

**Westwood Finance and Warrant Commission**  
**March 10, 2015**  
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**Meeting Minutes**

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Chairman LeBlanc Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Finance and Warrant Commission members absent: George Hertz, Margery Eramo Young.

Permission was granted to WestCat to record the meeting.

Several municipal department heads attended tonight's meeting to hear Fincom Subcommittee reports.

***Education, Municipal, OBEB Subcommittee Reports***

Subcommittee Chairs Barb Delisle, David Blessing and Peter Neville presented these reports which are attached.

Some comments/questions:

- Chairman LeBlanc Cummings asked if the clearing of school parking lots had been resolved. This issue was raised at a previous meeting; specifically, the timeliness of the plowing of school parking lots and the subsequent cancellation of school.
  - Mike Jaillet responded that the storm in question was particularly severe. A presentation to the Board of Selectmen is still being worked on.....there are currently no plans to make big changes to the Town's plowing schedule which focuses first on street plowing.
- Member suggestion that the cost of OPEB be considered when hiring new school or municipal employees.

***Algonquin Gas Warrant Article***

Mike Jaillet summarized the Algonquin Gas warrant article....Special Town Counsel Dan Bailey recused himself from this discussion.

***Planning Board Articles***

Because the Planning Board had a public hearing this evening, Special Counsel Dan Bailey provided an update on the zoning articles.

***Public and Press***

Edward Musto, 36 Blue Hill Drive....Senior Residential Development (SRD) proposed zoning article....some comments included:

- There is an insufficient supply of senior housing in Westwood.
- Not many developers applying for developments.
- Mr. Musto is building a senior development at 1561 High Street and may consider applying for a second development in the Blue Hill Drive area.

- Mr. Musto feels Westwood seniors will be hurt by a moratorium on the Senior Residential Development Bylaw. The moratorium is being thought of by the Planning Board so the Board can come up with a solution to why the current Bylaw is not successful.
- The Planning Board wants the moratorium because there have been a few bad projects sought recently and the Board wants more time to consider changes to the Bylaw.
- Requests the Fincom not to support the Planning Board on this moratorium
- Mr. Musto also expressed opposition to the proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw because those homeowners affected (homes built prior to 1910) will not have the same property rights as all others.

Josepha Jowdy, 24 Wellington Drive.....Demolition Delay Bylaw.....some comments included:

- The 175 people who would be affected by this bylaw do not know about it. There should be some way to notify them.
- This Bylaw would discriminate against those homeowners and could prevent some from selling their home in a timely period.
- Requests the Fincom not to support this article.

***Fincom Article Comments***

Assignments were made for members to write comments on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. These comments are explanations for Fincom votes and are published in the resident Town Meeting report.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 P.M.**

**Next Meeting – Public Hearing March 23/24 - 7:30 P.M.**

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