



# Town of Topsfield Finance Committee Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting  
In person/Hybrid  
Topsfield Town Hall COA Room  
March 12, 2024

## DRAFT:

Under review will be approved at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Attendance: Che Elwell, David Larson, Matiely Lugo-Gomez, Jon Guido, Mike Hartmann, Catherine Hodges, Heidi Fox Morgan Dwinell, Kevin Harutunian, Dick Gandt, Jen Collins-Brown

Zoom: Topsfield Cable, Candace Snyder

Call to order 6.30 PM

Update on Elementary school committee budget to be discussed later

Brief update on model

Heidi Fox: Motion to revoke any article or budget at a later date

2<sup>nd</sup>: Catherine Hodges

Unanimous 7-0 in favor

Jon Guido: Motion to approve Masco budget at 9,635,185

2<sup>nd</sup>: Matiely Lugo-Gomez

Unanimous 7-0 in favor

Matiely Lugo-Gomez: Motion to approve elementary budget at 11,369,452

2<sup>nd</sup>: David Larson

6 in favor, 1 against (Heidi Fox)

Review of base budgets

Review of Above guideline spending

David Larson: Motion to approve base budget, excluding elementary school budget, at 13,958.14

2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Guido, Unanimous 7-0 in favor

David Larson: Motion to approve over guideline contraction amounts, excluding Fire Dept holiday overtime comp, 134,812

2<sup>nd</sup> Heidi Fox, Unanimous 7-0 in favor

Discussion on Fire Dept holiday overtime comp – deferred vote to next week

Motion to approve above over guideline add'l funds needed

2<sup>nd</sup>:

Jon Guido: Motion to approve additional part time hours for administrative support for the planning and zoning boards.

2<sup>nd</sup>: David Larson, Unanimous 7-0 vote, 7,315

Discussion on small overrides with clear purpose for the elementary school to maintain services

Finance Committee is waiting for information from the elementary school administration in order to understand and support the budget

Kevin Harutunian gave update on meeting with tritown and they're using free cash to cover the \$1m work at Masco

Motion to adjourn: Catherine Hodges

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jon Guido