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Amendment to Article 1 Citizen's Petition-Belmont Center Restoration Project, 2015 Special Town Meeting, August 6, 2015

Moved: That in place of the revised Belmont Center conceptual plan adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its hearing on May 28, 2015, the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials be directed to draw up documents pertaining to the Belmont Center Restoration Project to preserve unaltered the layout of the delta and the road in front of the Belmont Savings Bank with its angled parking spots, as it has existed for many years, was in existence on the day of the Special Town Meeting of Nov 17, 2014, and still exists today, July 20, 2015.

Submitted by Yvette Tenney, TMM Precinct 1

#### Explanation

This amendment is "Plan Zero" (no change from past years) for the delta and road in front of Belmont Savings Bank. Neither Plan A (voted at Special Town Meeting on Nov 17, 2014), nor Plan B (voted by Selectmen at a hearing on May 28, 2015) provides enough improvement over the status quo to warrant the loss of the angled parking spaces or the bank cut-through. While it would be wonderful to have a real Belmont Commons, this space is inadequate. None of these plans can overcome the limitations of a small delta in the midst of traffic. The question is how to maximize its use. Plan Zero (as it has in the past) provides the most benefit for the most people: a green space with seating, a cut-through to facilitate traffic at difficult times, and the largest number of conveniently located and easy to use, angled parking spots.