

Belmont Land Use Office

Full-text Petition Amendment

PETITION TO AMEND THE BELMONT ZONING ORDINANCE NH RSA 675:4

The protection of the aquifer in Belmont is of vital importance to all the citizens of Belmont. Allowing industrial development over the aquifer creates greater risk of potential pollution of the aquifer. For this reason, we the undersigned, duly registered voters of the Town of Belmont, do:

1. Petition the Selectman of the Town of Belmont, pursuant to NH RSA 675:4, to amend the Belmont Zoning Ordinance in the manner set forth below.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as presented by petition for the Belmont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 7. H. PROHIBITED USES, by adding the following paragraph:

16. Industrial Uses as set forth in Article 5, Table 1.

PLANNING BOARD DELIBERATION AND ACTION ON PETITION

Excerpt from 1/6/16 Planning Board approved minutes: S. Paquin stated he hasn't heard any scientific facts to support the petition. P. Harris stated that there is not enough information to make the decision to support the petition. We have safeguards in place, even more than some other communities. J. Pike stated that we use Best Management Practices and staff is doing a good job safeguarding the aquifer. W. Peterson stated that a tri-town aquifer study was done and we followed those recommendations. We have an ordinance and an aquifer overlay district. J. Pike stated the petition is based on speculation. A business will not pollute their own investment. W. Peterson stated that businesses don't pollute as much as homeowners who dump things down the drain not knowing that they are polluting. They don't deliberately pollute they just don't understand.

MOTION: C. Patten moved not to support the petition amendment: The motion was seconded by R. Segalini and carried. (6-0)

Full minutes available at www.belmontnh.org/docs/Minutes/PB/PBMinutes160106.pdf

BALLOT QUESTION

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by PETITION for the town Zoning Ordinance as summarized below?

Prohibit all Industrial uses in the Aquifer and Groundwater Protection District.

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS PETITION

YES

NO