

**AMENDMENTS RECEIVED FOR
AUGUST 6, 2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

To the Motion for Article 1

Submitted by Yvette Tenney, Precinct 1

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.

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

Submitted by Donald Mercier, Precinct 8

Moved: that the main motion be amended to add the words " or the bid documents of January/February 2015" after the date, May 28, 2015 and by deleting all of the words after the phrase " Board of Selectmen and other Town officials be directed to" ,and adding the words "maintain the present nine (9) parking spaces and roadway between Moore Street and Concord Avenue, in front of the Belmont Savings Bank" so that the amended motion reads as follows:

Moved:

That in place of the revised Belmont Center Improvements conceptual plan adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its hearing on May 28, 2015 or the bid documents of January/February 2015, the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials be directed to maintain the present nine(9) parking spaces and roadway between Moore Street and Concord Avenue, in front of the Belmont Savings Bank.

Explanation:

As a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee since January 2011, I voted against the plan that removed these parking spaces and the roadway at Belmont Savings. The objective is to retain as many parking spaces as possible and preserve the angle parking option for visitors to Belmont Center. The visual value of the green delta, usable only for 90 days, is less than the value of 365 days of parking.