



Topsfield Finance Committee
Minutes to the Meetings
May 1, 2012

- I. Call to Order:** Mark Lyons, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, with Heidi Bond, Paul Dierze, Karen Dow, Kathryn Hartmann, Stephen Lais and Daniel Shugrue present. Also in attendance were Selectman Richard Gandt, Town Moderator John Kinhan, Highway Department Superintendent Dave Bond, Road Commissioner Phil Knowles, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Laura Powers, Secretary to the Selectmen Donna Rich, Selectman Ken Vogel, and Town Administrator Ginna Wilder. Selectman Eldon Goodhue, Kim Sherwood and Town Counselor Lauren Goldberg joined the meeting at 6:15 PM. Selectman Martha Morrison joined the meeting at 6:20 PM.
- II. Minutes:** A motion to accept the April 23, 2012, minutes as amended was made by Stephen Lais, seconded by Karen Dow, voted in favor 7-0.
- III. Final Preparations for Town Meeting:** The Chairman confirmed members were prepared to speak on their assigned departmental budgets and warrant articles. The Town Moderator and the Committee discussed procedures regarding the presentation of articles and recommendations with Town Counsel.
- IV. Final Annual Town Meeting Warrant Recommendations:** The Finance Committee discussed their no action status on Article 38, confirming it would not impact the business of the Assessors.
- By motion of Paul Dierze, seconded by Karen Dow, the Finance Committee recommends revised wording for Lease of Highway Dump/Plows/Sander/Wing Truck, Article 21, voted in favor 7-0. Discussion focused on the opportunity to purchase the vehicle instead of leasing it, with the general agreement that the lease should proceed as planned and lease-to-purchase decisions could be made at a later date.
- IV. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** The last Finance Committee meeting of Fiscal Year 2012 will be 7:00 PM on June 25, 2012, at Proctor.
- V. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Stephen Lais to adjourn at 6:30 PM, seconded by Paul Dierze, voted in favor 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lexie Winslow