

Belmont Citizens for Responsible Zoning

April 6, 2016

Dear Town Meeting Member,

One year ago Belmont Citizens for Responsible Zoning placed an article on the Warrant for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Our Citizens' Petition reflected the concerns of Belmont residents about the construction of oversized dwellings in their neighborhoods. Town Meeting members listened to a presentation by our group and, after thoughtful discussion, approved our motion 238 to 24. As a result, a total height limit of thirty-two (32) feet was placed on construction, reconstruction, or modification of any detached single-family dwelling unit in a small portion of Belmont's Single Residence C Zoning District for one year. The moratorium will expire on June 30, 2016.

For the past year, members of our group have worked collaboratively with the Belmont Planning Board to develop Zoning By-Law amendments that will mitigate the effects of oversized construction throughout the Single Residence C Zoning District. We are pleased to endorse the proposed changes and additions spelled out in Article 6 on the Warrant for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The measures developed by the Planning Board are intended to help preserve the character of Belmont's Single Residence C neighborhoods without unduly restricting the efforts of homeowners and developers to expand and improve their property. Article 6 requires a two-thirds vote for passage, and we respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you,

Belmont Citizens for Responsible Zoning Steering Committee

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