

Town of Westwood Finance and Warrant Commission

2024 SPECIAL Town Meeting
Warrant Articles - Summaries Notice

Schedule of Public Hearing:
Wednesday, December 06, 2023
7:00PM

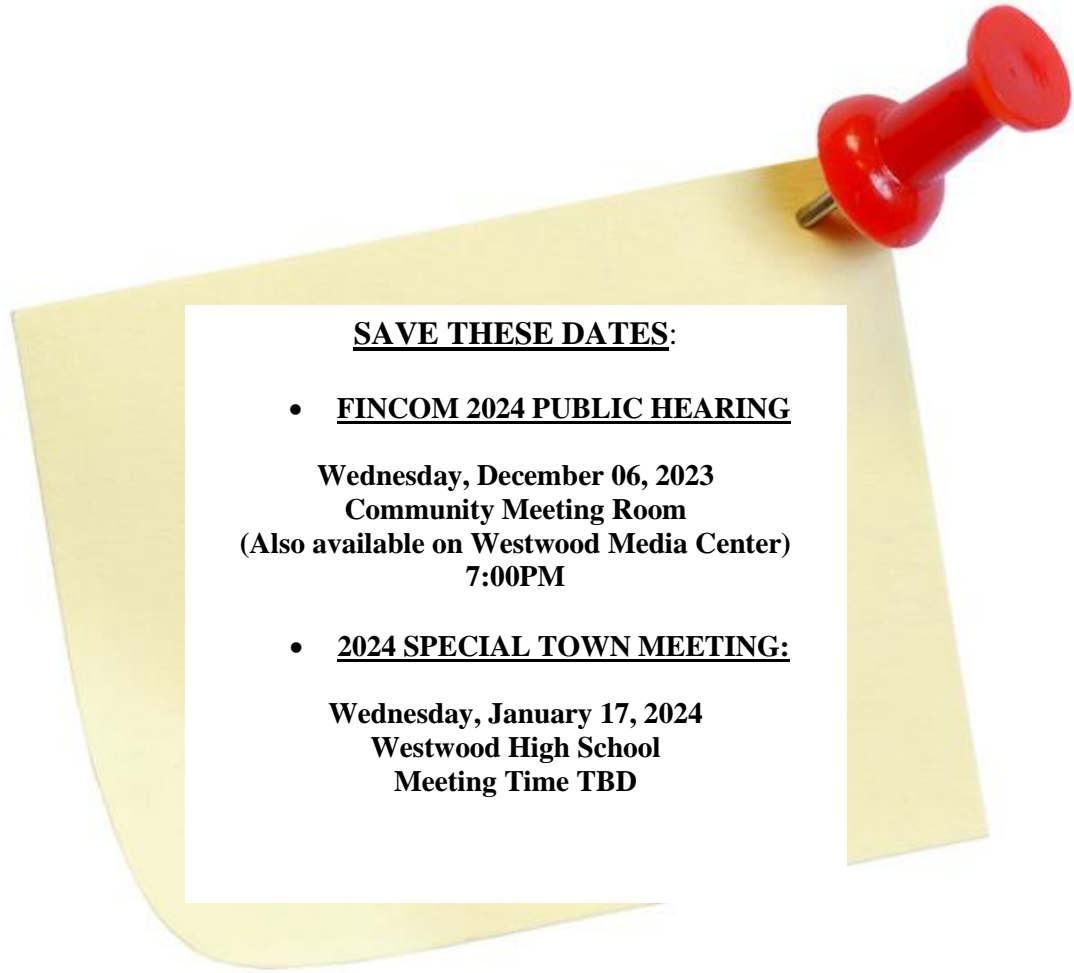
Community Meeting Room Westwood Public Library
(Also Available for viewing on Westwood Media Center)

(Date, Time & Location subject to change if necessary)



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SAVE THESE DATES:

• **FINCOM 2024 PUBLIC HEARING**

**Wednesday, December 06, 2023
Community Meeting Room
(Also available on Westwood Media Center)
7:00PM**

• **2024 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Westwood High School
Meeting Time TBD**

 (781)314-1994

Email: vwong@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Please Note:

The Town of Westwood accommodates the needs of all physically challenged or disabled people by reasonable means in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Finance and Warrant Commission office at (781)314-1994 to make your request known.

DISCLAIMER: Articles may be amended, added or removed prior to the Finance and Warrant Commission's Public Hearing. Updated list of articles will be posted on the town website. Please check the website for the most up to date information related to articles that will be presented to the Finance and Warrant Commission at its hearing.

**Article numbers are draft only and are subject to change.*



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A Message from the Chair & Vice Chair – George Hertz & Christopher Poreda

As the Finance and Warrant Commission (FinCom) prepares for the 2024 Special Town Meeting to be held on January 17, 2024. We would like to invite Westwood residents to learn more about the role of the Commission and participate in our upcoming public hearing, scheduled for December, 06, 2023.

The FinCom is a fifteen members Commission whose members are appointed by the Town Moderator to serve three-year overlapping terms. In accordance with the Town Charter, the Commission:

- ❖ Considers all articles in Town Meeting Warrants and reports in print its advice, estimates, and recommendations to residents.
- ❖ Studies the financial and other affairs of the Town and advises with officers of the Town as to expenditures and recommendations for appropriations.

For the Special Town Meeting, the FinCom has scheduled one public hearing on December 6th which is devoted to discussing the important issues on which residents will vote at the January 17, 2024 Special Town Meeting. The hearing is intended to provide residents the opportunity for public participation and input into matters facing our Town. At this meeting, members of the Commission are apprised of the intent, background and details of each article. Through sponsor presentations, member questions and input received from the public, Commission members determine their position and formulate recommendations on the article(s). Following public input, the FinCom will, at the conclusion of the public hearing on December 6th vote their recommendation(s) as to whether the Town should adopt the proposed articles.

The FinCom urges your participation at our **upcoming public hearing on December 06, 2023** and at the Special Town Meeting on January 17, 2024.

The final article language is expected to be approved by the Select Board at their Dec. 4th meeting. Below is a brief summary of the intent of each article for the Special Town Meeting. The FinCom expect that the final wording of each article will be available at its December 6th meeting.

SELECT BOARD

Select Board-1: Fire Station Design and Bid Document Funding

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from existing funds the sum of money to pay the costs associated with designing, preparing, and obtaining construction bid documents, for a new Fire Station (Station One), at the existing location of 637 High Street, Westwood and to renovate, refurbish and/or construct temporary quarters at 90 Deerfield Avenue, Westwood, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board-2: Debt Housekeeping – Fire Department Multi-Purpose Vehicle

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to abandon the purchase of a Fire Multipurpose Vehicle, for which \$400,000 was authorized to be borrowed under Article 12 of the Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 2021, and transfer those funds to another approved capital project, or to take any action relative thereto.

Misc.-1: Miscellaneous Article

This article serves as a placeholder to insert an Article in support of Town Government that may come up before the official Warrant is approved.
