

**Topsfield Finance Committee
Minutes to the Meetings
March 8, 2010**

I. **Call to Order:** Mark Lyons, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with Heidi Bond, Paul Dierze, Stephen Lais, and Trudi Perry present. Masconomet School Committee member Ken Vogel and Elementary School Committee Member Jeanine Cunniff, Selectmen Martha Morrison, Richard Gandt, Laura Powers, Karen Dow, and Town Administrator Virginia Wilder were in attendance.

II. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Steve Lais to accept the 03/1/10 minutes as drafted, seconded by Trudi Perry, voted in favor 5-0.

III. **Town Reserve and Capital Policies Report:** Chairman Mark Lyons will bring forth this issue at the March 15th meeting. Members are to give feedback regarding the draft policies to Paul Dierze.

IV. **Warrant:** Virginia Wilder distributed a draft Warrant and updated the committee on same. Votes on articles will be needed by 3/29. Articles were distributed to Committee members for review.

V. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** Chairman Lyons advised the Committee that upcoming meetings are scheduled 3/15, and 03/22. It will be decided at future meetings whether an additional meeting should be scheduled and posted for 03/24 and whether the Committee will meet on 03/29 without Chairman Lyons, as it is the first night of Passover.

VI. **Masconomet Budget Discussion:** The Committee discussed the ramifications of changes in State aid following the Masconomet certification process and who should carry that potential liability: Masconomet or the towns.

VII. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Steven Lais to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Trudi Perry, voted in favor 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dierze