



Topsfield Board of Selectmen & Finance Committee  
Minutes to the Joint Meeting  
February 16, 2012

- I. Call to Order:** Chair of the Board of Selectmen Laura Powers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, with Selectmen Richard Gandt, Martha Morrison, and Ken Vogel, Chairman of the Finance Committee Mark Lyons, Finance Committee Members Heidi Bond, Paul Dierze, Kathryn Hartmann and Stephen Lais present. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Ginna Wilder. Town Moderator John Kinhan joined the meeting at 6:02 PM. Chair of the Elementary School Committee Jeanine Cunniff joined the meeting at 6:10 PM. Selectman Eldon Goodhue joined the meeting at 6:12 PM. Finance Committee Member Karen Dow joined the meeting at 6:14 PM. Kim Sherwood joined the meeting at 6:24 PM. Finance Committee Member Daniel Shugrue joined the meeting at 6:26 PM.
- II. Upcoming Budget Forum:** The FY2013 Budget Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:30 PM, tentatively in the Proctor School Cafeteria. The structure of the Forum will be similar to the one held last year. The Selectmen will invite a panel to discuss the FY 2013 Town Budget with the public.
- III. FY2013 Budget Model:** The Finance Committee presented the Recap Sheet of version 2.0 of the FY2013 Budget Model. Based on information currently available, this Model projects a budget deficit of \$427,064. The Model was reviewed in detail, and will be updated periodically as additional information becomes available.
- IV. FY2013 Warrant Articles:** Town Administrator Ginna Wilder and the Selectmen presented the list of forty-two Town Meeting Warrant Articles currently under consideration. These include Library building maintenance, rebanding the town radio communication system, and vehicles for the Fire and Police Departments.
- V. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Selectman Eldon Goodhue to adjourn at 6:52 PM, seconded by Selectman Ken Vogel. Voted in favor 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexie Winslow

Attachments:

- a) FY2013 Topsfield Budget Model Recap Sheet, version 2.0
- b) 2012 Draft Warrant Articles List