

**Topsfield Democratic Town Committee Event 1/21/12, 3-5PM, at the Gould Barn:  
Tactics and Technicalities – What Happens After the Election?**

Please join the Topsfield Democratic Town Committee in welcoming US Senate candidate Marisa DeFranco to the Gould Barn on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 3-5PM.

The dynamics of the race have changed since September, when the Topsfield Democratic Town Committee invited a field of six candidates vying for Senator Scott Brown's seat to a "meet-and-greet" with Tri-town residents. What has not changed is that the next Junior Senator from Massachusetts cannot fix what is broken in Washington without constituent participation beyond Election Day, November 6, 2012.

The run-up to Election Day can be exciting when voters find promising candidates. But as we've seen during the year-long debate on tax cuts or the debt ceiling, an elected official's ability to "do the people's business" is more difficult than promises made on the campaign trail. Tactics have become more integral to the functioning of Congress than negotiating in good faith.

How will our next Senator handle the tactics and technicalities that constrain the efforts of good people who disagree? The Topsfield Democratic Town Committee submitted a list of questions to Marisa DeFranco and Elizabeth Warren. (Elizabeth Warren was invited but is unavailable. Her campaign has promised to provide her responses to our questions.) Please bring your own questions for Marisa DeFranco, as well as your frustrations and hopes for 2012.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The Gould Barn is located at 1 Howlett Street, Topsfield. Please RSVP or contact Heidi Fox with any questions at [hfoxtops@comcast.net](mailto:hfoxtops@comcast.net).