



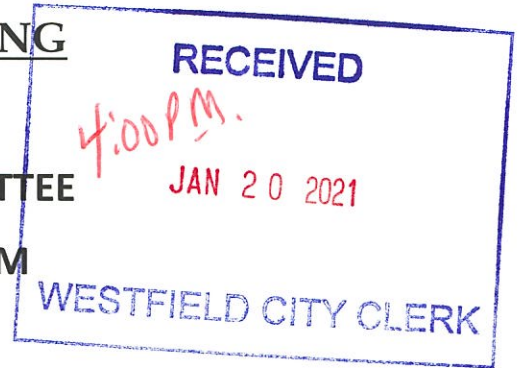
# City of Westfield, Massachusetts

## NOTICE OF MEETING

### NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM

### TELECONFERENCE



Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield **Natural Resources Committee** will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at [www.cityofwestfield.org](http://www.cityofwestfield.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or online at [westfieldtv.org](http://westfieldtv.org). 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, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

2. ROLL CALL

- Councilor Allie
- Councilor Morganelli
- Councilor Mello, Chair

3. READING OF THE RECORD

A) Last NRC mtg was 12/19/19, minutes for 12/6/19 & 12/19/19 approved at that mtg.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

6. OLD BUSINESS

A) That the Article III, Section 3-170 - The Water Resources Protection District. Specific attention to but not limited to Section 3-170.3, 3-170.5 and Section 3-170.6 be reviewed Origin: 10/6/16, Voted to Remain in Committee: 4/4/19

B) Request that the Council do the following:

1. Stop ongoing additional contamination of the Barnes Aquifer by putting a moratorium on firefighting training;
2. Not defer the cost of treatment to the residents, require the tenant to pay the fines and fees;
3. Create a Conservation Plan;
4. Consider that there may be other variables that may need to be considered, the drought, a flaw in testing and co-contaminants.

Origin: 2/2/17

C) Questions submitted during Public Participation

1. What are the innovative architecture & building practices used to minimize environmental and aquifer damage?
2. How much empty retail, industrial, & commercial/business space is available in the City already?
3. Does the Health Department have a comprehensive list of the private wells and contact information for the residents using them?
4. What is PFAS Contamination Source relative to surface water testing of Powdermill Brook and Pond Brook at their headwaters, at their ponds (all), at their closest points to Well 2?
5. Why are the numbers on Lower Sandy Hill Rd are so high compared to all others?
6. If the City does not have the money to do testing can WRAFT do it if they can get funding?

+ 11 more questions submitted to the Clerk.

(Origin 1/8/18)

D) Review and possibly amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 Article 2. Notably Article 18-62 and Article 18-65(a) lateral sewer drain ownership and responsibility be reviewed

(Origin 12/6/18)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane and Morganelli to investigate restarting the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee (BAPAC) so it can provide Westfield recommendations for planned land use and development projects over the Barnes Aquifer in Westfield.

(Origin: 1/7/21)

8. ADJOURNMENT at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

**Natural Resources Committee**

*Consisting of three councilors whose duties and responsibilities shall include the investigation and report on all matters coming before the city council concerning the preservation and enhancement of all natural resources including, but not limited to, issues such as water, sewers and sewage treatment facilities, aquifer protection, and solid waste disposal. This committee*

*shall work in conjunction with such member as appointed by the president to serve as liaison to the conservation commission. This committee shall have initial jurisdiction over the setting of sewer rates.*

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