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**NEWS RELEASE:**

**Subject:** **Selectmen to Appoint New Planning Board Member**  
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The Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers interested in serving on the Town's Planning Board. Due to an unanticipated vacancy the Selectmen will be appointing one new member of the local community to serve the remainder of a term that will expire on June 30, 2016.

The primary objective of the Planning Board is to protect and preserve the character and the quality of life that defines Belmont. The Board addresses numerous issues that will likely have an impact on Belmont's future. These include: drafting zoning proposals, studying land-use patterns, reviewing traffic concerns, and evaluating specific development projects. Planning Board Members are expected to attend the majority of Board Meetings which typically occur at Town Hall on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. Meeting schedules are subject to change based on the issues being reviewed and board member availability.

The Planning Board is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and is comprised of five regular members as well as one associate member. Staff support is provided by the Town through the Senior Planner and other staff members in the Office of Community Development. There is no set criteria for membership and those with a variety of backgrounds will be considered. Residents with a knowledge and experience in the areas of land use, planning, and related law are highly encouraged to apply.

To apply please complete a Community Volunteer Interest Form and submit it to the Office of the Board of Selectmen along with the requested supporting documents. Interest forms can be obtained on the Selectmen's page of the Town website ([www.belmont-ma.gov/selectmen](http://www.belmont-ma.gov/selectmen)) or by visiting the office during regular business hours. The Office of the Board of Selectman is located in Town Hall, forms may be submitted via e-mail to [selectmen@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:selectmen@belmont-ma.gov).

The deadline for applying for this position is Wednesday, December 9, 2015. A decision on appointment will be made during an open session of an upcoming meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Applicants who are not selected for appointment will have their interest form kept on file for one calendar year.