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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BELMONT PLANNING BOARD**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Belmont Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, **February 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 455 Concord Avenue, to consider amending the Belmont Zoning By-Law, by making the following changes to the Sign By-Law (§5.2):

- §1.4, Definitions and Abbreviations, limit how many days and how often a 'Temporary Sign' can be used;
- §5.2.3 c, Window Signs, move provision to Business Districts and renumber By-Law;
- §5.2.3 c, Temporary Signs, eliminate requirement of posting a deposit with the Town;
- §5.2.5 b) 3, Standing Signs, make standing signs the same size and height in all commercial districts;
- §5.2.5 b) 6, Window Signs, limit the amount of glass covered by permanent and temporary signs;
- §5.2.7, Nonconforming Signs, set criteria for when an existing sign has to comply with the current Sign By-Law; and

Add the following Sections and renumber the By-Law accordingly:

- §5.2.4, Prohibited Signs, list the types of signs that are prohibited;
- §5.2.5 b) 4, Awnings, limit the size of signs on awnings;
- §5.2.5 b) 5, Marquees, limit the size of signs on marquees;
- §5.2.5 b) 7, Sandwich Boards, limit the size, location and duration of sandwich boards; and,
- §5.2.6, Maintenance, require signage to be maintained or it can be removed.

These amendments are proposed in order to improve signage throughout Town and to advance the purposes of the Sign By-Law and the Zoning By-Law as a whole. These amendments will place greater limits on signage and fill loopholes that currently exist within the Sign By-Law.

The complete text of the proposed zoning amendments is available for review at the Office of Community Development and the Town Clerk's Office and on the Planning Board's webpage.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this issue should appear at the time and place designated.

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