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Westwood Planning Board Minutes January 28, 2020 6:30 p.m. Champagne Meeting Room 50 Carby Street Westwood, MA 02090

Members in Attendance:

Chair Brian Gorman, Vice Chair Deborah Conant, Secretary Christopher Pfaff, David Atkins and William Delay.

Also Present:

Town Planner Ms. McCabe whom recorded the minutes and Director of Community and Economic Development Ms. Loughnane.

Transcribed from audio recording Linda Lee, CVR~M

MR. GORMAN: I call the meeting to order. It's 6:30. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. GORMAN: So welcome to the Westwood Planning Board meeting. All meetings are video recorded by Western Media Center. If anyone else wishes to record the meeting, please identify yourself so that the audience is aware. Seeing none.

As a friendly reminder, please turn off your cell phone ringers. The meeting will be civil and all people will be treated respectfully, this includes no clapping, booing or interruptions from the audience. In the event of a disruption, the Chair will give a warning the first time. If it occurs again, the individual will be ordered to leave the meeting.

The format of the meeting will be when an item is called, the applicant will come forward to the podium to present their application to the Board. The Board will proceed to start comments. The Board members will ask questions of the applicant. For public hearing items, the public will be given an opportunity to comment. Items that are not a public hearing, the opportunity for public comment will be at the discretion of the Board. When it's time for the

public comment period, the Chair will call those wishing to speak to the podium to use the microphone.

Once at the podium, please identify yourself by stating your name, address for the record.

Please direct all comments and questions to the Chair. All people will be given the opportunity to speak for public hearings, but in the interest of time and fairness, repetitive or off topic comments may be cut short.

I called it last week because I was working on the slides and I knew I would have questions to ask. So the only agenda items to discuss zoning and articles are final. I've been preparing for the presentation tonight Fin Com, and I wanted to go through each of the zoning amendments for any final comments because I expect many tonight. I want to be as prepared as I can.

MS. CONANT: Mr. Chair, if I may, I'd like to say something.

MR. GORMAN: Sure, but we do have five articles to go through, so we only have 45 minutes, so okay.

MS. CONANT: For the record, I have a particular matter I'd like to address, which I believe betrays

the purpose of this Board and it would be irresponsible to remain silent. Specifically, I'm referring to the Board's January 21st public meeting and the discussions that ensued surrounding the variety of this Board's proposed warrant articles and the resulting withdrawal of a number of those proposed zoning amendments.

With all due respect, when this Board voted to withdraw the following zoning bylaw warrant articles relative to energy efficiency, affordability requirement, temporary residential construction moratorium and to amend the OSRD, the votes were votes based on commentary provided to us by Mr. Ahearn, our town counsel. In one instance suggested that we're so far ahead of what the state allows that one of the reasons why we can't do it -- that's one of the reasons why we can't do it, clearly not a legal opinion, but a conjecture.

Therefore, I'd like to make a motion that the Planning Board select Luke Leger of McGregor & Leger, a firm specializing in municipal law, as its independent legal counsel, and that this Board retain Mr. Leger by issuing an initial retainer deposit in the sum of \$10,000 for purposes of providing sound

1	legal advice to this Board in order to advance the
2	collective best interest of the town as a whole.
3	MR. GORMAN: You made a motion?
4	MS. CONANT: Yes.
5	MR. DELAY: Second.
6	MR. GORMAN: As a motion and second, all those in
7	favor?
8	MR. GORMAN: Opposed?
9	MR. GORMAN: Abstained. So your motion passes
10	three to two.
11	MR. PFAFF: Did we just vote to spend \$10,000?
12	MS. CONANT: To retain.
13	MR. PFAFF: But we don't have budgets we don't
14	have the authority to authorize that.
15	MS. LOUGHNANE: Town Counsel, Town Administrator
16	and Select Board have the authority to retain counsel.
17	Planning Board does not. The Planning Board has Town
18	Counsel at its services. If you want to make a
19	request to Town Counselor to the Select Board to
20	retain separate counsel, you can do that. You'll also
21	have to identify a funding source for that. The
22	Planning Board does not have a budget.
23	MS. CONANT: For the record, under Mass General
24	Law, the Planning Board is entitled to get outside

consultation, which legal is part of that.

MS. LOUGHNANE: Correct, but you have to be able to fund it and you have to have the authority to do that, so you have to go through the Select Board, the Town Administrator and they will rely on Town Counsel to select independent counsel.

For instance, for the University Station project, the Planning Board had its own counsel, outside of Town Counsel, that was selected by the Planning Board with agreement by the Select Board and by the Town Counsel. So it's a similar procedure. The Planning Board cannot on its own retain counsel. You don't have a budget, unless you're all individually contributing to the cost of that, and even in that case I think you would still need the authority of the Select Board.

MS. CONANT: I think there probably could be a way, so -- obtain that money and I think that the motion is made and that we just have to investigate the process of getting that money. Last week we spoke to Attorney Ahearn, asked him about getting outside counsel and he said you could probably do that.

MS. LOUGHNANE: With his selecting the counsel, working for the Select Board, and having funds

identified for it. This -- your authority is exactly 1 2 as written in the Charter, so -- and it doesn't go 3 beyond that and funding authority is not part of the Planning Board's authority. It seems like we need -- after last 5 MR. GORMAN: week, we need to look at -- to make sure that the 6 7 articles (inaudible) get passed, so --MR. DELAY: We made the motion, just let it stand 9 and then we'll go from there. 10 MR. GORMAN: So let's proceed. Are you -- is 11 that all? Okay. 12 So next -- so I wanted to go through each item. 13 So the first one is the zoning amendment relative to 14 firearms, so I don't have any questions or comments with this article. Chris, do you have any for that? 15 16 MR. PFAFF: No. MR. GORMAN: Dave, do you have any? 17 18 MR. ATKINS: No. 19 MR. GORMAN: Bill, do you have any comments? 20 MR. DELAY: No, (inaudible). 21 MR. GORMAN: And Deb? Okay. So why don't we 22 make a formal motion because they're going to ask me 23 for the vetting, so a motion to move forward with the 24 article.

1	MS. CONANT: (Inaudible.)
2	MR. GORMAN: So do you want to make a motion?
3	MS. CONANT: Make motion to move forward with the
4	firearm article.
5	MR. GORMAN: Do you have a second?
6	MR. DELAY: Second.
7	MR. GORMAN: All those in favor? All right, aye.
8	Opposed? Abstained? So that's five for the firearms.
9	The next article is Morrison Field and Park, so
10	the as I was going through the slides, what I
11	noticed is that we need to have the zoning map. So
12	how do we get the zoning map created to go into a
13	slide for the article itself to show the
14	MS. CONANT: (Inaudible.)
15	MS. MCCABE: Yeah, we created (inaudible)
16	MR. GORMAN: Okay.
17	MS. MCCABE: (Inaudible.)
18	MR. GORMAN: Okay, so we can use that one, okay.
19	All right, so it's all done.
20	MS. MCCABE: (Inaudible.)
21	MR. GORMAN: Okay.
22	MS. CONANT: Do they have that (inaudible), will
23	they have that in front of them or no?
24	MR. GORMAN: Okay, so that's fine for me. Chris,

1 do you have any comment? 2 MR. PFAFF: 3 MR. GORMAN: Dave? 4 MR. ATKINS: No. 5 MR. GORMAN: Bill? 6 MR. DELAY: No. 7 MR. GORMAN: Deb? Okay, that's fine, and so do 8 you want to make a motion to move the article forward? 9 MS. CONANT: Motion to move the Morrison Park 10 amendment -- the zoning (inaudible) Morrison Park and 11 Field forward. 12 MR. GORMAN: And all those in -- a second? 13 MR. DELAY: Second. 14 MR. GORMAN: All those in favor? Aye. 15 MR. GORMAN: Opposed? 16 MR. PFAFF: No. 17 MR. GORMAN: Abstained. So that's four to one. 18 And then the other one is the prohibitive language, so 19 that's the bylaw where we would -- there is language 20 within the bylaw that talks to prohibitive language, 21 but it doesn't have -- so the idea is to add some 22 other language to make it a little bit stronger. 23 don't have any comments with this one. Chris, do you 24 have any?

1	MR. PFAFF: No. No (inaudible).
2	MR. GORMAN: And Dave?
3	MR. ATKINS: No.
4	MR. GORMAN: Bill?
5	MR. DELAY: No.
6	MS.MCCABE: (Inaudible) more specific language
7	(inaudible) what you're adding.
8	MR. GORMAN: So the PowerPoint tonight at Fin Com
9	has the sentence.
0	MS. MCCABE: Yes, I did get a copy of that from
1	Jane, but I it's one sentence being added?
12	MR. GORMAN: Yeah.
13	MS. MCCABE: I thought last we talked a little
4	bit about trying to set up a process for if process
15	if if it's not defined then what would the zoning -
6	- zoning determination
17	MR. GORMAN: I hear what you say. So I don't
8	have that tonight, but that's something that we might
19	be able to work on, but at least this language is a
20	little bit stronger, so I don't have anything more for
21	that.
22	MS. MCCABE: We do need to do the legal ads. I
23	have to send it on Thursday morning, so I need it
24	tomorrow, so if you don't have that

MR. GORMAN: So if that's the case then it looks
like now there's it would be no additional
procedure. It would just be that added sentence under
this time.
MS. MCCABE: Does everyone I don't think
has the rest of the Board seen it, so for the Planning
Board just will pass these copies down. One more. So
this one is on this is on Page 8 of the handout.
MR. GORMAN: Yeah, so it's any use not herein or
otherwise permitted in a district shall be deemed as
prohibited. So what it is, it's being a little bit
more strong in its language.
MS. CONANT: So that this is the one that they're
adding the bylaws?
MR. GORMAN: Yeah, so the it's the blue bold -
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MS. MCCABE: On Page 8 in the green writing.
MS. CONANT: Okay.
MS. MCCABE: The top slide.
MR. GORMAN: Just to strengthen it a little bit
more. It's nothing groundbreaking. So, Deb, do you
have any comments with that?
MS. CONANT: No. I think that
MR. GORMAN: Bill?

1 MR. DELAY: No. 2 MR. GORMAN: Somebody want to make a motion? 3 MR. PFAFF: I quess I -- with regard to comments, I'm not convinced that there are not going to be 5 (inaudible) consequences from this. Having seen a problem the way the bylaws further written, and I 6 7 understand what the attempt is here to do, but I'm just not confident that there wouldn't be something 9 happen that we didn't anticipate. 10 MR. GORMAN: Okay, and Dave? 11 MR. ATKINS: Yeah, at this point we had a 12 thorough discussion at the last meeting and I'm kind 13 of like -- I'm okay with having it move forward so 14 that we can flush out the details. So I think I voted 15 against last meeting, but I'll just say -- I'll say 16 I'll vote for it at this meeting because it seems to 17 be a lot of interest in working out the details and we 18 can always figure out if we find out in further 19 discussions that -- what those consequences are and we 20 can always pull it or (inaudible). 21 MR. GORMAN: Okay, (inaudible). 22 MS. LOUGHNANE: May I make a comment? 23 MR. GORMAN: I just want to finish with the 24 Board.

MR. ATKINS: I'm fine.

MS. CONANT: I agree with Dave. I think that we can always flush it out. We can tweak it and if need be we can always pull it.

MS. LOUGHNANE: Can I just comment that if you're going to tweak it, then the ad has to be written in a manner that allows you to do that. So the advertisement that Abby is going to submit on Thursday has to be broad enough to allow you to make changes that you intend to make. What you're proposing there is simply a paraphrasing of what's already in there, so it's inconsequential. It doesn't change the effect of the bylaw, nor does it change the way that the Building Commissioner enforces the bylaw.

If that's what you're looking to do, you need additional language. So if you're looking to actually set up a special permit process under which items not mentioned or considered, then that language has to go in there. If all you're looking to do is continue the status quo, the statement that you're adding to the bylaw merely continues the status quo.

So I think that's something that Abby needs to hear from you tonight, which way you want to go because if the ad's not properly written, you won't be

able to make any changes.

MS. CONANT: So if you added that sentence that's in green, you -- could you add to it or subtract from it?

MS. LOUGHNANE: You could if that's your intention and then the ad has to be written in a way that says that the intention of the bylaw is to set up a procedure for how you address uses not mentioned. By just putting that sentence in there, you're just paraphrasing the sentence that came before. They say the same thing in different words, and we know that the way the bylaw's interpreted the way it's written now is that the Building Commissioner looks at a use and determines what it's most similar to and either allows it as a similar use or disallows it. Adding this language doesn't change that.

If you're looking to change that, then you need to be creating a procedure.

MR. GORMAN: What I was looking for when I was looking at the bylaws was this kind language that already exists, so I was happy to see that it did exist and then when I looked at other towns, I just --some of those additional words like is strictly prohibited is a stronger grounds. So, again, it

1	doesn't change anything significantly, but it might
2	give it might strengthen.
3	But I think at this time to add anything else to
4	me is to add a special permit process I'm not
5	really I don't see any I'm not sure about that.
6	So do you want to make a motion?
7	MR. DELAY: Make a motion to adopt the warrant
8	articles zoning amendment relative to prohibited
9	zoning bylaw.
10	MR. GORMAN: So that was a
11	MR. DELAY: I made a motion.
12	MR. GORMAN: Okay. Do we have a second?
13	MS. CONANT: Second.
14	MR. GORMAN: All those in favor? Aye. Opposed?
15	MR. PFAFF: No.
16	MR. GORMAN: Abstained? That is four to one.
17	The next one is the zoning text and (inaudible)
18	relative to medical uses. So this is the article that
19	we received last week. So, Chris, do you have any
20	additional comments for this?
21	MR. PFAFF: No.
22	MR. GORMAN: Dave, do you have any comments?
23	MR. ATKINS: I would say I know this is a very
24	difficult article and because we saw last year, but

remember the purpose of what we're trying to do is to protect neighborhoods and parts of -- and all Westwood from an undesirable use, which -- or from something that's inappropriate for that area, and as we saw in Dedham, their failure to zone specificity resulted in a gun shop being put in a neighborhood and there's nothing they can do about it. It is actually open and operating. They changed the bylaws after the fact, but it's too late. They may try to retroactively apply that bylaw, but what we've been trying to do with this is get ahead of that so that if a medical use comes to the town center or business district, that we have the zoning in place so that it's not permitted there, that it's only permitted in places that are very unlikely for it to actually happen and if it did get in those places and it was proposed there, that there would be a Zoning Board of Appeals process specified.

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So, you know, we're trying to -- we've got three parts of this. Went to town meeting, unanimously approved Planning Board, everyone supported it and then one resident protested the process and so we came back and tried to go through it again. We had a series of contentious meetings last year and a lot of

misinformation out there. People thought that the Planning Board was actually trying to encourage this and, you know, that was unfortunate, but we need to take charge of this issue and work it through because we cannot have because a large number of people misunderstand what's going on and get angry about it, we can't just back away from that because what's going to happen, and I'll say here we are recording this on tape, so five or ten years from now when a methadone clinic opens up next to Roche Brothers or on High Street they'll say why didn't the Planning Board do anything about this. We've tried to do something about it three times now, so go back and play this tape and I told you so is what -- you know, what was going to happen.

So it's going to be difficult, but I think we owe it to the town to work through this and come up with a way to deal with this problem.

MR. GORMAN: Thanks, Dave. So when I looked at this, I -- we received it last week putting together the slides, and I agree with you to move forward with this type of article. The issue is -- for me is that -- is the timing. Like for me I want to vet this with the appropriate experts. There's a lot of neighboring

towns that don't have this in their zoning, Needham, Wellesley, Canton, a number of others. I went through a lot of different bylaws. So it's -- for me it's the matter of timing, so tonight -- tonight we go to Fin Com and I feel like we're behind the eight ball by about three meetings. So that's how -- that's how I feel about it. I feel that this is important, but when you look at the overlays it looks like even -and, again, this is -- I'm investigating. I'm looking into it. It overlays Brigham & Women's, so that building next to Brigham & Women wasn't -- hasn't been built yet, so is this the opening for that, like will they -- that's not what our intention is, but are we -- to me it's it could be -- we could be exposing the town when we're trying to protect it. So for me it's about time.

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MR.ATKINS: You know the more we talk about it, the more we're exposing -- you know, we're advertising out there, hey, guess what, you know, we haven't zoned for this if you want to come in and try --

MR. GORMAN: Yeah, I just -- like tonight we're going -- tonight we're going to Fin Com and then we have two Planning Board meetings and we're headed right into public hearings where we're going to load

up the public at the microphone and we don't have the plans set out yet, so that's the way I look at it.

MS. MCCABE: But there is also another important piece of this article.

MR. DELAY: That's what I said the other night, I need to look at it. When I look at it, I think it invites a drug use facility into town. I think it's clearly advertises for that, but that being said, I think it -- this is something that we need to look at and maybe we should bring it back in the fall so we have some time to really look at the wording and see how it -- see how it works, but right now I am -- get enough time to digest it and say that I'm behind it.

MS. MCCABE: This article is the furthest along of all the articles, but there's an important need for this article is because you have to zone for it, because as Dave just mentioned, if you don't zone for it, it could be proposed anywhere and this is also very important is because these medical uses are non-profit uses. So if they're proposed --

MR. GORMAN: Abby, it's the -- for me it's the timing. We had all fall and all summer. This didn't -- this wasn't brought up until seven days ago and when I look into it, now we're heading into public

hearing. It's not the time to start working through the article's language. Even when you look at the definitions, I have issues with the definitions. Last year we were looking at it and a simple comma changed the meaning of things, so, Debbie, do you have anything else to day?

MS. CONANT: I had said a couple of weeks ago that -- or when it was first presented that we just -- we dropped the ball on this because I had said way back in the summer we should have started talking about this, and I'm not convinced that we're going to run into a problem by splitting up the AROs, and if that's the case, this thing could change in a way that we don't see it changing and not for the good. So I just -- I do have concerns, and I don't know if that's going to be able to be worked through in the next two or three meetings, I don't know.

MR. PFAFF: So if we pump this again, we're done at fall Town Meeting, means we're on the hook for another year.

MS. CONANT: But we have the prohibitive language.

MR. GORMAN: We'll have a chance to --

MS. CONANT: It's already in the --

1	MR. GORMAN: discuss it.
2	MS. CONANT: It's already in 1.4
3	MR. PFAFF: They can come in here.
4	MS. CONANT: Then that prohibitive language
5	doesn't mean anything then.
6	MR. DELAY: So I'd like to make a
7	MS. MCCABE: Because this is a protected
8	MR. DELAY: motion that we withdraw this
9	article.
10	MS. MCCABE: No, because this is a pro what
11	(inaudible) here last year when he talked about it is
12	that people of substance abuse had a legal opinion
13	last year that they are a protected class of people
14	that are considered disabled.
15	MR. DELAY: I make a motion.
16	MR. GORMAN: There's a motion, is there a second?
17	MS. CONANT: Second.
18	MR. GORMAN: I have a motion and a second. All
19	those in favor? Aye. Opposed?
20	MR. ATKINS: No.
21	MR. PFAFF: No.
22	MR. GORMAN: Abstained? So that's three to two,
23	so that article is withdrawn. And this one I want to
24	we it was dropped from discussions. The war -

this deep in the (inaudible) and is not the time to work on the details. I want experts looking at this to make sure that it's ironclad.

MS. LOUGHNANE: May I give you a point of information? The Planning Board's responsible for reviewing zoning articles whether or not they sponsor them. So this will be advertised as a zoning article. You can remove your sponsorship from it, but you don't have the ability to remove the article if the Board of Selectmen choose to go forward with it. So I just want to make that clear, so it may end up at your Zoning Hearing either way whether you withdraw it or not.

MS. CONANT: So what you're saying that if the Board of -- because we are not presenting it, that it won't move forward, but if the Board of Selectmen (inaudible) miscellaneous --

MS. LOUGHNANE: They wouldn't even have to put it -- it's already on the warrant. So the warrant articles have already been set. You can request that the Selectmen allow withdrawal of an article, and if they don't choose to allow withdrawal of the article, you can remove your sponsorship of the article and the Select Board can choose to sponsor it. That's up to

the Select Board, but no matter who sponsors a zoning article, it has to come back to this Board for review during a public hearing.

MR. GORMAN: They haven't been advertised yet.

MS. LOUGHNANE: They have not. Abby's going to advertise them on Thursday.

MR. DELAY: Right, so she -- we withdrew it before she advertised it, so it should not be advertised.

MS. LOUGHNANE: No. If there's a zoning article that is on the warrant it must be advertised. It must be heard by this Board. The Board can choose to hear it and recommend that it not be approved. You have that ability. You hear zoning articles whether they're sponsored by you or not.

For instance, if there was a petition article, you would hear it at your public hearing. So if the Select Board choose not to remove this from the warrant, they choose to go forward with it, then it would still come back to you for your zoning amendment public hearing. I just want to make sure everyone understands that, that this -- that withdrawing your support for an article doesn't necessarily make the article go away.

MR. ATKINS: So technically -- so technically the other items here that were withdrawn, what we're doing is we're asking -- initially we asked to put things on the warrant and the Select Board agreed and (inaudible) and whatever. So now we are saying we don't support this anymore, we want to withdraw and everyone --

MS. LOUGHNANE: Correct.

Mr. ATKINS: -- (inaudible) this one, so it's really up to the Select Board, though. They -- it would be unusual, wouldn't it, for them to say, actually, we want you to do that?

MS. LOUGHNANE: So what they could do is not want you to do it, but if they feel the article is important, and I certainly believe it's important for economic development and I believe it's important for exposure, so if the Select Board feel the same way then they would allow you to withdraw your sponsorship of the article and they could substitute their sponsorship and the article could go forward. But my point to you is that if there's any warrant article that relates to a zoning amendment, this Board must hear that article as part of its zoning amendment hearing, so Abby would be required to place the ad.

1	If the Select Board if you send a request to
2	the Select Board to withdraw that warrant article and
3	they agree to withdraw it, as they've agreed to
4	withdraw some other articles, then it goes away. But
5	if they choose not to withdraw it, not to allow it to
6	be removed from the warrant and choose to pursue it of
7	their own, then it comes back to you at your hearing.
8	MR. PFAFF: So, for example, there is another
9	article on about the Obed Baker House (inaudible)
10	zoning that we haven't even
11	MS. LOUGHNANE: Correct. So that's not a
12	Planning Board
13	Mr. Pfaff: It's coming from the Select
14	MS. LOUGHNANE: article, that's a Board of
15	Selectmen warrant article that involves zoning and
16	because it involves zoning it will come to you at the
17	time of your hearing. So I just want to make sure
18	everyone is clear so there's no misunderstanding.
19	MR. GORMAN: So the procedure tonight so at
20	Fin Com when I present to them and we get to this
21	article, I let them know that we voted to withdraw it
22	three to two.
23	MS. LOUGHNANE: Correct. To you voted to
24	request that the article be withdrawn from the

warrant. The warrant belongs to the Select Board.

MS. MCCABE: So they tonight were going to vote on your withdrawals from last week for those other articles because those are already on the article list.

MR. GORMAN: But they -- tonight they're having their meeting as to the warrant articles.

MS. MCCABE: Their meeting at 6:30 before going into --

MS. LOUGHNANE: Just like you, they're just preparing for the Fin Com meeting tonight. I don't know what's on their agenda.

(Public Comment)

MS. FABRIZIO: Nada Milosavjevic-Fabrizio.

There's confusing information and I just want to confirm that I presented a petition article, I don't know, two years ago, three years ago, I don't know, but it was to cap the residential units on High Street and on Washington Street. At that time, the Board of Selectmen wanted some kind of a cap, but we thought it was too high. Residents thought it was too high. So I sponsored or I presented, I got the signatures and I had a petition article, and I never -- I was never before this Board. My petition article -- where Nora

1 just said that all the zoning amendments or articles 2 have to come before this Board, my petition article didn't come before this Board. 3 I presented the petition article to the Board of 5 Selectmen and then I had to appear in front of Fin Com to explain what I was doing with that petition 6 7 article, so what's being said up here I -- like I don't understand again. I just don't understand it 9 that if the Board of Selectmen decide that they like 10 whatever article you're talking about, that they can 11 bring it forward and the Planning Board has to hear 12 it, I mean, how ridiculous is that? 13 MS. MCCABE: It's not ridiculous. The Board of 14 Selectmen --15 SPEAKER: My zoning amendment didn't come before 16 the Planning Board. 17 MS. MCCABE: It did. All zoning amendments are 18 heard at the Planning Board's public hearing. 19 SPEAKER: I'm just trying to clear the air here. MS. MCCABE: All citizens' articles --20 21 Thank you. MR. GORMAN: SPEAKER: Yeah, 22 my position still stands. This is too little too 23 Late. Too little too late. So next one -- so the

last one is the -- sure.

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1	MR. LAYDEN: My name is Joe Layden and I live at
2	136 School Street and since
3	MR. GORMAN: Do you want to speak into the
4	microphone?
5	SPEAKER: Since the article is going to be going
6	forward without your approval and it was worked on,
7	does anybody know whether Brigham & Women's has plans
8	to use their property for drug rehab and would they be
9	able to do that?
0	MS. MCCABE: No. They the Planning Board has
1	approved a phase two that will be become a different
2	(inaudible), but the Planning Board has already
13	approved the addition of the Office of Healthcare
4	medical center uses. So, yes, medical center uses,
15	kind of what you're talking about in this article,
6	they've approved the site plan, but the final drawings
17	still need to be presented to the Planning Board.
8	MS. CONANT: I think what he's asking is can a
9	medical substance abuse center go in at Brigham,
20	that's his question.
21	MR. GORMAN: It sure looks like if this article
22	goes through, it looks like it could to me. The
23	building
24	MS. MCCABE: No, not as as (inaudible) yes.

Without a zoning article, without (inaudible) defining hospitals, medical use centers and treatment centers, they can be proposed anywhere. The article -- the article specifies specific parcels and it does not include the Brigham & Women's.

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MR. GORMAN: I don't agree with that, but do you have another question?

SPEAKER: It seemed watching the meeting that was in ad last week, points came up. There were two AROs or areas of a specified (inaudible) was so heavily built that it would not be utilized and it seems to me, and I'm not -- I don't live in the area, that University Ave. has a lot of people, a lot of apartments and condos, more so than many other neighborhoods and I just don't think it's very appropriate to have something like that close to those people, and I was wondering if two other places that I saw on the map that aren't near any residences would have been considered as a site instead of the University site, and those areas would be a small slip of land that's adjoined -- abuts Dedham on the other side of Route 128 near East Street, and the other is the land that's -- I see a proposed development on, which is across from McDonald's on Route 1, and I

1	don't think correct me if I'm wrong, there's no
2	residences (inaudible), and those two places would be
3	preferable as sites to me than University Ave.
4	MR. GORMAN: Thank you. So the last one is the
5	zoning amendment to regulate short term rentals. So,
6	Chris?
7	MR. PFAFF: (Inaudible.)
8	MR. GORMAN: Dave?
9	MR. ATKINS: Nothing else to say.
10	MR. GORMAN: Okay, I don't have anything
11	additional. The only questions that we didn't and
12	we might be able to work through for other meetings
13	is, one, we talked about the limitation, but then as
14	far as registration, Board of Health so I've
15	contacted Board of Health to see if they want to weigh
16	in. Bill?
17	MR. DELAY: Yeah, I think maybe a registration
18	fee and what have you, I think we have to work that in
19	I think somehow, but other than that, no, for the
20	article.
21	MR. GORMAN: And Deb?
22	MS. CONANT: (Inaudible.)
23	MR. GORMAN: Okay. So do you want to make a
24	motion?

1	MS. MCCABE: We do have Jared, the Health
2	Director's here tonight in the back if we have
3	questions, but I do have
4	MR. GORMAN: Thank you for coming.
5	MS. MCCABE: concerns the zoning does not
6	you can't the zoning can't order registration fees
7	and I think that's the general bylaw on it, kind of on
8	the bylaw.
9	MR. GORMAN: Okay, thank you. So motion?
10	MR. DELAY: I will make a motion to accept the
11	zoning amendment to regulate short term rentals.
12	MR. GORMAN: Second? All those in favor? Aye.
13	Opposed?
14	MR. ATKIN: No.
15	MR. PFAFF: No.
16	MR. GORMAN: Abstained? That's three to two.
17	There is no other zoning amendments to go through, so
18	yeah, then one other thing so it's Abby, as
19	far as the newspaper ad, are you going to send that to
20	us just as a courtesy so we can look through it to
21	make sure that there's a second set of eyes?
22	MS. MCCABE: No. It's too late.
23	MR. GORMAN: So is it already at the newspaper?
24	MS. MCCABE: (Inaudible) no, I'll be sending

1	it on Thursday morning as I've been saying, so what
2	you have here are not
3	MR. GORMAN: I'd like to see what it what the
4	words are just to make sure there's no
5	MS. MCCABE: Well, I'm not writing it. So you're
6	supposed to be writing it and sending it to me as I've
7	said.
8	MR. GORMAN: Yeah, so just send me what you have.
9	MS. MCCABE: I only have what you sent, which is
10	not a full zoning article, which I've told you, so
11	it's just a useless thing in the newspaper that will
12	just be a waste of money and it's not a real legal ad.
13	I mean, it's not a full article
14	MR. GORMAN: What about the the memo that you
15	send. I mean, I saw some of the newspaper ads that
16	have been pretty brief.
17	MS. MCCABE: The newspaper article's brief, but
18	then it directs everyone to the full language, article
19	language at the Town Clerk's Office. That's what we
20	need. So you can send it to me tomorrow to put and
21	then on Thursday morning I'll send
22	MR. GORMAN: What do you have today that's going
23	to go into the newspaper?
24	MS. MCCABE: I only have what was in the

PowerPoint that you sent.

MR. GORMAN: What about the memo that has the articles with the text underneath --

MS. MCCABE: Yes, so you know I would work off -I'd work off that, but it's not a full -- it has to
cite the specific where it's going to go.

MR. GORMAN: So it does. It's Table 4.3, Section 2.

MS. LOUGHNANE: If I could just explain, the only article that actually has text that fits the requirement for the legal notice is the article that you're not interested in sponsoring. None of the articles actually have the text. What you need to do is have very specific language that says will the town vote to do such and such, change this section to this, and you have to list out exactly what the changes are. At your hearing you can expand upon those, but you need to have that as a starting point.

MR. GORMAN: So at what point is staff going to step in and actually help out with some of the -- and this is -- I think this goes back to what Deb said earlier in the meeting, the -- it seems like the cherry-picking of assisting with certain articles --

MS. LOUGHNANE: There's no cherry-picking. So it

1	has been clear from the beginning
2	MR. GORMAN: It appears
3	MS. LOUGHNANE: this year
4	MR. GORMAN: It's
5	MS. LOUGHNANE: This year the Planning Department
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7	MR. GORMAN: Nora, you so you're are you
8	saying that the of the five articles the only one
9	that will pass legal muster through the newspaper is
10	the one that you worked on?
11	MS. LOUGHNANE: So far that is the case. That's
12	correct.
13	MR. GORMAN: At what point was staff going to
14	notify the Planning Board of that?
15	MS. LOUGHNANE: Abby has
16	MS. MCCABE: I have repeatedly.
17	MS. LOUGHNANE: said that at every meeting
18	MR. GORMAN: You have never said that.
19	MS. LOUGHNANE: for the last three months when
20	you've discussed
21	MR. GORMAN: At last week's meeting you didn't
22	say that.
23	MS. MCCABE: Well, I think the Morrison Park one
24	was is

1	MS. LOUGHNANE: Can be brought into
2	MS. MCCABE: The Morrison Park
3	MS. LOUGHNANE: (inaudible) a condition.
4	MR. GORMAN: So which so, Abby, which one is
5	it? So why bother are we
6	MS. LOUGHNANE: You just need to get the articles
7	to the point where they need to be. So if you can
8	describe the articles
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We started (inaudible)
10	back this fall
11	MR. GORMAN: This is absurd.
12	MR. GORMAN: Not the one you brought, but the
13	other ones and we didn't we haven't received any
14	help on it whatsoever.
15	MS. LOUGHNANE: It was made clear
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) six months on
17	these things.
18	MS. LOUGHNANE: for months on end that staff's
19	time is devoted to the comprehensive plan. The one
20	article that has been worked on several times over the
21	last two and a half years is the medical uses warrant
22	article and so that one is ready, because it's been
23	ready since 2017 and

1	MR. GORMAN: Nora, this is this is
2	unacceptable
3	MS. LOUGHNANE: has only required minor
4	changes.
5	MR. GORMAN: This is absolutely unacceptable.
6	MR.: This is really we're elected officials.
7	We were elected to do the town's work and to do it
8	right and
9	MR.: I asked about
0	MS. LOUGHNANE: This Planning Board has chosen to
1	go forward with articles with the clear understanding
12	that staff time is working on the comprehensive plan.
13	There are only so many hours in the day. Any
4	questions that have been put forward I have taken and
15	I have answered and gotten back information
6	MR. GORMAN: Nora, this is
17	MS. LOUGHNANE: to anyone who's asked
8	MR. GORMAN: This is absolutely unacceptable.
9	I'm sorry. So
20	MS. LOUGHNANE: There's nothing to be acceptable
21	or unacceptable. It's the situation we're in.
22	There's a reason
23	MS. CONANT: The comprehensive plan is ours
24	though. We own that and whether you are helping with

1	it or not, which we truly appreciate, but if we have
2	to if we had to
3	MR. GORMAN: Choose.
4	MS. CONANT: choose, we would have just done a
5	three week sabbatical on
6	MS. LOUGHNANE: But you didn't, so it was made
7	clear
8	MR. GORMAN: But this these
9	MS. LOUGHNANE: on multiple occasions
10	MR. GORMAN: these games are
11	MS. LOUGHNANE: that staff's time
12	MR. GORMAN: these games are ridiculous.
13	MS. LOUGHNANE: was devoted to the
14	comprehensive plan.
15	MR. GORMAN: These games are absolutely
16	ridiculous.
17	MS. LOUGHNANE: There is no time left
18	MR. DELAY: You're not helping the town
19	whatsoever.
20	MS. LOUGHNANE: to work on zoning articles. I
21	completely disagree. We are doing
22	MR. GORMAN: No, you're not helping the town
23	MS. LOUGHNANE: what the town needs done. We
24	are doing what the Planning Board chose to do.

1	MR. GORMAN: We've been we've been I feel
2	like I've been not helped. I asked for items to be
3	printed out and things get refused and I have not
4	received in the help that these articles deserve
5	and that the residents of this town deserve and it
6	wasn't a surprise. You knew that we were going to be
7	working on
8	MS. LOUGHNANE: There's no surprise and that's
9	why Abby has said at multiple meetings you are
10	responsible for producing the text. If you need help
11	with that, ask for help. Chris asked for help and
12	received it.
13	MR. DELAY: But you had we're volunteers,
14	you're paid. You should be helping us.
15	MS. LOUGHNANE: I am paid to do my job, which I
16	am doing to the best of my ability
17	MR. DELAY: Your job should be helping us.
18	MS. LOUGHNANE: well beyond the hours that are
19	associated with my job.
20	MR. GORMAN: It's really absurd, it really is.
21	MS. CONANT: Every year except for this
22	particular town meeting that for this particular town
23	meeting there those articles have come fully prepared
24	where they belong in, excuse me, bylaw, the full text.

but that was only because those were the ones that
Abby prepared or you prepared to come forward, not the
anything that was recommended by
MS. LOUGHNANE: That's not actually the case.
There have been many times where Planning Board
members worked on articles, but in all prior years
articles have been discussed and considered in light
of the time that was available, and only articles that
were ready and that there was time to prepare would go
forward
MR. GORMAN: It seems
MS. LOUGHNANE: This Board has chosen to put
forth articles without the background.
MR. GORMAN: It's incredibly
MR. DELAY: It hasn't chosen to do that. Don't
keep saying that. We haven't chosen. We didn't
choose that.
MR. GORMAN: And I find it amazingly convenient
that at the 11th hour I'm notified that there's not
enough information to forward the newspaper.
MS. LOUGHNANE: That's a false narrative, Brian.
You have been told that multiple occasions.
MS. MCCABE: I have
MR. GORMAN: No.

1	MS. MCCABE: Yes, I've repeated
2	MR. GORMAN: And at what point were you going to
3	say that what additional information you needed?
4	MS. MCCABE: I've been saying that the whole time
5	and that's why I requested at your December meeting by
6	December 30th have the articles, and Debbie did.
7	Debbie wrote hers out and she worked with us and
8	worked with Town Counsel and developed an article.
9	That's Debbie sent
10	MR. GORMAN: I it's I'm if I was a resident
11	of this town, I would be I would be upset.
12	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm outraged.
13	MR. GORMAN: I would be upset. I would be really
14	upset.
15	MS. MCCABE: I repeatedly asked you for the
16	warrant text.
17	MR. GORMAN: I just find every other year the
18	Board gets assistance and then you've I feel like
19	you haven't assisted in the way that you have in the
20	past.
21	MS. MCCABE: And I made very clear when we did
22	the comprehensive plan that we didn't have time to do
23	all the zoning articles
24	MR. GORMAN: But you had time
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1	MR. DELAY: You should be working at our
2	direction.
3	MR. GORMAN: you had time for that.
4	MS. MCCABE: No, I did not.
5	MR. DELAY: You should be working at our
6	direction.
7	MS. LOUGHNANE: Abby did not work on the medical
8	uses
9	MS. MCCABE: I did not work on that.
0	MS. LOUGHNANE: warrant article at all. That
1	article
2	MR. GORMAN: But staff worked on it.
13	MS. LOUGHNANE: That article exists from 2017. I
4	worked on updating the 2017 article. It was a
15	relatively short period of time that I did on a
6	weekend meeting with Chris and with Town Counsel to
17	review it.
8	MR. DELAY: I'm just saying you should be working
9	at our direction, not you shouldn't just assume
20	that you're going to work on the comprehensive plan
21	and forget about us. We're elected officials. You're
22	supposed to be working at our direction.
23	MS. LOUGHNANE: Bill, before you were on the
24	Board a decision was made to pursue the comprehensive
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1	plan. That is the direction that the Planning Board
2	asked staff to go. That is the direction that I
3	allocated staff for. We can't change that midstream.
4	MR. DELAY: In lieu of doing anything else?
5	MS. LOUGHNANE: We're doing plenty of other
6	things, but it was made clear
7	MR. DELAY: But not helping us
8	MS. LOUGHNANE: it was made clear that we had
9	limited staff ability for zoning bylaw articles. The
10	Board chose to go forward with articles nonetheless
11	and stated on numerous occasions that they Board
12	members would write those articles. You failed to
13	write the articles.
14	MR. DELAY: That's ridiculous.
15	MR. GORMAN: This is this is fascinating to
16	me, absolutely fascinating.
17	MS. LOUGHNANE: Well, you can create your false
18	narrative at this point, but I think we have many
19	meetings where we can see that this was discussed
20	MR. GORMAN: It's not a false narrative.
21	MS. LOUGHNANE: and it was made clear to Board
22	members that there was more work to be done and we
23	have members of the Board who said they were writing
24	the articles. You simply didn't do it. Now we're up

1	against
2	MR. GORMAN: So then you bring it's
3	interesting that the substance abuse gets brought
4	forward. We didn't receive the information ahead of
5	the meeting
6	MS. LOUGHNANE: Do you mean the medical use
7	article?
8	MR. GORMAN: Last week it was presented. We
9	didn't receive it ahead of time. We're supposed to
10	digest it live, then we well, then we read it
11	outside of Town Meeting and then the next week is the
12	Fin Com meeting. That's not enough time to
13	MS. LOUGHNANE: Yeah, that's enough time for the
14	other articles, that's so inconsistent to me.
15	MS. MCCABE: Yes.
16	MS. LOUGHNANE: You had a Planning Board member
17	who actually
18	MR. GORMAN: Those other articles
19	MS. LOUGHNANE: took the time to write that
20	article
21	MR. GORMAN: You've been talking about those for
22	a long time. MS. LOUGHNANE: But they're not
23	written, Brian. That's the one article that was
24	written and you're criticizing the Planning Board

1 member for writing it. MR. GORMAN: Somebody needs to let me know what 3 it is missing and they didn't say what was missing. MS. MCCABE: I have, Brian. I've said that 5 repeatedly --MS. LOUGHNANE: That simply is -- that's simply 6 7 not true. It's simply not true. MS. MCCABE: Brian, and you do not return my 9 calls or answer -- answer my calls or respond --10 MR. GORMAN: I do --11 MS. MCCABE: -- to my --12 MS. LOUGHNANE: Perhaps your time should be spent 13 developing a way to get from here to where you need to 14 be by Thursday. 15 Those articles -- I just -- I feel -MR. GORMAN: 16 I feel like I haven't received the support I needed 17 and that's really unfortunate. It's sad. 18 MS. LOUGHNANE: Describe it however you'd like, 19 but if you want the articles to go forward, the most 20 important thing is to get them in a form that can go 21 forward by Thursday. 22 MR. GORMAN: That's -- it's --23 MS. LOUGHNANE: So in some of those articles 24 that's a very simple thing. You have the model of the

1	article that is ready to go forward. We could use
2	that model to develop these articles, but there are
3	questions that have not yet been answered. For
4	instance, the question I asked about the prohibitive
5	bylaw article. Is it simply that language that you
6	want in the article and nothing else?
7	MR. GORMAN: Yes. The answer is yes.
8	MS. LOUGHNANE: If that's all it is and if all
9	the Board members are saying that that's
10	MR. GORMAN: And I state I state exactly where
11	it's supposed to go.
12	MS. LOUGHNANE: Then that article can be put in a
13	final format.
14	MR. GORMAN: Right, so let's go so let's go to
15	the next one. We have, what, three minutes? So the -
16	- so the firearms, I state exactly the table. Is that
17	okay for the newspaper? It seems it.
18	MS. LOUGHNANE: It doesn't state the exact
19	language that you want
20	MR. GORMAN: It's a table, and I've included
21	MS. LOUGHNANE: Is that the only place you change
22	it? I think you asked to change it in other
23	locations. Is it only the table?
24	MR. GORMAN: No, it's just the it's just the

1 table. It's changing the zoning from four zones to two zones, removing LBB and LBA. All right, so let's 2 3 go to the next one. MS. MCCABE: It's the short term rental one is 5 the one that I think is not written in a way that --MR. GORMAN: So the short term rental adding in -6 7 - so as of now it's just -- it's just adding in what is -- adding in the definition of short term and then 8 9 stating explicitly what the discreet time constraints 10 are, five days to 30 days. That should be good for 11 the paper. 12 MS. MCCABE: Definitions, but when you talk about 13 registration and inspections. 14 MR. GORMAN: So that's -- then I'll remove that. 15 I don't need that. We can deal with that at another 16 Town Meeting. 17 So just to be clear then, you're MS. LOUGHNANE: 18 looking for three definitions, not two. You're 19 looking for short term rental, which is between five 20 and 29 days. You're looking for long term rental, 21 which is 30 days or more, and you're looking for 22 something that's yet undefined that's less than five 23 days. You need to define that

MR. GORMAN: So short --

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1	MS. LOUGHNANE: and put that in
2	MR. GORMAN: So it would be short
3	MS. LOUGHNANE: (inaudible) is prohibited
4	MR. GORMAN: Short term is 29 or less. Long term
5	is 30 or more and it
6	MS. LOUGHNANE: And then you need something for -
7	-
8	MR. GORMAN: under five is
9	MS. LOUGHNANE: under five.
10	MR. GORMAN: under five is prohibited.
11	MS. LOUGHNANE: So you need to name that and
12	define it and then put it in the chart to prohibit it.
13	So that's the language that you need.
14	MR. GORMAN: So what should I what should we
15	call it?
16	MS. LOUGHNANE: I don't I don't know.
17	MR. GORMAN: I don't understand why it has to be
18	a separate
19	MS. LOUGHNANE: Because right now the bylaw
20	allows renting of rooms, so that's permitted. It's
21	just permitted everywhere. So if you
22	MR. GORMAN: By the hour
23	MS. LOUGHNANE: want to do something
24	anything, it's permitted to rent the rooms. So if you

1 would like to do something that prohibits it, you need to define what is prohibited. So maybe what you say 2 3 is you say renting of rooms for fewer than five days is prohibited. 5 MR. GORMAN: That's what I said. MS. LOUGHNANE: But you have to have a definition 6 7 of what that is. Renting of rooms for fewer than five days has to be its own section in the use chart. 9 Renting of rooms for five to 29 days has to be another 10 section. Renting of rooms for 30 days or more has to 11 be a third section. They all have to be carefully 12 defined in the use chart just like the difference 13 between, I don't know, a public -- a personal services 14 establishment and professional establishment. They're 15 discreet sections in the use chart and they need to be 16 (inaudible) --17 MR. GORMAN: And then in the definitions you need 18 short term, long term --19 MS. LOUGHNANE: And then whatever you're going to 20 call the other --21 So, Abby, can I work on that with MR. GORMAN: 22 you tomorrow? 23 MS. MCCABE: You can email me what you have and 24 what you're thinking and I can try to work with that.

1	MR. GORMAN: Okay, that would be great. So
2	what's the next one? So we have short term, Morrison
3	Park, do you have enough for Morrison Park?
4	MS. MCCABE: I think we have enough for the
5	Morrison Park.
6	MS. LOUGHNANE: So Morrison Park was a map change
7	that would remove the FMUOD overlay from that
8	MR. GORMAN: Then firearms we already talked
9	about them. Medical uses we already talked about
10	that. So it looks like we're covered. So all of this
11	energy that we just had, I think we are okay.
12	MS. LOUGHNANE: As long as you get the language
13	to Abby in time for her to
14	MR. GORMAN: Just for short term.
15	MS. MCCABE: Yes.
16	MR. GORMAN: So I'll work with you tomorrow then.
17	Great, we have a solution. All right, motion to
18	adjourn.
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