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PLANNING BOARD

Article PB-10 was removed by Planning Board at their 12/16/25 meeting, which was after this notice was submitted to Hometown Weekly for publication on 12/18/25.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING AND GENERAL BYLAWS**

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, amended on March 28, 2025, Governor Maura Healey signed into law, an Act Extending pandemic related authorizations related to public meetings, allowing remote meeting options for public bodies through June 30, 2027. 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. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but 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.

The Westwood Planning Board will hold a remote public hearing on **January 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom** to consider the following proposed amendments to the Town of Westwood Zoning Bylaw, Official Zoning Map, and General Bylaws.

The public hearing will be filmed live by Westwood Media Center (WMC) and available for viewing on Comcast channel 6, Verizon channel 42, and WMC's [YouTube](#). Those wishing to participate are encouraged to use Zoom by following the link below or going to zoom.us and clicking on 'join meeting' before entering the meeting webinar ID.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89533569526?pwd=haSvHwPjhWSOga3ZAxMR3ACrMFVrBB.1>

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Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing via Zoom to make their views known. You may send written comments by email to nloughnane@westwoodma.gov at least three business days in advance to allow time for receipt and distribution. Final meeting agenda and zoom information will be provided on Town's calendar on the homepage 3-5 days in advance at [westwoodma.gov](https://www.westwoodma.gov).

- Article PB-1:** **Zoning Bylaw Amendments Relative to Battery Energy Storage Systems**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw, by adding a new Section 7.7 [Battery Energy Storage Systems Approval (BESS)], and amending other sections of the Zoning Bylaw related to BESS, including but not limited to, Section 2.0 [Definitions], Section 4.1 [Principal Uses], Section 4.2 [Notes for Table of Principal Uses], Section 4.3 [Accessory Uses], Section 4.4 [Notes for Table of Accessory Uses], Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], Section 6.1 [Off-Street Parking], Section 6.3 [Enclosure, Screening and Buffers], and/or Section 7.6 [Solar Design Review and Approval], or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-2:** **Zoning Bylaw Amendments Relative to Adult Day Care**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw related to Adult Day Care Facilities, including but not limited to, amendments to Section 2.0 [Definitions], Section 4.1 [Principal Uses], Section 4.2 [Notes for Table of Principal Uses], Section 4.3 [Accessory Uses], Section 4.4 [Notes for Table of Accessory Uses], Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], and/or Section 6.1 [Off-Street Parking], or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-3:** **Zoning Bylaw Amendments Relative to Animal Daycare**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw related to Pet Care Facilities and/or Commercial Kennels, including but not limited to, amendments to Section 2.0 [Definitions], Section 4.1 [Principal Uses], Section 4.2 [Notes for Table of Principal Uses], Section 4.3 [Accessory Uses], Section 4.4 [Notes for Table of Accessory Uses], Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], and/or Section 6.1 [Off-Street Parking], or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-4:** **Zoning Bylaw Amendments Relative to Definitions**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 2.0 [Definitions], to amend or delete certain current definitions and/or to add certain new definitions, or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-5:** **Zoning Bylaw Amendments Relative Dimensional Regulations**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], and/or related amendments to Section 2.0 [Definitions], to clarify methods for measuring the height of a building, and the height of a portion of a building located within a setback area, pursuant to Section 5.3, Notes 5 and 7, or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-6:** **Zoning Bylaw and/or Zoning Map Amendments Relative to Administrative-Office-Research (ARO) District**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw, and/or amendments to the Official Zoning Map, related to the Administrative-Research-Office (ARO) District, including but not limited to, amendments to Section 2.0 [Definitions], Section 4.1 [Principal Uses], Section 4.2 [Notes for Table of Principal Uses], Section 4.3 [Accessory Uses], Section 4.4 [Notes for Table of Accessory Uses], Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], Section 6.1 [Off-Street Parking], and/or Section 6.3 [Enclosure, Screening and Buffers, and or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-7:** **Zoning Bylaw Amendments Relative to Short-term Rental Properties**
To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw related to Short-Term Residential Rental Properties, including but not limited to, amendments to Section 2.0 [Definitions], Section 4.1 [Principal Uses], Section 4.2 [Notes for Table of Principal Uses], Section 4.3 [Accessory Uses], Section 4.4 [Notes for Table of Accessory Uses], Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], Section 6.1 [Off-Street Parking], and/or Section 6.3 [Enclosure, Screening and Buffers, and or take any other action in relation thereto.
- Article PB-8:** **General Bylaw Amendments Relative to Short-term Rental Properties**

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Town of Westwood General Bylaws to regulate and/or restrict the short-term rental of residential property in Westwood, and or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article PB-9: Zoning Bylaw and/or Zoning Map Amendments Relative to Indoor Commercial Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw, and/or amendments to the Official Zoning Map, related to Indoor Commercial Recreation Facilities, including but not limited to, amendments to Section 2.0 [Definitions], Section 4.1 [Principal Uses], Section 4.2 [Notes for Table of Principal Uses], Section 4.3 [Accessory Uses], Section 4.4 [Notes for Table of Accessory Uses], Section 5.0 [Dimensional Requirements], Section 6.1 [Off-Street Parking], and/or Section 6.3 [Enclosure, Screening and Buffers, or take any other action in relation thereto.

~~**Article PB-10: Zoning Bylaw and/or Zoning Map Amendments Relative to Flexible Multiple Use Overlay Districts (FMUODs)**~~

~~To see if the Town will vote to approve certain amendments to the Westwood Zoning Bylaw related to Flexible Multiple Use Overlay Districts (FMUODs), including but not limited to, amendments to permitted and prohibited uses within various FMUOD overlay districts, amendments to dimensional requirements for FMUOD overlay districts, and/or amendments to review and approval procedures for development within FMUOD overlay districts; and/or amendments to the Official Zoning Map related to FMUOD overlay districts, including but not limited to, expansion of current FMUOD overlay districts, and/or establishment of new FMUOD overlay districts; or take any other action in relation thereto.~~

Article PB-11: Housekeeping Amendments

To see 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 clarify such sections, which may be discovered prior to the conclusion of the public hearing, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The most current text of each proposed article will be available for viewing on the Planning Division's "Zoning Amendments" webpage at <https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/departments/community-economic-development/zoning-amendments>.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing sessions via Zoom to make their views known to the Planning Board. The final meeting agenda and zoom information for each hearing session will be provided on the Town's meeting calendar on the website 3-5 days in advance at westwoodma.gov.

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