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**ORGANIZATION: Finance and Warrant
Commission**

TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF WESTWOOD

MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING (Please circle appropriately)

DATE: March 23, 2015

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Library Community Meeting Room

PURPOSE: Final Public Hearing – Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

REQUESTED BY: Sheila Nee

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

(For updates to this notice, please see www.townhall.westwood.ma.us)

March 23, 2015

7:30 P.M.

Library Community Meeting Room

**If business is not finalized on March 23, the hearing will continue to
March 24 at 7:30 P.M.**

In addition to the following articles, discussion will continue, if necessary, on articles presented at the March 2 public hearing. The Finance and Warrant Commission (Fincom) will vote its final recommendations on remaining articles at the completion of this hearing.

1. Easement for Algonquin Gas – Elm Street

This article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to provide an easement on a section of Elm Street for the purpose of installing a new Algonquin gas line which connects to Texas Eastern Transmission and Maritimes & Northeast.

2. Supplemental Appropriations FY15

Intended to transfer funds from budget accounts projected to have a surplus into accounts that are projected to be in deficit by the end of the fiscal year.

3. Supplemental Appropriations FY15

Intended to cover any projected deficits with funds from available accounts in the current fiscal year.

4. Unpaid Prior Year's Bills

Reserved to consider payment of any unpaid bills remaining from a closed out fiscal year.

5. FY16 Town Salary and Expense Budgets
The official approval of the Annual Operating Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
6. Appropriation – Municipal Capital Improvements
Intended to appropriate funds for the Town’s municipal capital investments for the next fiscal year.
7. Appropriation – School Capital Improvements
Intended to appropriate funds for the Town’s school capital investments for the next fiscal year.
8. Appropriation – Sewer Capital Improvements
Intended to appropriate funds for the Town’s sewer capital investments for the next fiscal year. The items in this article are funded from Sewer User fees.
9. Appropriation – Stabilization Fund FY16
Intended to appropriate funds into the Town’s Stabilization Account.
10. Appropriation – OPEB Liability Trust Fund FY16
Intended to appropriate funds to the OPEB Liability account.
11. Approval of FY15 Salaries of elected officials – Appendix “C”.

**The Fincom has Discussed the Following Articles at its March 2 Public Hearing.
Discussion May Continue on Some or All of the Following Articles**

Petition Articles

12. This petition article would require the Town to establish a baseline and ongoing energy score for all municipal and school buildings.
(Petitioner: Michael Brier, 43 Dover Terrace)
13. This petition article seeks to change the zoning of the premises known as Lambert’s Plaza at 210-320 Providence Highway from Single Residence B (SRB) to Highway Business (HB).
(Petitioner: Edward Richardson, 67 Webster Street)

Town Clerk Article

14. Adoption of Chapter 59, Section 18B MGL – Informing Electorate
This article is intended to allow the Town governing authority to disseminate written information on the local ballot questions.

Board of Selectmen Articles

15. Road Improvement
Intended to authorize the acceptance of any state funds, including Chapter 90 funds that are allocated for maintenance of the Town’s public ways.
16. Street Acceptances
This is an article that accepts private roads that have been constructed and/or brought up to the Town’s standards and are presented for acceptance as Town ways.
17. Fund University Station Building Fee Reserve
Intended to accept building permit fee payments from the first phase of the University Station project, and allocate these funds to the appropriate services related to permitting, inspection, legal valuation, and other prior, during, and after construction.
18. Cemetery Expansion
Intended to seek approval and funding to design and construct an expansion of the Baker Cemetery.

19. Stormwater Management Bylaw
Intended to seek Town Meeting vote for the adoption of a proposed Stormwater Bylaw and Regulations.
20. Funding for Fire Station II
Intended to fund the construction of a new Fire Station in Islington Center.
21. Acquisition of Real Property
Intended to serve as a placeholder to appropriate funds and approve the acquisition of property and/or easements that may be necessary for the construction of the Public Safety Facilities.
22. Town-wide LED Streetlight Upgrade
Intended to seek authorization and funding for a program to upgrade the energy efficiency of the street lights in Town.
23. Deerfield School Field Redevelopment
Intended to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend up to \$500,000 to fund the reconstruction of the Deerfield School playing fields.
24. Creation of a Bylaw for Enforcement of Taxi Regulations
Intended to allow the Police Department to issue a civil disposition rather than file a court complaint for violators of the taxi regulations.
25. Miscellaneous Articles (4 total)
Intended to serve as placeholders to insert an Article in support of Town Government that may come up before the official Warrant is approved.

Planning Board Articles

1. Amendments to Flexible Multiple Use Overlay District
Intended to allow for mixed-use residential and commercial developments in Flexible Multiple Use Districts along Washington and High Streets, to redefine the perimeters of those FMUOD districts on the Official Zoning Map, and to clarify the maximum permitted percentages of FMUOD developments which may be devoted to residential uses in each of the FMUOD districts.
2. Amendments to Senior Residential Housing Development
Intended to create a new procedure for the review and approval of special permit applications for Senior Residential Development projects, and to encourage the development of appropriately designed projects which are both responsive to the needs of senior residents and consistent with the character of surrounding neighborhoods.
3. Amendments to Accessory Apartments
Intended to clarify the section of the Zoning Bylaw pertaining to Accessory Apartments in response to concerns expressed by the Zoning Board of Appeals, so that applicants and abutters will have a better understanding of the purposes and requirements of this section.
4. Amendments to Earth Material Movement
Intended to make the Planning Board the special granting authority for Earth Material Movement special permits and to clarify the conditions under which an exemption from this section of the Zoning Bylaw may be granted.
5. Amendments to Definitions and Principal Uses
Intended to clarify certain terms and use definitions and to adopt new definitions for uses not properly addressed in the current Zoning Bylaw and to designate those zoning districts in which the newly defined uses may be permitted.
6. Amendments to Enclosure, Screening, and Buffers

Intended to clarify requirements for screening of parking areas designed to accommodate more than five cars in residential districts.

7. Amendments to Height Regulations

Intended to bring the Zoning Bylaw requirements for height of structures into conformance with applicable requirements set forth in the current Building Code.

8. Proposed General Bylaw Related to Demolition Delay (co-sponsor Westwood Historical Commission)

Intended to implement the Comprehensive Plan objective which recommends the adoption of a demolition delay period to allow for the consideration of various preservation alternatives for properties deemed to be of significant historical value to the Town.

9. Housekeeping Amendments

Intended to allow for corrections of minor errors or inconsistencies within the Zoning Bylaw which might come to light during the review of proposed amendments.

10. Miscellaneous Zoning Article

Intended to revise the Street Access Special Permit bylaw section adopted by the November 17, 2014 Town meeting in the event that the adopted section is not approved by the Attorney General's Office.

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.*