

**Town of Westwood  
Finance and Warrant Commission**

**2026 SPECIAL Town Meeting  
Warrant Articles - Summaries Notice**

**Schedule of Public Hearing:  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
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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## Finance and Warrant Commission

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### *A Message from the Chair & Vice Chair – Bill Bruce & Mike Gay*

As the Finance and Warrant Commission (FinCom) prepares for the 2026 Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, February 2, 2026, we would like to invite Westwood residents to learn more about the role of the Commission and participate in our public hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

The FinCom 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:

- Reviews all articles in Town Meeting Warrants and publishes its advice, cost estimates, and recommendations for residents.
- Examines the Town's financial and operational affairs and advises Town officers on expenditures and appropriation recommendations.

For the Special Town Meeting, the Finance & Warrant Commission (FinCom) has scheduled one public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**. This hearing will focus on the important issues on which residents will vote at the **Monday, February 2, 2026, Special Town Meeting**.

The hearing is intended to provide residents with an opportunity for public participation and input on matters facing the Town. At the meeting, Commission members will be informed of the intent, background, and details of each article. Through presentations by the article sponsor(s), questions from Commission members, and input from the public, the Commission will determine its position and formulate recommendations on each article.

Following public input, the FinCom will vote on its recommendation(s) at the conclusion of the public hearing on Tuesday, January 13th.

**The Finance and Warrant Commission urges your participation at our upcoming public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, and at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026.**

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PETITION TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Town of Westwood, Massachusetts

Petition Sponsor: Erin Sibley, 182 Bay Colony Drive

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Westwood, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 10, hereby petition the Select Board to call a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of considering the following Warrant Articles:

Proposed Warrant Articles  
Regarding the Town Lawsuit Against the Westwood Land Trust

Article I:

To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the Select Board, Town Counsel, or any duly authorized Town official or employee immediately withdraw, discontinue, and cease further pursuit of the Town's current lawsuit against the Westwood Land Trust;

Article II:

To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the expenditure of any Town funds, from any source, in furtherance of said litigation;

Article III:

To see if the Town will vote to require a full public accounting of all Town funds spent to date in furtherance of said litigation; and

Article IV:

To see if the Town will vote to recommend that no member of the Select Board, Town Counsel, or any Town official or employee initiate, pursue, fund, or engage in any further legal, administrative, or strategic action related to this matter, or take any other action relative thereto, without first holding an open, in-person public meeting where Town residents may speak and be heard.

We hereby request:

1. That the Petition Sponsor be allowed to address the Special Town Meeting for the purpose of presenting the above-stated Articles;
2. That other Town residents be allowed to speak at the Special Town Meeting for the purpose of discussing the above-stated Articles;
3. That you have this Petition and the above-stated Articles immediately reviewed by Town Counsel;
4. That you instruct Town Counsel to notify the Petition Sponsor if there are any problems or deficiencies with this Petition or said Articles; and
5. That you further instruct Town Counsel to assist Petition Sponsor in correcting such problems or deficiencies in time to have each of the above-stated Articles included in said Warrant.

(Petitioner- Erin Sibley – 182 Bay Colony Drive)

**FINANCE COMMISSION**



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