

Westwood Finance and Warrant Commission

March 29, 2022 Final Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

ZOOM Webinar

6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, On June 16, 2021, Governor Baker signed into law an Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency. This Act includes an extension, until April 1, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020, Executive Order. This meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so by using the Webinar link below. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts, we will post on the Town website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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When: Mar 29, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Finance and Warrant Commission Public Hearing

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FinCom Chair Dianne McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed members to the March 29, 2022 Zoom Webinar Final Public Hearing.

All Finance and Warrant Commission members were present.

The Chair then granted permission to Westwood Media Center to live stream and record the meeting. She also asked if anyone else would like to record this meeting.

Chair McCarthy made introductory comments. She then welcomed all participants; remote members, presenters and members of public and press to the FinCom March Final Public Hearing. Ms. O'Donnell then called the ROLL.

Members were previously provided with the final agenda packet for this meeting and came prepared to hear all presentations.

The Chair then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Evening's Presenters:

<u>Pam Dukeman</u> – Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director	Final Presentation: Budget Articles 1-12 for 2022 ATM Warrant Articles
Chris Coleman – Town Administrator, Pam Dukeman – Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director, Mike Walsh-Chair and members of Select Board, Patrick Ahearn - Town Counsel	Select Board 2022 ATM Warrant Article: SB-5 <u>Final Changes/Final Comments</u>
Nora Loughnane – Director C&ED, Chris Pfaff –Planning Board Chair and members of the Planning Board	Planning Board 2022 ATM Warrant Articles <u>Final Changes/Final Comments:</u> <u>Planning Board Articles 1-6</u> *Continue PB Public Hearing*
Peter Ittig, Resident 108 Bay Colony Drive	Citizens Petition Articles on Senior Property Tax Exemptions (1&2) <u>Final Changes/Final Comments:</u> Articles 1 & 2

The Chair introduced the evening’s first presentation. All Presenters were present to give final presentations on the following 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

Budget-1	FY22 Budget Adjustments by Transfer	Select Board
Budget -2	FY22 Budget Adjustments by Appropriation (\$0)	Select Board
Budget -3	FY23 Operating Budgets (Appendix “D”)	Select Board
Budget -4	Appropriation (\$1,356,250) – Municipal Capital Improvements	Select Board
Budget -5	Appropriation (\$1,017,000) – School Capital Improvements	Select Board
Budget -6	Appropriation (\$700,000) – Sewer Capital Improvements	Select Board
Budget -7	Appropriation (\$682,000) – Additional Capital Improvements	Select Board
Budget -8	Borrowing (\$325,000) – Additional Capital Improvements	Select Board
Budget -9	Appropriation (\$125,000) – Stabilization Fund FY23	Select Board
Budget -10	Appropriation (\$1,515,000) – OPEB Liability Trust Fund – FY23	Select Board
Budget -11	Appropriation (\$300,000) – Aid to the Elderly for Senior Tax Relief	Select Board
Budget -12	Borrowing (\$900,000) – Additional Capital Improvements	Select Board
Citizen’s Petition -1	Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens Petition (M.G.L. Chapter 59)	Mr. Peter Ittig
Citizen’s Petition -2	Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens Petition (M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C ½ and Clauses 17D, 17E, and 17F)	Mr. Peter Ittig
Select Board- 5	Acquisition of Real Property (90 Deerfield Avenue – American Legion Hall)	Select Board
Planning Board -1	Mixed-Use and Multi-Family Overlay District	Planning Board
Planning Board -2	Zoning Amendments Relative to Permitting and Approval of Solar Arrays	Planning Board
Planning Board -3	Zoning Amendments Relative to Property on High Street in the Vicinity of the Historic Obed Baker House and Westwood Plaza	Planning Board
Planning Board -4	Zoning Amendment Relative to Expansion of Nonconforming Uses and Structures	Planning Board

Planning Board -5	Zoning Map Amendment 394 and 396 Providence Highway	Planning Board
Planning Board- 6	Housekeeping Zoning Article	Planning Board

At the conclusion of the Article Presentations, the Chair called upon Town Counsel Patrick Ahearn to remind members about the protocol and guidelines for making motions and the voting process for each article. The Chair then called for a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded and approved unanimously. FinCom then began deliberation and voting on each article before them for all remaining 2022 Warrant Articles using the Roll-Call Voting procedure.

After the close of Warrant Article voting, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2022, Sub-Committee Presentation Meeting minutes, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The Chair asked if members were ready to approve the minutes which passed with a vote of 14 members in favor.

The Chair then emphasized how important it was for members to get write-ups submitted by 12:00PM 4/1/22 (OR EARLIER!).

The Chair again thanked all members for all their input at this meeting and for the entire FinCom season! She then asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was offered and seconded. A ROLL CALL vote was taken unanimously in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02PM

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