



Finance and Warrant Commission

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A Message from Chairperson Marianne LeBlanc Cummings

As the Finance and Warrant Commission (FinCom) prepares for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, I would like to invite Westwood residents to learn more about the role of the Commission and participate in our upcoming public hearings.

The FinCom is a fifteen member Commission whose members are appointed by the Town Moderator to serve three-year overlapping terms. In accordance with the Town Charter, the Commission:

- ❖ Considers all articles in Town Meeting Warrants and reports in print its advice, estimates, and recommendations to residents.
- ❖ Studies the financial and other affairs of the Town and advises with officers of the Town as to expenditures and recommendations for appropriations.

Preparations to address the articles and the two major budgets, municipal and school, actually commence in September each year. As a Commission, we educate new members through workshops and presentations made by various representatives in Town; monitor budgets approved at the previous Town Meeting; and receive information on possible articles for the upcoming Town Meeting.

Beginning in January and until the end of March this year, members of the Commission engage in a thorough review of all Town Meeting warrant articles. Each article sponsor comes before the Commission on at least two occasions and sometimes as often as four times to discuss their article.

The FinCom has scheduled two sets of public hearings devoted to discussing the important issues on which residents will vote at the May 7, 2018 Annual Town Meeting. These hearings are intended to provide residents the opportunity for public participation and input into matters facing our Town. At these meetings and during additional FinCom meetings, members of the Commission are apprised of the intent, background and details of each article. Through sponsor presentations, member questions and input received from the public, Commission members determine their position and formulate recommendations on the articles. Following public input, the FinCom may vote their recommendation(s) at the first public hearing or may do so at any of their regular meetings held during the month of March.

The Fincom urges your participation at our upcoming public hearings and at the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2018.



First Public Hearing(s)

**Monday, March 5, 2018 Schedule – 7:30 P.M.
Main Library - Community Meeting Room**

**If business is not finalized on March 5, the hearing will continue to
Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 P.M.**

***DISCLAIMER:** Articles may be added or removed prior to the Finance and Warrant Commission's Public Hearing. Updated list of articles will be posted on the website. Please check the website for the most up to date information related to articles that will be presented to the Finance and Warrant Commission at its hearings.*

PETITIONER ARTICLE

Petitioner Article – Zoning Amendment to Limit Number of Residential Dwelling Units in FMUOD6 & FMUOD7

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw to add definitive caps on the number of residential units which may be constructed in Flexible Multiple Use Overlay Districts 6 and 7 by amending Section 9.5 [Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District {"FMUOD"}], or take any other action in relation thereto:

Add a new Section 9.5.13.1 [Maximum Number of Residential Units] to read as follows, and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

9.5.13.1 Limit on Number of Residential Dwelling Units in FMUOD6 and FMUOD7.

The aggregate number of residential dwelling units for all projects allowed by special permit within the FMUOD6 and FMUOD7 districts shall not exceed a maximum of thirty (30) dwelling units per district. Said maximum shall include all residential dwelling units previously approved by FMUOD special permit or by Upper Story Residential Overlay [USROD] special permit.

(Nada Milosavljevic-Fabrizio, 32 Webster Street)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ARTICLE

School Borrowing for Funding for MSBA Eligibility Process

The School has been scheduled to enter the eligibility plan to work with the MSBA program for the Hanlon School project. This article would approve as a borrowing article for funds needed for the school to move forward with the project and meet the MSBA requirements.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN ARTICLES

Supplemental appropriations FY18

This article is intended to transfer funds from budget accounts that have a surplus into accounts that are projected to be in deficit by the end of the fiscal year.

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This article is intended to cover any projected budget deficits with funds from other available accounts which include, but are not limited to, any remaining Free Cash and Reserve Funds or other available accounts, such as ambulance revenue, reserved state aid, budget surplus, etc.

Unpaid Prior year's Bills

This article is reserved to consider payment of any unpaid bills remaining from a closed out fiscal year. Once a fiscal year is closed in July, any bill that is subsequently submitted from that year is considered an unpaid bill which requires a 9/10 Town Meeting vote authorizing its payment.

FY19 Town Operating Budgets

This article seeks official approval of the Annual Operating Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It includes a detailed accounting of the source of all funds being appropriated, including but not limited to, tax revenue, local receipts, state aid, and appropriations from other specified available funds.

Appropriation (\$ -) - Municipal capital improvements

This article is intended to appropriate funds for the Town's municipal capital investments for the next fiscal year.

Appropriation (\$ -) - School capital improvements

This article is intended to appropriate funds for the Town's school capital investments for the next fiscal year.

Appropriation (\$ -) - Sewer capital improvements

This article is intended to appropriate funds for the Town's sewer capital investments for the next fiscal year. The items in this article are funded from Sewer User fees and/or Sewer Retained Earnings

Appropriation (\$ -) - Other Capital Improvements

This article is intended to appropriate funds for the Town's other Capital Improvements not captured in the above articles for the next fiscal year.

Appropriations - (\$ -) to Stabilization Fund - FY19

This article is intended to appropriate funds into the Town's Stabilization Account. The Stabilization Reserve Account provides funds that can be used to meet some unforeseen, extraordinary expenditure or to be able to absorb a fiscal shock. r. Appropriating funds in is majority vote and out of this account requires a 2/3 majority vote at Town Meeting.

Appropriation to OPEB Liability Trust Fund - FY19

This article is intended to appropriate funds to the OPEB Liability Trust Account. The amount for FY18 will be in continuation of recent appropriations.

Street Acceptances

This article is a standard article to present private roads - that have been constructed and/or brought up to the Town's standards - for acceptance as a Town way.

Road Improvement

This is a standard article that authorizes the acceptance of any state funds, including Chapter 90 funds that are allocated for maintenance of the Town's public ways. Traditionally, this Article includes language that would authorize minor eminent domain takings that might be required.



Accounting – New Fund for Cable PEG Money

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the town to discuss the options associated with PEG Funding. The Town Administrator, IT Director and Finance Director are reviewing the options drafted by MGL in relation to the Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act to see what option is most appropriate and if a Town Meeting article is required.

Placeholder – Authorization for Disposition of Municipal Property – Islington Center Redevelopment

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the Board of Selectmen to request authorization for the sale and/or trade of municipally-owned property relative to the Request for Proposals for the Redevelopment of Islington Center (RFP #ECON-16-R-003).

Placeholder – Authorization of Funding for Various Aspects of the Redevelopment of Islington Center, including the Relocation, Renovation and Possible Expansion of Wentworth Hall

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to request authorization for the expenditure of funds for the relocation of Wentworth Hall and for the design and construction of improvements and/or additions to Wentworth Hall and/or for the design and construction of other municipal property related to the proposed Redevelopment of Islington Center.

Placeholder – Authorization of the Disposition of Municipal Property – Obed Baker House

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the Board of Selectmen to request authorization for the sale and/or lease of the Obed Baker House to a private or public entity for its renovation and usage.

Placeholder – Discontinuance of Public Use and Abandonment of portions of Hedgerow Lane as a public street and authorization of transfer of land within the current right-of-way to owners of abutting property

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the Board of Selectmen to request the discontinuance of public use of the current Hedgerow Lane cul-de-sac and authorization for the transfer of land within the current Hedgerow Lane right-of-way to the owners of abutting properties. The four abutting property owners are attempting to reach an agreement to reconfigure the land to meet zoning requirements on the new Hedgerow Lane. If the parties reach an agreement, the Board of Selectmen will request the discontinuance and/or abandonment of a portion of the old right of way so that the three homes all have frontage on the new road.

Placeholder – Town Bylaw Amendment – Removal of Snow and Ice around Fire Hydrants

The Fire Chief is exploring bylaws that would require properties with fire hydrants to clear out snow and/or ice from the hydrant within 12 hours of daylight after the storm(s).

Miscellaneous Articles

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Final Public Hearing(s)

**Monday, March 26, 2018
7:30 P.M.**

Main Library - Community Meeting Room

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Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M.**

PLANNING BOARD ARTICLES

Placeholder – Zoning Map Amendments related to Islington Center Redevelopment Project to Alter the Boundaries of the Local Business B District and the Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District 6 (FMUOD6/Washington Street Business District)

This article is intended to approve certain amendments to the Official Town Zoning Map by re-zoning the parcels of land at 9 School Street (which is shown on Assessor's Parcel 23 as Lot 161) and 277A Washington Street (which is shown on Assessor's Parcel 23 as Lot 165) from Single Family Residence A (SRA) to Local Business B (LBB) and by overlaying these two parcels with the Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District 6 (FMUOD 6/ Washington Street Business District), or take any other action in relation thereto. The zoning map amendments would expand the boundary of the LBB District and the FMUOD 6 Overlay District to include all of the land involved in the Islington Village Redevelopment Project, which is currently under consideration by the Planning Board for a FMUOD Special Permit. This article is connected with the May 2, 2016 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of Property in Islington Center, for which a Land Disposition Agreement is currently under consideration by the Board of Selectmen. This article is sponsored by the Planning Board.

Placeholder – Amendments to Section 9.5 of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw to Allow Retail Sales and Service Greater than 10,000 square feet by Special Permit in the Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District 6 (FMUOD6/Washington Street Business District)

This article is intended to approve certain amendments to the Section 9.5 of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw [Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District] to allow retail sales and service establishments of up to 15,000 square feet in the Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District 6 (FMUOD 6/Washington Street Business District) subject to Planning Board approval of a FMUOD Special Permit, or take any other action in relation thereto. The Planning Board is currently considering an FMUOD Special Permit application for the Islington Village Redevelopment Project. The FMUOD application proposes a new CVS building with a pharmacy where the combined size of the retail store and pharmacy exceed the maximum 10,000 square foot requirement. This article is connected with the May 2, 2016 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of Property in Islington Center, for which a Land Disposition Agreement is currently under consideration by the Board of Selectmen. This article is sponsored by the Planning Board.

Placeholder – Zoning Map Amendments related to the Obed Baker House to Alter the Boundaries of the Local Business A District and the Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District 7 (FMUOD7/High Street Business District) District

This article is intended to approve certain amendments to the Official Town Zoning Map by re-zoning the parcel of land shown on Assessor's Parcel 21 as Lot 43 from Single Family Residence C (SRC) to Local Business A (LBA) and by overlaying the parcels of land shown on Assessor's Parcel 21 as Lots 42 and 43 with the Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District 7 (FMUOD 7/ High Street Business District), or take any other action in relation thereto. This article is intended to allow the Planning Board to consider these potential amendments to the Zoning Map to encourage redevelopment of the Obed Baker property at 909 High Street. The Obed Baker House is currently zoned Local Business A (LBA). The adjacent vacant parcel is zoned Single Residence C (SRC). Potential scenarios for private use of these properties involve commercial, residential or mixed-use of both parcels. The Planning Board will evaluate the appropriate zoning of these parcels to enable the most beneficial use of the property, which may include an amendment of the Official Zoning Map to include both parcels within the LBA District and the FMUOD7 Overlay District.



Placeholder - Amendments to Section 9.7 of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw to Limit Residential Uses within the University Avenue Multiple Use District (UAMUD)

This article is intended to approve certain amendments to Section 9.7 of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw [University Avenue Mixed Use District (UAMUD)] to limit residential uses to no more than one-third of the aggregate floor area of all buildings within the UAMUD District, or take any other action in relation thereto. This article is intended to allow the Planning Board to consider potential amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to encourage commercial development in advance of further residential development within the UAMUD District. The Planning Board will consider whether or not amendments are appropriate and beneficial as it reviews plans for the next phase of development.

Zoning Amendments - Housekeeping

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder to approve certain housekeeping amendments to various sections of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw and official Zoning Map as may be necessary to correct any errors or inconsistencies that may be discovered, or take any action in relation thereto.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

FinCom 2018 PUBLIC HEARINGS

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