

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Norfolk ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westwood in said County, GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Precinct One – Senior Center  
Precinct Two - William E. Sheehan School  
Precinct Three - Paul R. Hanlon School  
Precinct Four - Downey School

on the last Tuesday in April, it being the twenty-fifth day of said month, A.D. 2006, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the following purpose:

To bring their vote for the following persons and on the following questions to wit:

ONE ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS  
ONE HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS  
TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS  
ONE MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR  
TWO PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS  
ONE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS  
ONE SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS  
ONE SEWER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS  
ONE TOWN TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS

### **QUESTION:**

Non-Binding: Should the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant licenses for the sale, at retail, of all alcoholic beverages, not to be consumed on the premises?

and you are hereby further directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town of Westwood qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Thurston Middle School, 850 High Street, in said Westwood, on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:30 in the evening, there and then to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$178,727) to supplement the following fiscal year 2006 appropriations, or take any other action thereon:

<b>Transfer</b>			
<b>From Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Personnel Board Expense	\$9,000	Personnel Board Salary	\$9,000
Sewer MWRA Assessment	\$4,000	Sewer Salary	\$4,000
Reserve Fund	\$165,727	Animal Control Expense	\$4,500
		Fire Salary	\$15,180
		Snow and Ice	\$75,000
		Municipal Building Expense – Fire	\$51,047
		Municipal Building Expense – Town Hall	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$178,727</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$178,727</b>

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*Articles 1 and 2*

*These articles make adjustments in various budgets that may have an increase in expenditures and require a supplemental budget (see list below). The funds are generally transferred from budgets that have an unanticipated surplus and from the reserve account.*

- *Personnel Board – for Personnel Director services.*
- *Sewer Salaries – increased overtime due to installation of new controls in pumping station.*
- *Animal Control Expense – coverage for Animal Control Officer medical leave.*
- *Fire Salary – supplemental cost for staff called to military service in Iraq.*
- *Snow and Ice – storm related expenses.*
- *Municipal Building Maintenance – Fire – floor drain/sewerage hazmat problem.*
- *Municipal Building Maintenance – Town Hall – heating system repairs.*
- *Ambulance Expenses – additional costs of upgrading ambulance services to ALS.*
- *Move Veterans Park – partial cost of moving Veterans Memorial to new location.*

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$159,433) to supplement the following fiscal year 2006 appropriations, or take any other action thereon:

<b>Transfer</b>			
<b>From Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ambulance Receipts	\$59,433	Ambulance Services	\$59,433
Free Cash	\$100,000	Snow and Ice	\$75,000
		Move Veterans Park	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$159,433</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$159,433</b>

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund established in accordance with General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Stabilization Fund	\$25,000	Free Cash

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*The Finance Commission unanimously voted to approve the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Stabilization Fund. While this dollar amount represents a small token amount, the Commission feels it is important to demonstrate a continued commitment to funding the Stabilization account. We reiterate our long standing belief that a substantial fund remains vital to the Town. These funds represent a "savings" account for the Town and represent our only real emergency funds. They should not be viewed as "rainy day" funds to be used when the budget is tight but rather as funds needed for a "flood" - a significant unforeseeable emergency. The continued commitment to this account is critical to the Town's fiscal health and bond rating.*

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of to pay the following unpaid bill of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action thereon:

<b>Unpaid Bill</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>From Account</b>
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(Board of Selectmen)

*At the time of printing this report, there were no unpaid bills. If necessary, a Finance Commission recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 5**

To see what sum(s) of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow for the operation of the municipal departments and public school system for the fiscal year July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, as set forth in Appendix D of the Finance Commission's Report to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereon.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds for the operation of the Town and public school system for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 as set forth in Appendix D of this report.**

***Town Budget***  
***Appendix D – See Page 81***

*Please refer to the Finance Commission’s Education (page 6) and Municipal (page 17) Subcommittee reports for a full discussion of the Town’s FY07 budget.*

*This article, traditionally known as the Omnibus Article, compiles all Town budgets and groups them into logically related areas for presentation. Each of the areas represents the work of municipal government or school budget function groups and Finance Commission subcommittees.*

*During the Moderator’s reading of Appendix D, voters wishing to question a particular budget line may call out “hold” when the Moderator indicates the line number of interest. Following a complete reading of the Appendix, the Moderator will start over and read only those lines for which “holds” were called. Discussion may then take place by budget line. The Omnibus Budget Article also contains four additional appendices:*

*Appendix A - The classification and compensation plan for Town employees, as presented by the Personnel Board. This is printed for information only.*

*Appendix B - The classification and compensation plan for School employees, as voted by the School Committee. This is printed for information only.*

*Appendix C - The classification and compensation plan for elected officials as recommended by the Finance Commission. The Moderator will call for a vote on each of these positions.*

*Appendix D - As noted, the operating budget for all town departments as recommended by the Finance Commission.*

*Appendix E - The School Department Budget Summary.*

## ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$417,000) for the purchase, lease or lease/purchase of the following capital equipment and improvements:

<u>Equipment/Project</u>	<u>Requesting Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
1500 GPM Engines (5 <sup>th</sup> of 6 payments)	Fire	\$117,535	\$56,035 free cash/\$61,500 taxation
(2) Heavy Duty Pick-up & Plow	DPW	\$94,000	Free Cash
Medical Van – Town Share	COA	\$10,000	Free Cash
End User Technology/Application Upgrades	IS	\$92,620	Free Cash
Replacement of Police Vehicles	Police	\$102,845	Free Cash

and to direct the Board of Selectmen to trade as part of the purchase price or to sell or dispose of any equipment no longer necessary, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any State or Federal grant or assistance, or both, that may be available for any of the above purchases, or take any other action thereon.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

### *Articles 6, 7 and 8*

*These articles seek approval from Town Meeting to fund from available funds items critical to the operations and maintenance of several municipal, sewer, and school departments. The municipal and school requests represent level funding with the FY06 budget. Although not the entire solution to the capital needs of the community, they represent an important component of an overall capital plan. The Finance Commission supports routinely reinvesting in the community's capital assets, rather than delaying problems that result in a larger infusion of financial resources to correct.*

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$355,000) for the purchase, lease or lease/purchase of the following capital equipment and improvements:

<u>Equipment/Project</u>	<u>Requesting Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Sedan	Sewer	\$30,000	Sewer User Fees
Line Rehabilitation and Manhole Sealing	Sewer	\$325,000	Sewer User Fees

and to direct the Board of Selectmen to trade as part of the purchase price or to sell or dispose of any equipment no longer necessary, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any State or Federal grant or assistance, or both, that may be available for any of the above purchases, or take any other action thereon.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$406,000) for the following capital equipment and improvements:

<u>Equipment/Project</u>	<u>Requesting Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Technology	School	\$100,000	\$38,500 Free Cash/ \$61,500 Taxation
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	School	\$70,800	Free Cash
HVAC	School	\$15,000	Free Cash
Repair and Maintenance	School	\$31,000	Free Cash
Copiers	School	\$51,000	Free Cash
Thurston School Portables-Yr. 5 of 5 Yr. Lease	School	\$138,200	Free Cash

and to direct the Board of Selectmen to trade as part of the purchase price or to sell or dispose of any equipment no longer necessary, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any State or Federal grant or assistance, or both, that may be available for any of the above purchases, or take any other action thereon.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for the following capital equipment and improvements:

<u>Equipment/Project</u>	<u>Requesting Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Sidewalk Plow	Municipal/School	\$110,000	Overlay Surplus
Middle School Roof	School	\$340,000	Overlay Surplus

and to direct the Board of Selectmen to trade as part of the purchase price or to sell or dispose of any equipment no longer necessary, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any State or Federal grant or assistance, or both, that may be available for any of the above purchases, or take any other action thereon.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*A sidewalk plow and repair of the Middle School roof have been identified as essential capital needs. The one-time funds available for these items result from the close out of one-time property tax payments made in FY04 by telecommunication companies, based on values determined by the state. The taxes paid were reserved in the overlay account as the companies have filed abatement appeals with the state. While the cases are not fully resolved and probably won't be for some time, the Long Range Financial Planning Subcommittee has recommended utilizing the funds to complete capital projects.*

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds necessary to purchase and install street lights related to the reconstruction of High Street, or take any other action related thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present,**

**Recommends: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) necessary to purchase and install street lights related to the reconstruction of High Street; and to raise this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 14 of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further recommends that the Board of**

**Selectmen is authorized to apply for and accept any State, Federal, or other grant or assistance that may be available for such projects.**

*The reconstruction of High Street (Rte 109) is a project principally funded by the Commonwealth. The Town has certain obligations, most of which were funded at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. However, that funding did not include the period street lighting, which will complete the aesthetic improvements in the Town center.*

**ARTICLE 11**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow to supplement the fiscal year 2001 appropriation to renovate, expand and equip the Westwood High School and to construct a new athletic field and make repairs to existing athletic fields, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the School Committee to apply for and accept any State or Federal grant or assistance, or both, that may be available for any of the above projects.

(School Committee)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present,**

**Recommends: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,950,000) to supplement the fiscal year 2001 appropriation to renovate, expand and equip the Westwood High School and to construct a new athletic field and make repairs to existing athletic fields, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,950,000) under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) and Chapter 70B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further recommends that the Board of Selectmen and/or the School Committee is authorized to apply for and accept any State or Federal grant or assistance, or both, that may be available for such projects.**

*The Board of Selectman put forth a borrowing article to borrow up to \$1,950,000 to complete the Westwood High School Project. These additional costs are beyond the previous appropriations and collected liquidated damages. This amount represents 4.3% of the total project cost. Originally, \$1,376,200 was established for a contingency fund on the High School project representing only 3% of the entire construction budget. This amount was spent in the first two years of the project. The items paid for out of contingency funds included substantial unsuitable soil materials beyond the projected amounts and asbestos materials present in the old high school that could not be identified until the building was demolished. Additional expenses reflect costs resulting from a legal appeal filed by a group of 10 local residents challenging the wetlands protection. Although the town ultimately prevailed in this legal action, the resulting costs exceeded \$400,000.*

*Given this, there was a reallocation of funds from the FF&E (furniture, fixture and equipment) budget to the contingency fund. In addition, extensive project delays caused by Alexandra*



*Construction, the original general contractor, and the process of terminating this contractor contributed to the added cost of the project.*

*Additional costs to be covered by this borrowing article include supplementing the drainage system of the multi-purpose artificial turf field and completion of the irrigation system for the grass fields. The three wells tested to verify how much water each well would yield proved insufficient for a direct pump system. It is now necessary to incorporate a storage system into the mechanics of the irrigation system to maintain our investment in the grass fields. This borrowing article also replenishes the reserve fund transfer request of \$175,000 to bridge the funding necessary on certain expenses until Town Meeting approval of the borrowing article.*

*This borrowing will be funded within the limits of Proposition 2 ½. It will be matched with the existing High School bonds and paid off over the next 16 years. This simply means that this borrowing will not result in any increase of residents' taxes to pay for this additional, unanticipated borrowing. The Finance Commission voted 14 – 0 in favor of supporting this article and strongly urges the residents of Westwood to support this article.*

## **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept state funds to be received as reimbursement for road improvements and deposit said funds into the Town's road improvement account to be used as reimbursement for expenditures made or to continue the Town's road improvement program of crack sealing, secondary resurfacing and major reconstruction; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth for the improvement of Chapter 90 and other public roads within the Town of Westwood and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make any necessary takings of land and/or easements to accomplish said program or take any other action thereon.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This recurrent article empowers the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept state assistance should it become available. Historically, Westwood has been very successful in obtaining State funding. This success was due, in part, to the diligence of employees who continually monitor all possible funding sources. The Selectmen have ensured that acceptance of the funding does not materially alter the nature of the Town. The Finance Commission recommends adoption of the article.*

## **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, to set the interest rate for tax deferrals, authorized by that statute, at 03%, as provided in Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006.

(Board of Assessors)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*The Town allows income-eligible senior citizens to defer their property taxes. Currently, the interest rate charged by the Town on the deferred property tax balance is 8%. The Finance Commission unanimously supports this article which would reduce the interest rate charged by the Town to 3%.*

**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the street listed below as laid out by the Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Shoe String Lane

(Board of Selectmen)

*At the time of printing this report, Shoe String Lane was not recommended for acceptance by the Board of Selectmen. A Finance Commission recommendation will be made at Town Meeting should this street be certified as complete by the Town Engineer and recommended for acceptance by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.*

**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to petition the general court in compliance with Clause 1, Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the amendments of the Constitution for enactment of a special law substantially in the following form:

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTWOOD TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE ENTRANCE TO HIGHLAND GLEN, AN AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED AT 1100 HIGHLAND GLEN ROAD IN WESTWOOD.***

Section 1.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or specific law to the contrary, the Town of Westwood is authorized, for the safety and well being of the residents of Highland Glen, an Age Restricted Housing Development, located at 1100 Highland Glen Road in Westwood, to install a traffic control signal at the entrance to said complex.

Section 2.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article is a matter of public safety for the residents of the Town and for the residents of the Highland Glen housing development. The development has new units coming available very soon. The traffic concerns that exist now will only worsen when the development becomes fully occupied. The traffic signal that is being proposed will be a motion activated device that will allow traffic leaving the Highland Glen complex to exit safely onto Rt. 109, and will have no adverse impact on existing traffic patterns. The Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Police, Fire and DPW Departments, feels it is prudent to petition the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow installation of this light.*

## **ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to petition the general court in compliance with Clause 1, Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the amendments of the Constitution for enactment of a special law substantially in the following form:

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTWOOD T O GRANT INNKEEPERS LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AND/OR WINES, LIQUORS, AND MALT BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 138, MGL.***

### **SECTION 1.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or specific law to the contrary the licensing authority in the Town of Westwood shall be authorized to issue licenses for the sale of alcohol beverages and/or wines, liquor, and malt beverages pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 138, MGL.

### **SECTION 2.**

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by a vote of 12 in favor and 2 abstentions, recommends that the Town so vote.**

This article will enable the Selectmen to take one of the next steps in our so-far successful process of issuing alcohol licenses. A few years ago the Economic Development Advisory Board recommended and the Town approved issuing liquor licenses for restaurants to attract businesses to Westwood. This first step has enabled restaurants to serve alcoholic beverages with meals. This has already resulted in licensing for four restaurants including a new upscale restaurant called Chiara, an expansion to Primo's, the Blue Orchid and Vello's.

The preliminary plans for Westwood Station, the proposed mixed use redevelopment of University Avenue, include one full service hotel. Since the Town does not yet have the authority to provide a full service hotel with a license to serve alcohol, a home rule petition must be submitted to the legislature seeking this authority. Hotels are only allowed in the industrial zones, so this licensing authority is restricted to those zoned areas along Route 1 and University Park. A recent series of public information sessions found strong support for the addition of this authority, especially if it will encourage economic development.

**ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to support the Board of Selectmen’s recommendation to amend the Rules and Regulations adopted for the licensing of restaurants to serve all alcohol beverages and/or wine and/or malt liquor beverages in a manner that allows restaurants to include full service bars, or take any other action related thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by a vote of 12 in favor and 2 abstentions, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*Under the Town’s current liquor licensing Rules and Regulations, restaurants may apply for licenses that would allow them to serve alcoholic beverages only in conjunction with meals for on-site consumption. The existing rules do not allow Town restaurants to have full service bars. The Board of Selectmen already has the power to amend the Rules and Regulations to expand restaurant liquor licenses to include full service bars. Nonetheless, in keeping with its cautious approach to sales of alcohol in the Town, the Board is seeking the input of Town residents before taking such a step.*

*A vast majority of the Finance Commission views this article favorably because of the potential economic benefits to be gained from somewhat broader liquor licenses for restaurants. Specifically, it is believed that the ability to have a full service bar within a restaurant is essential to attract destination restaurants to the Westwood Station development and elsewhere in the Town. At the same time, the Finance Commission is mindful of the importance of maintaining strict controls over the issuance of liquor licenses and the exercise of rights hereunder (including requiring restaurant personnel to recognize and not serve those customers who may have had too much to drink). In light of the Town’s liquor licensing regulations, which applicants have described as one of the toughest regulatory regimes in the Commonwealth, and which now incorporate even stiffer penalties, the Finance Commission believes that the Board of Selectmen will be able to administer the expanded liquor licensing program in an effective manner that benefits the Town without having significant negative impacts.*

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for enactment of special legislation substantially in the following form of the proposed act printed below, or take any other action relative thereto:

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTWOOD TO GRANT TWO LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK OFF THE PREMISES.**

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding sections 11 and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the Town of Westwood may grant two licenses under section 15 of chapter 138 for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except sections 11 and 17.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(David Feyler, 20 Baker Street)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town vote Indefinite Postponement.**

*The petitioner has requested Town Meeting authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant two licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and wine and malt beverages at liquor stores to be consumed off premise.*

*The Finance Commission has not received any direct support for this article and is concerned with this article for four main reasons. First, it does not restrict the location of the authorized establishments. Second, while somewhat neutral, it does not appear that any significant tax revenues will be generated for the Town as a result of the granting of these licenses at this time. Third, the petition limits the Board of Selectmen to authorizing only two licenses. To the extent residents are open to having such establishments in Town, we would prefer that the Board of Selectmen were empowered to determine the appropriate number of licenses as opposed to being restricted to issuing only two licenses. Lastly, the Board of Selectmen placed a non-binding referendum on this year's ballot that will attempt to gauge the voters' willingness to have a liquor store or similar establishment in Westwood. The Board of Selectmen plans to analyze this feedback from our voters and take the necessary action to address the needs of our community. We believe that this is the most appropriate course of action for our Town.*

**Article 19**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of a restrictive covenant which will impose certain restrictions on certain uses and operations on portions of the property known and numbered as 213 Whitewood Road, which property is more particularly shown on the sketch plan attached hereto as Exhibit A, and described below as the "Burdened Land," the form of which restrictive covenant is to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, and which will be for the benefit of adjacent land owned by the Town, which property is shown on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit B and described below as the "Benefited Land," or take any other action in relation thereto.

Burdened Land: The Burdened Land consists of the following three parcels:

1. All of the land shown as 6.21 acres on "Plan of Land in Westwood, Mass., Whitewood Gardens" dated January 11, 1973 by Philip Bonanno, Registered Engineer, said plan being recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 62 of 1973 in Plan Book 235.
2. The land being a triangular parcel forming the southeasterly corner of Lot 18 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Westwood, Mass.," dated September 22, 1967, prepared by Pilling Engineering Co., Inc., filed as Plan No. 23 of 1968 in Book 4488, Page 130, and which triangular parcel is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 18, thence running North 16 degrees, 40 minutes, 55 seconds West 55.0 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running South 30 degrees, 50 minutes, 34 seconds West 56.5 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running South 84 degrees, 40 minutes 9 seconds East 44.95 feet to the point and place of the beginning;

Containing approximately 1,146 square feet

3. Lot 76 on Land Court Plan 26294-Y, filed with the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court with Certificate of Title 104041, Sheet 2, Book 521.

Benefited Land: The Benefited Land is that parcel identified as "Area = 12 acres - 24 SF" as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Westwood, Mass.," dated February 7, 1966, prepared by Norwood Engineering Co., Inc., recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1051--1966, Plan Book 221.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*In order to make the agreement between the Westwood Station developer and the abutting neighborhood legally binding, the Town must authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the gift of a restrictive covenant. The restrictions include limiting the acceptable use on the residentially zoned portion of the parcel to a single family residence and on the industrially zoned section to an office building with certain square footage and height restrictions. This covenant also calls for a buffer zone to be maintained between the differently zoned portions with appropriate vegetation in place for screening purposes. Once again the Commission would like to commend the residents, Town staff, board members and the developer on their willingness to work together to reach an agreement that is beneficial to both the Town of Westwood and the neighborhood.*

## **ARTICLE 20**

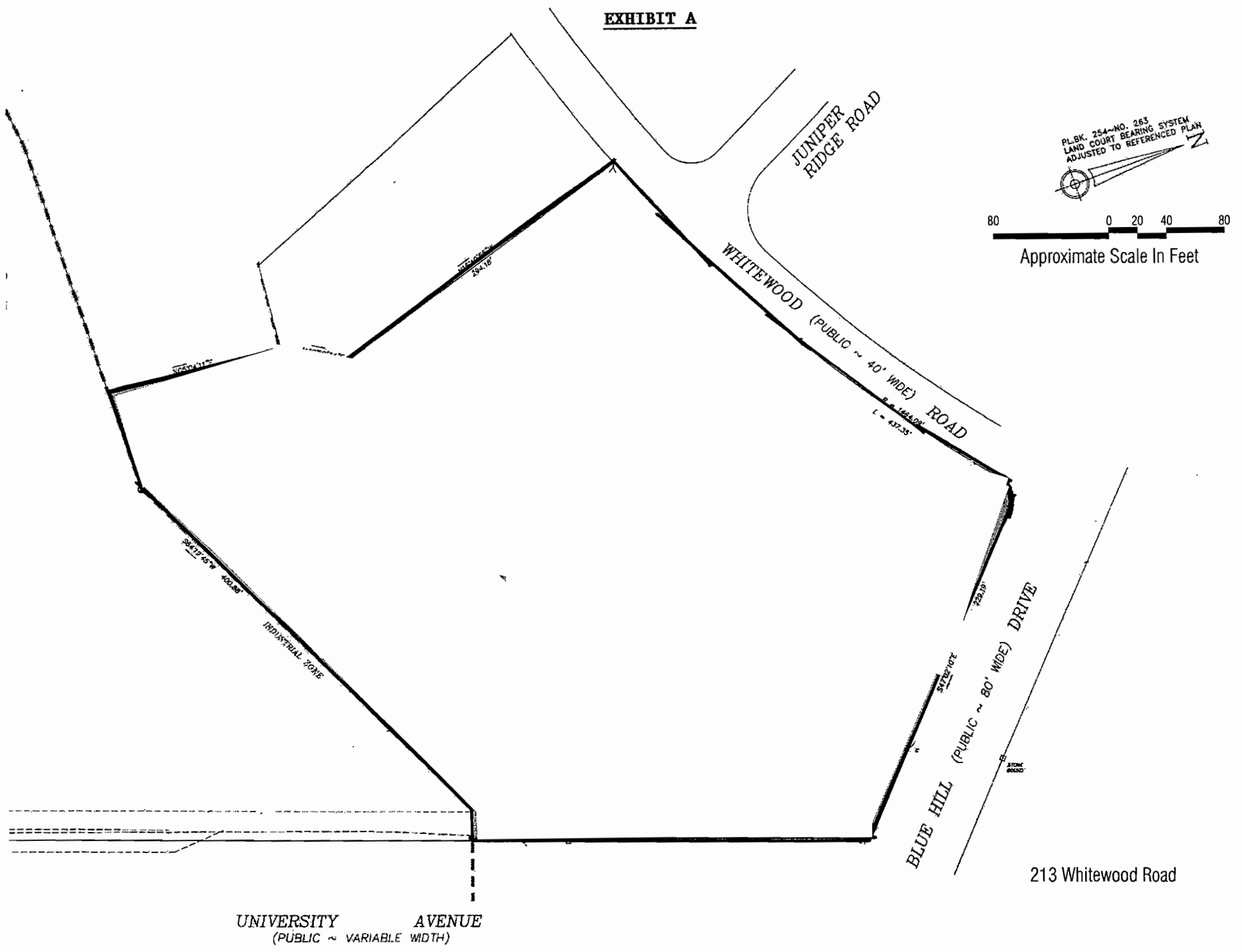
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Map as follows: add the parcel of land shown on Westwood Board of Assessors' Map 33 Lot 20 (213 Whitewood Road) and described below to Mixed Use Overlay District 1 (MUOD 1) and Mixed Use Overlay District 2 (MUOD 2), or take any other action in relation thereto. [See accompanying map]

(Board of Selectmen)

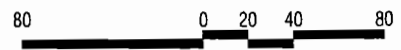
**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article will allow a parcel of land owned by Cabot, Cabot & Forbes to be included in the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) so that it can be developed with uses appropriate to the area and to the Westwood Station Project. The developer and the neighbors abutting the parcel have reached an agreement regarding this transaction and the proposed use for the parcel.*

EXHIBIT A



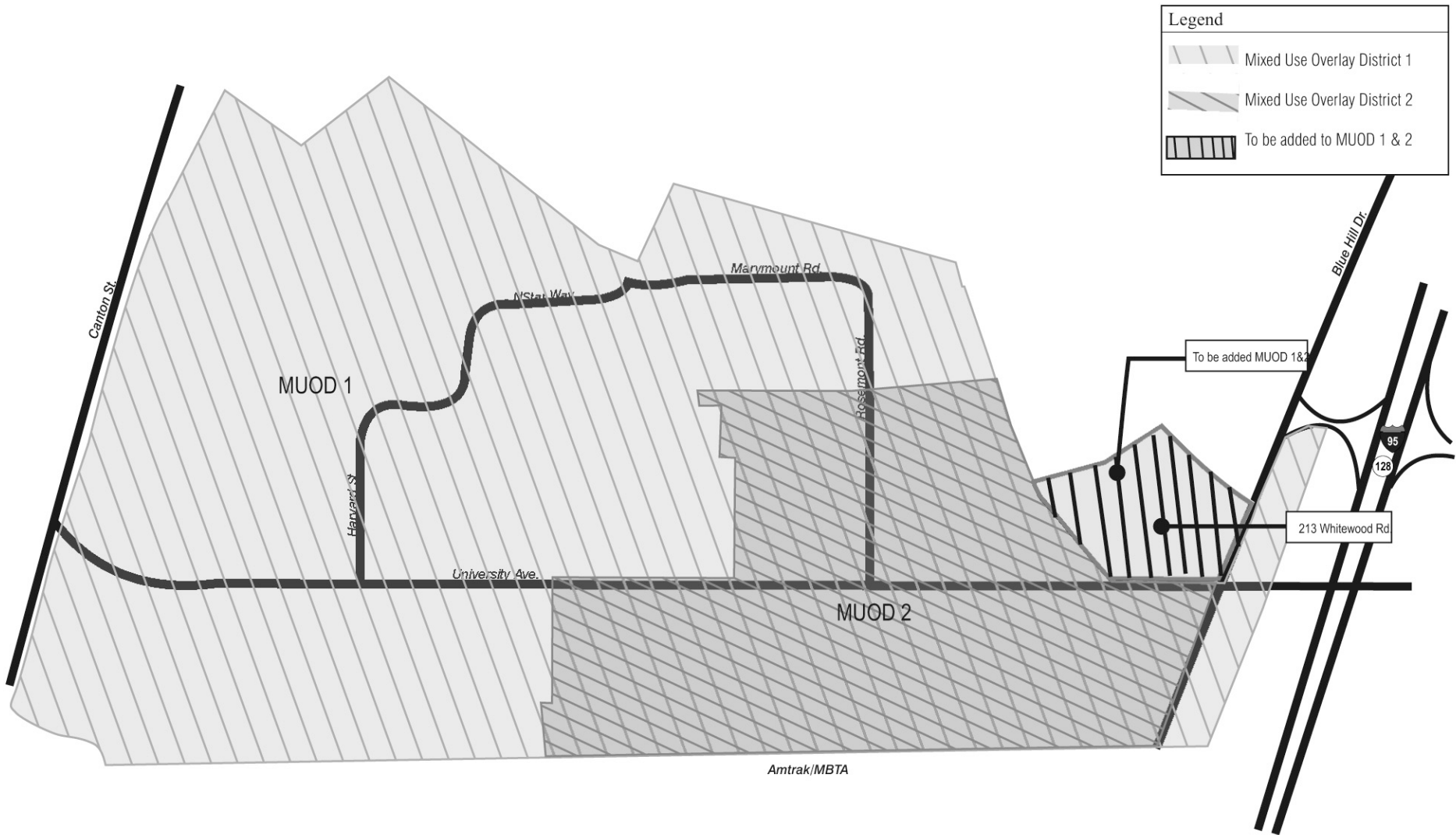
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LAND COURT BEARING SYSTEM  
ADJUSTED TO REFERENCED PLAN



Approximate Scale In Feet







**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.6.5 by deleting the words “Except as otherwise provided herein and” at the beginning of the first sentence and inserting the following words “unless otherwise provided herein” after the words “applicable to the underlying district” so that the sentence reads as follows: “Subject to the provisions of this Bylaw applicable to the underlying district, unless otherwise provided herein, land and buildings within a MUOD may be used for any purpose permitted as of right or by special permit in the underlying district.”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article clarifies that if a use is allowed in the underlying zoning district, then it will also be allowed in the MUOD. For example, since office uses are allowed by right in the Industrial District, then these uses will also be allowed by right in the MUOD. This was always the intent when the original MUOD zoning provision was written and this article just makes the language clearer to reflect that intent.*

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw as follows: amend Section 9.6.9.1 by inserting the following Section 9.6.9.1.5: “In an Area Master Plan, the Planning Board may vary the requirements of Section 6.1.23 to allow for access or egress points to a parking area to be closer than one hundred fifty (150) feet to the centerline of an intersecting street and to allow for more than two (2) access and two (2) egress points to any one parking area.”, , or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*The current zoning bylaw which restricts parking areas to more than 2 access and two egress points which must not be any closer than 150 to an intersecting street may be too restrictive for the size and placement of parking lots and parking structures which may be built in the MUOD as part of the Westwood Station project. This change gives the Planning Board more flexibility in approving proposed parking areas but in no way restricts their ability to continue to exercise their due diligence in assessing traffic, public safety, and other pertinent issues in their decision making process.*

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw as follows: amend Section 9.6.10.5 by inserting the following at the end of the last sentence “; provided that such two (2)-year period shall not include such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal

referred to in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 17.”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article is in response to comments that the Town received from the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By amending the Zoning Bylaw to clarify that the time period for the lapse of a special permit is tolled during an appeal, we are updating our Zoning Bylaw so that it reflects current state law. The Finance Commission appreciates the guidance from the Attorney General’s Office and unanimously supports this article.*

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.6.5 by inserting a new Section 9.6.5.7 that read as follows:

“9.6.5.7 Restaurant with entertainment;” , or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by a vote of 10 in favor and 4 abstentions, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*Many residents have expressed very pertinent and appropriate concerns that this article, along with a separate article to allow bars in restaurants, may open the door for establishments that could change the character of the Town of Westwood. After listening to the concerns of residents and comments by the Board of Selectmen and members of the Economic Development Advisory Board, a majority of the Finance Commission is confident that safeguards exist to maintain the character and quality of life in Westwood. First, this article does not change the ability of the Board of Selectmen to establish and enforce their criteria for granting or maintaining licenses. Liquor licenses and entertainment licenses are two separate and distinct items. Secondly, because this applies in the MUOD, a proposal could not be brought forward unless a developer had control of at least 50 acres of land in the area. Even though there is always risk when trying to balance economic development with maintaining Westwood’s character, we are confident in the stewardship of our elected officials.*

**ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Map to rezone a portion of the parcel of land shown on Westwood Board of Assessor’s Map 33, Lot 20 (213 Whitewood Road) from Single Residence C to Industrial, or take any other action in relation thereto. [See accompanying map]

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*Rezoning a portion of the Whitewood parcel from residential to industrial will allow appropriate development to occur on this parcel and in the adjacent Westwood Station project without having to make significant and cumbersome exceptions to the Westwood zoning bylaws which would be required if the parcel were to remain residentially zoned. This change is supported by the neighbors abutting the parcel who have reached an agreement with the developer on appropriate uses and mitigations. The developer, Town representatives and especially the neighbors impacted by this project are to be commended for their flexibility and willingness to work together to reach an agreement that has the potential to significantly benefit the Town without adversely affecting the neighborhood.*

## **ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Map as follows: to include the entirety or a portion of the parcels of land shown on Westwood Board of Assessor's Map 33, Lots 11 and 12 in Mixed Use Overlay District 2 (MUOD 2), or take any other action in relation thereto. [See accompanying map]

(Board of Selectmen)

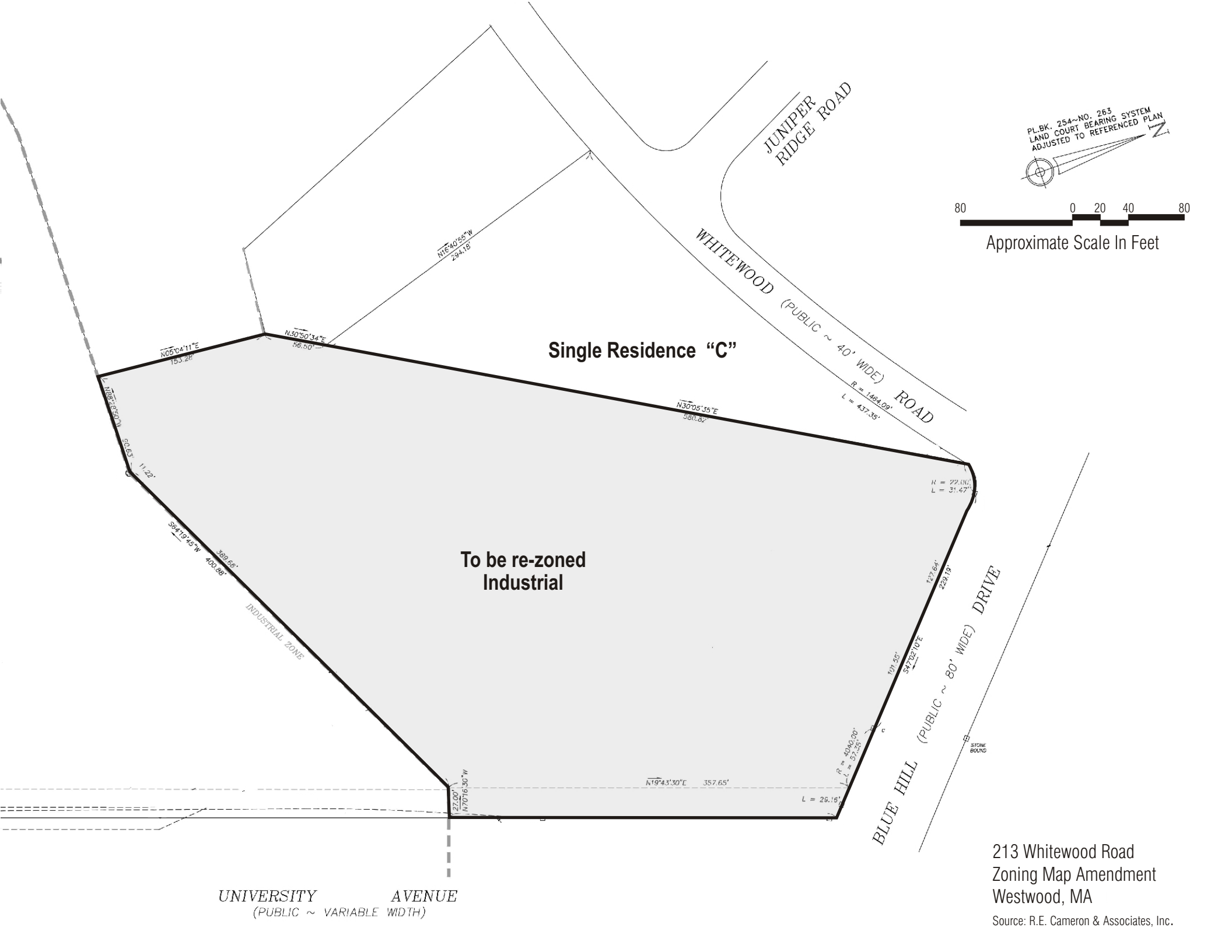
**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article is in response to the ongoing discussions regarding Westwood Station, and expands the MUOD 2 as described in the attached map to effectively "square off" the MUOD 2. While this change affords the developer additional flexibility in the actual design and location of residential units within Westwood Station, it does not increase the number of residential units that can be developed. As a result, the Finance Commission believes that this article may enhance the Westwood Station project without adversely impacting residents.*

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 LAND COURT BEARING SYSTEM  
 ADJUSTED TO REFERENCED PLAN



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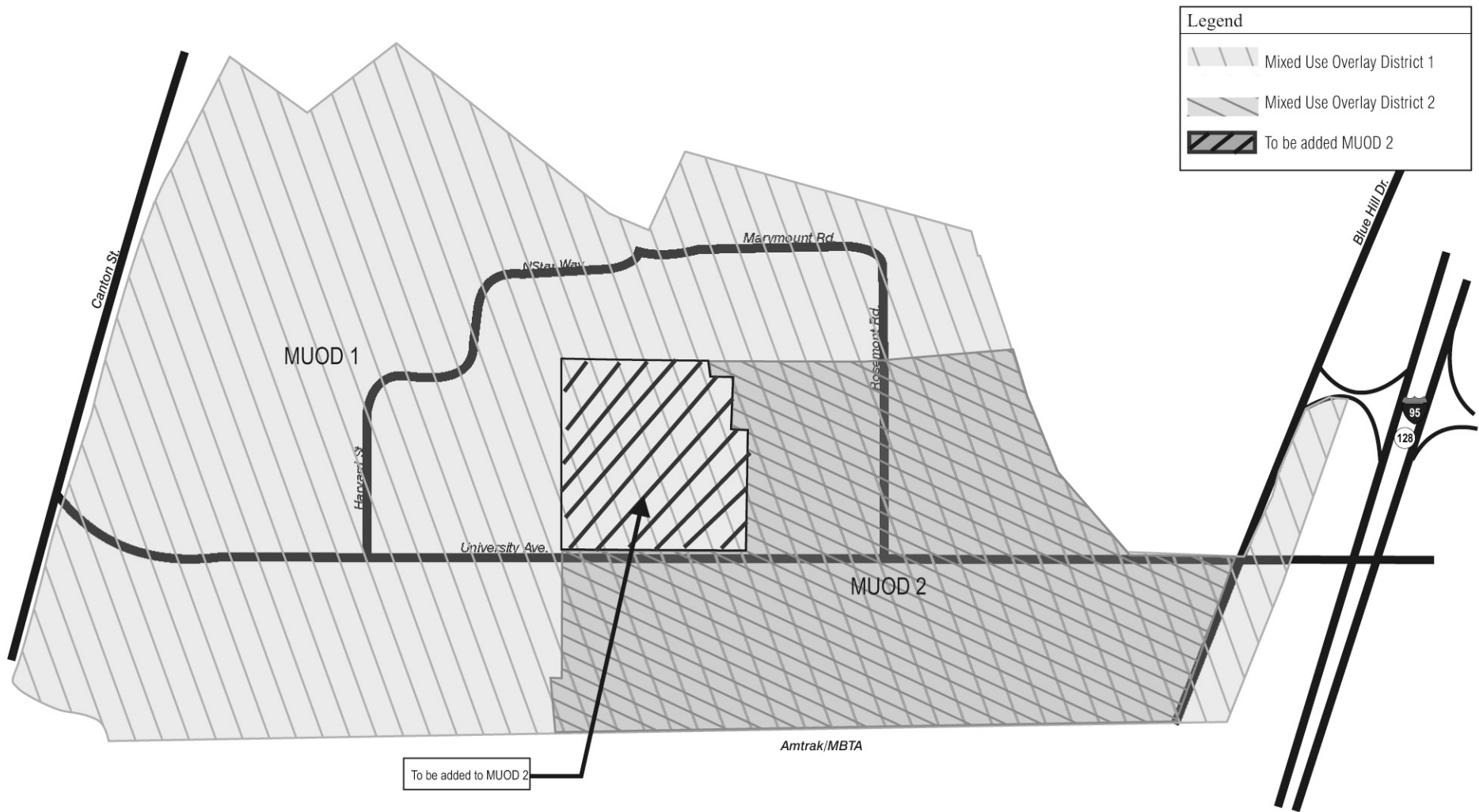
**Single Residence "C"**

**To be re-zoned  
 Industrial**

UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
 (PUBLIC ~ VARIABLE WIDTH)

213 Whitewood Road  
 Zoning Map Amendment  
 Westwood, MA

Source: R.E. Cameron & Associates, Inc.



**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw as follows: change the numbering of existing Section 9.6.5.7 to Section 9.6.5.8 and amend it to read as follows: “Uses accessory to the uses cited above and to the uses permitted in the underlying zoning district.”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article clarifies that if a principal use is allowed in the MUOD and/or in the underlying zoning district, then the uses accessory to those principal uses are also allowed in the MUOD. This was always the intent when the original MUOD zoning provision was written and this article just makes the language clearer to reflect that intent.*

**ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to 1) amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.6.7 by inserting into the first sentence the words “Section 5.5.4, Corner Clearance, Section 5.5.5 Uses within Setbacks,” after the words “Section 5.4, Height Regulations”; and 2) amend Section 9.6.7.3 to insert the words “lot area,” after the words “lot frontage”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article allows more flexibility for appropriate development within the MUOD by easing certain restrictions. By limiting these changes to the MUOD, other areas of Westwood will not be impacted. Even though this article allows the easing of certain restrictions such as setbacks, height regulations, lot area and lot frontage, it does not preclude the Planning Board or any other regulatory or approving agency, board or commission from exercising their full reviews of any proposal.*

**ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.6.9 to 1) insert a new add Section 9.6.9.2 as provided below; and 2) renumber existing Section 9.6.9.2 as 9.6.9.3; renumber existing Section 9.6.9.3 as 9.6.9.4:

“9.6.9.2           **Water Resource Protection District.** The requirements of Section 9.3, Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD), shall apply within areas subject to both the WRPOD and the MUOD, except as follows:

- 9.6.9.2.1 For purposes of Section 9.3.4, the reference to uses for any purpose by special permit in the underlying district shall also refer to uses for any purpose by special permit in the MUOD.
- 9.6.9.2.2 Petroleum products in the fuel tanks of vehicles within parking structures within the MUOD shall not be considered storage of liquid petroleum products.
- 9.6.9.2.3 Within the MUOD, minimum lot area shall be consistent with Section 9.6.7.3.
- 9.6.9.2.4 For purposes of calculating the minimum amount of vegetation area and the amount of impervious materials coverage in Section 9.3.7.3, the references to “lot” shall be deemed to be to the area subject to an Area Master Plan Special Permit or application therefor. If an Area Master Plan includes areas within both the MUOD and WRPOD, and if impervious materials cover more than fifteen percent (15%) of the portion of such area within the WRPOD, then all storm drainage other than roadway runoff, and as allowed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), parking lot runoff, shall be recharged within the area subject to the Area Master Plan and roadway and such parking lot runoff shall comply with the stormwater management standards adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article codifies the relationship between the Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD) and the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) and also allows certain exceptions to the current regulations.*

*Several of our drinking water wells are located in the area where development within the MUOD will occur. While allowing flexibility for appropriate development, it is critical that the quality of our water supply and the general environmental quality not be compromised. This article does not remove any environmental protections from the WRPOD. It is important to note that the current state of the area with significant warehouse and industrial uses and a great deal of impervious surface area was developed many years ago before the current environmental regulations and associated protection and mitigation methodologies were developed. Redevelopment of this area should allow a much more environmentally friendly footprint in this critical area near our water supply. This article in no way limits the full review process, including environmental impacts to which any proposed development will be subject.*

*There are two areas of this article that should be specifically noted. The first is the change that states “Petroleum products in the fuel tanks of vehicles within parking structures within the MUOD shall not be considered storage of liquid petroleum products”. This language will allow*



*cars to be parked in a garage within the WRPOD; but by noting that it is only allowing petroleum products in the fuel tanks of vehicles should prohibit the parking of oil delivery trucks or any petroleum products in tanks. Because petroleum spills or seepage from parked cars is still a concern in this area, it is expected that mitigation measures will be required before approval is granted for these parking structures. The second area to be noted is the requirements for vegetation, drainage, runoff and recharge. Essentially this change allows the entire project to be looked at in calculating the requirements, not just the area within the WRPOD. Again by referencing Department of Environmental Protection statutes and standards as well as stormwater management standards adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Finance Commission is confident that adequate and appropriate protections for our water supply will be in place.*

**ARTICLE 30**

Will the Town vote to amend the Zoning Map by rezoning the following three parcels of land located on Allied Drive from the Highway Business District to the Industrial District, or take any other action in relation thereto:

1. 40 Allied Drive, shown on Assessors' Map Number 17 as Lot 172;
2. 100 Allied Drive, shown on Assessors' Map Number 17 as Lot 173;  
and
3. 122 Allied Drive, shown on Assessors' Map Number 17 as Lot 174.

(James Reilly, 20 Currier Farm Road)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This petition article proposes to amend the Zoning Map for three parcels of land located on Allied Drive from Highway Business District to an Industrial District. Zoning within the Industrial District retains the same use restrictions as the Highway Business District, with one additional use allowing for "motels or hotels on 5 acres or more" which would require a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals. The change in zoning would increase the maximum building height from 45 feet to 70 feet and the maximum floor area ratio from 0.8 to 1.0. These changes are appropriate for commercial uses in this location, and are consistent with height and floor area ratio requirements on abutting properties in Dedham. There are no residential parcels near the three parcels sought for re-zoning; making this an area appropriate for redevelopment. The various projects contemplated by the petitioner would significantly enhance the Town's economic base. This article is supported and endorsed by both the Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Board.*

**ARTICLE 31**

Will the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting Section 4.1.1 in its entirety and substituting therefore the following Section 4.1.1, or take any action in relation thereto:

No building or structure shall be constructed, and no building, structure or land shall be used, in whole or in part, for any purpose other than for one or more of the uses herein set forth as permitted in the district in which said building, structure or land is located, or as set forth as

permissible by special permit in said district, and so authorized. In the case of lots lying only partly within the Town of Westwood, that portion of the lot not within the Town of Westwood may be used to satisfy the requirements of this By-law.

(James Reilly, 20 Currier Farm Road)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This petition article proposes to change the Zoning Bylaw to allow lots located partially in Westwood and partially in another town to include the portion of the lot in the other town to satisfy the requirements of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw. This article also amends the Bylaw to allow access through an abutting town to land that is partially in Westwood. Recognizing that there are unique challenges with respect to redeveloping any of the Allied Drive parcels since they are split between Dedham and Westwood and because it will allow for the highest and best use of the parcels (yielding an estimated \$224,750 increase in tax revenues for the Town of Westwood) the Finance Commission unanimously supports this zoning change. This article also affects a one acre parcel in the proposed University Avenue redevelopment because a small portion of that redevelopment is located in Canton. This article would authorize the use of the land in Canton to meet the requirement of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Board also support this article.*

*The following amendment to this petition article will be introduced during Town Meeting. The **bold, underlined** text will be offered as a change. Procedurally, by law, petition articles cannot be amended prior to Town Meeting, so the Finance Commission voted favorably on what was presented. The Finance Commission unanimously prefers the below-noted amendment, as the amendment specifically states that the combining of lots is only allowed in Industrial Districts. The Finance Commission also felt that it would be smoother and more efficient for Town Meeting to be presented with the amendment in this form. The Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Board also support and prefer this amendment*

*4.1.1 **General.** No building or structure shall be constructed, and no building, structure or land shall be used in whole or in part, for any purpose other than for one or more of the uses herein set forth as permitted in the district in which said building, structure or land is located, or set forth as permissible by special permit in said district, and so authorized. In the case of lots lying partly within the Industrial District of the Town of Westwood and partly within another abutting municipality, that portion of the lot lying outside of the Town of Westwood may be used to meet the zoning requirements of this Bylaw, and such lot may have effective access through such abutting municipality. However, in all other cases, no building or structure shall be constructed or used on a lot lying only partly within the Town of Westwood unless the Westwood portion of the lot shall meet the zoning requirements herein set forth, and the lot shall have effective access to the Town of Westwood. There shall be no more than one non-agricultural principal use for each lot in a Residential District, except as may otherwise be provided herein.*

## ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the legislature to enact legislation establishing a fund for Westwood Public School capital projects and maintenance.

## **AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WESTWOOD EDUCATION CAPITAL PURCHASE BANK FUND**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, the words and phrases set forth in this section shall have the following meanings:

"Education bank", the Westwood Education Capital Purchase Bank, established by section two.

"Fund", shall refer to the Westwood Education Capital Purchase Bank Fund established under the provisions of section four.

"Institutional lender", any bank as defined in section one of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the General Laws, any insurance company as defined in section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the General Laws, and any mortgage company or investment company that made more than twenty mortgage loans in the calendar year preceding the year of the relevant mortgage for the purposes of subsection (m) of section twelve, and any national bank, federal savings and loan, federal savings bank, bank holding company, or state or federally chartered credit union.

"Legal representative", with respect to any person, shall mean any other person acting pursuant to a written power-of-attorney executed by such person; provided, however, that any affidavit attesting to the true and complete purchase price of real property, submitted to the School Committee or assessors pursuant to section six, may also be signed on behalf of such person by an attorney admitted to practice in the commonwealth.

"Purchaser", the transferee, grantee or recipient of any real property interests.

"Purchase price", all consideration paid or transferred by or on behalf of a purchaser to a seller or his nominee, or for his benefit, for the transfer of any real property interest, and shall include, but not be limited to, all cash or its equivalent so paid or transferred, all cash or other property paid or transferred by or on behalf of the purchaser to discharge or reduce any obligation of the seller; the principal amount of all notes or their equivalent, or other deferred payments, given or promised to be given by or on behalf of the purchaser to the seller or his nominee; the outstanding balance of all obligations of the seller which are assumed by the purchaser or to which the real property interest transferred remains subject after the transfer, determined at the time of transfer but excluding real estate taxes and other municipal liens or assessments which are not overdue at the time of transfer; and the fair market value at the time of transfer of any other consideration or thing of value paid or transferred by or on behalf of the purchaser, including, but not limited to, any property, goods or services paid, transferred or rendered in exchange for such real property interest.

"Real property interest", any present or future legal or equitable interest in or to real property, and any beneficial interest therein, including the interest of any beneficiary in a trust which holds any legal or equitable interest in real property, but shall not include any interest which is limited to any or all of the following: the dominant estate in any easement or right of way; the right to enforce any restriction; any estate at will or at sufferance, and any estate for years having a term of less than thirty years; the reversionary right, condition, or right of entry for condition broken; the

interest of a mortgagee or other secured party in any mortgage or security agreement; and the interest of a stockholder in a corporation, or a partner in a partnership, unless any real property interest has been transferred to such corporation or partnership for the purpose of evading the fee imposed by section eight.

"Seller", the transferor, grantor or immediate former owner of any real property interests.

"Time of transfer", of any real property interest shall mean the time at which such transfer is legally effective as between the parties thereto, and, in any event, with respect to a transfer evidenced by an instrument recorded with the appropriate registry of deeds or filed with the assistant recorder of the appropriate registry district, not later than the time of such recording or filing.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a Westwood Education Capital Purchase bank, to be administered by the Westwood School Committee and school superintendent, for the purpose of maintaining and improving permanent school buildings in Westwood. The education bank is hereby constituted a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality and the exercise of the powers hereby conferred upon the education bank shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

This act shall not affect the eligibility of the town of Westwood to receive funds under the school financing rules of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or under any similar state program.

SECTION 3. The School Committee shall also adopt a maintenance and management plan for managing each of the School Department facilities and properties. In preparing a management plan, the committee shall use, as guidelines, the capital plans, if any, of the school or town boards.

SECTION 4. The School Committee shall supplement its capital purchase budget by drawing upon a fund, to be set up as a revolving or sinking account within the treasury of the town of Westwood. Deposits into the fund shall include (a) funds appropriated, borrowed, or transferred to be deposited into the fund by vote of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee or of town meeting; (b) voluntary contributions of money and other liquid assets to the fund; and (c) revenues from fees imposed upon the transfer of real property interests as set forth in section six occurring after the effective date of this act as set forth in section thirteen, together with payments of interest and penalties under section nine. Grants or gifts of money or other assets to the education bank shall be expended only for the purpose of the grant or gift and subject to any restrictions or limitations imposed thereon by the grantor or donor thereof. All expenses lawfully incurred through the education bank in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be evidenced by proper vouchers and shall be paid by the town of Westwood only upon submission of warrants duly approved by the School Committee. The treasurer of said town shall prudently invest available assets of the fund in accordance with regulations and procedures adopted by the School Committee, and all income thereon shall accrue to the fund.

SECTION 5. The School Committee shall keep a full and accurate account of its actions including a record as to when, from or to whom, and on what account money has been paid or received relative to this act, and as to when, from and to whom and for what consideration real property interests have been improved. Said records or accounts shall be subject to examination by the director of accounts or his agent pursuant to section forty-five of chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

Said town treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account stating when, from or to whom, and on what account money has been paid or received relative to the activities of the education bank. Said account shall be subject to examination by the director of accounts or his agent pursuant to section forty-four of chapter thirty-five of the General Laws. The balance of said account shall be reported to the School Committee and school superintendent on a regular basis.

SECTION 6. There is hereby imposed a fee equal to two percent of the purchase price upon the transfer of any real property interest in any real property situated in the town of Westwood. The fee percentage may be reduced by a two-thirds vote in favor of such reduction at the annual town meeting; provided, however, that no reduction in the fee percentage shall take effect until all projects underway by the education bank shall have been paid in full. Said fee shall be the liability of the purchaser of such real property interest, and any agreement between the purchaser and the seller or any other person with reference to the allocation of the responsibility for bearing said fee shall not affect such liability of the purchaser. Such fee shall be paid to the School Committee or its designee, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the deed or other instrument evidencing such transfer, if any, and an affidavit signed under oath or under the pains and penalties of perjury by the purchaser or his legal representative, attesting to the true and complete purchase price and the basis, if any, upon which the transfer is claimed to be exempt in whole or in part from the fee imposed hereby. The Westwood assessor's office, or its designee, shall promptly thereafter execute and issue a certificate indicating that the appropriate fee has been paid or that the transfer is exempt from the fee, stating the basis for the exemption. The register of deeds county of Norfolk County, shall not record or register, or receive or accept for recording or registration, any deed, except a mortgage deed, relative to a real property interest in land situated in the town of Westwood to which has not been affixed such a certificate, executed by the committee or its designee. Failure to comply with this requirement shall not affect the validity of any instrument. The School Committee shall deposit all fees received hereunder with the treasurer of the town of Westwood as part of the fund established by section four. The fee imposed hereunder shall be due simultaneously with the time of transfer upon which it is imposed.

SECTION 7. At any time within seven days following the issuance of the certificate of payment of the fee imposed by section eight, the purchaser or his legal representative may return said certificate to the School Committee or its designee for cancellation, together with an affidavit signed under oath or under the pains and penalties or perjury that the transfer, with respect to which such certificate was issued, has not been consummated, and thereupon the fee paid with respect to such transfer shall be forthwith returned to the purchase or his legal representative.

SECTION 8. The following transfer of real property interests shall be exempt from the fee established by section six. Except as otherwise provided, the purchaser shall have the burden of proof that any transfer is exempt hereunder:

- (a) transfers to the government of the United States, the commonwealth, and any of their instrumentalities, agencies, or subdivisions;
- (b) transfers which, without additional consideration, confirm, correct, modify or supplement a transfer previously made;
- (c) transfers made as gifts without consideration; in any proceedings to determine the amount of any fee due hereunder, it shall be presumed that any transfer for consideration of less than fair market value of the real property interests transferred was made as a gift without consideration to the extent of the difference between the fair market value of the real property interests transferred

and the amount of consideration claimed by the purchaser to have been paid or transferred, if the purchaser shall have been at the time of transfer the spouse, the lineal descendant, or the lineal ancestor of the seller, by blood or adoption, and otherwise it shall be presumed that consideration was paid in an amount equal to the fair market value of the real property interests transferred, at the time of transfer;

(d) transfer to the trustees of a trust in exchange for a beneficial interest received by the seller in such trust; distributions by the trustees of a trust to the beneficiaries of such trust;

(e) transfers by operation of law without actual consideration, including but not limited to transfers occurring by virtue of the death of bankruptcy of the owner of real property interest;

(f) transfers made in partition of land and improvements thereto, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and forty-one of the General Laws;

(g) transfers to any charitable organization as defined in clause third of section five of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws, or any religious organization, provided that the real property interests so transferred shall be held by the charitable or religious organization solely for its public, charitable or religious purposes;

(h) transfers to a mortgagee in foreclosure of the mortgage held by such mortgagee, and transfers of the property subject to a mortgage to the mortgagee in consideration of the forbearance of the mortgagee from foreclosing said mortgage;

(i) transfers made to a corporation or partnership at the time of its formation, pursuant to which transfer no gain or loss is recognized under the provisions of section three hundred and fifty-one of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;

(j) transfers made to a stockholder of a corporation in liquidation of the corporation, and transfers made to a partner of a partnership in dissolution of the partnership;

(k) transfers consisting of the division of marital assets under the provisions of section thirty-four of chapter two hundred and eight of the General Laws or other provisions of law;

(l) transfers of property consisting in part of real property interests situated within Westwood and in part of other property interests, to the extent that property transferred consists of property other than real property situated within Westwood provided that the purchaser shall furnish School Committee with such information as it shall require or request in support of the claim of exemption and manner of allocation of the consideration for such transfers; and

(m) the first one hundred thousand dollars of the purchase price of a transfer made to a natural person who, or whose spouse, at the time of such transfer has at no time owned or possessed any real property interest as defined in section one either within or without any member town, provided that such person makes the real property interest which is the subject of the transfer his or her actual domicile within two years of the time of transfer; provided, further, that in the event of a subsequent transfer within five years of the transfer exempted from the fee under this subsection, other than the transfer or a mortgage to an institutional lender, the fee exempted shall become due, together with accumulated interest and penalties, and in addition to any fee otherwise due as a result of the subsequent transfer. The purchaser shall certify as to the foregoing, and the assessor's office shall attach to the deed a certificate which shall recite the fact that there is

running with the land a lien equal to the amount of the fee exempted plus accumulated interest and penalties until such time as all conditions of this subsection have been met. The School Committee shall have the power, at any time and from time to time, to require any purchaser claiming the exempting provided by this subsection to furnish such evidence of compliance with the requirements of this subsection as the committee shall deem necessary or appropriate. If any requirement or condition of this subsection is not met within the time specified, the amount of the fee exempted plus accumulated interest and penalties shall automatically become due and payable.

SECTION 9. A purchaser who fails to pay all or any portion of the fee established by section six on or before the time when the same is due shall be liable for the following additional payments in addition to said fee:

(a) Interest. The purchaser shall pay interest on the unpaid amount of the fee to be calculated from the time of transfer at a rate equal to fourteen per cent per annum.

(b) Penalties. Any person who, without fraud or willful intent to defeat or evade a fee imposed by this act, fails to pay all or a portion of the fee within thirty days after the time of transfer, shall pay a penalty equal to five per cent of the outstanding fee as determined by the School Committee for each month or portion thereof thereafter that the fee is not paid in full; provided, however, that in no event shall the amount of any penalty imposed hereunder exceed twenty-five per cent of the unpaid fee due at the time of transfer. Whenever the School Committee determines that all or a portion of a fee due under this chapter was unpaid due to fraud with intent to defeat or evade the fee imposed by this chapter, a penalty equal to the amount of said fee as determined by the School Committee shall be paid by the purchaser in addition to said fee.

SECTION 10. All fees, penalties and interest required to be paid pursuant to this act shall constitute a personal debt of the purchaser and may be recovered in an action of contract or in any other appropriate action, suit or proceeding brought by the School Committee; said action, suit or proceeding shall be subject to the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty of the General Laws.

(b) If any purchaser liable to pay the fee established by this act neglects or refuses to pay the same, the amount, including any interest and penalty thereon, shall be a lien in favor of the School Committee upon all property and rights to property, whether real or personal, belonging to such purchaser. Said lien shall arise at the time of transfer and shall continue until the liability for such amount is satisfied. Said lien shall in any event terminate not later than six years following the time of transfer. Said lien shall not be valid as against any mortgagee, pledge, purchaser or judgment creditor unless notice thereof has been filed by the committee (i) with respect to real property or fixtures, in the town of Westwood as recorded by the registry of deeds for the county of Norfolk County, or (ii) with respect to personal property, in the office in which a security or financing statement or notice with respect to the property would be filed in order to perfect a nonpossessory security interest belonging to the person named in the relevant notice, subject to the same limitation as set forth in section fifty of chapter sixty-two of the General Laws.

In any case where there has been a refusal or neglect to pay any fee, interest or penalties imposed by this act, whether or not levy has been made, the committee, in addition to other modes of relief, may direct a civil action to be filed in a district or superior court of the commonwealth to enforce the lien of the School Committee under this section with respect to such liability or to

subject any property of whatever nature, of the delinquent, or in which he has any right, title or interest, to the payment of such liability.

The School Committee may issue a waiver or release of any lien imposed by this section with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Such waiver or release shall be conclusive evidence that the lien upon the property covered by the waiver or release is extinguished.

SECTION 11. This act, being necessary for the welfare of the Westwood Public School system and the inhabitants of the town of Westwood, shall be liberally construed to effect the purpose hereof.

SECTION 12. The School Committee shall submit no amendment of this act to the general court unless and until such amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the voters at a town meeting.

SECTION 13. Acceptance of this act shall be by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of acceptance has been placed on the ballot.

(John Cummings, 4 Chickadee Lane)

**The Finance Commission, by a vote of 13 in favor and 1 abstention, recommends that the Town vote Indefinite Postponement.**

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*The maintenance and upkeep of our Town building facilities has been, and continues to be, a major concern of the Finance Commission and Town officials. We commend the petitioner for his creative attempt to remedy this issue. However, we are concerned that there are serious and far-reaching intended and unintended consequences of this major change to our tax structure. The critical issues raised by the members of the Finance Commission include the following:*

- We believe that Westwood Station has the potential to bring significant net tax benefits to the Town. We believe passage of this article has the potential to severely and adversely impact the development of Westwood Station.*
- The petitioner believes that this proposal would indirectly provide operational budget relief by freeing up free cash which would have otherwise been directed to capital expenditures. However, it is critical to note that Proposition 2 ½ provides an override mechanism to allow the citizens to approve operational expenditures in excess of Proposition 2 ½ limits. We do not believe it is desirable to provide a tool to circumvent Proposition 2 ½.*
- Although the transfer fee would be paid by the buyer, we believe that the fee would serve to reduce the selling price actually paid to the seller. We are concerned that the cost of this fee would be unfairly borne by senior citizens and citizens already in the Town that are moving to a new home in Westwood.*
- The petitioner stated that, from a personal tax perspective, this transfer fee is not tax deductible. Operational overrides are funded through property tax increases, which are tax deductible. We are concerned this would simply shift the burden of school building maintenance from the entire Town to home sellers. We believe that this transfer tax represents a philosophical change in the responsibility for funding public education.*



- *This is a very complex article that raises serious questions. We believe that the legal, procedural and administrative details of the article have been underestimated.*
- *Highlights of our concerns about the legal drafting of the article follow.*
  - *The petitioner mentioned that the article includes a carve-out for over-55 and low-income housing; however, we could find no reference to these provisions in the article.*
  - *The petitioner stated that the article will be modified to carve-out commercial property, first-time home buyers up to \$400,000, and a portion of intra-Westwood moves; however, we have not been presented with this legal language and do not have a basis to consider these legal changes.*
  - *The petitioner stated the School Committee would not control the expenditure of the fund; however, we could find no reference to this provision in the article.*
  - *The procedural and administrative details raise more questions. It is unclear how decisions will be made and how exactly the transfer tax is collected. What are the staffing implications of this tax? What will the cost of the operating expenses be?*
- *The petitioner provided examples of three communities where a similar transfer fee had been successfully implemented: Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard, and Naples, Florida. Each of these communities has demographics very dissimilar to Westwood’s demographics. Additionally, many of these communities use a transfer fee to fund conservation land purchases and not school building capital investment.*
- *We are uncertain if this fee should be limited to school capital or should apply to Town-wide capital. Also, we are uncertain if the proceeds from the transfer fee should be limited to building facilities, and if the definition of capital should exclude items such as furniture and computer equipment.*
- *We are uncertain of the basis for the 2% fee level, or if a higher or lower fee level would be more appropriate.*
- *We are concerned that this source of revenue is inconsistent and would likely fluctuate from year to year, depending on the vigor of the real estate market.*
- *We believe that this transfer fee would have the potential to confuse the school operational funding issue and future Proposition 2 ½ initiatives.*

*The Finance Commission was told there would be a number of amendments to this article proposed at Town Meeting. We do not support any amendments. We would welcome further study of this and other ideas to fund Town-wide capital needs. This petition article is not the answer to solving our funding problems. The Finance Commission urges indefinite postponement.*

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### **ARTICLE 33**

To see if the Town will vote to 1) amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.1 EARTH MATERIAL MOVEMENT, 7.1.1 Special Permit Required by inserting into the last sentence the number “1)” between the words “with” and “the” and by inserting “; or 2) a plan submitted pursuant to Section 8.5, Major Residential Development (MRD) or Section 8.6, Senior Residential Development (SRD).” after the word “plan” so that the sentence reads as follows: “The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for the export, import and/or regrading of earth material on any parcel of land in connection with 1) the construction of streets and the installation of municipal services as shown on a subdivision plan; or 2) a plan submitted pursuant to Section 8.5, Major Residential Development (MRD) or Section 8.6, Senior Residential Development (SRD).”; 2) amend Section 4.2 NOTES FOR PRINCIPAL USES by inserting into

Notation #9 the number “1)” between the words “with” and “the” and by inserting “; or 2) a plan submitted pursuant to Section 8.5, Major Residential Development (MRD) or Section 8.6, Senior Residential Development (SRD)” after the word “plan” so that Notation #9 reads as follows: “<sup>9</sup>The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for an Earth Material Movement special permit application in connection with 1) the construction of streets and the installation of municipal services as shown on a subdivision plan; or 2) a plan submitted pursuant to Section 8.5, Major Residential Development (MRD) or Section 8.6, Senior Residential Development (SRD).”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Planning Board)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article changes any earth importation, removal, or regarding Special Permits associated with Major Residential Developments and Senior Residential Developments from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board. Under the current Zoning Bylaw, the Zoning Board of Appeals issues these Special Permits. Because this type of permit is usually required with multi-unit projects which require permits from the Planning Board, it will be more efficient for the Town if the granting authority were transferred to the Planning Board. This change would allow concurrent review and issuance of the necessary permits by one board and avoid duplication of the review process.*

**ARTICLE 34**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.3 LOCATION OF DISTRICTS to delete the year “2005” and substitute the year “2006”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Planning Board)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This change is necessary so that the Zoning Bylaw references the most current date of the Zoning Map.*

**ARTICLE 35**

To see if the Town will vote to 1) amend the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 8.6 SENIOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, Section 8.6.1 Special Permit Required by inserting a new sentence after the word “Section” that reads as follows: “A SRD shall not be deemed a Major Residential Development or a Residential Retirement Community, nor shall a SRD require a special permit pursuant to Section 8.5, Major Residential Development or a special permit pursuant to Section 8.7, Residential Retirement Community.”; 2) amend Section 8.7 RESIDENTIAL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, Section 8.7.1 Special Permit Required by inserting a new sentence after the word “Section” that reads as follows: “A RRC shall not be deemed a Major Residential Development or a Senior Residential Development, nor shall a RRC require a special permit pursuant to Section 8.5, Major Residential Development or a special

permit pursuant to Section 8.6, Senior Residential Development.”; 3) amend Section 8.5, MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT Section 8.5.3 Special Permit Required by inserting a new sentence after the word “Section” that reads as follows: “A MRD shall not be deemed a Senior Residential Development or a Residential Retirement Community, nor shall a MRD require a special permit pursuant to Section 8.6, Senior Residential Development or a special permit pursuant to Section 8.7, Residential Retirement Community.”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Planning Board)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*In response to the proposed petition amendments, the Planning Board put forth this article. This amendment simply and definitively states that SRD, MRD, and RRC developments are distinct from each other and only require one special permit.*

### **ARTICLE 36**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new section 8.6.9 as follows:

“8.6.9 Compliance with the Major Residential Development Bylaw. An application for a special permit for a SRD shall also be subject to the MRD provisions of this Bylaw, Section 8.5 if it proposes the development of four (4) or more residential units. To the extent that any provisions of Section 8.5 are inconsistent with the provisions of Section 8.6, the Planning Board shall determine which provisions to apply in such manner as may be necessary or appropriate, with due regard to preserving the purpose of the MRD By-law as set forth in section 8.5.1. The Planning Board shall hold hearings and issue or deny a special permit for an SRD pursuant to the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, Sections 8.5 and 8.6, as well as other relevant sections of the Bylaw.”

or to do or take any action related thereto.

(Peter Fenn, 53 Milk Street)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town vote Indefinite Postponement.**

### *Articles 36, 37, 38*

*Petitioner states that these three petition articles are sponsored by and on behalf of a group of residents in response to a specific Senior Residential Development project abutting their neighborhood. The Finance Commission does not support these changes to the Town’s Bylaws that are intended to stop a specific project and that will likely discourage and impede any additional senior residential development projects in Westwood.*

*The Finance Commission supports the alternative proposed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board expressed its willingness to conduct a series of community-wide forums over the next calendar year to discuss issues of concern to the residents of Westwood including the petitioner, issues such as the appropriate allowable density of Senior Residential Developments. With respect to these three articles, the Finance Commission concurs with the unanimous opinion of the*

*Planning Board that these articles would confuse and change the intent and operation of the Major Residential Development (MRD) and Senior Residential Development (SRD) bylaws previously authorized at Town Meeting. The MRD regulations have a genesis from state subdivision control laws, an as of right legal process, whereas the SRD originates from a special permit discretionary process previously adopted by Town Meeting with a distinctly different approval process. Petitioner seeks to impose new restrictions upon SRD projects by limiting the permissible density of an SRD project and the discretion of the Planning Board to approve such project by imposing new legal standards on SRD developments that would effectively eliminate any additional senior housing development in Westwood.*

*The petitioner indicated to the Finance Commission that the Planning Board did not have sufficient tools available to it to thoroughly evaluate a Senior Residential Development project. However, petitioner does not accept the differences in requirements under the law between the MRD and the SRD and does not acknowledge the comprehensive process required by the Planning Board. During the last two years, the Planning Board conducted a thorough review of the first SRD project proposed in Town. The Planning Board held approximately 16 public meetings over a two year period and denied the project for engineering and design reasons. Therefore, the Finance Commission concurs with the unanimous opposition of the Planning Board to these articles and opposes these three articles and recommends indefinite postponement.*

### **ARTICLE 37**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by revising section 8.6.4.1 thereof by adding the following before the last sentence of the section:

“Provided further that allowable density pursuant to this section shall not exceed 1.5 times the density permitted by conventional development at the site unless the Planning Board make specific findings, supported by substantial evidence, that development of an SRD project at the site at a density greater than 1.5 times that which would be allowed by conventional development at the site will not have any deleterious impacts on the neighborhood, or on the natural environment, or have any negative impact on public safety. In order to provide a basis for evaluation of the proposed density, the Applicant shall submit a conventional plan as that term is defined in section 8.5.8.1 of this By-law, showing the maximum number of dwelling units that could be created through conventional development as set forth in section 8.5.11 of the By-law.

This section may, at the discretion of the Planning Board, take precedence over some or all of the provisions of Sections 8.5.11 through 8.5.14 of this By-law to the extent that these provisions might otherwise apply to a proposed SRD. In determining the area of the lot or lots that is reasonably suited for residential development, the Planning Board shall consider any limitations imposed by as soil conditions, slope, topography, wetlands, access, utility access, or other conditions that may pertain. Any lot or portion of a lot that could not be developed for residential dwellings under the existing zoning scheme shall not be considered suitable for residential development as a SRD. In order to provide a basis for evaluation of the proposed density, the Applicant shall submit a conventional plan as that term is defined in section 8.5.8.1.”

“Thereby revising section 8.6.4.1 to read as follows:

8.6.4 Specific Restrictions. A SRD shall also be subject to the following specific restrictions:

8.8.4.1 The dwelling unit density shall not exceed sixteen (16) dwelling units per acre. To determine whether the dwelling unit density rate does not exceed this maximum, all land in the

development lot or parcel not reasonably suited for residential development shall be excluded, and (subject to such exclusion), all land therein utilized for access and egress, parking, buffer areas or dedicated to public ownership as open space shall be included. **Provided further that allowable density pursuant to this section shall not exceed 1.5 times the density permitted by conventional development at the site unless the Planning Board make specific findings, supported by substantial evidence, that development of an SRD project at the site at a density greater than 1.5 times that which would be allowed by conventional development at the site will not have any deleterious impacts on the neighborhood, or on the natural environment, or have any negative impact on public safety. In order to provide a basis for evaluation of the proposed density, the Applicant shall submit a conventional plan as that term is defined in section 8.5.8.1 of this By-law, showing the maximum number of dwelling units that could be created through conventional development as set forth in section 8.5.11 of the By-law.**

**This section may, at the discretion of the Planning Board, take precedence over some or all of the provisions of Sections 8.5.11 through 8.5.14 of this By-law to the extent that these provisions might otherwise apply to a proposed SRD. In determining the area of the lot or lots that is reasonably suited for residential development, the Planning Board shall consider any limitations imposed by as soil conditions, slope, topography, wetlands, access, utility access, or other conditions that may pertain. Any lot or portion of a lot that could not be developed for residential dwellings under the existing zoning scheme shall not be considered suitable for residential development as a SRD. In order to provide a basis for evaluation of the proposed density, the Applicant shall submit a conventional plan as that term is defined in section 8.5.8.1. The determination of compliance with this provision shall be made by the Planning Board, which shall take into consideration any graphic or analytic materials provided by the applicant.**

Or to do or take any action related thereto.

(Peter Fenn, 53 Milk Street)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town vote Indefinite Postponement.**

## **ARTICLE 38**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by revising section 8.5.2 thereof by inserting therein the following words:

“development or construction of four (4) or more dwelling units on, or ”

and by adding a comma after the words “purposes of”

thereby revising section 8.5.2 to read as follows:

8.5.2 Definition. Major Residential Development shall mean *the development or construction of four (4) or more dwelling units on, or* the division or subdivision for residential purposes of, any parcel of land or set of contiguous parcels of land which were in common ownership as of July 1, 1998, which would cumulatively result in one or more

of the following, unless each lot has lot area, lot frontage and lot width at least fifty (50) percent greater than that required by Section 5.2, Table of Dimensional Requirements:

or to do or take any action related thereto.

(Peter Fenn, 53 Milk Street)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town vote Indefinite Postponement.**

**ARTICLE 39**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 16, Fire Alarm System Bylaw, by adding the following:

- (i) *all newly permitted (commercial and/or multi-unit residential) buildings after July 1, 2006, will be required to install a radio repeater system to bolster and re-transmit signals from portable radios during emergencies. Said radio repeat system will be in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the Fire Chief.*

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*The use of repeater signals will provide for an increased level of safety in emergency situations, where signal strength of portable radios could be a concern. The repeater will enhance the safety of both emergency personnel and building occupants in need of services.*

**ARTICLE 40**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 16, Fire Alarm System Bylaw, by adding the following:

- (h) *all newly permitted (commercial and/or multi-unit residential) buildings after July 1, 2006, will be required to install a radio master fire alarm box in place of the hard wire boxes now utilized.*

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*Finance Commission members agreed with Fire Department assessments that the equipment to be installed in new buildings and implemented over time in existing locations will provide for enhanced information being transmitted to the Fire Department. It will be more cost effective and reliable in daily operations than the current system, which relies on cables strung throughout the Town.*

**ARTICLE 41**

To see if the Town, in accordance with section 4A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action related thereto.

(Board of Health)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*This article would enhance the Town’s emergency preparedness and capabilities by enabling the Town’s Board of Health to share resources, expertise, and equipment with local health authorities in neighboring communities. In a situation such as a fuel spill or an infectious disease outbreak, the Board of Health would be able to request assistance from similar authorities in 26 other towns within Emergency Preparedness Region 4B (such as Norwood, Dedham, and Needham). The proposed mutual aid agreement for public health is modeled on similar agreements for cooperative police and fire services.*

*In addition to recognizing the obvious benefits from being able to draw upon outside support in a public health emergency, the Finance Commission views this article favorably for several reasons. First, the provision of mutual aid is voluntary. If the Town’s health personnel do not believe they can respond to another community’s request without compromising the Town’s own services, they are not obligated to respond. Second, each community retains liability for its own personnel when they are working in another community. This means that the Town will not be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of outside agencies or for paying workers’ compensation or other benefits relating to those agencies’ personnel. Finally, the Town needs to enter into the mutual aid agreement to continue receiving funds from the state and federal emergency preparedness programs and will also be able to access more grant money as a member of Region 4B.*

*In short, the mutual aid agreement would enhance the Town’s ability to respond to public health emergencies without requiring the Town to spend more than its budgeted resources.*

**ARTICLE 42**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant an easement to the owner and/or occupant of 129 Dover Road to pass and repossess over Town property to access said property.

(Board of Selectmen)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town so vote.**

*Years ago the Town allowed the current owner of this property to plant bushes and shrubs and to reconfigure his driveway on an abutting section of Town property. The purpose of this was 1) to avert the traffic and noise from what was then the Town recycling center, now the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, and the public works area; and 2) to eliminate direct access to the*

*more heavily traveled Dover Road. The property is now up for sale and there is a need to provide the new owners with an assurance, such as an easement, that they will continue to be allowed to pass over a small section of town property to access their home.*

#### **ARTICLE 43**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the lease/purchase of a new sidewalk plow.

(Joseph Previtera, 16 Dean Street)

**The Finance Commission, by unanimous vote of those present, recommends that the Town vote Indefinite Postponement.**

*The Town has decided to buy a sidewalk plow as a municipal/school capital purchase. The sidewalk plow and repair of the Middle School roof are requested in Article #9.*



**Appendix B.  
Salary Schedule for School Employees**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent	FY '07	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 130,000
Assistant Superintendent	FY '07	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 113,812

**PRINCIPALS**

Senior High School	FY '07	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 108,848
Middle School	FY '07	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 105,899
Elementary	FY '07	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 98,596 - \$ 102,248

**NURSES**

Step		RN w/ Bachelors	RN w/Masters
1	FY '06	\$ 35,765	\$ 37,195
1	FY '07	\$ 36,480	\$ 37,939
2	FY '06	\$ 38,035	\$ 39,335
2	FY '07	\$ 37,896	\$ 40,122
3	FY '06	\$ 40,043	\$ 41,646
3	FY '07	\$ 40,844	\$ 42,479
4	FY '06	\$ 41,210	\$ 42,860
4	FY '07	\$ 42,034	\$ 43,717
5	FY '06	\$ 42,784	\$ 44,477
5	FY '07	\$ 43,640	\$ 45,367
6	FY '06	\$ 44,879	\$ 46,675
6	FY '07	\$ 45,777	\$ 47,609
7	FY '06	\$ 46,893	\$ 48,812
7	FY '07	\$ 47,831	\$ 49,788
8	FY '06	\$ 48,814	\$ 51,152
8	FY '07	\$ 49,790	\$ 52,175
9	FY '06	\$ 51,009	\$ 53,050
9	FY '07	\$ 52,029	\$ 54,111
10	FY '06	\$ 52,678	\$ 54,784
10	FY '07	\$ 53,732	\$ 55,880
11	FY '06	\$ 54,258	\$ 56,428
11	FY '07	\$ 55,343	\$ 57,557
12	FY '06	\$ 55,886	\$ 58,121
12	FY '07	\$ 57,004	\$ 59,283



**Appendix B.**  
**Salary Schedule for School Employees**  
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**SCHOOL SECRETARIES**

	Step	1	2	3	4
Classification 1	FY '06	\$ 716.40	\$ 792.00	\$ 840.40	\$ 872.40
	FY '07	\$ 738.40	\$ 815.60	\$ 865.50	\$ 898.40
Classification 2	FY '06	\$ 676.40	\$ 746.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 822.00
	FY '07	\$ 686.80	\$ 768.40	\$ 813.60	\$ 846.80
Classification 3	FY '06	\$ 657.60	\$ 716.40	\$ 758.40	\$ 790.40
	FY '07	\$ 677.20	\$ 738.00	\$ 781.20	\$ 814.00
Classification 4	FY '06	\$ 622.00	\$ 678.80	\$ 718.40	\$ 750.80
	FY '07	\$ 640.80	\$ 699.20	\$ 740.40	\$ 773.20

Longevity

FY '07 '06	Five Years	\$10.00/wk
	Ten Years	\$16.00/wk
	Fifteen Years	\$18.00/wk
	Twenty Years	\$20.00/wk

**SCHOOL CUSTODIANS**

	Step	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jr. Building Custodian	FY '06	\$ 574.80	\$ 606.00	\$ 627.60	\$ 660.80	\$ 692.00	\$ 734.00
Head Grounds	FY '07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 603.60	\$ 638.00	\$ 659.20	\$ 692.80	\$ 724.80	\$ 768.00
Sr. Building Custodian or Maintenance	FY '07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	FY '06	\$ 628.00	\$ 664.80	\$ 686.40	\$ 719.20	\$ 753.20	\$ 796.40
	FY '07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Director of Operations      Night differential of \$0.55 / hour where applicable

FY '06	\$ 73,862	*
FY '07	N/A	

\* also, in Food Services

**Appendix B.**  
**Salary Schedule for School Employees**  
(Continued)

**CAFETERIA EMPLOYEES**

		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Managers	FY '06	\$ 12.76	\$ 13.37	\$ 14.10	\$ 15.09	\$ 15.92
	FY '07	\$ 13.01	\$ 13.64	\$ 14.38	\$ 15.39	\$ 16.24
Cooks	FY '06	\$ 10.67	\$ 11.56	\$ 12.25	\$ 13.20	\$ 14.06
	FY '07	\$ 10.89	\$ 11.79	\$ 12.49	\$ 13.47	\$ 14.34
General Kitchen	FY '06	\$ 9.83	\$ 10.91	\$ 11.56	\$ 12.50	\$ 13.35
	FY '07	\$ 10.03	\$ 11.13	\$ 11.79	\$ 12.75	\$ 13.62

Seniority

FY '06	Ten Years	\$ 1.50	per hour
	Fifteen Years	\$ 1.70	per hour
	Twenty Years	\$ 1.80	per hour
FY '07	Ten Years	\$ 1.50	per hour
	Fifteen Years	\$ 1.70	per hour
	Twenty Years	\$ 1.80	per hour

## Appendix C

### Salary Schedule for Elected Town Officers Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

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<i>Position</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 2006 Salary</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 2007 Salary</i>
<i>Town Clerk (Full Time)</i>	\$65,114	\$67,067
<i>Part Time Positions</i>		
<i>Assessor</i>	\$1,800	\$1,800
<i>Selectman</i>	\$2,000	\$2,000
<i>Sewer Commissioner</i>	\$1,800	\$1,800
<i>Tax Collector</i>	\$4,000	\$4,000
<i>Town Treasurer</i>	\$4,000	\$4,000

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**Appendix D**  
**FY2007 Departmental Salary/Expense Budgets**

Description	Expended FY2005	Current FY2006 Budget	Proposed FY2007 Budget	\$ Change FY07 vs FY06	% Change FY07 vs FY06	Funding Source
Selectmen						
1. Salaries	327,986	334,708	348,672	13,964	4.2%	Taxation
2. Expenses	47,789	51,700	51,700	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>375,775</u>	<u>386,408</u>	<u>400,372</u>	<u>13,964</u>	<u>3.6%</u>	
Finance Commission						
3. Salary	29,274	29,880	30,791	911	3.0%	Taxation
4. Expenses	18,759	21,500	20,614	(886)	-4.1%	Taxation
	<u>48,033</u>	<u>51,380</u>	<u>51,405</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	
Accounting						
5. Salaries	136,557	139,435	143,782	4,347	3.1%	Taxation
6. Expenses	4,552	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>141,109</u>	<u>145,135</u>	<u>149,482</u>	<u>4,347</u>	<u>3.0%</u>	
Audit - School & Municipal Financials						
7. Expenses	46,000	46,000	46,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
Assessors						
8. Salaries	124,313	146,653	150,899	4,246	2.9%	Taxation
9. Expenses	73,308	27,750	23,504	(4,246)	-15.3%	Taxation
10. Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>197,621</u>	<u>174,403</u>	<u>174,403</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	
Treasurer						
11. Salary	65,767	67,050	68,950	1,900	2.8%	Taxation
12. Expenses	3,167	17,030	15,130	(1,900)	-11.2%	Taxation
	<u>68,934</u>	<u>84,080</u>	<u>84,080</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	
Collector						
13. Salaries	85,794	88,379	90,947	2,568	2.9%	Taxation
14. Expenses	58,481	57,050	62,150	5,100	8.9%	\$23,000 Amb. Receipts/ Taxation
	<u>144,275</u>	<u>145,429</u>	<u>153,097</u>	<u>7,668</u>	<u>5.3%</u>	
Legal						
15. Salaries	77,604	79,212	81,607	2,395	3.0%	Taxation
16. Professional Services	91,439	56,500	56,500	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>169,043</u>	<u>135,712</u>	<u>138,107</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>1.8%</u>	
Personnel Board						
17. Salary	59,230	60,501	85,316	24,815	41.0%	Taxation
18. Expenses	17,169	15,800	4,175	(11,625)	-73.6%	Taxation
	<u>76,399</u>	<u>76,301</u>	<u>89,491</u>	<u>13,190</u>	<u>17.3%</u>	
Information Systems						
19. Salaries	171,440	179,260	190,395	11,135	6.2%	Taxation
20. Expenses	174,886	195,000	195,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>346,326</u>	<u>374,260</u>	<u>385,395</u>	<u>11,135</u>	<u>3.0%</u>	

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Description	Expended FY2005	Current FY2006 Budget	Proposed FY2007 Budget	\$ Change FY07 vs FY06	% Change FY07 vs FY06	Funding Source
<b>Town Clerk</b>						
21. Salaries	122,723	129,828	133,666	3,838	3.0%	Taxation
22. Expenses	35,446	37,650	50,700	13,050	34.7%	Taxation
	158,169	167,478	184,366	16,888	10.1%	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>						
23. Salary	29,142	37,806	38,941	1,135	3.0%	\$17,000 Consv.receipts/ Taxation
24. Expenses	2,141	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	
	31,283	40,606	41,741	1,135	2.8%	
<b>Planning Board</b>						
25. Salaries	68,614	70,531	72,859	2,328	3.3%	Taxation
26. Expenses	2,942	3,230	3,230	0	0.0%	Taxation
	71,556	73,761	76,089	2,328	3.2%	
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>						
27. Salaries	19,810	20,211	20,818	607	3.0%	Taxation
28. Expenses	1,761	4,000	3,350	(650)	-16.3%	Taxation
	21,571	24,211	24,168	(43)	-0.2%	
<b>Economic Development Task Force</b>						
29. Salaries	56,203	50,161	51,666	1,505	3.0%	Taxation
30. Expenses	992	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	Taxation
	57,195	55,461	56,966	1,505	2.7%	
<b>Outside Professional Services</b>						
31. Expenses	30,990	35,000	35,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Mass Housing Partnership</b>						
32. Expenses	11,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Housing Authority</b>						
33. Expenses	5,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Communications Systems</b>						
34. Expenses	117,919	118,650	118,650	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Training</b>						
35. Expenses	3,210	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>2,122,208</b>	<b>2,141,075</b>	<b>2,215,612</b>	<b>74,537</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	

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Police Department						
36. Salaries	2,152,648	2,185,341	2,322,087	136,746	6.3%	Taxation
37. Expenses	144,027	161,150	166,150	5,000	3.1%	Taxation
	<u>2,296,675</u>	<u>2,346,491</u>	<u>2,488,237</u>	<u>141,746</u>	<u>6.0%</u>	
38. State Funded Education Incentive	117,573	129,733	139,759	10,026	7.7%	State aid
Auxiliary Police/Civil Defense						
39. Expenses	10	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>10</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	
Animal Control						
40. Salaries	28,986	29,562	30,430	868	2.9%	Taxation
41. Expenses	6,061	6,650	6,650	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>35,047</u>	<u>36,212</u>	<u>37,080</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>2.4%</u>	
Fire Department						
42. Salaries	2,030,485	2,010,134	2,181,653	171,519	8.5%	\$265,000 Amb. Receipts/ Taxation
43. Expenses	151,217	162,150	162,150	0	0.0%	\$35,850 Amb. Receipts/ Taxation
	<u>2,181,702</u>	<u>2,172,284</u>	<u>2,343,803</u>	<u>171,519</u>	<u>7.9%</u>	
Building Inspection						
44. Salaries	203,268	215,300	221,163	5,863	2.7%	Taxation
45. Expenses	22,920	25,900	24,100	(1,800)	-6.9%	Taxation
	<u>226,188</u>	<u>241,200</u>	<u>245,263</u>	<u>4,063</u>	<u>1.7%</u>	
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>4,857,195</b>	<b>4,927,920</b>	<b>5,256,142</b>	<b>328,222</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	



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Department of Public Works						
46. Salaries - admin	150,282	153,435	158,075	4,640	3.0%	Taxation
47. Salaries - operations	1,075,214	1,092,251	1,143,093	50,842	4.7%	\$10,000 Perp Care/ Taxation
48. Expenses	344,506	383,100	353,000	(30,100)	-7.9%	Taxation
	<u>1,570,002</u>	<u>1,628,786</u>	<u>1,654,168</u>	<u>25,382</u>	<u>1.6%</u>	
49. Building Maintenance	379,171	474,320	524,320	50,000	10.5%	Taxation
Municipal & School						
50. Field Maintenance	85,000	85,000	85,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
51. Snow & Ice	581,892	141,200	141,200	0	0.0%	Taxation
52. Street Lighting/ Traffic Light Maint	93,257	105,000	105,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
Waste Collection/Disposal						
53. Expenses	1,439,994	1,474,500	1,517,000	42,500	2.9%	Taxation
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>4,149,316</b>	<b>3,908,806</b>	<b>4,026,688</b>	<b>117,882</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	
Health Department						
54. Salaries	143,361	146,294	149,456	3,162	2.2%	Taxation
55. Expenses	8,456	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>151,817</u>	<u>156,294</u>	<u>159,456</u>	<u>3,162</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	Taxation
56. Outside Health Agencies	14,316	14,316	14,316	0	0.0%	Taxation
57. Disability Commission Expenses	0	500	500	0	0.0%	Taxation
Council On Aging						
58. Salaries	136,944	139,824	144,083	4,259	3.0%	Taxation
59. Expenses	16,710	12,450	19,385	6,935	55.7%	Taxation
	<u>153,654</u>	<u>152,274</u>	<u>163,468</u>	<u>11,194</u>	<u>7.4%</u>	
Youth and Family Services Commission						
60. Salaries	134,388	134,975	140,910	5,935	4.4%	Taxation
61. Expenses	14,697	15,282	15,282	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>149,085</u>	<u>150,257</u>	<u>156,192</u>	<u>5,935</u>	<u>3.9%</u>	
Veterans Services						
62. Salaries	21,932	22,322	22,902	580	2.6%	Taxation
63. Expenses	27,545	32,225	32,225	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>49,477</u>	<u>54,547</u>	<u>55,127</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>1.1%</u>	
<b>Total Human Services</b>	<b>518,349</b>	<b>528,188</b>	<b>549,059</b>	<b>20,871</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	

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Public Library						
64. Salaries	663,676	665,614	683,622	18,008	2.7%	Taxation
65. Expenses	190,389	200,975	200,975	0	0.0%	Taxation
66. Lost Books	1,058	850	850	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>855,123</u>	<u>867,439</u>	<u>885,447</u>	<u>18,008</u>	<u>2.1%</u>	
Recreation						
67. Salaries	211,834	216,304	222,469	6,165	2.9%	Taxation
68. Expenses	41,550	41,550	41,550	0	0.0%	Taxation
	<u>253,384</u>	<u>257,854</u>	<u>264,019</u>	<u>6,165</u>	<u>2.4%</u>	
Memorial Day						
69. Expenses	2,506	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>1,111,013</b>	<b>1,129,093</b>	<b>1,153,266</b>	<b>24,173</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
Other						
70. Operating Equipment & Projects	142,000	53,200	53,200	0	0.0%	Taxation
Fire radio upgrade and replacement			6,400			
Fire Rescue Equipment			3,700			
Library IS equipment upgrade			7,500			
Police Radio infrastructure plan			20,000			
Fire radio upgrade and replacement			15,600			
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>53,200</b>	<b>53,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Total Municipal Budget</b>	<b>12,900,081</b>	<b>12,688,282</b>	<b>13,253,967</b>	<b>565,685</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	

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**Fixed Costs Budgets - School and Municipal**

**Municipal Employee Benefits/Costs**

Retirement Assessment	944,713	1,113,919	1,267,548	153,629	13.8%	Taxation
Non-Contrib Pension	49,113	51,088	51,598	510	1.0%	Taxation
Worker's Compensation	36,471	40,259	51,128	10,869	27.0%	Taxation
Unemployment Comp	17,978	2,000	12,000	10,000	500.0%	Taxation
Health Insurance	738,904	836,561	934,391	97,830	11.7%	Taxation
Life Insurance	3,475	3,000	3,500	500	16.7%	Taxation
Pre-Hire/EAP/Payroll	50,647	44,500	52,600	8,100	18.2%	Taxation
Public Safety Medical	21,330	16,000	16,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
Medicare Part B Refund	21,505	20,000	23,000	3,000	15.0%	Taxation
Social Security	18,470	27,684	23,000	(4,684)	-16.9%	Taxation
Mandatory Medicare	121,098	102,442	107,564	5,122	5.0%	Taxation
<b>Municipal Employee Benefits/Costs</b>	<b>2,023,704</b>	<b>2,257,453</b>	<b>2,542,329</b>	<b>284,876</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	

**School Employee Benefits/Costs**

Retirement Assessments	404,877	477,251	543,235	65,984	13.8%	Taxation
Worker's Compensation	84,217	85,483	108,563	23,080	27.0%	Taxation
Unemployment Comp	23,086	75,000	75,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
Health Insurance	2,040,286	2,307,347	2,577,176	269,829	11.7%	Taxation
Life Insurance	5,756	5,000	5,680	680	13.6%	Taxation
EAP/Payroll	29,322	29,000	31,500	2,500	8.6%	Taxation
Medicare Part B Refund	62,451	60,000	64,000	4,000	6.7%	Taxation
Social Security	22,095	51,412	30,000	(21,412)	-41.6%	Taxation
Mandatory Medicare	233,736	298,954	313,902	14,948	5.0%	Taxation
<b>School Employee Benefits/Costs</b>	<b>2,905,826</b>	<b>3,389,447</b>	<b>3,749,056</b>	<b>359,609</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	

71. **Total Benefits/Costs** **4,929,530** **5,646,900** **6,291,385** **644,485** **11.4%**

**Insurance/Reserve**

Comprehensive And Liability Insurance - School & Municipal						
72. Expenses	298,824	341,550	371,000	29,450	8.6%	Taxation
73. Mandated Post employment retirement actuarial study	0	25,000	0	(25,000)		
74. Energy/Utility Reserve Fund*	0	0	225,000	225,000		\$225,000 Free Cash
75. Reserve Fund	0	400,000	400,000	0	0.0%	Taxation
<b>Total Insurance/Reserve</b>	<b>298,824</b>	<b>766,550</b>	<b>996,000</b>	<b>229,450</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	

<b>Total Fixed Costs Budget</b>	<b>5,228,354</b>	<b>6,413,450</b>	<b>7,287,385</b>	<b>873,935</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	
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\* This reserve account has been established in order to handle uncertainty regarding FY07 utility costs.  
The account contains \$175,000 of school and \$50,000 of municipal utility/energy budget requests.  
This reserve fund budget will be transferred if needed to the respective budgets upon vote by the Board of Selectmen .

**Debt Service Budget**

Municipal Related						
76. Debt Service	950,856	668,717	670,275	1,558	0.2%	Taxation
School Related						
77. Debt Service	5,771,922	5,633,645	5,494,317	(139,328)	-2.5%	\$3,193,029 sch bld reimb/ \$36,821 Bond Premium/Taxation
<b>Total Debt Budget</b>	<b>6,722,778</b>	<b>6,302,362</b>	<b>6,164,592</b>	<b>(137,770)</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	

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<b>Westwood Public Schools</b>						
Salaries	19,839,052	20,445,180	20,689,274	244,094	1.2%	
Expenses	6,170,465	5,614,915	6,404,852	789,937	14.1%	\$142,000 overlay surplus/
78. School salaries & exps	26,009,517	26,060,095	27,094,126	1,034,031	4.0%	Taxation
79. Blue Hills Regional School	121,028	115,653	136,932	21,279	18.4%	Taxation
Crossing Guards						
80. Salaries	82,898	89,756	92,234	2,478	2.8%	Taxation
81. Expenses	2,427	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	Taxation
	85,325	92,556	95,034	2,478	2.7%	
<b>Total School Budgets</b>	<b>26,215,870</b>	<b>26,268,304</b>	<b>27,326,092</b>	<b>1,057,788</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	
<b>Sewer Enterprise</b>						
82. Salaries	278,150	289,349	297,329	7,980	2.8%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
83. Expenses	97,333	100,000	100,400	400	0.4%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
84. Pumping Stations	123,903	134,000	155,390	21,390	16.0%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
85. MWRA Assessment	1,871,749	1,903,321	2,084,200	180,879	9.5%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
86. Mandated Inspections	120,100	120,000	120,000	0	0.0%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
87. Indirect Costs	212,000	212,000	290,978	78,978	37.3%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
88. Sewer Debt & Int	1,254,097	1,022,644	460,852	(561,792)	-54.9%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
89. System Ext./Repairs	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%	Sewer Enterprise Funds
<b>Total Sewer Enterprise</b>	<b>3,982,332</b>	<b>3,806,314</b>	<b>3,534,149</b>	<b>(272,165)</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>55,049,415</b>	<b>55,478,712</b>	<b>57,566,185</b>	<b>2,087,473</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	

## Exhibit E.

### ***FY '06 Appropriation and FY '07 School Committee VOTED Budget Comparison***

	<b>FY'06 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY'07 School Committee Budget Voted 3/16/06</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease (\$)</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease (%)</b>
<b>I. INSTRUCTIONAL</b>				
Personal Services	\$ 18,541,412	\$ 18,821,548	\$ 280,136	1.51%
Expenses	2,252,095	2,371,221	119,126	5.29%
<i>Instructional Sub-total</i>	<b>\$ 20,793,507</b>	<b>\$ 21,192,769</b>	<b>\$ 399,262</b>	<b>1.92%</b>
<b>II. CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Personal Services	768,025	\$ 724,232	\$ (43,793)	-5.70%
Expenses	194,350	182,250	(12,100)	-6.23%
<i>Administration Sub-total</i>	<b>\$ 962,375</b>	<b>\$ 906,482</b>	<b>\$ (55,893)</b>	<b>-5.81%</b>
<b>III. OPERATIONS</b>				
Personal Services	1,135,743	\$ 1,143,494	\$ 7,751	0.68%
Expenses	1,650,566	2,029,641	379,075	22.97%
<i>Operations Sub-total</i>	<b>\$ 2,786,308</b>	<b>\$ 3,173,134</b>	<b>\$ 386,826</b>	<b>13.88%</b>
<b>Sub-Total Sections I.-III.</b>	<b>\$ 24,542,190</b>	<b>\$ 25,272,385</b>	<b>\$ 730,195</b>	<b>2.98%</b>
<b>IV. SPECIAL TUITION AND TRANSP.</b>				
Tuition	975,905	\$ 1,386,850	\$ 410,945	42.11%
Transportation	542,000	609,890	67,890	12.53%
<i>Spec. Ed. Tuition and Transp. Sub-tota</i>	<b>\$ 1,517,905</b>	<b>\$ 1,996,740</b>	<b>\$ 478,835</b>	<b>31.55%</b>
<b>Sub-Total Section IV.</b>	<b>\$ 1,517,905</b>	<b>\$ 1,996,740</b>	<b>\$ 478,835</b>	<b>31.55%</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>				
	<b>\$ 26,060,095</b>	<b>\$ 27,269,125</b>	<b>\$ 1,209,030</b>	<b>4.64%</b>