

Topsfield Finance Committee  
 Minutes to the Meetings  
 April 11, 2011

- I. **Call to Order:** Mark Lyons, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with Heidi Bond, Paul Dierze, Karen Dow, Kathy Hartmann, Stephen Lais and Holger Luther present. Town Moderator John Kinhan was also present. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Richard Gandt joined the meeting at 7:05 pm. School Committee member Jeanine Cunniff joined the meeting at 7:12 pm.
- II. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Heidi Bond to accept the 3/21/11 minutes as written, seconded by Paul Dierze, voted in favor 6-0-1 with Stephen Lais abstaining. A motion was made by Heidi Bond to accept the 3/31/11 minutes as amended, seconded by Holger Luther, voted in favor 6-0-1 with Stephen Lais abstaining.
- III. **Town Meeting Warrant Article Assignments:** The following tables show the initials of the member who will speak to each article on the Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants.

Special Town Meeting Article #	Member
1	ML
2	ML
3	ML
4	KH
5	HL

Annual Town Meeting Article #	Member
1	ML
2	ML
3	HB
4	SL
5	KD
6	KD
7	KD
8	PD
9	PD
10	PD
11	HL
12	HL
13	PD
14	HL
15	KH
16	KH

17	KH
18	KD
19	SL
20	SL
21	KH
22	KD
23	SL
24	PD
25	PD
26	HL
27	PD
28	PD
29	PD
30	PD
31	SL
32	HL
33	HL
34	KD
35	ML
36	ML

- IV. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting of the Committee will occur on April 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Proctor School Teachers' Lounge. There will also be a meeting on May 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Proctor School Teachers' Lounge, before the Annual Town Meeting.
- V. **Masconomet Budget Update:** The Masconomet School Committee certified a new lower budget at their 4/6/11 meeting based on anticipated changes in out-of-district special education costs. This reduces Topsfield's share of the budget by \$41,988. The Topsfield ballot questions were already submitted to the Town Clerk and the election was less than 35 days away, so the amount of the operating override in Question 1 could not be changed. Dick Gandt was asked to check with Town legal counsel on whether the motion on Article 5 could use different numbers (Masconomet total budget, Topsfield assessment and/or amount subject to override) than the ballot question.
- VI. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Holger Luther to adjourn at 7:22 pm, seconded by Heidi Bond, voted in favor 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Dow