



PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING REQUEST TO OFFICE OF THE WESTWOOD TOWN CLERK

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ORGANIZATION: Finance and Warrant Commission

MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDED NOTICE:

DATE & TIME OF AMENDMENT:

(Please circle one that applies)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (Continuation

DATE: of Tuesday, February 27, 2024 if necessary)

TIME: 7:00PM

LOCATION: IN PERSON - Westwood Public Library – Community Meeting Room

PURPOSE: FinCom 2024 First Public Hearing

REQUESTED BY: Victoria Wong, Administrator

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.*

****Disclaimer:** *If you have a disability that requires certain accommodations, please contact the Select Board's office at least 48 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturday, Sundays and legal holidays at 781-326-4172 or selectboard@townhall.westwood.ma.us.*

LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

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

A. ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

Grant Permission to Westwood Media Center and anyone wishes to record the meeting. Welcome all participants including members, presenters, and members of the public and press.

Announce Member Roll-Call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CHAIR'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS -

C. PRESENTER(S): Marianne LeBlanc Cummings [Select Board Chair], Christopher Coleman [Town Administrator], Stephanie McManus [Asst. Town Administrator/Finance Director], Molly Kean [Asst. Town Administrator/HR Director], Pat Ahearn [Town Council], Members of the Select Board, Members of the Charter Review Committee– 2024 ATM "Select Board" Warrant Articles

SELECT BOARD

Select Board-1: Street Acceptance – Ellis Street (a portion of)

This is a standard article to present a private road, that has been constructed and/or brought up to Town's standards, for acceptance as a Town way.

Select Board-2: Street Acceptance – Porter Street (a portion of)

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Select Board-3: Street Acceptance – Hedgerow Lane

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Select Board-4: General Bylaw Amendment – Dog Leash Requirements

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood General Bylaw Chapter 184 [Animals] to require that all dogs be leashed and under control while on public property unless within an area designated, identified, and authorized for dogs to be off-leash, to clarify various terms used throughout Chapter 184, and to modify fines prescribed in Chapter 184 for compliance with applicable state law.

Select Board-5: Home Rule Petition – An Act to Establish Quorum Requirement Solely to Open Meeting

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to provide that while a quorum is required to open a town meeting, no quorum requirements shall thereafter apply.

Select Board-6: Home Rule Petition – An Act Changing the Town Clerk Position from Elected to Appointed

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to change the Town Clerk position from elected to appointed, provided, however, that the current Town Clerk shall serve until her tenure expires, and, should she continue to serve as clerk at that time, she shall be the first appointed town clerk.

Select Board-7: Home Rule Petition- An Act Authorizing a Finance and Warrant Commission of Eleven (11) to Fifteen (15) Members

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to provide for a Finance and Warrant Commission of 11 to 15 members and to clarify that members of the Commission may serve on other committees in an ex officio capacity only.

Select Board-8: Home Rule Petition - An Act Restructuring the Personnel Board Role

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to restructure the Personnel Board, to change its function to advisory.

Select Board-9: Home Rule Petition – An Act Making Changes to the Permanent Building Commission

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to make the following changes to the make-up and jurisdiction of the Permanent Building Commission: require a representative of the School Committee to be a temporary voting member on the Permanent Building Commission for school projects; authorize but not require the appointment of a temporary voting member representing the proponent of any other project; placing projects of \$1,000,000 or more within the jurisdiction of the Commission; and allowing the Commission to decline jurisdiction over projects based upon the limited size, scope, or cost of the projects.

Select Board-10: Home Rule Petition – An Act Making Technical Revisions to the Town Charter

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter by making technical revisions thereto.

Select Board-11: Home Rule Petition – An Act Making Ministerial and Clerical Revisions to the Town Charter

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter by making ministerial and clerical revisions thereto, including correction of grammar and punctuation, minor reformatting, rendering certain terms consistent throughout the Charter.

Select Board-12: Home Rule Petition – An Act to Amend the Town Charter to Include the Housing Authority

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a home rule petition for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to include the 5-member housing authority to be appointed and elected as required by state law.

Select Board-13: Adoption of Fee Schedule for Sealing of Weights and Measures

This article is intended to see if the Town will vote to approve a Fee Schedule for Sealing of Weights and Measures, as an alternative to the fee schedule set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 98, Section 56.

Misc.-1: Miscellaneous Articles – used to create Budget Article #11

On February 5, 2024, the Select Board voted to use Miscellaneous Article #1 to create Budget Article #11, Appropriation Fire Squad Truck Borrowing.

Misc.-2: Miscellaneous Articles – used to create Budget Article #12

On February 5, 2024, the Select Board voted to use Miscellaneous Article #2 to create Budget Article #12, Appropriation High School Roof Restoration Borrowing.

Misc.-3: Miscellaneous Articles – used to create Budget Article #13

On February 5, 2024, the Select Board voted to use Miscellaneous Article #3 to create Budget Article #13, Appropriation Conant Road Culvert Construction Borrowing.

Misc.-4: Miscellaneous Articles – used to create Select Board Article #13

On February 5, 2024, the Select Board voted to use Miscellaneous Article #4 to create Select Board Article #13, Adoption of Fee Schedule for Sealing of Weights and Measures.

Misc.-5: Miscellaneous Articles

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.

Misc.-6: Miscellaneous Articles

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- D. **PRESENTER(S):** Nora Loughnane [Director of Community & Economic Development], Elijah Romulus [Town Planner], Ellen Larkin Rollings [Planning Board Chair], Members of the Planning Board- 2024 ATM “Planning Board” Warrant Articles

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board-1: Amendments to Zoning Bylaw & Zoning Map Related to Mixed-Use & Multi-Family Residential Overlay District

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 9.9 [Mixed-Use & Multi-Family Residential Overlay District (MUMFROD)], and certain amendments to the Official Zoning Map affecting the MUMFROD; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Planning Board-2: Amendments to Zoning Bylaw & Zoning Map Related to Wireless Communication Facilities

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 9.4 [Wireless Communication Overlay District (WCOD)] and Section 9.7 [University Avenue Mixed Use District (UAMUD)], and/or to the Official Zoning Map, in order to permit the potential expansion of wireless communication service coverage throughout Westwood; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Planning Board-3: Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Related to Definitions

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 2.0 [Definitions] to revise, expand, clarify and/or illustrate the definition of various terms used within the bylaw; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Planning Board-4: Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Related to Zoning Map References for Overlay Districts

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 9.1.2 [Adult Uses Overlay District (AUOD) - Location], Section 9.4.2 [Wireless Communications Overlay District (WCOD) - Location], and Section 9.8.2 [Substance Rehabilitation Facility Overlay District (SRFOD) - Location] to remove specific street addresses and parcel descriptions of properties included within various overlay districts, to instead reference the Official Zoning Map, and to confirm that the location of said overlay districts are as shown on the Official Zoning Map; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Planning Board-5: Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Related to Accessory Apartments

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 8.5 [Accessory Apartments] to more clearly describe design requirements for Accessory Apartments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Planning Board-6: Amendments to General Bylaw Related to Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to General Bylaw Chapter 342 [Solid Waste] to regulate the use, location, and maintenance of temporary construction dumpsters at non-residential and multi-family residential properties; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Planning Board-7: Amendments to Zoning Bylaw & Zoning Map Related to Housekeeping

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

E. **CHAIR’S UPDATE –**

- a. Subcommittees will be presenting at the March 12 Meeting.
- b. Article Write up Assignments for the ATM books.

- F. **VICE CHAIR'S UPDATE** – Preparation for subcommittee reports for the ATM books.
- G. **OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD NOT PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR**
- H. **OLD BUSINESS** – Approval of 02.12.24 Meeting Minutes.
- I. **PUBLIC AND PRESS** -.
- J. **ADJOURNMENT** – with Member Roll- Call Voting.

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.*