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**PLANNING BOARD**

**Memorandum**

To: James O’Sullivan, Town Moderator  
Town Meeting

From: Abby McCabe, Town Planner  
Westwood Planning Board

Date: April 8, 2021 (*Verbal Report to be at Town Meeting*)

Re: Planning Board Report to Town Meeting on Zoning Articles – 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

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The Westwood Planning Board held public hearings in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5 on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM remote via Zoom due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor’s March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place. The Board considered amendments to the Town of Westwood Zoning Bylaw. By a vote of the Planning Board, the Board held continued public hearings on March 8, March 16, March 29, and April 6. The Planning Board re-opened the public hearing on April 6, 2021 and made a recommendation to Town Meeting and voted to close the hearing the same evening. Following deliberation, the Planning Board recommends as follows:

**ARTICLE 17 – Medical Uses: Medical Centers or Clinics and Offices of Health Care Professional**

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw and Official Zoning Map related to various medical uses in Section 4.1.5 [Table of Principal Uses] by changing the title from “Office of a doctor or dentist not a resident on premises” to “Office of Health Care Professional” and by adding new Section “Medical Center or Clinic”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**By a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Planning Board votes to recommend that Town Meeting approve Article 17.**

**ARTICLE 18 – Medical Uses: Prohibiting Hospitals**

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw to amend the Section 2.0 [Definitions] for “Hospital”, and amending Section 4.1.5 [Table of Principal Uses] to prohibit “Hospitals” in all zoning districts.

**By a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Planning Board votes to recommend that Town Meeting approve Article 18.**

**ARTICLE 19 – Medical Uses: Creating Substance Rehabilitation Facility Overlay District**

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw to add a new Definition for “Substance Rehabilitation or Treatment Facility” in Section 2, Revise existing definitions, add new Section 9.8 [Substance Rehabilitation Facility Overlay District (SRFOD)], amend the Table of Uses Section 4.1.5, and amend the Official Zoning Map, or take any action in relation thereto.

**By a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Planning Board votes to recommend that Town Meeting approve Article 19.**

**ARTICLE 20 – Fire Arms/Explosives Sales**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.1.5.41 [Fire Arms/Explosives Sales and Services] within the Table of Principal Uses to prohibit in the LBA and LBB zones, or take any action in relation thereto.

**By a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Planning Board votes to recommend that Town Meeting approve Article 20.**

**ARTICLE 21- Temporary Uses and Structures**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.1.7.4 relative to temporary structures or uses within the Table of Principal Uses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**By a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Planning Board votes to recommend that Town Meeting approve Article 21.**

**ARTICLE 22 - Housekeeping**

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain housekeeping amendments to various sections of the Westwood Zoning Bylaw as may be necessary to correct errors or inconsistencies and to clarify such sections, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**By a vote of five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Planning Board votes to recommend that Town Meeting approve Article 22.**