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TOWN OF WESTWOOD

**ORGANIZATION: Finance and Warrant
Commission**

MEETING **PUBLIC HEARING X** (Please circle appropriately)

Monday, March 4, 2019 & Tuesday,

DATE: March 5, 2019 (if needed) **TIME: 7:00 pm**

LOCATION: Community Meeting Room, Westwood Public Library

**PURPOSE: 2019 FinCom First Public Hearing - Annual Town Meeting
Warrant Article Presentations**

REQUESTED BY: Jane O'Donnell, Administrator

NOTE: Notices and agendas are to be posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings excluding Saturday, Sundays, and legal holidays. Please keep in mind the Town Clerk's business hours of operation and make the necessary arrangements to be sure this notice is received and stamped in the adequate amount of time.

LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

Topics/Speakers:

Chairperson Opening Remarks

2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Presentations:

TOWN CLERK ARTICLE

Bylaw Amendment – Electronic Voting

This article is intended to amend the Code of the Town (bylaws) to include the option to use electronic voting at Town Meeting.

SELECT BOARD ARTICLES

Accounting – PEG Access Cable Funding

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the town to discuss the options associated with the allocation of PEG Funding. The Town Administrator, IT Director and Westwood Media Center are reviewing the options provided in MGL in relation to the Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act and proposed changes the FCC rules to see which option is best for Westwood, and if a Town Meeting article is required to enact that option.

Street Acceptances

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

Discontinuance of Public Way[s and/or Surplus Layout(s)]

This article is intended to provide the Board with the authority to discontinue the surplus layout for a portion of Hedgerow Lane for which the right-of-way was abandoned by action of the Board of Selectmen in 2018. This surplus layout is no longer needed due to the development of the new Hedgerow Lane as part of the Westwood Estates Definitive Subdivision. Existing lots with frontage on the surplus layout will be reconfigured so as to have appropriate frontage on the newly developed Hedgerow Lane.

Road Improvement (Chapter 90 Funds)

This is a standard article that authorizes the acceptance and use 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.

Road Improvement Bond – Pavement Preservation, Sidewalk Enhancements and Crosswalk Safety Improvements

This article is intended to serve as a placeholder for the town to discuss issuance of a bond for a town-wide road improvement project to repave and maintain pavement, sidewalk enhancement and improve crosswalk safety.

Charter Amendment – Change “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board”

This article is intended to remove the gender reference of the office of the “Board of Selectmen” and change it to a non-gender referenced “Select Board” in the town charter. This would include changing references of “Selectmen” to “Select Member”, “Chairman” to “Chair” and any other gender specific titles to a gender neutral in all instances the titles appear in the Charter.

Authorization for University Avenue Area Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

This article is intended to authorize the Select Board to enter into Tax Increment Financing Agreement(s) to encourage the construction of new commercial office buildings in the University Avenue Area.

Participate in Community Electricity Aggregation for Residential and Commercial Use

**This article is co-sponsored with the Westwood Environmental Action Committee*

This article is intended to authorize the Town/Select Board to select a company to aggregate electricity for its residents and businesses which will encourage the supply of electricity produced by renewable energy.

Sale of Town Owned Property – Laura Lane/Gay Street Property

This article is intended to authorize the Select Board to sell a small piece of land between a public way and a non-conforming occupied residential lot known on Assessor's Map and Lot 16-452.

PLANNING BOARD ARTICLES

Zoning Amendment Related to Accessory Use in Highway Business

This article is intended to allow accessory retail uses such as cafeterias, snack bars, gift shops, and vending machines within buildings in the Highway Business (HB) zone, where such uses are primarily intended to serve employees and clientele. .

Zoning Amendment Related to Medical Uses

This article amends existing definitions for medical uses, adds definitions for uses not currently defined, and specifies where those uses may be permitted in Town.

Housekeeping – Zoning Article (2017 Amendments)

This article is intended to approve certain housekeeping amendments to the various sections of the Zoning Bylaw and Official Zoning Map.

Fence Height

This article is intended to amend the definition for “Structure” in relation to fence height to increase the fence height from 6 to 7 feet.

Private Residential Garage or Storage Area for more than 3 vehicles

This article is intended to amend the requirements for vehicle parking and storage of registered vehicles on residential properties in the Accessory Use Table.

Amendments to Section 8.4 [Residential Retirement Community (RRC)]

This article is intended to make various amendments to the Residential Requirement Community Section 8.4 of the Zoning Bylaw including adding a requirement to provide affordable housing units and revise the building height definition. .

Endorsement of the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update

This article is intended to request Town Meeting endorsement of the updated Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) that is currently being reviewed by the Planning Board and Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee.

Housekeeping – Zoning Article (2019 Amendments)

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Chairperson's Update.

New Business.

Old Business.

Public and Press.

Adjournment.

***Changes and additions to be updated as needed.**

NOTE: *Per changes to Open Meeting Law, effective July 1, 2010, notice of any meeting of public body shall include “A listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting”. Topics must give enough specificity so that the public understands what will be discussed, but not necessarily all items that may come up. Please list those topics above.*