



# City of Westfield, Massachusetts



## NOTICE OF MEETING

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Natural Resources

**DATE:** March 28, 2019

**TIME:** 6:00PM

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA

**ROOM NO:** 201

Committee Members:  
Mary Ann Babinski, Chair  
Cindy Harris  
Leslie LeFebvre

**CALL TO ORDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Recording of the meeting:
2. Roll Call Attendance:
3. Public Participation:
4. Approval of meeting minutes - N/A

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. 6/16/08 That a planting program be developed for the planting of street trees  
5/16/13 Working with Engineer, KEEP IN COMM
2. 6/19/2008 Review of the Tree Ordinance #1340 5/16/13 KEEP IN COMMITTEE - working on it
3. 8/30/12 Councilor Sullivan, for the Natural Resources Committee, reported that the Committee has met with Cynthia Hartdegen, City Engineer Mark Cressotti and Public Works Superintendent Jim Mulvenna on the downtown tree plantings. He informed the Council that a meeting will be scheduled with the contractor of the downtown plantings to address the issues of the plantings of the downtown trees.
4. 10/3/13 Upon motion of Councilors Sweeney and Callahan, it was VOTED; That condition of trees and bushes on The Green, also known as Park Square be evaluated and that any unhealthy and dead trees and bushes be replaced and further that the motion be amended to add Carl Vincent's comments under Public Participation and that the matter be REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE. Councilor Sullivan and Harraghy requested to be added as sponsors of the motion.

5. 9/18/14 Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, for the Natural Resources Committee, it was VOTED: That the City Engineer Mark Cressotti, Water Superintendent Dave Billips and Casey Berube from Public Works give a report relative to the condition of trees and bushes on The Green, also known as Park Square.

6. 3/16/17 To review the environmental and health related impacts of "crumb-rubber" use in the Water Resource Protection District and indoor facilities and REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE and PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. 5/4/17 Upon motion of Councilor Babinski for the Natural Resources Committee, it was VOTED: That the Health Director and Board of Health be requested to give an update regarding the crumb rubber material currently being used over the Water Resource Protection District (Item to also remain in NRC).

7. 5/4/17 Councilor Babinski, for the Natural Resources Committee, offered a motion which was duly seconded that a moratorium be considered on the use of crumb rubber material including (but not limited to) recycled products such as mulch and decorative pavers, tiles and chemically created products and that the matter be referred to Legislative and Ordinance Committee. Upon motion of Councilor Babinski, it was VOTED: That the above motion be WITHDRAWN.

8. 5/18/17 Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was VOTED: That the report, as requested, from Health Director Joe Rouse relative to crumb rubber be REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Councilor O'Connell read the following excerpt from the report "A comprehensive list of precaution will be drafted by the Westfield Health Department and reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health."

9. Continuation of the discussion from March 26, 2018 regarding: 10/6/16 - Upon motion of Councilors Babinski, Onyski and O'Connell, it was VOTED: 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 and that this matter be REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES

- a. Review proposed changes and additions to the delineation of the Water Resource Protection District.
- b. Review ordinance language for Penalties and Enforcement
- c. Next Steps

**Next Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion to Adjourn:** \_\_\_\_\_