



Topsfield Finance Committee
Minutes to the Meetings
March 10, 2014

I. Call to Order: Mark Lyons, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Heidi Bond, Paul Dierze, Karen Dow, Jon Guido & Dana Warren, were all in attendance. The following members of the Topsfield School Committee were also in attendance: Chair Susan Archer, Katherine Carlson, Rosemarie Lucey & Gordie Spater. Dr. Bernard Creeden, Superintendent of Schools (Tri-Town) & Steven Greenberg, Assistant Superintendent of Operations (Tri-Town), were in attendance. The following Board of Selectman were present: Ken Vogel, Chair, Richard Gandt and Eldon Goodhue. Kellie Hebert, Town Administrator, was also present. Dan Shugrue arrived at 7:05 p.m. The following people also joined the meeting: Michelle Costa, Principal of Steward School, Sarah O'Leary, Principal of Proctor School and Jen Hunt, former TESPTO President. Dan Shugrue & Jon Guido left at 7:45 pm to attend the Selectmen Meeting with the School Committee.

II. Minutes: A motion was made by Paul Dierze to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, March 10th, 2014. Dana Warren seconded the motion, voted in favor 6-0. Dan Shugrue was not present for the vote.

III. Topsfield School Committee Presentation: Gordie Spater presented the current status of the Elementary Schools budget deliberation process. The School Committee is committed to returning the schools to a "Level 1" designation by the Commonwealth. They view the need for approximately a 7% budget increase to maintain the schools at current levels.

IV. Department Budget Review and Approval: Karen Dow requested that Members review the budget amounts listed for their respective liaison departments on the Budget Vote Tracking Sheet and inform her of any discrepancies before the next meeting. That will allow the Committee to proceed to vote department budget approvals.

V. Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The Committee will be meeting on March 17th, March 24th & March 31st, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Proctor School Teacher's Lounge.

VI. Adjourn: A motion was made by Karen Dow to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Dana Warren, voted in favor 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan Q. Ginley

Attachments:

Topsfield Elementary Schools, FY 2015 Budget Summary

March 10, 2014 School PowerPoint Presentation & Appendix FY2015 Proposed

Topsfield Elementary Schools Budget as of 03.10.014

Draft List of ATM Warrant Articles

Funding Options for Capital Equipment