



Town of Topsfield Finance Committee Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting
Joint meeting with Select Board
Hybrid Meeting
Topsfield Town Hall COA Room
March 27, 6:30 PM.

DRAFT:

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

I. Call to order 6.30 PM

Attendees: Che Elwell, David Larson, Matiely Lugo-Gomez, Mike Hartmann, Catherine Hodges, Heidi Fox, Dick Gandt, Morgan Dwinell, town accountant, Lynn Bermudez, Kevin Harutunian, Sam Morin, Marshal Hook, Boyd Jackson, Rafael MacDonald, Zillie Bujhu, Jamie Belsito
Zoom: Amanda Powers, Josh Steinberg, Melissa Ogden, Candace Snyder

II. Brief update on model provided by Mike.

FinComm will need to revote:
Change indirect costs for water dept to \$184,241
Remove article 20th from warrant

Update on Elementary School and current information

Masco budget discussion: Including staff reductions/increases, Override is required due to minimum contribution increase and enrollment shifts. State decides minimum contribution amount (see page 9 of latest Masco budget)

III. Review and vote on Base Budget, over asks, and warrants

Article 4 Water CH, MLG 6-0
Article 6 CH, DL 6-0
Article 19, CH, MLG 6-0
Article 20 removed
Article 32 MLG, HF 4-2
Article 33 CH, DL 5-1
Article 34 -38 CH, DL 6-0
Article 39 – Remove
Article 40 CH, MLG 6-0
Article 43 – No change but approved by Select board

Article 41 – amended CH, MLG 6-0
Article 42 – HF, MLG 6-0
Article 43 DL, MH – No Action , deferred
Article 46-48 CH, MLG 6-0
Article 5 MLG, HF
Article 3 – CH, DL 4-1-1
Article 2 – CH, MLG 6-0

IV. Review and approve FinCom letter: Discussed FinCom letter. Requested that people provide individual feedback to chair prior to Monday's meeting to allow incorporation of first comments and allow us to edit and finalize the letter on Monday April 1.

V. Other items as determined.

Motion to adjourn: CH,MLG 6-0