider during your time as Town Meeting member.

This briefing will be held on **Thursday, April 28 from 7pm – 8:30 pm** in the top floor Art Gallery in the Homer Building located across from Town Hall. The attached outline presents the topics that will be covered. We hope that you can attend. Please let me or any other members of the Planning Board* know if there are any questions or there is any additional information that would be useful.

We very much hope to see you on the April 28th. We will be preparing notebooks for each of you, so it would be very helpful if you could let me know if you will be attending.

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**The Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law:
A briefing for new Town Meeting Members and Elected Officials**

Overview

A Walk through the By-Law Table of Contents *

District, Use, Intensity and the Zoning Map*

Institutional Structure

- A. The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA)*
- B. The Planning Board*
- C. Office of Community Development

Key Vocabulary for May 2016 Town Meeting

- A. Single Residence (C)
- B. Special Permit
- C. Height
- D. Grade
- E. Setback
- F. Demolition

Recent ZBA and PB issues