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NEWS RELEASE:

Subject: Planning Board Seeks Volunteers for Airbnb Working Group
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The Town of Belmont's Planning Board is seeking volunteers interested in participating in a working group focused on short-term lodging rentals in Belmont. Recently, it has been brought to the attention of the Planning Board that the use of the short-term rental website *Airbnb* (and of other web sites) by residents in Belmont is on the rise. In some cases residents are running lodging operations (in growing numbers) without adhering to guidelines that bed-and-breakfasts are required to follow. The Planning Board is looking to convene a working group of interested residents to review the issue and discuss potential updates to our local regulations so that they are reflective of this recent trend. Additional information on the group is available in the proposed charge that is attached to this release.

If you have interest in serving on a working group to review Belmont's rules and regulations related to Airbnb then please send a letter of interest to Raffi Manjikian. Mr. Manjikian can be reached by e-mail with documents sent to his attention at selectmen@belmont-ma.gov.