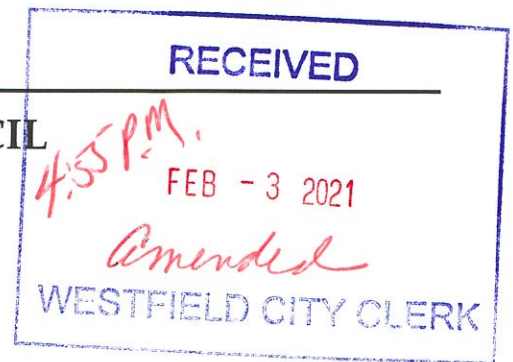




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(TELECONFERENCE)**  
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WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
FEBRUARY 04, 2021 AT 7:00 PM



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## **ROLL CALL**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF January 21, 2021**

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