

# Westwood Finance Commission

## 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Summary

Schedule of Public Hearings  
February 27, 28  
March 26, 27  
7:30 P.M.

Westwood High School Little Theatre



*Artist's Rendition of New Library*

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Finance Commission

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*A Note from Finance Commission Chairman Mary Masi-Phelps*

As the Finance Commission prepares for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, I would like to invite Westwood residents to learn more about the role of the Commission and participate in our upcoming public hearings.

The Finance Commission is a fifteen member 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.

Preparations to address the articles and the two major budgets, municipal and school, actually commence in September each year. As a Commission, we educate new members through workshops and presentations made by various representatives in Town; monitor budgets approved at the previous Annual Town Meeting; and receive information on possible articles for the upcoming Town Meeting.

Beginning in January and continuing until early April, members of the Commission engage in a thorough review of all Town Meeting warrant articles. Each article sponsor comes before the Commission on at least two occasions and sometimes as often as four times to discuss their article.

The Finance Commission has scheduled two sets of public hearings devoted to discussing the important issues on which residents will vote at the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting. These hearings are intended to provide residents the opportunity for public participation and input into matters facing our Town. At these meetings and during additional Finance Commission meetings, 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 articles. Following public input, the Finance Commission may vote their recommendation(s) at the first public hearing or may do so at any of their regular meetings held during the month of March.

The Finance Commission urges your participation at our upcoming public hearings and at Town Meeting on May 7, 2012.



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**February 27, 2012 Schedule – 7:30 P.M.**  
**High School Little Theatre**

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**continue to February 28 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Planning Board Articles**

1. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 4.1.1, entitled General Use Regulations, and related sections.
2. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 4.1.5, entitled Use Chart, and related sections.
3. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 4.4.1, entitled Home Occupations, and related sections, to address parking for employees and customers of home occupations.
4. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.5, entitled Special Dimensional Regulations, and related sections, to include lot shape requirements for residential districts.
5. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 6.2, entitled Signs, and related sections, including but not limited to, revisions affecting setback requirements for signs permitted by ZBA special permit, and amendments to address place-based media, temporary signs, and the use of electronic municipal signs.
6. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 6.5, entitled Floor Area Ratio Limitation, and related sections, to exclude lobbies, atriums, and common areas in the calculation of floor area ratio.
7. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 7.3, entitled Environmental Impact and Design Review (EIDR), and related sections, including but not limited to, revisions addressing temporary site access and utility construction, and the board's review of exempt uses pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 3.
8. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 8.3, entitled Open Space Residential Development (OSRD), and related sections, which might arise out of the board's initial experience with this new bylaw section.
9. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 8.5, entitled Senior Residential Development (SRD), and related sections, including but not limited to, revisions to address handicapped accessibility, and requirements for affordable housing linkage payments.
10. Housekeeping amendments to various sections of the Zoning Bylaw.
11. Possible additional amendments arising from the ongoing Comprehensive Plan Update.
12. Amendments to Zoning Bylaw Section 9.4, entitled Wireless Communication Overlay District (WCOD), and related sections, including amendments to the Official Zoning Map.

**Board of Selectmen Articles**

1. Adoption of MGL, Chapter 32B Section 20 – Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund Statute.
2. Appropriation to Stabilization Fund.
3. Appropriation to OPEB Liability Trust Fund.
4. Appropriation to Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.
5. Bond – road improvement.\*
6. Bond – capital equipment.\*
7. Bond – land acquisition. \*

\*Funding within or outside Proposition 2 ½ to be determined.



8. Supplemental FY12 appropriations.
9. Unpaid prior year's bills.
10. FY13 Town salary and expense budgets.
11. Appropriation – municipal capital equipment/improvements.
12. Appropriation – school capital equipment/improvements.
13. Appropriation – sewer capital equipment/improvements.
14. Road improvement.
15. Adoption of FEMA flood map.
16. Ability to buy and sell vehicles at auction.
17. Storm water compliance with new regularity permit and design storm water utility for funding.
18. Adoption of Stretch Code.
19. Town Bylaw revisions – revised Town Charter.
20. Traffic congestion study and improvements on Route 109.
21. Exempt position of Deputy Police Chief from provisions of Civil Service.
22. Street acceptances. At this time, only Currier Farm Road.
23. Town Bylaw – civil fingerprinting.
24. Town Bylaw – motel/hotel – annual licensing.
25. Town Bylaw – revise door to door solicitation.
26. Town Bylaw – regulation of taxi cabs.
27. Town Bylaw – revise parking regulations.
28. Miscellaneous (3).



### **Final Public Hearing**

**March 26, 2012**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Little Theatre, Westwood High School**

**If business is not finalized on March 26, the hearing will  
continue to March 27 at 7:30 P.M.**

Discussion will continue, if necessary, on articles presented at the February public hearing. The Finance Commission will vote its final recommendations on remaining articles at the completion of this hearing.



**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

**Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2012**

Questions? Comments? Contact us:

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