

**Topsfield Finance Committee
Minutes to the Meetings
March 22, 2010**

I. **Call to Order:** Mark Lyons, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with Heidi Bond, Paul Dierze, Kathy Hartmann, Holger Luther, and Trudi Perry present. Martha Morrison, Chair of the Board of Selectmen and Selectmen Richard Gandt, Karen Dow, and Laura Powers, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Town Moderator John Kinhan were also present. Also attending the meeting were Superintendent of Schools Bernard Creeden and Director of Finance and Human Resources Steven Greenberg, Masconomet School Committee Member Ken Vogel, Elementary School Committee Chairman Jeff Evaul and Members Susan Archer, Jeanine Cunniff, Highway Superintendent David Bond, Library Trustee Jennifer Baker, Donna Rich, Secretary of the Board of Selectmen, Brendan Lewis from the Tri-Town Transcript and citizens Kathleen Curran, Hars Harvey, Mark Guidaitis, Sarah Guido, Maureen Jackman, Terry Ledger, and Daniel Shugru.

II. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Heidi Bond to accept the 03/08/10 minutes as drafted, seconded by Kathy Hartmann, voted in favor 5-0-1 with Holger Luther abstaining. A motion was made by Heidi Bond to accept the 03/15/10 minutes as drafter, seconded by Kathy Hartmann, voted in favor 6-0.

III. **Reserve Fund Transfer:** A motion was made by Holger Luther to approve a Reserve Fund transfer of \$4,958 to the Library Department, seconded by Paul Dierze, voted in favor 6-0.

IV. **Budget Reconciliation Discussion:** The Committee discussed with the Selectmen strategies to put forth a balanced budget. Town citizens also shared their input. The Selectmen will consider the discussed strategies and will make final decisions regarding the Town Meeting Warrant Articles at future Board of Selectmen's Meetings.

V. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Holger Luther to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Heidi Bond, voted in favor 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Clay