



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

NOTICE OF MEETING

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NAME OF COMMITTEE: Natural Resources

DATE: March 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE

ROOM NO: City of Westfield Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 853 3795 9106 Passcode: 32763904

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. READING OF THE RECORD
July 15 & 29, 2025
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*if any*)
5. COMMUNICATIONS OF DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICERS (*if any*)
6. OLD BUSINESS
Brief Recap and of Items in Committee with potential disposition of completed items.
Items In Committee
 1. Review of Article III, Section 3-170 - The Water Resources Protection District be reviewed. Specific attention to but not limited to Section 3-170.3, 3-170.5 and Section 3-170.6 (Origin: 10/06/16)
 2. Create a Conservation Plan (Origin: 2/2/17)

3. Constituent questions:
 - A. What are the innovative architecture & building practices used to minimize environmental and aquifer damage?
 - B. How much empty retail, industrial, & commercial/business space is available in the City?
 - C. Does the Health Department have a comprehensive list of the private wells and contact information for the residents using them?
(Origin: 1/8/18)
4. Investigate restarting the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee (BAPAC) (Origin: 1/7/21)
5. Ordinances relevant to the position of "Tree Warden" (sections of Chapters 13, 16, & 18) be reviewed, and potentially amended for consistency and clarity (Origin: 4/15/21)
6. Westfield Taxpayers Association relative to water production and increase in billing (Origin: 6/17/21)
7. Review "Local Regulation Regarding Sewer Availability and Septic Systems," (Origin: 8/19/21)
8. Investigate potential avenues and mechanisms for sewer rate rebates or reductions for Westfield residents experiencing financial hardship. (Origin: 12/16/21)
9. Update on the progress and remaining work to be performed on the Little River Levee to achieve compliance with the Army Corps of Engineers. (Origin: 12/6/23)
10. Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources submitting an Agricultural Preservation Restriction Violation for Stuart Arnold Real Estate, LLC at 0 South Meadow Road. (Origin: 5/15/25)
11. Revisit Ordinance No. 1773, Chapter 13, Article V, Division 2. Wetland Protection Ordinance. (Origin: 7/7/25)

7. New Business

2026 Meetings Scheduled at 6pm on the third Wednesday of the month: 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15 (*if required*), 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, and 12/16.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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.~~ (Notice Sewer Rates set by Water Commission since 2022.)

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