

Weston Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 16th, 2023

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town of Weston, duly called and posted in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was held virtually via Zoom video on Thursday, March 16th. There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Present for the meeting were: Finance Committee: Lisa Reitano – Chair, Karen Meslin, John Sallay, Latha Seshadri, Jonathan Harris, Matthew Seltzer, Zachary Sadek and Bharath Venkataraman.

Also present: Leon Gaumont, Town Manager and Susan Kelley, Finance Director

Bharath Venkataraman was appointed to serve as Secretary pro-tempore and charged with keeping the minutes of the meeting. The meeting was recorded by Weston Media and is available online.

1. There were no Resident comments.
2. The FinCom discussed and took positions on warrant articles submitted for FY24 Town meeting:
  - a. Approve Property Deferral Income Limits: By a 7-1 majority, the FinCom voted to support this Article.
  - b. Appropriate for Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation Committee Operating Budget: The FinCom voted unanimously to support this Article.
  - c. Appropriate for Open Space – Case Estates – Rhododendron Garden Revitalization: There was a discussion around wanting the CPC to have a strategic long term plan to help evaluate projects that come for CPC funds and for the FinCom to pause support for CPC projects till such a long term plan was in place. The FinCom unanimously voted against supporting this Article. By a 6-2 majority, the FinCom voted to oppose this Article.
  - d. Appropriate for Recreational Use – Build Pickleball Courts and Rehabilitate Tennis and Basketball Courts at Burchard Park (Motion 1 Pickleball, Tennis and Basketball courts; Motion 2: Pickleball only; Motion 3: Tennis and Basketball only): By a 5-3 majority, the FinCom voted to oppose all 3 motions in the Article.
  - e. Wetlands Protection Bylaw: The FinCom voted unanimously to take No Position on this Article.
  - f. Citizen’s Petition to grant a License for the Sale of Wines and Malt Beverages at a Food Store: By a 7-1 majority, The FinCom voted to oppose this Article.
3. FY24 Budget: After discussion, the FinCom voted unanimously to Support the FY24 budget.
4. FY24 Finance Committee Report: The FinCom discussed several aspects of the Finance Committee report to be presented in the Town warrant book including water tank information, benchmarking guidance, guidance on the Unified Master Plan and education costs. The FinCom voted unanimously to allow Chair Lisa Reitano, Jonathan Harris and Bharath Venkataraman to

complete the report taking into consideration the discussion at the meeting and submit the report for the Town Warrant.

A motion to adjourn was made, duly seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bharath Venkataraman