

**In Memory
of
Reynold “Hank” Henry**



Thank you

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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Accounting

Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am - noon**Administrative Assistant**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am - Noon**Assessors Office**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Friday

CLOSED**Building Inspector**

Tuesday & Thursday

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**Tax Collector/Treasurer**

Monday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm****Town Clerk**

Monday & Tuesday

9:00 am - 3:00 pmWednesday (2nd)**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**Wednesday (1st, 3rd, 4th)**9:00 am - Noon****5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Thursday & Friday

CLOSED**Town Secretary**

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am – Noon**TOWN HALL CLOSES AT NOON ON FRIDAY**

TOWN BOARDS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEETING TIMES

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

<u>Agricultural Comm.</u>	1 st Wed. 7:00 pm Jan. Mar. May. Jul. Sep. Nov.	Bill Llewellyn	498-5869
<u>Board of Assessors</u>	2 nd Wed 7:00 pm		498-2901 ext.18
<u>Board of Health</u>	2 nd Thurs 4:30 pm	Dan Gray 648-9111	498-2901 ext.17
<u>Board of Library Trustees</u>	1 st Tues 6:00 pm Library	Jon McGowan	498-2854
<u>Board Of Selectmen</u>	*Tues. 6 pm *Summer months as posted	Nick Fleck	498-2147
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	3 rd Wed 7:30 pm	William Llewelyn	498-5869
<u>Council on Aging</u>	3 rd Thurs 9:00 am	Eleanor Goodman	498-5415
<u>Cultural Council</u>	As Needed	Deb Potee	498-2927
<u>Energy Committee</u>	1 st Tue. 5:30 pm Library	Walt Congdon Bob Pasteris	498-2729 498-5978
<u>Finance Committee</u>	2 nd Mon 7:00 pm	Lois Stearns	498-2216
<u>Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory</u>	2 nd Wed. 6:15 pm	Bob Duby	
<u>Historical Comm.</u>	2 nd Thurs 7:00 pm	Marie Ferre	498-4599
<u>Nfld-CS Lewis-NMH</u>	2 nd Wed 7:00 pm	Alex Stewart	498-5871
<u>Open Space Comm.</u>	3 rd Tues 7:30 pm	Jerry Wagener	498-2831
<u>Planning Board</u>	2 nd Wed 7:00 pm	Rich Fitzgerald	498-2927
<u>PVRS District Comm.</u>	4 th Thu 7:00 pm PVRS	Patricia Shearer	498-2092
<u>Recreation Comm.</u>	2 nd Tues. 7:00 pm	Tim Hoisington	
<u>Sewer Comm.</u>	As Needed	Tom Walker	498-5117
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	As Needed	Sam Richardson	498-5931

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYEES AND BOARD MEMBERS

ACCOUNTANT

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a 3-year term. The Accountant examines all bills, drafts, orders and payrolls for accuracy, legality and proper signatures. S/he prepares warrants for submission to the Treasurer for payment; keeps a complete set of books for the Town showing appropriations, amounts and purposes of expenditures; receipts from all sources and amount of assessments levied and abatements made; prepares monthly appropriation statements for all departments; receives all budgets in preparation for the coming fiscal year and serves as liaison to, provides revenue statements and works closely with, the Finance Committee and other Town officials in preparing the town budget and in monitoring the Town's fiscal condition; prepares annual reports to the State and Town as required by law.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The AA implements and administers the wide range of policies and programs which come before the Board, researches and provides background for policy decisions, serves as liaison between the Selectmen's office and other town departments, as well as with State and other Municipal offices and the general public; contacts Town Counsel with the approval of the Board, prepares bid specifications for goods and services; assists with the budget and prepares grant applications.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Comprised of three members, elected for a 3-year term. In addition a full time assistant assessor and a part time property inspector staff the office. The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted. The Assessors are required by MA Law to value all real & personal property based on "full and fair cash value" and are responsible for setting the tax rate; committing real and personal property to the Tax Collector; updating property records for new construction, all abatements and motor vehicle excise. The Board also updates town tax maps, changes of address and reviews all applications for abatements, exemptions and special land use qualifications.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Comprised of five members elected for a 3-year term. The Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted. The Board performs duties relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. Mandated duties include health care and disease control; enforcement of housing and dwelling codes; monitoring of and providing for hazardous waste disposal; monitoring the Transfer Station; enforcement of Title 5; investigating nuisances which may be injurious to health; enforcing the State Sanitary Code involving food service establishments and enforcing the State Environmental Code regarding safety and sanitation of pools and beaches. The Board has a part-time Health Agent, through the Town's membership in the Eastern Franklin County Health District. This is a very valuable service to the Town and the Board of Health.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Comprised of three members elected for a 3-year term. The Board meets each Tuesday at 7 pm unless otherwise posted. The Selectboard are the Chief Administrative Officers of the town and supervise all matters that are not specifically delegated by law or vote to some other board or office. One of the most important functions of the Selectboard is the preparation of the Town Meeting Warrant. The warrant is composed of articles outlining each subject on which the town meeting must vote. Articles for town finances, zoning changes, accepting funds and grants, or

disposing of property are a few examples of town warrant articles. Once voted, it is the Board's responsibilities to see to the implementation of the wishes of the voters. The Selectmen have the authority and responsibility to provide general policy direction, issue administrative orders, appoint and serve as hiring authority for most of the Town Boards, Committees and officials who administer Town Government; engage and supervise Town legal counsel and approve actions; authorize all borrowing and all expenditures, including payroll; act as the Town Licensing Board, issuing alcohol, livery, auctioneer and new & used car sales licenses and common victualers; publish the Annual Town Report and oversee municipal property and risk management for the Town, and enter into contracts on behalf of the Town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Comprised of six members appointed by the Town Moderator for a 3-year term each. The Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. and as otherwise posted. This committee's prime responsibility is to make recommendations on all financial matters, including the budget, to town meeting. In order to do this, the Committee initiates annual budget requests and capital requests to all Town Boards and Committees then reviews and analyzes these requests, interviewing Department Heads and Board/Committee Chairs as appropriate. The committee has oversight responsibility for all municipal financial matters.

PLANNING BOARD

Comprised of five members elected for a 5-year term. The Board meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted. The Board is mandated by MA State law to prepare and maintain the Town's Master Plan and Official Map; prepare, adopt and administer Subdivision Rules and Regulations; review all subdivision plans submitted under state and local by-laws and regulations; supervise construction of subdivision roads and drainage systems; prepare and present zoning amendments at Town Meeting and review site plans for any changes in land use.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Comprised of three members elected for a 3-year term. The Board meets quarterly and as needed. The Board oversees the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Collection System, and its employees. They develop the annual budget with the chief operator's assistance. The Board sets the sewer rate yearly. They develop and oversee repairs and expansion of the Collection System and Treatment Plant.

TAX COLLECTOR

Elected for a 3-year term. Collector receives a list and warrant from the Assessors, to collect taxes, together with any interest due; reports to the Treasurer all taxes, including charges, fees and interest received and deposited in any bank and turns funds over to the Treasurer for deposit. The Collector maintains collection accounts on real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax bills. Delinquent bills are subsequently billed by means of demand notices and a series of delinquency letters. Unpaid tax bills may be advertised and the property eventually foreclosed by the Town for nonpayment. Unpaid motor vehicle excise tax bills are reported to the Registry for non-renewal of license or registration.

TOWN CLERK

Elected for a 3-year term. The Clerk serves as Chief Election Officer and Local Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics, including Birth, Marriage and Death certificates; records and certifies all official actions of the Town and manages public access to information. S/he issues marriage, dog and fishing licenses; serves ex-officio as a member of the Board of Registrars and is responsible for carrying out the functions of the Board in preparation, publication and circulation of lists of voters; prepares the annual Street List and Town Census; submits all by-laws passed by Town Meeting to the MA State Attorney General for approval.

TREASURER

Elected for a 3-year term. The Treasurer receives all money from municipal departments, including the Tax Collector; deposits funds; borrows for cash flow purposes and for approved capital projects; expends and accounts for funds after proper approval of the Town Accountant

and Board of Selectmen; pays employees and withholds and maintains records on taxes; maintains and reconciles all of the Town's bank accounts and investments; performs monthly cash reconciliation with the Accountant, as well as quarterly cash reconciliation.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Comprised of five Regular members for a 5-year term and 3 Associate members for a 3-year term appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets on Wednesdays as needed. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications; petitions for variances from the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws and Appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector, or from the failure of the Building Inspector to act in response to a complaint from a citizen. The Board has power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Court.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Assessors

Alice B. Lord	Chair
Doris Balk	
Thomas Shearer	

Board of Health

Flora Sadri	
Thomas Walker	
Dan Gray	Chair
David Balk	
Robert MacEwen	

Board of Library Trustees

Margot Fleck	
Janet Wood	
Lloyd E. Parrill	
Jon McGowan	Chair
Nolan Kitfield	
Pauline Borrego	

Board of Selectmen

Kathleen Wright	
Richard C. Fleck Jr.	Chair
John G. Spanbauer	Resigned October 2010

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials

Daniel Ryan	Chair
Denis Brennan	
John Williams	
Mark Remillard	

Constables

David Brassor
Fredd Fuller
James O'Shea
John Ware

Moderator

Nathan L'Etoile

Planning Board- Sara Goodwin, Secretary

Jerry Wagener	
James Holloway	
Richard Fitzgerald	Chair
Tammy Pelletier	

PVRS Northfield

William Wahlstrom	
Patricia Shearer	Chair
Jed Proujansky	

Recreation Committee

Cheri Wheeler
Tim Hoisington
Bridget Hammond
Susan Handren
Theresa Peters

Sewer Commission

Tom Walker	Chair
Paul Prest	
Raymond Zukowski	Vice-Chair

Tax Collector

Barbara Brassor

Town Clerk

Gail Zukowski

Treasurer

Barbara Brassor

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**Finance Committee-July; Beth Walker, Secretary**

Lois Stearns	Chair
Gail St. Clair	Clerk
Anthony Matteo	
Penny Betsold	
Dan Campbell	Vice Chair
Chad Glover	

Franklin County Technical School District

Gail Zukowski

Non Partisan Caucus- Jan.

Susan Lloyd
Kim Farmer
Nina Sibley

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**Agricultural Commission**

William Ames-	
Eugene L'Etoile	
William Llewelyn	Chair
Kate Rossiter	
William Roberts	
Dave Kalinowski	
Alan Stone	
Jerry Wagener	
Dave Brown	

Building Utilization and Planning Committee

Chadwick Glover
William Roberts

Conservation Commission- Sara Goodwin, Secretary

Nanci Pollard	
Joan Deely	
Mike Barry	
Charles Blanker	
William Llewelyn	Chair
Dave Thomas	

Council on Aging

Irene Jurkowski	
John Blazejewski	
Shirley Nelson	
Mary Jane Porter	
Eleanor Goodman	Chair
Ruth Gallagher	
Genevieve Clark	

Cultural Council

Deb Potee	Chair
Tammy Pelletier	
Bruce Kahn	
Karina Berenson	
Crystal McNeill	
Amy Boyden	
Eliot Hunniwell	

Election Officers

Helen Gorzokoski	
Ruth Gallagher	
Linda Leavis	
Helen Monroe	
Nina Sibley	
Deborah Taricano	
Carol O'Brien	
Kay Snow	
Kathy Malsch	
Keri Peila	
Ruth Johnson	
Jessie Wiggin	
Donna Noel	
Bob MacEwen	Precinct Clerk
Ed Finch	
Alice Fortier	
Betty Gibson	
Irene Hoisington	
Jane Abbott	

Electronic Communications and Cable Television Advisory Committee

Brian Brault
Bruce Kahn

Emergency Services Facility Committee

Floyd Dunnell	
Kathleen Wright	
Raymond Zukowski	
Mark Fortier	
Len Crossman	
Jason Platek	Chair
Chad Glover	

Energy Committee

Maureen Spaulding	
John Cevsco	
Walton Congdon	Co-Chair
Robert Pasteris	Co-Chair
Peter Talmage	
Rich Fitzgerald	
Jim Earls	

Historical Commission

Mary Jane Porter	
Joel Fowler	
Marie Ferre	Chair
Willim Schweikert	
Homer Stavely	
Jessie Wiggin	
Ruth Potee	

Main Street Revitalization Committee

Peter Talmage
Heather Tower
Chadwick Glover
Jean Kozlowski

Northfield Board of Registrars

Susan Lloyd
Edward Fortier
Kim Farmer

Northfield- C.S. Lewis College- NMH

Randy Foster
Chadwick Glover
Ed Finch
Nick Fleck
Marguerite Lentz
Kathleen Wright
Nathan Tufts
Susan Ross
Alexander Stewart Chair
Erin Jaworski
Bruce Kahn
Carol Lebo
Lois Stearns
Barbra Richardson
Sara Hoffman
Susan Wright

Open Space Committee

Joanne McGee
Sue Ross
Mike Barry
Ruth Gallagher
Kate Rossiter
Jen Tufts
Jerry Wagener Chair

Trust Fund Committee

Ruth Gallagher
Jessie Wiggin
Mary Jane Porter
Janet Wood

Trustee, Fred W. Wells Will

Theodore Penick

Veteran Graves Officer

Ed Doolittle

Zoning Board of Appeals-Vivien Venskowski, Secretary

Edward Shearer
William Forrest
Raymond Clark
Marguerite Lentz
Mary King
Samuel Richardson Chair
Erin Jaworski
Bob Barnes

Community Preservation Committee

Dan Campbell	Finance
Ruth Potee	Historical-Chair
Charles Blanker	Conservation Commission
Tammy Pelletier	Planning Board
Ruth Gallagher	Open Space Committee
Al Stone	At Large
Rhoda Yucavitch	At Large
OPEN	Recreation Commission
Eleanor Goodman	Housing

Four Mile Brook Road Advisory Committee

Lisa McLoughlin
Joan Deely
Mary Perrea
Howard Perrea
Sue Fuller
Denis Brennan
Harley Mullen
Tom Shearer
Bob Duby
Cecelia Jordan
Ken Jordan
Joel Fowler
Jen Tufts
Cliff Phillips
Bob English

Town Hall Master Plan

Ruth Gallagher
Suzanne Sweeney
Stephen Serendynski
Steve Roberto
Kathleen Wright
Tom Walker
Tom McDonald

Wired West

Brian Brault
Bruce Kahn

CEDS

Jerry Wagener

Selectboard

On the cover of the 2009 Town Report is a black and white photograph of a partially completed sidewalk. This project has been completed and thanks mostly to the patience and endurance of Jack Spanbauer many of our citizens were seen walking along our attractive Main Street in autumn evenings. This was the last of many of Jack's accomplishments during his 10 years on the Selectboard. Thanks, Jack.

There have been the usual projects and financial limitations. Two examples have been our support of a new Senior Center area including the Pavilion, and the work two committees are doing in conjunction with Belcher Memorial Fountain. We also have hired a new Police Chief and a new Administrative Assistant who unfortunately we lost to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. We quickly hired an Interim Administrative Assistant, Wendy Foxmyn, who has, while working part time been of great help with the daily operations of the town as well as being available to listen and work with town employees. We will miss Wendy.

During this year the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the State raised the question of working with other towns (regionalization) in order to save money. Northfield formed a committee to study the Long Range organization of the Police Department. The work this committee did included the feasibility of towns combining safety departments (police, fire, EMS). This study is a model that has been passed on to the FRCOG. Northfield has also been involved in sharing services with other towns: the Highway department with Gill and Vernon Vt. is one example. And of course the EMTs' and Fire Department's successful mutual aid program.

This year the ambulance service succeeded in becoming a primary service giving Northfield a quicker, more efficient, and an economically more advantageous program.

There is one area that the Selectboard has been working on and continues to work on: increasing the communication among different parts of town government and with our citizens. We supported the interviewing and filming of our town officials (01360) in order to give each a chance to speak about their position. [These interviews are on DVD's in Dickinson Memorial Library.] We continued to have quarterly potluck meetings of the heads of departments, and started the ongoing meetings of the heads of the five Safety Departments-Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Police, Fire, and Highway Departments. To be more open in our deliberations we have decreased un-televised Selectboard Meetings to only when there is some business that must be done immediately. We have added to our regular agenda of Selectboard meetings two new categories: a report from the Administrative Assistant and a report on any un-televised Selectboard meetings that occurred between the regular Selectboard meetings.

Growing out of this work we have started staff meetings and plan in the near future to increase staff professional training. Our hope is that these things will make what we do clearer to all and that we will all work together with greater efficiency and success.

Lastly, we herein acknowledge all the work that Reynold "Hank" Henry did over the last decades. His contributions were considerable, significant, and noteworthy: he was a true citizen of Northfield.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Amount to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$ 6,736,434.98
Cherry Sheet Offsets	3,251.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	6, 083.00
Overlay	473,008.18
Misc.	14,040.00

Total Amount to be Raised

\$ 7,232,817.16

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Est. Rec. State	\$ 368,429.00
Est. Rec. Local	743,412.00
Rev. Appropriated Specific	115,900.00
Rev. to Reduce Tax Rate	193,000.00

Total Estimated Receipts & Revenue

\$ 1,400,741.00

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Levy

\$ 5,832,076.16

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

CLASS	VALUATION	LEVY
Residential	292,226,127	4,009,342.46
Commercial	40,426,194	554,647.38
Industrial	72,054,477	988,587.42
Personal Property	20,371,640	279,498.90
TOTAL	425,078,438	5,832,076.16

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2011: \$13.72 (per thousand of value)

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Lord, Chairman
Carol Holden, Clerk

Doris Balk

Thomas Shearer

Northfield Board of Health

The Board of Health is an elected Board comprised of 5 members and a secretary. We meet monthly at 4:30 pm on the second Thursday with additional meetings as required. The Board has many responsibilities that are mandated by the State and involve protecting the public health and welfare.

Northfield is a long time member of the Eastern Franklin County Health District (EFCHD). Member Towns share resources to provide health agents. We receive quality, professional assistance from Dave Zarozinski and Deb Palmer. They perform inspections twice annually of food establishments. Also inspections of farmers markets, camps, and public pools. They investigate any public health or housing issue or complaint, provide follow-up and will represent the Town in housing court if necessary. As our dedicated Health Agents they provide unlimited assistance and counsel to BOH members on any questions or issues that develop.

The BOH issues septic haulers permits, installer's permits, food permits, camp permits, pool permits and bed and breakfast permits. Board members examine and approve all septic system designs. A member must be present at every perc test and final inspection of each system; this may be for new construction, system replacement or repair.

- The BOH with able assistance from the Town Clerk accepts sharps (syringes) and provides sharps containers at no charge.
- Potassium Iodide tablets are provided to Northfield residents free of charge, call the BOH office to arrange pick up.

The Transfer Station is managed by the BOH with the assistance of the Highway Superintendent, who handles day to day issues and problems. The 2 PAYT trash compactors installed in 2008 continue to work well, saving thousands annually. This year we installed a compactor for paper and cardboard. The cost was \$10,000 for an installed unit and \$6,400 for a new compactor box NO tax dollars were used. The costs were covered with money returned to Northfield from our own recycling programs. The annual projected savings are between \$10,000 to \$12,000 based on the number of hauls saved. We will also save \$1,300 annually on compactor box rental fees by owning the box. We are one of the 21 member Towns of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD). They over see our recycling efforts; coordinating and contracting with agencies and companies to help Northfield get the most money for our recyclables and the lowest hauling costs for trash and recyclables. FCSWMD also organizes and manages the two annual Bulky Waste collections and the annual Hazardous Waste collection event. The district inspects the Transfer Station, helping us to meet all State and OSHA regulations.

The goal is to truly Reduce/Re Use/Recycle. We send 800,000 to 900,000 pounds of compacted trash (PAYT) to the incinerator in Springfield every year. If material can stay out of the trash wastestream then we save money: as individuals and as a Town. Tipping – what we pay to the incinerator is \$73/ton, to haul a load to Springfield is approximately \$240 per trip. Another consideration is air quality: if it can be recycled or re used then it's not incinerated. Remember that the Compacted (PAYT) trash is not sorted or examined – but simply shoved into the incinerator. To help us all to Reduce/Re Use/Recycle the following systems are in place.

- All florescent bulbs are collected free of charge
- All batteries are collected, also free of charge. (from button batteries to disposable alkaline)
- Clothing receptacle for donations of clothing items
- Composting: This remains a success. Organic wastes go to Martin's Farm in Greenfield to become garden compost. At current levels composting removes about 80,000 pounds/yr from our wastestream. (waxed or very soiled cardboard and egg cartons here. Clean cardboard including pizza boxes go into paper compactor)
- The "Got Books" container accepts books, VHS tapes, CD's and DVDs. Again removing items from the wastestream and providing \$40/ton to Northfield. Consider using the Re Use Shed for the book donations as well.
- The "Re Use Shed" accepts serviceable items, to include, house wares, small appliances, toys, tools , books, DVD's, CD's, etc.(books donated and not utilized after a period of

time will be put into the "Got Books" container). If you have items that are too large for the shed jot down an item description and contact info for posting inside the shed. The shed has remained open on Saturdays from 10:30am to 2 pm for item donation and inspection. Items are free, stop in and say hello to volunteers that staff the shed. Also consider volunteering for a few hours a month to help staff the operation.

BOH members continue to work diligently in support of our Town. We train, travel to meetings of the EFCHD, FCSWMD, MAHB training offerings and staff the Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS). We work to save money with innovative programs. These are times of increasing costs and decreasing State support. The BOH has been decreasing our budgetary requests by an average of 8% annually, and remain on track for similar or greater reductions for the next fiscal year. This has been done without increasing sticker or PAYT fees.

We are doing a good job with our efforts to reduce the trash we make (wastestream). If we continue to improve our recycling and composting efforts we will continue to save significantly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Gray, Chair
Thomas Walker
Robert MacEwen
David Balk
Flora Sadri

Northfield Board of Health



Dickinson Memorial Library

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ANNUAL REPORT 2010

While media headlines proclaimed public libraries were being made irrelevant by the likes of Netflix and the Kindle the Dickinson Memorial Library experienced circulation and attendance as high as it has ever been. Evermore than its contents, the library remains a source of pride for Northfield residents.

Building Improvements

The library applied for and received funding from the Community Preservation Act to restore the main staircase and wood floors. The work will be done in January 2011. With the help of the Energy Committee the library also received a 70/30 grant from WMECO to upgrade the lighting throughout the project provides more energy efficient lighting and an improved brightness. With funding from a private donation, the children's room skylight was re-insulated to cut down on heat loss.

Local History Room and Historic Artifacts

Work on the local history room continued. Shelving, purchased with funds from the McGowan Trust, was installed and lighting was updated using two original glass shades and a lamp found in the library's attic. Former trustee Kathleen Nutter spent the summer cataloguing the Northfield collection, including boxes of papers from the Rustic Ridge Association. Art and objects that had no Northfield provenance were auctioned off. A portion of the proceeds were used to restore four documents of value to Northfield history: a portrait of Dr. Philip Hall, the original Library Land Deed, a petition to the King of England, signed by some of Northfield's earliest citizens, and a colorized, 4' x 5', Franklin County Map from 1858. There was also one other very unique item created 1812 in Weathersfield Vermont: the Chronology Delineated to Illustrate the History of the Monarchical Revolutions.

Programs

Regular programs throughout the year included weekly story times, after school programs for children and monthly book discussion and writing groups. The second annual Tellabration took place in November with storytellers Lot Therrio and Onawumi Jean Ross. Collaborations with local organizations and businesses led to two very successful programs. With the Northfield Garden Club a gardening program with local writer and Hill Town gardener Pat Leuchtman; and with Northfield Coffee and Books a coffee-tasting and discussion with entrepreneur Dean Cycon of Dean's Beans. The Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and with donations from many local businesses, included a program with Tom Ricardi and his raptors, an afternoon of old-fashioned games and a chance to learn fire building skills with local Boy Scout leader, Chris Scott.

While the meeting room was used by many local groups and committees throughout the year, the highlights were two evenings: one in February and one in March, when the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts each held a sleepover at the library.

Technology and Communications

With the rising circulation of DVDs and Audiobooks on CD, the library purchased an Eco-Smart Disc Repair machine. The life of hundreds of DVDs and audio CDs have been extended with the use of this powerful tool!

Beyond the ordinary circulation of books, DVDs, audios and magazines, the library began circulating 2 Kill-A-Watts. The Kill-A-Watt assesses the efficiency of appliances, measuring consumption by the kilowatt hour.

And while the library may be housed in a beautiful 1897 building, we were adamant about keeping up with the times. To that end, MP3 players continued to be loaned out so library patrons could experience downloading audiobooks from our electronic catalog. Two e-readers, a Sony Reader and a Barnes and Noble Nook, were purchased for patrons to download electronic books. Our membership in C/W MARS affords us the opportunity to offer a gradually increasing electronic library, Overdrive, to anyone with a library card.

The traditional means of letting townspeople know about library events – the Recorder, the Northfield Community Newsletter, flyers posted around the library and the town, BNC-TV – were enhanced with a more timely website, an events and programs email list, and, yes, a Facebook page.

Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library

Tirelessly the Friends of the Library raised money to support library programs and other out-of-the-ordinary library needs. Donations to the Friends were used to purchase a movie license, to sponsor story time and after school programs, and to fund the Summer Reading Program, the library website and a brand new copier. With much enthusiasm and excitement the Friends held the library's first ever and highly received Dog Show and Parade. With three judges, ribbons were given out in categories from the Most Glamorous to the Biggest Drooler.

Staff and Community

In December I celebrated my 10th year as director of the library. It is still a joy to come to work each day to face whatever challenges may present themselves: leaking radiators, a smoking elevator, boisterous teens. But what really makes it possible is my staff: Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Molly Chapin and Dan Morgan. They are amazing, dedicated, hard-working, supportive and exceedingly patient. I cannot thank them enough. And I am endlessly grateful to the Board of Library Trustees, present and past, for writing policies, for safeguarding the building, and for their love and devotion to the Dickinson Memorial Library.

We could not accomplish what we do without the reliability of our weekly volunteers who do everything from calling library patrons and shelving books to cutting shapes for story time. Additionally, we are thankful for the myriad of volunteers - adults, teens and children - who are willing to pitch in on a moment's notice.

Number of books, magazines, movies and audios borrowed	61,577	
Number of items requested from other libraries (FY10)	9200	
Number of items sent to other libraries (FY10)	6592	
Number of library visits	25,278	
Number of items renewed from home	4232	
Number of audiobooks, books and videos downloaded electronically	281	
40% increase over last year		
Number of people with Northfield library cards as of 12/31/2010	2,210	The
Dickinson Memorial Library, respecting the old and embracing the new, continues to find its place in a changing landscape.		

Respectfully,
The Board of Library Trustees – Chair, Jon McGowan, Janet Wood, Margot Fleck, Nolan Kitfield,
Paulina Borrego and Lloyd Parrill, and Library Director, Deb Kern



Community Touch A Truck Day at Dickinson Memorial Library-submitted by Chief Len Crossman

Northfield Planning Board 2010 Annual Report

Members:

Jim Holloway
Jerry Wagener
Tammy Pelletier
Richard Fitzgerald, Chairman

Sarah Goodwin, Administrative Assistant

The Northfield Planning Board holds its monthly meetings at the Town Hall on the second Wednesday of the month. The Northfield Planning Board met eleven times throughout the year for regular monthly meetings, held one Subdivision Update meeting, met once for a Special Meeting and held two Public Hearings to discuss Bylaw improvements. In March Jim Holloway resigned from the position of Chairman and the Board elected Richard Fitzgerald as the new Chair.

In 2010:

- 5 ANRs came before the Board
 - 5 Approved
 - 0 Declined Approval
 - 0 Withdrawn
- 0 Access Not Off Frontage permits came before the Board
- 0 Special Permits came before the Board
- 1 Workshop attended by members

The Planning Board held two Public Hearings, one in February and the other in March, to discuss proposed changes to the Northfield Town Bylaws. Topics discussed included; correcting the wording used in Article 11.07 Removal of Natural Materials, creating the notion of Setback Requirements for energy generating units, addressing "Use" terminology in Article V. Non-conforming Uses, and correcting a clerical error in Article 6.02. Several residents showed up for both Hearings and the Board was grateful for their input which helped to better shape the Bylaw improvements for submission and acceptance at Town Meeting.

Some main areas of focus for the Planning Board in 2010 included the work being conducted at C.S. Lewis College and its connection with the development of Northfield downtown area as well as the possibility of a new gas station on Route 63 just north of town. Several meetings contained discussions on how the Master Plan of Northfield now needs updating to include the College and develop the most appropriate direction for its growth, be it a town center, historic district, or new businesses coming in.

Jerry Wagener put in a tremendous amount of time and effort developing and improving the town's Subdivision Bylaws for which the Board is extremely grateful. He also created a spreadsheet program which will allow for a variable number of subdivision lot OSRD specifications to be computed for easier review. Members also discussed these changes with town counsel and we are pleased to present them for public review and comment in preparation for Town Meeting vote.

Looking forward to 2011 the Board anticipates a busy and interesting year, with some additional large projects in addition to our normal business. At the time this is being written we are early in the site plan review process for a large solar energy project on Route 63; we have begun working with several other town boards to qualify for MA Green Communities status; and we are looking to review and update town Zoning Bylaws to better reflect the town today and for the future. We do have a vacant position on the Board, and interested residents are welcome to visit our website, email us or call Town Hall to inquire. The Planning Board would like to thank all

residents who have attended our meetings and we look forward to hearing your questions, ideas and suggestions throughout the year.

<http://www.northfield.ma.us>
Northfield.PlanningBoard@gmail.com

Sewer Commission

The Board of Sewer Commissioners set the sewer rate for fiscal year 2010 at \$314.50 per hookup (Base Rate), which was 40% of the total Budget, and \$6.68 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of water usage. Total Budget for the year was \$213,861. There were one new sewer hookups this year. We treated 31.7 million gallons of wastewater in 2010. We had an average flow of 87,000 gallons per day. We had 45.20" of rainfall.

We welcomed two new members to the Board, Tom Walker and Paul Prest.

With the approval of the Massachusetts DEP, we installed a new trial aerator, a Turborator from MGD. If successful, this will allow us to control the nitrification process better. We should also see some energy (money) savings. This was another step in upgrading our Aeration Tank.

We also upgraded most of the aluminum grating with fiberglass grating, creating safer walkways. We started to work with MASS Rural Water Association to map our collection system. With the help of the Highway and the used Fire Truck, we are now flushing the collection more efficiently.

In the Fall, both 5th grade classes toured the Treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Walker – Chairman
Raymond Zukowski Jr. – Vice Chairman
Paul Prest

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30,
2010

REAL ESTATE

2011	Balance	-39782.45	
2010	Balance	-7805.05	
	Comitted	5247399.67	
	Refund	9019.36	
	Collected		5101523.87
	Abated		37708.79
	Uncollected		109381.32
2010	Pro Rata		
	Comitted	5464.00	
	Collected		5464.00
2009	Balance	147899.08	
	Collected		82424.23
	Tax Title		9414.33
	Uncollected		56060.52
2008	Balance	54116.39	
	Collected		24504.83
	Tax Title		8303.14
	Uncollected		21308.42
2008	Pro Rata		
	Balance	1924.21	
	Collected		1924.21
2007	Balance	13105.61	
	Collected		2795.9
	Tax Title		7520.7
	Uncollected		2789.01
2006	Balance	5245.36	
	Collected		1939.99
	Tax Title		3305.72
	Uncollected		-0.35
2005	Balance	-79.46	
	Uncollected		-79.46

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

2011	Balance		-88.87
2010	Comitted	16513.41	
	Refund	38.43	
	Collected		16012.64
	Abate		258.09
	Uncollected		281.11

2009	Balance	3586.08	
	Collected		1762.51
	Tax Title		139.34
	Uncollected		1684.23
PERSONAL PROPERTY			
2011	Balance		-93.27
2010	Comitted	234787.01	
	Refund	202.75	
	Collected		232964.47
	Abated		153.81
	Uncollected		1871.48
2009	Balance	1865.76	
	Collected		951.19
	Uncollected		914.57
2008	Balance	830.11	
	Collected		216.71
	Uncollected		613.40
2007	Balance	365.78	
	Collected		160.58
	Uncollected		205.20
2006	Balance	310.13	
	Collected		111.84
	Uncollected		198.29
2005	Balance	263.68	
	Abated		50.77
	Uncollected		212.91
2004	Balance	198.50	
	Uncollected		198.50
2002	Balance	259.05	
	Uncollected		259.05
2001	Balance	134.42	
	Uncollected		134.42
2000	Balance	151.19	
	Uncollected		151.19
1999	Balance	139.82	
	Uncollected		139.82
1998	Balance	79.39	
	Uncollected		79.39
1997	Balance	70.20	
	Uncollected		70.20

1996	Balance		68.19	
		Uncollected		68.19
FARM ANIMAL				
2009	Comitted		3388.25	
		Collected		3388.25
2008	Balance		15.00	
		Uncollected		15.00
2007	Balance		20.00	
		Uncollected		20.00
2006	Balance		25.00	
		Collected		25.00
MOTOR VEHICLE				
2010	Comitted		283157.02	
	Refund		1862.31	
		Collected		250874.51
		Abated		3565.99
		Uncollected		30578.83
2009	Balance		18692.21	
	Comitted		40692.35	
	Refunds		2753.72	
		Collected		50282.49
		Abated		3186.64
		Uncollected		8669.15
2008	Balance		6015.44	
	Comitted		52.08	
	Refunds		392.71	
		Collected		2815.20
		Abated		435.21
		Uncollected		3209.82
2007	Balance		5488.12	
		Collected		668.95
		Uncollected		4819.17
2006	Balance		5151.79	
		Collected		351.88
		Uncollected		4799.91
2005	Balance		2156.58	
		Collected		445.73
		Uncollected		1710.85
2004	Balance		2016.90	
		Collected		233.34
		Uncollected		1783.56

2003	Balance	960.06	
	Collected		201.25
	Uncollected		758.81
2002	Balance	646.78	
	Abated		591.78
	Uncollected		55.00
2001	Balance	707.80	
	Abated		707.81
	Balance		-0.01
2000	Balance	997.03	
	Abated		997.20
	Balance		-0.17
1999	Balance	579.53	
	Abated		542.09
	Balance		37.44
1998	Balance	28.64	
	Uncollected		28.64
1995	Balance	3.33	
	Comitted	18.33	
	Collected		18.33
	Balance		3.33
1990	Balance	253.49	
	Abated		217.50
	Uncollected		35.99
1989	Balance	90.26	
	Abated		97.50
	Uncollected		-7.24

SEWER USE

Balance	14487.13	
Comitted	216571.51	
Refunds	534.25	
Collected		188732.61
Abated		1513.87
Transferred to R.E.		13284.66
Uncollected		28061.75
RE Lein Balance	9589.29	
Comitted	13284.66	
Collected		15287.87
Uncollected		7586.08
Comitted Interest Balance	1278.10	
Comitted	1633.48	
Collected		1951.97
Uncollected		959.61

TAX TITLE

Balance	23805.53	
Leins	35455.13	
Redeemed		26223.88
Balance		33036.78

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	0.00	
Deposits in transit	73782.76	
Outstanding Checks		716265.78
Balance per checkbook		-642483.02

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	16218.38	
UniBank	327347.07	
Greenfield Co-operative	989860.14	
Bank of Western Mass.	101296.26	
UniBank (taxes)	94285.66	
TOTAL		1529007.51

INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	70.86	
UniBank	1542.96	
UniBank (taxes)	210.14	
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	8800.29	
Bank of Western Mass.	202.39	
TOTAL		10826.64

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance	81449.36	
Interest earned	357.43	
Transfer to General		0.00
Balance 6/30/09		81806.79

STABILIZATION INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		81806.79
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ARTS COUNCIL

Balance	4405.30	
Receipts	4000.00	
Interest earned	14.61	
Payments per warrant		4453.36
Balance 6/30/09		3966.55

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		3966.55
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AERIAL LADDER

Balance	69.44	
Interest earned	0.26	
Balance 6/30/09		69.70

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance	69.70
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RECREATION COMMISSION

Balance	22789.05
Receipts	27767.50
Interest Earned	13.64

Payments per warrant	29345.30
Balance 6/30/09	21224.89

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement	21594.89
Outstanding checks	370.00
Deposit in transit	0.00
Balance per checkbook	21224.89

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

Balance 6/30/09	91623.64
Receipts	113258.15
Interest Earned	1752.06
Refunds	38.43
Transfer error	77.28
Balance	206518.14

GREENFIELD CO-OPPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance	206518.14
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TRUST FUNDS	Balance 6/30/2009	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance 6/30/2010
LIBRARY						
C.Ina Merriman	1956.11	11.77				1967.88
Belcher Funds	10649.63	64.54				10714.17
Chas. Dickinson	3215.35	19.31				3234.66
Maude Montague	2717.48	16.33				2733.81
Marina Stanley	662.47	3.98				666.45
Richard G. Holton	580.42	3.49				583.91
Nfld. Chap. DAR	179.09	1.07				180.16
Ethel Jackson	293.74	1.78				295.52
Paul Bowman	86163.82	1024.84			182.00	87006.66
Giles Mem. Fund	3091.82	18.56				3110.38
McGowan Mem. Fund	9886.87	58.90			5157.00	4788.77
Dickinson Lib.Build.	4991.43	29.98				5021.41
Pauline Wicke	0.59	0.00			0.59	0.00
Lawrence Trust	5489.79	23.60			2277.41	3235.98
Thomas J. Hurley	15000.00	160.19				15160.19
CHARITY						
Starkweather	52623.65	315.88				52939.53
George Morgan	17713.59	106.36				17819.95
Elisha Alexander	16185.00	97.17				16282.17
Lottie Evans	9185.81	55.15				9240.96
Roselle Evans	3709.38	22.28				3731.66

SCHOOL

Belcher Center	3655.87	21.95			3677.82
Surplus Rev. Fund	2894.70	17.39			2912.09
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS					
Willis K. Parker	1490.36	8.95			1499.31
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET					
Ethel Jackson	2172.69	13.04			2185.73
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND					
Gfld Savings	64347.27	1919.95			66267.22
Gfld Co-operative	1784.70	2.49		707.23	1422.50
Gfld Co-operative	36311.29		707.23		36311.29
CEMETERIES					
Center	21817.06	130.41			21947.47
West Nfld.	16617.13	99.76			16716.89
Pentecost	11693.36	69.92			11763.28
Nfld. Farms	13298.50	81.11	(Leach)	250.00	13629.61
Mt. Hermon	10643.20	64.35	(Duncan)	125.00	10832.55
So. Mountain	175.23	1.05			176.28
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE					
UniBank	994.45	5.96			1000.41

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brasseur
Treasurer

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:23 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Two hundred registered voters were present to vote on the following articles.

Selectboard Chair Kathleen Wright introduced Mr. Stanley Mattson, founder and President of C.S. Lewis College. Mr. Mattson addressed the attendees.

Article 1. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2009 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,
BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2010 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Open Space Committee	Eleanor Goodman, Samantha Loch, Joan Deely
Assessors	Joel Fowler
Moderator	Thomas Shearer
Planning Board	Alan Rogers, John Foster
Recreation Commission	Trudy Ackerman
Conservation Commission	David Quinn Jr., Nathan L'Etoile
Agricultural Commission	Nathan L'Etoile
EMS	Jacob Sanderson, James Winn, Rob Leighton
Election Officer	Joyce Toupence, Martha Lewin-Karas, Christine McColester, Teresa Penniman, Tammy Pelletier, Ruth Johnson
Election Precinct Clerk	Linda Leavis
Administrative Assistant	Susan Draves
NMH Transition Committee	Mary Jane Porter, Sarah Hoffman, David Radebaugh, Irene Jurkowski
Main St. Revitalization Committee	Kimberly Farmer, David Alexander, Laura DiBari, Steven Malsch
Electronic Communications & Cable TV Advisory	Chadwick Glover, Raymond McIsaak
Building Utilization & Planning	Donald Campbell
Emergency Services Facility	Chadwick Glover, Donald Holden, Reynold Henry, James Penniman, Jon Van'tLand, Gary Sibilia
Energy Commission	Donald Campbell
Fire Department	Thomas Walker, Nate Hutchinson
Council on Aging	Norma Stearns
Finance Committee	Reynold "Hank" Henry

**NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD
MAY, 2010**

**Motion: "To take Article 35 out of order"
Vote**

Passed/Unanimous Voice

Article 35. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter discussions with other western Massachusetts municipalities in the interest of entering an inter-municipal agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 4A, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open access, financially self-sustaining communication system for the provision of broadband service, including high-speed Internet access, telephone, and cable television to the residents, businesses, and institutions of these municipalities.

Article 3. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Highway Department) for Chapter 90-type construction/improvements/reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 4. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 5, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 1/2."

Article 5. Passed/Show of Hands

Motion: "To remove P.V.R.S. budget to vote on as a separate article"			
Failed Hand Count	Yes/24	No/118	(Majority Required)

Point of order from the floor requesting "To remove line item - EMS wages and Salary and EMS expenses to be voted on separately if needed" Moderator removed them from omnibus without motion or debate

Motion: to "Stop Debate" / Passed Hand Count	Yes/163	No/3
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Move that the town vote that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee, in the third column, be appropriated for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes.

	APPROPRIATION FY2010	REQUESTED FY2011	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
MODERATOR SALARY	50.00	51.00	51.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	30.00	30.00	30.00

SELECTMEN SALARIES				5,322.00	5,429.00	5,429.00
	2010	2011req	2011rec			
chairman	1,844.00	1,881.00	1,881.00			
others	1,739.00	1,774.00	1,774.00			
SELECTMEN EXPENSE				10,030.00	8,601.00	8,601.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY				53,033.00	49,485.00	49,485.00
ADMIN ASST EXPENSE				825.00	705.00	705.00
SECRETARY SALARY				33,531.00	34,900.00	34,900.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE				1,391.00	1,321.00	1,321.00
RESERVE FUND				15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY				24,216.00	24,700.00	24,700.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE				335.00	315.00	315.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES				4,884.00	4,982.00	4,982.00
	2010	2011req	2011rec			
chairman	1,712.00	1,746.00	1,746.00			
others	1,586.00	1,618.00	1,618.00			
ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY				33,677.00	34,351.00	34,351.00
ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR				6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE				15,155.00	15,605.00	15,605.00
TREASURER SALARY				11,078.00	11,300.00	11,300.00
TREASURER EXPENSE				3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY				11,078.00	11,300.00	11,300.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE				4,700.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL				10,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE				11,771.00	10,981.00	10,981.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE				2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE				2,100.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY				25,180.00	25,684.00	25,684.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE				3,455.00	3,330.00	3,330.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS				6,625.00	6,625.00	6,625.00
CONSERV COMMISSION				1,862.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
PLANNING BOARD				1,984.00	1,984.00	1,984.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD				3,064.00	2,949.00	2,949.00
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE				200.00	180.00	180.00
LAND DAMAGES				1.00	1.00	1.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN				12,974.00	13,233.00	13,233.00
CUSTODIAN EXPENSE				175.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN HALL MAINT				38,305.00	30,835.00	30,835.00

	APPROPRIATION FY2010	REQUESTED FY2011	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	6,600.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
TOWN REPORTS	250.00	300.00	300.00
TOWN CLOCK	150.00	150.00	150.00
TOTAL	360,331.00	349,477.00	349,477.00
POLICE WAGES & SALARIES	193,518.00	218,297.00	205,389.00

	2010	2011req			
chief		57,506.00			
sergeant		50,718.00			
patrolman		34,942.00			
provisional patrolman		12,896.00			
F.T. wages	135,656.00	156,062.00			
P.T. wages	21,637.00	33,269.00			
holiday	5,492.00	4,455.00			
O.T. wages	11,881.00	12,252.00			
Quinn Bill	18,852.00	12,259.00			
POLICE OPER EXPENSE			26,433.00	39,320.00	28,433.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES			4,869.00	4,965.00	4,965.00
	2010	2011req	2011rec		
chief	2,573.00	2,624.00	2,624.00		
frst fire					
warden	515.00	525.00	525.00		
pub safety					
ofcr	258.00	263.00	263.00		
fire dept					
secy	343.00	350.00	350.00		
asst. chief	524.00	534.00	534.00		
captain	262.00	267.00	267.00		
lieutenants	394.00	402.00	402.00		
FIRE DEPT WAGES			36,720.00	37,454.00	37,454.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP			15,950.00	15,950.00	15,950.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT			8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
INSPECTION FEES			3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
HYDRANTS			5,460.00	5,460.00	5,460.00
MAINT FIRE STATION			14,250.00	14,250.00	14,250.00
FIREPONDS/WATERHOLES			3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
EMS WAGES & SALARIES			16,741.00	enterprise fund	enterprise fund
EMS EXPENSE			10,060.00	enterprise fund	enterprise fund
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY			23,349.00	23,816.00	23,816.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE			1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
GAS INSPECTION			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
			APPROPRIATION	REQUESTED	FINANCE
			FY2010	FY2011	COMMITTEE
					RECOMMENDS
WIRE INSPECTION			4,050.00	5,050.00	5,050.00
CIVIL DEFENSE			400.00	400.00	400.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY			3,000.00	3,060.00	3,060.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE			1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
TREE DEPT WAGES & EXPENSE			8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
CONSTABLES WAGES			846.00	863.00	863.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE			30.00	30.00	30.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC			1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL			382,177.00	395,416.00	371,621.00
PVRS-OPER ASSMNT			3,321,171.00	3,415,291.62	3,415,291.62
PVRS-BLDG PROJ ASSESSMENT			393,289.76	367,930.89	367,930.89

PVRS-TCHRS SALARY DEFERRAL	4,536.47	4,536.47	4,536.47
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-OPER ASSMNT	285,320.00	234,994.00	234,994.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-CAPTL ASSMNT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	4,004,317.23	4,022,752.98	4,022,752.98
HWY SUPT EXPENSE	8,200.00	8,200.00	82,00.00
HIGHWAY & SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	228,448.00	235,376.00	235,376.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
OILING & STONING	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	71,800.00	71,800.00	71,800.00
STREET LIGHTS	13,700.00	14,650.00	14,650.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	76,500.00	76,500.00	76,500.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00	1.00	1.00
SOLID WASTE			
DISTRICT	7,580.00	7,705.00	7,705.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	128,470.00	114,470.00	114,470.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES	1,344.00	1,371.00	1,371.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	50.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	3,188.00	3,252.00	3,252.00
SEWER DEPT			
WAGES	68,209.00	69,555.00	69,555.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	67,535.00	64,235.00	64,235.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
TOTAL	908,225.00	900,315.00	900,315.00
	APPROPRIATION FY2010	REQUESTED FY2011	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2,237.00	2,282.00	2,282.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8,285.00	8,498.00	8,498.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	4,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	9,760.00	9,760.00	9,760.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	2,750.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	27,713.00	28,365.00	28,365.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	2,500.00	3000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL	59,995.00	58,655.00	58,655.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	94,557.00	94,557.00	94,557.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	37,465.00	40,328.00	40,328.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	575.00	575.00	575.00
RECREATION COMM	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
REC COMM TRAINING & RECOGNITION	250.00	250.00	250.00
REC PROGRM DIRECTR	3,762.00	3,837.00	3,837.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

HISTORICAL COMMISSION	375.00	350.00	350.00
MEMORIAL DAY	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
ALEXANDER HALL	340.00	300.00	300.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	25,344.00	25,351.00	2,5351.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	6,176.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
TOTAL	179,194.00	182,398.00	182,398.00
MATURING DEBT- PRIN	229,859.03	41,951.63	41,951.63
2010 2011			
sewer(bnds 1/92) 20,000.00	0.00		
sch (bnds 1/92) 170,000.00	0.00		
sewer(bnds 7/93) 39,859.03	41,951.63		
libry proj note 0	0.00		
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	17,644.47	9,519.37	9,519.37
2010 2011			
sewer(bnds 1/92) 635.00	0.00		
sch (bnds 1/92) 5,397.50	0.00		
sewer(bnds 7/93) 11,611.97	9,519.37		
libry proj notes 0	0.00		
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	250,503.50	53,471.00	53,471.00
	APPROPRIATION	REQUESTED	FINANCE
	FY2010	FY2011	COMMITTEE
			RECOMMENDS
COUNTY RETIREMENT	129,293.00	128,582.00	128,582.00
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	12,000.00	12,600.00	12,600.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,500.00	10,706.00	10,706.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	186,000.00	207,787.00	207,787.00
LIFE INSURANCE	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
MEDICARE/FICA	15,500.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
OTHER INSURANCE	65,000.00	62,552.00	62,552.00
TOTAL	410,993.00	438,427.00	438,427.00
GRAND TOTAL	6,555,735.73	6,400,911.98	6,377,116.98

Article 6. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer from the "Dog Fund" account \$3,500.00 to supplement the Dickinson Memorial Library operating budget for the purpose of paying a portion of the annual fee to be a member of the regional library system.

Article 7. Passed Paper Ballot No/65

Yes/113

**Request from the floor for a paper ballot - after a show of hands for support
the Moderator fixed the method for voting**

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to approve operation of the Northfield Emergency Medical Services Department as a source of primary ambulance transport for the Town.

No objection "To take Article 11 out of order" while the meeting waited for the ballot count results of Article 7

Article 11. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a police cruiser.

Article 8. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the ambulance service as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2011.

Article 9. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,096.00 to operate the ambulance enterprise as shown below:

Salaries	\$ 19,346
Expenses	10,750
Total:	\$ 30,096

and that \$30,096 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$ 0
Tax levy	30,096
Total:	\$ 30,096

Article 10. Moved "To Pass Over"/Passed Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$19,346.00 for the Emergency Medical Service Wages and Salaries account and \$10,750.00 for the Emergency Medical Services Expense account.

Article 12. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$22,050.00 to install central heating with hot water coils in air ducts and also add central air at all three buildings at the Pioneer Valley Regional School Central Office, which shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion.

Article 13. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,250.00 to decommission two original wells and demolish the pump station at the Pioneer Valley Regional School per the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Compliance Plan dated April 27, 2007.

Article 14. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$19,600.00 to replace carpet in the Phase 1 classroom and main office at the Pioneer Valley Regional School, which shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion.

Article 15. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to authorize a revolving fund for the maintenance and operation of the Highway Department's bucket truck per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for which revenues received from other towns as their share of the cost of ownership and operation of the bucket truck will be deposited into the fund and expended to pay related costs under the direction of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year

beginning July 1 next will be limited to \$2,000.00, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Article 16. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$55,000.00 to convert, refurbish and purchase 4500 PSI self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Article 17. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000.00 to hire a consultant to carry out a revaluation of real estate and personal property located in the Town of Northfield at the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

Article 18. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$9,600.00 to hire a consultant for assessing services for the Triennial Certification.

Article 19. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to reserve for future appropriation ten per cent (10%) of the annual Community Preservation Fund revenues for open space purposes, ten per cent (10%) of the annual Community Preservation Fund revenues for historic resources purposes, and ten per cent (10%) of the annual Community Preservation Fund revenues for community housing purposes.

Article 20. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,856.00 from the Community Preservation Fund for the replacement of the back door of the Historical Society Museum.

Article 21. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$7,750.00 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund the insulation of the Dickinson Memorial Library skylight shaft and to improve the lighting in the Children's Room.

Article 22. Passed/Voice Vote *

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 to fund the installation and replacement of water pipes and shut off valve to the Center Cemetery.

Article 23. Passed/Voice Vote *

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$8,500.00 for the restoration of the Northfield Town Clock, including the restoration and painting of faces, numbers, hands, and trim on the Clock.

Article 24. Passed/Voice Vote *

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$4,706.00 to fund the restoration and renovation of the stairs and floors in the Dickinson Memorial Library, including the sanding and preserving of floors and replacement of stairwell treads.

Article 25. Passed/Voice Vote *

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to fund the professional cataloging of the priority historical sites in Northfield.

Article 26. Passed/Voice Vote *

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$4,100.00 to fund the restoration and renovation of the Belcher Fountain at the Town Hall, including restoration of electricity, landscaping around the fountain, and placement of benches and planters.

thereby accepting to maintain said road, and to authorize the Selectboard to accept any related easements or land as a gift.

Said premises being described as a way on Proposed Layout of Hidden Pond Lane, prepared for The Town of Northfield by Daniel L. Werner, P.L.S., 225 South Shelburne Line Road, Colrain, Massachusetts dated April 11, 2010.

Being a part and portion of the premises described in deed from Sheldon B. Crocker to James A. Kazokas dated May 28, 1986 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1959, page 259 and a portion of First Tract of deed from Lewis D. Shine and Ethel T. Shine to James A. Kazokas dated July 16, 1986 and recorded in said Registry, Book 1980, Page 241. Reference is hereby made to Franklin County Probate and Family Court Case No. FR10P0096EA.

Article 33. Passed Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept by and through its Conservation Commission as per Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, for consideration paid in full by a grant from the Forest Legacy Program of the United States Department of Agriculture, two adjacent parcels of land, the first being on the westerly side of Gulf Rd, being shown as Map 45 Lot 11 (123.22 acres), and the second being on the northerly side of Old Wendell Rd being shown as Map 45 Lot 5 (28 acres), to be held in perpetuity and exclusively for conservation purposes, and to carry out the purpose of the Forest Legacy Program: "to protect environmentally important private forest lands threatened with conversion to non-forest uses."

Article 34. Passed/Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to add the Town of Leverett as a member of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District ("District") and, therefore, amend Article 1 Paragraph 4 of the District Agreement, pursuant to Article 7 of said Agreement, by adding "Leverett" to the list of District member municipalities, subject to the following terms:

The Town of Leverett shall be admitted as a member of the District, effective July 1, 2010, by paying a one-time membership fee to the District of \$4,550.00 plus an annual assessment of \$4,624.00 for Fiscal Year 2011 and all future assessments based upon the same assessment formula applied to all other District member municipalities and shall comply with all other provisions of the District Agreement.

There being no further business to come before the Town the Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the Annual Town Meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Registered Voters -- 2121

Votes Cast -- 200

Voter Turnout -- 9%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:09 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. The "Rules of Debate" were read by the Moderator. One hundred and ninety eight registered voters were present to vote on the following articles.

Article 1. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$4,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2010 Police Wages and Salaries account.

Article 3. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote **9/10 Required**

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$150.00 from Free Cash to pay a stipend due to a registrar from a prior year.

Article 4. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Senior Center Design Account for construction of a pavilion behind Town Hall.

Article 5. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$1,000.00 from Free Cash to restore documents held at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 6. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$2,250.00 from the Library Building Project Account to the Library Energy Savings Measures Account for use in the installation of energy efficient lighting at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

There being no further business for the Special Town Meeting Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Registered Voters --- 2123
Votes Cast --- 198
Voter Turnout --- 9%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

**Annual Town Election
Northfield, Massachusetts
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 4, 2010**

At the time and place set by the Warrant, the polls opened at 12:00 noon.
Two hundred and eighty two votes were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectmen

Three year term

Vote for One

Kathleen F. Wright	166
Jason R. Platek	104
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	12

Board of Assessors

Three year term

Vote for One	
Alice B. Lord	240
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	42
<u>Board of Assessors</u>	
Two year term	
Vote for One	
Kevin W. Rogers	97
Thomas R. Shearer	166
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	19
<u>Constable</u>	
Three year term	
Vote for Not More than Three	
David R. Brassor	228
James B. O'Shea	228
John D. Ware	224
Write – In Votes	1
Blanks	165
<u>Constable</u>	
<u>Northfield Farms</u>	
Three year term	
Vote for One	
Fredd M. Fuller	247
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	35
<u>Board of Health</u>	
Three year term	
Vote for Not more than Two	
Thomas E. Walker	219
Flora Sadri-Azarbayejani	189
Write – In Votes	1
Blanks	155
<u>Board of Library Trustees</u>	
Three year term	
Vote for Not more than Two	
Margot W. Fleck	214
Janet L. Wood	233
Write – In Votes	1
Blanks	116
<u>Planning Board</u>	
Five year term	
Vote for One	
Write – In Votes	10
Blanks	272
<u>Recreation Commission</u>	
Three year term	
Vote for Not More than Two	
Scott D. Milton	130
Suzanne V. Handren	164
Bridget A. Hammond	166

Write – In Votes	3
Blanks	101

Board of Sewer Commissioners

Three year term

Vote for One

Dan A. Gray	121
Thomas E. Walker	143
Write – In Votes	0
Blank	18

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials

Veteran

Three year term

Vote for One

Daniel J. Ryan	238
Write – In Votes	0
Blanks	44

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials

Non - Veteran

Three year term

Vote for One

Write – In Votes	8
Blanks	274

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voter – 2121
Votes Cast – 282
Voter Turnout – 13%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
August 24, 2010**

At the time and place set by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 12:00 noon.
Two hundred votes were cast with the following results;

QUESTION NO. 1

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$22,050.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to install central heating with hot water coils in air ducts and also add central air at all three buildings at the Pioneer Valley Regional School Central Office for the fiscal year beginning July first 2010?

YES	90
NO	110
BLANK	0

QUESTION NO. 2

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$19,600.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to replace carpet in the Phase 1 classroom and main office at the Pioneer Valley Regional School for the fiscal year beginning July first 2010?

YES	81
NO	119
BLANK	0

QUESTION NO. 3

Shall the Town of Northfield cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

YES	156
NO	44
BLANK	0

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
 Registered Voters -- 2093
 Votes Cast -- 200
 Voter Turnout -- 9.5

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
 Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 14, 2010

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. A total of three hundred and seventy two votes were cast with the following results;

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Governor

Vote for One
 Deval L. Patrick
 Tim Cahill
 Blanks
 All Others

Write - In

267
 1
 45
 6

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Governor

Vote for One		
Deval Patrick	Write - In	0
Blanks		0
All Others		1

Republican: Fifty Two ballots were cast:

Governor

Vote for One		
Charles D. Baker		50
Scott Lively	Write - In	1
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One		
Timothy P. Murray		261
	Write - In	0
Blanks		57
All Others		1

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		0
All Others		1

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One		
Richard R. Tisei		47
Keith Davis	Write - In	1
Blanks		4
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Attorney General

Vote for One		
Martha Coakley		269
	Write - In	0
Blanks		50
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Attorney General

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Attorney General

Vote for One		
James McKenna	Write - In	1
Guy Carbone	Write - In	0
Blanks		51
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Secretary of State

Vote for One		
William Francis Galvin		260
	Write - In	0
Blanks		59
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Secretary of State

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Secretary of State

Vote for One		
William C. Campbell		44
	Write - In	0
Blanks		8
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Treasurer

Vote for One		
Steven Grossman		162
Stephen J. Murphy		79
	Write - In	0
Blanks		78
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Treasurer

Vote for One

	Write - in	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

<u>Treasurer</u>		
Vote for One		
Karyn E. Polito		43
	Write - In	0
Blanks		9
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

<u>Auditor</u>		
Vote for One		
Suzanne M. Bump		190
Guy William Glodis		50
Mike Lake		31
	Write - In	0
Blanks		48
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

<u>Auditor</u>		
Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

<u>Auditor</u>		
Vote for One		
Mary Z. Connaughton		33
Kamal Jain		12
	Write - In	0
Blanks		7
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Representative in Congress

Vote for One		
John W. Olver		277
	Write - In	0
Blanks		41
All Others		1

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Representative in Congress

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1

All Others 0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Representative in Congress

Vote for One	
William L. Gunn, Jr.	44
	Write – In
	0
Blanks	8
All Others	0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Councillor

Vote for One		
Thomas T. Merrigan		277
	Write - In	0
Blanks		42
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Councillor

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Councillor

Vote for One		
Michael Franco		40
	Write – In	0
Blanks		12
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Senator in General Court

Vote for One		
Stanley C. Rosenberg		280
	Write - In	0
Blanks		39
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Senator in General Court

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Senator in General Court

Vote for One

	Write - In	0
Blanks		52
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

Representative in General Court

Vote for One		
Paul W. Mark		215
Noreen P. Suriner		57
Thomas S. Szczepaniak		29
	Write - In	0
Blanks		18
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

Representative in General Court

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

Representative in General Court

Vote for One		
Michael F. Case		29
Rosanne M. Frieri		18
	Write - In	0
Blanks		5
All Others		0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

District Attorney

Vote for One		
Michael A. Cahillane		91
David E. Sullivan		218
	Write - In	0
Blanks		10
All Others		0

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

District Attorney

Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

District Attorney

Vote for One		
Michael Cahillane	Write - In	2

Blanks	50
All Others	0

Democratic: Three hundred nineteen ballots were cast:

<u>Sheriff</u>		
Vote for One		
Christopher J. Donelan		266
Fred MacDonald	Write - In	2
Blanks		50
All Others		1

Libertarian: One ballot was cast:

<u>Sheriff</u>		
Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		1
All Others		0

Republican: Fifty two ballots were cast:

<u>Sheriff</u>		
Vote for One		
	Write - In	0
Blanks		51
All Others		1

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voters – 2097
Votes Cast – 372
Voter Turnout – 18%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting
Town of Northfield
September 27, 2010
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:02 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Moderator Nathan L'Etoile led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The "Rules of Debate" were read by the Moderator. One hundred and three registered voters were present to vote on the following articles.

Article 1. Passed/ Paper Ballot Yes - 56 No - 44 Blank - 1

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,698.00 for Police Department salaries and wages and \$7,302.00 for Police Department expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010.

Motion: For a Paper Ballot Passed / Hand Vote

Declared Majority by Moderator

Motion: To amend the Article:

Move that the town vote to raise and appropriate \$7698.00 for the sole purpose of a third police officer's salary and or wages, and that these monies cannot be added to the amount currently budgeted for patrolman as stated in the 2010 Warrant for Annual Meeting of \$34,942.00 until the position of patrolman (defined as "police officer" in the current *Town of Northfield's Personnel Policy revised 2007*) and as graded in the Town of Northfield Compensation Plan revised 9-19-2007, has been advertized in at least two local papers for a minimum of two weeks as an opening for a police officer, interviews conducted and it has been determined by a majority of the Selectboard that no person is willing to work for the current budgeted amount (\$34,942.00) for the position of police officer.

Motion: Paper Ballot for Amendment

Failed / Show of Hands

Yes – 31 No -- 42

Amendment: Failed / Show of Hands

Declared Majority by Moderator

Motion: To Move the Article Passed / Show of Hands

Declared Majority by Moderator

Article 2. Passed / Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to purchase a photocopier for Town Hall.

Article 3. Passed / Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to amend Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting, held May 3, 2010, as follows, (please note that words to be deleted are crossed out and words to be added are underlined):

to reserve for future appropriation ~~ten per cent (10%)~~ \$2,160.00 of the annual Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for open space purposes, ~~ten per cent (10%)~~ \$2,160.00 of the annual Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for historic resources purposes, and ~~ten per cent (10%)~~ \$2,160.00 of the annual Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community housing purposes.

Article 4. Passed / Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,080.00 of the Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for administrative purposes.

Article 5. Passed / Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Emergency Medical Services Fiscal Year 2011 revenues to pay for operating expenses related to acting as a primary ambulance transport organization.

There being no further business to come before the Town the Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the Special Town Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Registered Voters -- 2105

Votes Cast -- 103

Voter Turnout -- 5%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2010
Northfield, Massachusetts

At the time and place set forth in the warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. One thousand two hundred and forty seven votes were cast with the following results:

GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Vote for One

Patrick and Murray	Democratic	722
Baker and Tisei	Republican	364
Cahill and Loscocco	Independent	112
Stein and Purcell	Green-Rainbow	40
Blank		9
Write-in		0
All Others		0

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Vote for One

Martha Coakley	Democratic	820
James P. McKenna	Republican	402
Blank		25
Write-in		0
All Others		0

SECRETARY of STATE

Vote for One

William Francis Galvin	Democratic	806
William C. Campbell	Republican	347
James D. Henderson	Unenrolled	40
Blank		54
Write-in		0
All Others		0

TREASURER

Vote for One

Steven Grossman	Democratic	734
Karyn E. Polito	Republican	457
Blank		56
Write-in		0
All Others		0

AUDITOR

Vote for One

Suzanne M. Bump	Democratic	662
Mary Z. Connaughton	Republican	380
Nathanael Alexander Fortune	Green-Rainbow	122
Blank		83
Write-in		0
All Others		0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

First District

Vote for One

John W. Olver	Democratic	807
William L. Gunn Jr.	Republican	373
Michael Engel	Independent	50
Blank		16
Write-in		0
All Others		1

COUNCILLOR

Eight District

Vote for One

Thomas T. Merrigan	Democratic	872
Michael Franco	Republican	320
Blank		54
Write-in		0
All Others		1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Hampshire & Franklin District

Vote for One

Stanley C. Rosenberg	Democratic	996
Blank		249
Write-in		0
All Others		2

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Second Berkshire District

Vote for One

Michael F. Case	Republican	398
Paul W. Mark	Democratic	671
Stefan G. Racz	Non-Party	123
Blank		55
Write-in		0
All Others		0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Northwestern District

Vote for One

David E. Sullivan	Democratic	965
Blank		277
Write-in		0
All Others		5

SHERIFF

Franklin County

Vote for One

Christopher J. Donelan

Democratic

997

Blank

247

Write-in

0

All Others

3

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Franklin County

Vote for One

Bill Perlman

877

Blank

367

Write-in

0

All Others

3

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bernardston

Vote for not more than Two

4 year

Charles Hand

512

Marsha Pratt

800

Paul W. Luther

339

Blank

841

Write-ins

0

All Others

2

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Leyden

Vote for Not more than Two

4

year

Margaret E. Kaepple

686

Mary E. Glabach

794

Blank

1014

Write-in

0

All Others

0

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Northfield

Vote for One

4

year

William S. Wahlstrom

951

Blank

294

Write-in

0

All Others

2

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Warwick

Vote for One

4

year

Blank

1230

Write-in

Mark Maynard

6

All Others

11

Question #1

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would remove the Massachusetts sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol, where the sale of such beverages and alcohol or their importation into the state is already subject to a separate excise tax under state law. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2011.

A YES VOTE would remove the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol where their sale or importation into the state is subject to an excise tax under state law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol

Yes	408
No	793
Blank	46

Question #2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would repeal an existing state law that allows a qualified organization wishing to build government-subsidized housing that includes low- or moderate-income units to apply for a single comprehensive permit from a city or town's zoning board of appeals (ZBA), instead of separate permits from each local agency or official having jurisdiction over any aspect of the proposed housing. The repeal would take effect on January 1, 2011, but would not stop or otherwise affect any proposed housing that had already received both a comprehensive permit and a building permit for at least one unit.

Under the existing law, the ZBA holds a public hearing on the application and considers the recommendations of local agencies and officials. The ZBA may grant a comprehensive permit that may include conditions or requirements concerning the height, site plan, size, shape, or building materials of the housing. Persons aggrieved by the ZBA's decision to grant a permit may appeal it to a court. If the ZBA denies the permit or grants it with conditions or requirements that make the housing uneconomic to build or to operate, the applicant may appeal to the state Housing Appeals Committee (HAC).

After a hearing, if the HAC rules that the ZBA's denial of a comprehensive permit was unreasonable and not consistent with local needs, the HAC orders the ZBA to issue the permit. If the HAC rules that the ZBA's decision issuing a comprehensive permit with conditions or requirements made the housing uneconomic to build or operate and was not consistent with local needs, the HAC orders the ZBA to modify or remove any such condition or requirement so as to make the proposal no longer uneconomic. The HAC cannot order the ZBA to issue any permit that would allow the housing to fall below minimum safety standards or site plan requirements. If the HAC rules that the ZBA's action was consistent with local needs, the HAC must uphold it even if it made the housing uneconomic. The HAC's decision is subject to review in the courts.

A condition or requirement makes housing "uneconomic" if it would prevent a public agency or non-profit organization from building or operating the housing except at a financial loss, or it would prevent a limited dividend organization from building or operating the housing without a reasonable return on its investment.

A ZBA's decision is "consistent with local needs" if it applies requirements that are reasonable in view of the regional need for low- and moderate-income housing and the number of low-income persons in the city or town, as well as the need to protect health and safety, promote better site and building design, and preserve open space, if those requirements are applied as equally as

possible to both subsidized and unsubsidized housing. Requirements are considered "consistent with local needs" if more than 10% of the city or town's housing units are low- or moderate-income units or if such units are on sites making up at least 1.5% of the total private land zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use in the city or town. Requirements are also considered "consistent with local needs" if the application would result, in any one calendar year, in beginning construction of low- or moderate-income housing on sites making up more than 0.3% of the total private land zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use in the city or town, or on ten acres, whichever is larger.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would repeal the state law allowing the issuance of a single comprehensive permit to build housing that includes low- or moderate-income units.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state law allowing issuance of such a comprehensive permit.

Yes	356
No	810
Blank	81

Question #3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state sales and use tax rates (which were 6.25% as of September 2009) to 3% as of January 1, 2011. It would make the same reduction in the rate used to determine the amount to be deposited with the state Commissioner of Revenue by non-resident building contractors as security for the payment of sales and use tax on tangible personal property used in carrying out their contracts.

The proposed law provides that if the 3% rates would not produce enough revenues to satisfy any lawful pledge of sales and use tax revenues in connection with any bond, note, or other contractual obligation, then the rates would instead be reduced to the lowest level allowed by law.

The proposed law would not affect the collection of moneys due the Commonwealth for sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property or services occurring before January 1, 2011.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state sales and use tax rates to 3%.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales and use tax rates.

Yes	356
No	846
Blank	45

Question #4

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to support legislation that would establish health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health or employment status, by creating a single payer health insurance system like Medicare that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts?

Yes	745
No	377
Blank	125

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m

Registered Voters: 2129

Votes Cast: 1247

Voter Turnout: 59%

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. A total of one thousand two hundred and seventy five ballots were cast with the following results;

Senator in Congress

Vote for One		
Scott P. Brown	Republican	508
Martha Coakley	Democratic	744
Joseph L. Kennedy	Liberty	23
	Write - In	0
Blanks		0
All Others		0

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voters – 2118
Votes Cast – 1275
Voter Turnout – 60%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

Births Deaths Marriages	
Births	25
Deaths	21
Marriages	13

Dog Licenses	
Male/Female	97
Spayed Female/ Neutered Male	596
Kennel (10 dogs)	4
Kennel (more than 10 dogs)	1
By Law Violations	61

Fish and Game

Resident Fishing	14	Citizen Hunting	5
Fishing (minor)		Citizen Hunting (65-69)	
Fishing (65-69)	3	Cit Hunting (para)	
Fishing (hdcp)	11	Alien Hunting	
NR Fishing	3	NR Hunting Big Game	9
NR Fishing (3day)	3	NR Hunting Small Game	
Fishing (3day)		Minor Hunting	1
NR Minor Fishing		Sporting	15
Duplicate Fishing	1	Sporting (65-69)	1
Trapping		Sporting (age 70+)	13
Minor Trapping		Duplicate Hunting	
Trapping (65-69)		Duplicate Sporting	
Duplicate Trapping			
Archery Stamp	14	Primitive Firearms	17
Waterfowl Stamp	6	Non Resident Primitive Firearms	10

Northfield Agricultural Commission

In 2010, the Northfield Agricultural Commission (Ag Comm) served its role by supporting commercial agriculture interests in the town, encouraging the pursuits of agriculture in Northfield, and acting as mediators, advocates, educators and negotiators on farming issues. In 2005, a growing awareness of increased development pressure and the desire of the community to maintain its rural character and agricultural tradition resulted in the town's approval by vote of both the formation of the Ag Comm and the Right to Farm bylaw.

In 2010, following two incidences of complaints from residents about neighbors' animals, the Selectboard (Board) asked the Ag Comm to consider animal nuisance laws which would apply to the town's non-farm residences not covered by the town's Right to Farm bylaw. In 2011, the Ag Comm will research and make recommendations to the Board on animal nuisance laws appropriate for the town, seeking guidance from the Massachusetts Farm Bureau. The fact that the whole town of Northfield is zoned for agriculture may provide a unique challenge.

The Ag Comm continues to encourage the Board to reconsider the closing of the Gill Road Extension off of Route 10 to all trucks and the lack of exception made for farm vehicles. Several farms in West Northfield are affected by the road closing, and the Ag Comm fears the hazards created on Route 10 by slow moving farm vehicles, as well as the potential hardship this places on several of the town's farms.

To raise awareness of agriculture's importance to the town of Northfield, the Ag Comm is currently pursuing the design, construction and posting of signs to promote the town's support of the Right to Farm bylaw, using as models similar signs posted in other Western Mass ag-friendly towns such as Leyden and Plainfield. The Right to Farm bylaw "encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmland within the Town of Northfield by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies." (see p 9 of the town's [Bylaws and Regulations](#)) The Ag Comm hopes to receive approval from the Board and Northfield Highway Department for this project, and to host a town-wide contest for sign designs. The Ag Comm would like to post the signs in key locations visible to drivers entering Northfield.

The Ag Comm looks forward to another year of working with the town and the community to continue strengthening agriculture in Northfield.

Respectfully submitted by members of the Agricultural Commission:

Bill Ames, Dave Brown, Dave Kalinowski, Gene L'Etoile, Bill Llewelyn, Bill Roberts, Kate Rossiter, Al Stone and Jerry Wagener

Conservation Commission 2010 Annual Report

Members:

William Llewelyn, Chairman
Michael Barry
Charlie Blanker
Joan Deely
David Thomas (*absent member*)

Sarah Goodwin, Administrative Assistant

The Northfield Conservation Commission holds its monthly meetings at the Town Hall, every third Wednesday of the month and met thirteen times in 2010. William Llewelyn was reelected Chairman in June.

Our work for this year consisted of:

- 3 Site Visits
- 2 Notice of Intent

- 2 Approved
- 0 Denied
- 0 WPA Emergency Certifications
- 7 Requests for Determination Hearings
 - 0 Positive Findings
 - 7 Negative Findings
- 1 Orders of Enforcement
- 0 Certificates of Compliance
- 3 Projects granted Conservation Restriction
- 5 Forest Cutting Plans reviewed

The Commission welcomed the PVRs Evirothon Team to attend its meeting in March and answered questions about wetland management in Northfield. Some WPA Filings which came before the Commission included; NMH Landfill Capping project, a Bundled NOI for Four Mile Brook maintenance in order to make it easier for the town to maintain the road for the next three years and act upon emergency repairs necessary, and the restoration of the Shearer property along the CT River. Jerry Wagener presented the idea of CT Riverside Trails, being undertaken by the Open Space Committee, to the Commission as a project which, pending grants and landowner interest, will require the assistance of the Commission and formal Hearings in the coming year.

Citizen concerns included; the clearing of land for agriculture on Glen Road, two public records requests, East Street auto body business operation, Fice Acre Farm drainage, Bordner Spring, and Biomass construction in Winchester.

Jay Rasku, of Mt. Grace Land Conservation, became a frequent guest at Commission meetings throughout the year presenting the Conservation with the Metacomet Monadnock Forest Legacy Project, which included 15 land owners, 1425 acres, and a 3 million dollar project, 151 acres of which would establish the first Northfield Town Forest. Many Town residents attended a Special Meeting of the Commission in order to hear Rasku explain the project and attendees were able to express their focus for the Forest Stewardship Plan recommendations being compiled by Mike Mauri. Mt. Grace also worked with the Commission on establishing a Copeland Conservation Restriction, which involved four parcels of land and totaled 180 acres.

The General Orders of Condition which usually accompany a "Negative Finding" in a Notice of Determination were restructured to make them easier for applicants to work with. The Commission also opened an email account Northfield.CONSCOM@gmail.com in order to make it more convenient for inquiries about current projects, WPA filing questions, being put on the agenda for addressing the Commission at regular monthly meetings, submitting digital photographs, and coordinating site visits. We look forward to the addition of digital meeting minutes and updated forms available on the Town's website in 2011.

The Commission saw many resends, contractors and environmental companies about WPA filing procedures, septic system replacement and building in possible wetland buffer zones. Anyone who has questions about these procedures or even whether or not they need to file are encouraged to contact the Commission via email or by calling the Town Hall. Thank you to all who've assisted us and we look forward to working with the town in the year to come.

Northfield Council on Aging/Senior Center

The year 2010 was a year of dramatic growth for the Council on Aging/Senior Center with the development of the Senior Recreation Area, increase in programming, and the number of people served.

The COA expanded its resources via the design and construction of an 11,000 sq. ft. Senior Outdoor Recreation Area on town hall property. Northfield Kiwanis community service project kicked things off building two raised garden beds, horse shoe pits, perennial beds, and the spring clean up and fertilization of the lawn.

Voters approved the transfer of \$20,000 from the Senior Center Design account to pay material costs for an 18 x 32 foot modified post and beam pavilion. Special mention goes to volunteer pavilion designer and project manager Steve Roberto, excavation work by Tom Walker, Kevin Steiner of the highway department, and electrician Tom McDonald. Their volunteer time and services saved the project tens of thousands of dollars. The pavilion was erected, and electrically wired, at no cost to the Town, by Franklin County Technical School carpentry and electrical students.

Extensive landscaping was accomplished with the volunteer hours of many local townspeople. The Northfield Garden Club, Village Improvement Society and Steve Seredynski gave generously of their time and resources, as did a dedicated weekly gardening crew of seniors led by Jeanette Tessier.

Garden fresh tomatoes, cukes, parsley and basil were harvested from the garden beds and enjoyed weekly during congregate meals and potlucks. Horseshoes, croquet and gardening were added to our exercise programming. There were five park benches purchased in memoriam of loved ones.

Programming and participation statistics:

2010 saw an overall growth of 21% from 2009. Attributing to the growth; an 18% increase in days of programming; 14% increase in number of programs; 18% increase in participation in those programs; 82% increase in exercise activities, 249% increase in mentally stimulating activities such as bridge, mahjong, dice and bingo.

We saw a decline in person to person intakes for fuel assistance and Medicare plan reviews for three reasons:

- 1) Outside agencies sponsored education and enrollment days here at the senior center to alleviate our work load.
- 2) The steady incline over the years of first time fuel assistance applicants level off now because they can recertify annually on their own.
- 3) 2009 saw a huge increase in Medicare Advantage plan premium costs prompting many people to review and change coverage. 2010 saw very little variance in the premium cost, so most people remained with their current plans.

Conclusion: The COA/Senior Center is a thriving meeting place of activity and support for a large segment of Northfield's population. Programs are largely run by participants and volunteers. Education, healthy aging, and social interaction are on-going and growing at a tremendous pace fueled by newly retired participants and those brought in by new programming. For information on our programs and services call the Senior Center at 498-2186.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Ducharme Sweeney, Director

Northfield Cultural Council

For fiscal year 2011, the state awarded our cultural council \$3870 to distribute to grant applicants. The council met twice this year including our meeting on November 17 2010 at the town hall to make decisions how to distribute the funds. The council members include Amy Boyden, Karina Berenson (Secretary), Deborah Potee (Chairperson), Elliott Hunnewell, Marianne Wilkinson, Tammy Pelletier (absent from meeting), Crystal McNeil and Bruce Kahn. We received 36 applications and awarded grants in full or in part to 21 of them. The grantees and the amounts they were awarded are listed below:

Steve Damon \$100
Nicol Wander \$150
Memorial Hall Association \$100
Northfield Arts Group \$400
Dickinson Memorial Library \$300
Dickinson Memorial Library \$250
Town of Northfield \$100
Shea Community Theatre \$100

Museum of Our Industrial Heritage \$100
Jay Loubris Pass Grant for the Museum of Science \$300
Old Maps \$300
Northfield PTO \$300
Northfield PTO \$250
The Country Players \$100
Arena Civic Theatre \$100
Orange Revitalization Partnership \$100
United Arc of Franklin & Hampshire Counties \$100
Rachel Roberts \$170
Rachel Roberts \$145
Music in Deerfield \$100

ENERGY COMMITTEE

As of March, 2011, the Energy Committee continues to meet the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Dickinson Memorial Library downstairs meeting room. Visitors are always welcome. We are happy to announce that we have two new members who joined the committee in February of 2011.

Mission Statement: The Northfield Energy Committee is working on behalf of the Town to help stabilize energy costs and to reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy sources by promoting energy conservation, efficient design and construction techniques, and the use of renewable energy.

The Committee continues to provide an article for the Northfield Newsletter that we hope readers find thought provoking as well as practical. In 2010 we added an Energy Committee page to the town website where people can link to useful energy related sites and contact Committee members with questions or concerns. We are always happy to have residents attend meetings to discuss their building or remodeling projects.

Our long awaited street light report should be completed and submitted to the Select Board in March of 2011. Last spring, Committee member Peter Talmage, created a PowerPoint presentation on street lighting that was recorded on DVD, shown on BNCTV, and is available at the Dickinson Memorial Library. This presentation is an excellent source of information about street lighting in general and Northfield's lighting in particular. I suggest people watch this to glean some background information as we move forward this year in an effort to make our street lighting more efficient and save the Town money.

In the spring of 2010 the Energy Committee facilitated a lighting upgrade at the Dickinson Memorial Library. The library was able to take advantage of a program sponsored by WMECO that paid for 70% of the cost to remove old inefficient fluorescent lights and ballasts and replace them with new ones that use significantly less energy for the same amount of light output.

In September of 2010 the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Select Board that Northfield pursue obtaining the State designation of "green community" under the Green Communities Act of 2008. The Town received a grant for training through the FRCOG and we had our first meeting in January, 2011 and the next meeting is scheduled in March. The process and the work involved will take over a year but, if we are approved, we will be eligible for grant money for town building energy projects among other positives for the Town of Northfield.

Submitted by

Bob Pasteris, Co-Chair

Historical Commission

The main focus of the year was on our projected comprehensive town survey. We were successful in our request for CPA funding of \$1,000 for the initial inventory, which was completed in the fall by Bonnie Parsons, a consultant for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. In November we began the process of looking for funding for the complete survey, and sent the pre-application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for \$10,000 from their Planning and Survey Grant. These grants require matching funds and we hope to receive another grant from the CPA funds in the new year.

Members of the Commission were represented on other committees: Transition Northfield, the Business/Tourism group and particularly the Town Hall Planning Committee, which required our input on the restoration of Belcher Monument and on insurance of town monuments.

The Commission was able to fund the costs of publicity printing for the Day of History in May, honoring composer Timothy Swan with a costumed musical tour in the Center Cemetery.

It is with great regret that we had to accept the resignations of two members: Joel Fowler and Bill Schweikert. Their individual areas of expertise have been of enormous benefit to the Commission.

Marie Booth Ferré, Chair

Northfield Open Space Committee

During 2010 the Open Space Committee (OSC) met ten times and made substantial progress on a number of the actions items specified in the Northfield Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP), approved by the town in November 2005. The OSRP is scheduled to expire in November 2012 and therefore efforts have begun to revise the OSRP and have the town vote for renewal at the May 2012 town meeting.

When approved in 2005 the period for an OSRP was five years. However, last year the state changed this to seven years for new OSRPs and allowed communities with existing OSRPs to apply for a two-year extension by providing updates to the *Action* section; the OSC put considerable effort into making such an application, and was granted the two-year extension.

A major activity of the committee during 2011 will be to prepare the revised version for consideration by the town at the May 2012 town meeting. This will involve conducting a new survey, holding public meetings, and revising sections of the current OSRP accordingly.

Consistent with the goals of the OSRP, in 2010 the OSC initiated activities to place trails along certain sections of the riverbank in Northfield owned by FirstLight Power, Inc (FLP). The sections currently envisioned include south of Bennett Meadows and north of King Philips Hill, both on the west side of the river, and between the boat ramp and the mouth of Mill Brook on the east side of the river. The OSC is working with FLP, which is supportive of this initiative. The OSC has applied for a DCR trail-building grant to experiment with a short trail extending south from the boat ramp; if granted that work can start in the summer of 2011.

The OSC continues its strong working relationships with the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership. During 2010 the OSC worked closely with these organizations to promote town acceptance of 151 acres of woodland southwest of Gulf Road. This property was purchased with Forest Legacy funds, will be permanently protected from development, and will be managed with a forest stewardship plan. The town accepted this land at the May 2010 town meeting; the stewardship plan will allow periodic conservation-protecting timber harvests, which could, over time, generate more revenue for the town than corresponding (CR or Chap 61) property taxes.

The OSRP specifies a number of ongoing responsibilities, including:

- o Citizen Stewardship: The Citizen Stewardship Award, an annual award initiated in 2007, was awarded for the fourth time in 2010.
- o Open Space Conservation: On the order of 200 acres of open space in Northfield, mostly forest, were permanently protected in 2010. The OSC continues to track and promote various opportunities to conserve open space in Northfield.
- o Stream Monitoring: The OSC continues to partner with a local non-profit group, Greater Northfield Watershed Association (GNWA), on issues of mutual interests.
- o Trail Work: The OSC continues to monitor trails and, as described above, has initiated the establishment of a set of trails along the riverbanks of the Connecticut River.

The full OSRP, OSC membership, meeting times, and meeting minutes, as well as other documents, are on the OSC page of the town's website, www.northfield.ma.us. The OSC has representatives on three other Northfield committees: Agricultural Commission, Community Preser-

vation Committee, and the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted by members of the Open Space Committee: Michael Barry, Ruth Gallagher, Joanne McGee, Susan Ross, Kate Rossiter, Jennifer Tufts, Jerrold Wagener

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2010/2011 are \$183,838 (which includes unused Scholarship money from 2009/2010 that was reallocated to the scholarship fund).

EDUCATION:

The trustees received 300 applications and approved 282 students to receive **\$157,171**. This amount includes the two \$1000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH:

Four (4) health programs were approved totaling **\$17,600:**

\$5300.00	Hospice of Franklin County
\$5300.00	New England Learning Center for Women In Transition (NELCWIT)
\$3000.00	Tripp Memorial Inc.
\$4000.00	Community Action WIC Programs

AGRICULTURE:

An amount of **\$9067.00** was allowed by the trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$6147.00
Heath Agricultural Fair	\$2158.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$ 762.00

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore G. Penick
Trustee (Northfield)

Northfield Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five regular members and three alternate members. They are appointed for 5-year alternating terms and are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets on Monday evenings as needed for business meetings and public hearings. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector. The Board has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts.

The ZBA acted on various requests as follows:

Granted:

1/20/10 Bill Willey, 65 Hillside Rd, Montague, MA & Vincent Pernice, 264 Martindale Rd., Bernardston, MA at 90 East Street ~ Special Permit

3/24/10 David W. Thomas, 96 Main Street ~ Special Permit

5/12/10 The Lane Construction Corporation, 216 Mount Hermon Station Road ~ 3-year renewal

Withdrawal:

6/23/10 Pamela Brown, 18 Aldrich Street, at 95 Main Street ~ withdrawal of special permit application

Forwarded to Planning Board:

12/14/10 Vasilios Parios, 198 Main Street, Northfield, MA for a Special Permit at 190 Main Street ~ to Planning Board for Site Plan Review

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Richardson, Chair

Marguerite Lentz, Clerk

Edward Shearer, Member

William Forrest, Member

Mary King, Member

Raymond Clark, Associate Member

Robert Barnes, Associate Member

Erin Jaworski, Associate Member

Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant

TOWN HALL MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

It has been a busy and very productive year for members of the new Town Hall Master Planning Committee. There have been major improvements to the buildings and grounds of the Town Hall. Much of what has been accomplished has been through hundreds of hours of volunteer labor and expertise. All the folks involved deserve our thanks. It is what makes Northfield a special place to live. We believe that the Town Hall and grounds are "the heart and soul" of the Northfield community.

Under the direction of Suzanne Sweeney the new Senior Outdoor Recreation Area continues to evolve. The new pavilion is being constructed by students from the Franklin County Technical School. The pavilion was designed by Steve Roberto, who has also supervised the construction. Tom Walker and Kevin Steiner donated their free time and expertise to excavate the foundation, saving a great deal of money for the project. Tom McDonald supervised the electrical installation. Northfield Kiwanis sponsored a Community Service Day in April with labor and funds for the project. Town Hall grounds were cleaned. Lime and organic fertilizer were applied to the lawn areas. 2 raised bed gardens and a horseshoe pit were constructed. The Northfield Garden Club planted a shrub border along the south property line, and a perennial garden around the equipment shed.

Members of the Northfield Kiwanis also reclaimed the overgrown east lawn area on Town Hall grounds. Small trees, saplings, and invasive bittersweet were cut out. The entire area was York raked. The area was brush mowed several times until it could be maintained by regular lawn mowing.

Leaders from the Northfield Boy Scouts undertook the painting of the Boy Scout House and the equipment shed. The paint was provided at a substantial discount from Kidders, and paid for with a grant from Northfield Kiwanis. The buildings look great.

The overgrown shrubs in front of Town Hall were removed. A large, diseased Maple tree was removed from the north lawn that was threatening Belcher Memorial and the Town Hall. The replacement value of Belcher Memorial was assessed at \$100,000 thousand dollars.

A concrete pad for the dumpsters was installed. A composting bin was installed for food scraps, and compost for the gardens.

Design of a Northfield flag was undertaken. Northfield Elementary sixth grade students and local artisans have submitted some outstanding design concepts.

The committee was able to obtain, at no cost, several surplus specimen trees from the Main Street Project. 7 were installed at the Town Hall, and 1 at the Elementary School to replace 1 lost in an ice storm. In addition private fund raising took place to plant an additional tree at Town Hall. These trees include a Brandywine flowering crab, Kornus Kousa flowering dogwood, Autumn Blaze maple, Valley Forge American elm, Ginkgo Biloba, and Paper bark maple.

Funding provided by the Community Preservation Act was utilized to have historical plaques and Belcher fountain professionally evaluated for preservation. Copies of the final report were forwarded to all committees and stake holders. Based on the report work was undertaken around Belcher Memorial. Northfield Kiwanis members under the direction on stone mason Ken Hammond installed a concrete paver walkway to the memorial, and drainage rock around the memorial. This will serve to stabilize the vault that the memorial rests on. This year the light on the memorial will be electrified. Landscaping in front of the memorial will be added as permitted by the State.

Future projects, pending funding include:

Replacement of the badly deteriorated Town Hall Front Steps

Structural evaluation of the Town Hall for preservation

Electrical service upgrades to the pavilion, equipment shed, and Boy Scout House

Upgrade to the Town Hall Emergency Generator

Committee Members:

Stephen Serendynski Co-Chair

Steve Roberto Co-Chair

Suzanne Sweeney

Tom McDonald

Tom Walker

Kathy Wright

Cindy Girard

Ruth Gallagher

Bernardston Northfield Cable Television Renegotiating Committee

The Bernardston Northfield Cable Television Renegotiating Committee is currently in the process of negotiating new franchise agreements for both towns with Comcast, the Cable television service provider in both communities. The current agreements expire in October 2011.

The committee is made up of representatives appointed by the Boards of Selectmen in each town. Following a public hearing last spring, we have been in discussions with Comcast

regarding the new agreements and the concerns raised through the hearing, including areas of coverage and support for BNCTV, the public access station which serves the towns. We would like to thank the residents who came forward and presented their concerns at the public hearing. As the process continues and negotiations come to a close, the agreements will be presented to each Selectboard for their consideration. The respective boards have the final authority to approve the franchise agreements.

Brian Brault, Chair

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2010

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise
Assets				
Cash and Investments	886,724	231,778	0	0
Accounts Receivable:				
Property Taxes	156,626	1,876	0	0
Excise Taxes	56,210	0	0	0
Tax Liens	33,037	0	0	0
User Charges	36,608	0	0	0
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-23,459	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	722	0	0	0
Due From Other Funds	82,370	111,917	17,946	0
Due from Other Governments	0	936,803	0	0
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	1,228,838	1,282,374	17,946	0
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Liabilities:				
Warrants, Payrolls, & Accounts Payable	215,058	5,206	0	0
Employee Withholdings	309	0	0	0
Due to Others	8,674	40	0	0
Deferred Revenue:				
Property Taxes & Tax Liens	166,202	1,876	0	0
Other	92,818	936,803	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	209,225	0	0
Bonds/Notes Payable	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	483,061	1,153,150	0	0
Fund Equity:				
Fund Balance:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	107,393	0	0	0
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	0	0	0	0
Unreserved:				
Designated for Subsequent Years'				
Expenditures	283,150	33,412	0	0
Undesignated	355,234	95,812	17,946	0
Total Fund Equity	745,777	129,224	17,946	0
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,228,838	1,282,374	17,946	0

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS				LIABILITIES & F	
Cash &				Warrants	
Investments				Payable	
Gfld Co-op Bank-				Accounts	
Checking		-642483		Payable	
Tax Collector Checking		200		Accrued Payrolls P	
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep					
Acct.		989860		Fees Payable	
Bank of Western Mass		101296		Payroll Withholdin	
MMDT-Combined					
Investment		16218		Other Liabilities	
Unibank Tax Receipt Acct		94286		Unclaimed CH	
Unibank Investment Acct.		327347	886724	Bid Bonds	
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds		82370	82370	Deferred	
Accounts				Revenue	
Receivable					
Personal Property Taxes				Property Taxe	
Prior years	2,331			Property Taxe	
2009	915			Property Taxe	
2010	1871			Property Taxe	
2011	-93	5024		Property Taxe	
Real Estate Taxes				Property Taxe	
Prior years	-79.46			Property Taxe	
2007	2789			Tax Liens	
2008	21308			Special Assess	
2009	56061			Motor Vehicle	
2010	109381			Other	
2011	-39782	149677.54		Excise	
Allowance for Abate &				Sewer Use	
Exempt					
Prior years	-7051			Sewer Liens	
2006	0			Fund Balance	
2007	0			Res-Continuin	
2008	0			Approps	
2009	-3668			Res-Expenditu	
2010	-12740	-23459	131242.54	Unreserved	
Tax Liens		33037	33037		
Ch59 Sec2D Spec Assmnt		1924.21	1924.21		
Motor Vehicle Excise		56175			
Farm Animal Excise		35			
Boat Excise		0	56210		
Sewer Use		28062			
Sewer Liens		8546	36608		
Other Assets					
Prepaid Expenses			722		
			1228837.75		
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS LIABILITIES & F

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	-220280	Accounts Payable
Due from Comm of Mass	936803	Deferred Revenue
		Fund Balance

716523

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

ASSETS

Greenfield Co-op No-Pen Cd	206518.14
CPA Tax Surcharge 2009	1684
CPA Tax Surcharge 2010	281
CPA Tax Surcharge 2011	-89

208394.14

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TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS

Arts Council	
Savings	3966
Cash-due from Genl Fund	25442

LIABILITIES & F

Deferred Revenue
Fund Balance-Res
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Accounts Payable
Accrued Payrolls F
Fund Balances
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COA
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Bd of Hlth-M
FEMA/MEM
& Ice
Stormwater M

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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	60692
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LIABILITIES & F

Fund Balances
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LIABILITIES & F

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LIABILITIES & F

Notes Payable
Fund Balance

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LIABILITIES & F

Notes Payable
Fund Balance

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TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
M Alexander-Checking	14563	
M Alexander- CDs	89087	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	87006.9	
T Hurley-Invest Acct	15160	
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	222889	
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	-3009	
	425696.9	

LIABILITIES & F	
Accrued Payrolls F	
Fund Balances- No	
PC Center Cen	
Belcher	
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J Cowles Cem	
C Stearns Cem	
F Lane Cem	
PC West Nfld	
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L Holton	
Cem	
PC Nlfd Farm	
PC Mt Hermo	
M Callander C	
PC Pentecost	
PC So. Mtn. C	
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Belcher Libran	
C Dickinson I	
M Montague I	
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Holton Library	
McGowan Lib	
T Hurley Libr	
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PC West Nfld	
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PC Mt Hermo	
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Belcher Libran	
C Dickinson I	
M Montague I	
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Holton Library	
Merriman Lib	
E Jackson Lib	
M Stanley Lib	
R Giles Libran	
McGowan Lib	
Library Bldg	
C&P Lawrenc	
T Hurley Libr	
M Alexander	
L Evans Char	
G Morgan Ch	
R Evans Char	
M Starkweath	
E Alexander C	
Surplus Rev- .	
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E Jackson- To	
W Parker-Mnt	
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ASSETS

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AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS

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LIABILITIES & R
Police Outside Det
Payable

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS

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LIABILITIES & F
Bonds-Issued 7/92
Bonds-Issued 7/92
Bonds-Issued 7/93

TOWN
OF NORTHFIELD

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES				Period: July 2009 to	
Account #	Account Name	Current Year Budgeted	Adjustments	Net Working Budget	Current Expendi
11401	MODERATOR SALARY	50.00	0.00	50.00	
11410	MODERATOR EXPENSE	30.00	0.00	30.00	
12201	SELECTMEN SALARIES	5322.00	0.00	5322.00	
12202	ADMIN ASST SALARY	53033.00	-3230.15	49802.85	
12203	SECRETARY SALARY	33531.00	0.00	33531.00	
12210	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	10030.00	0.00	10030.00	
12230	ADMIN ASST EXPENSE	825.00	500.00	1325.00	
13110	FIN COMM EXPENSE	1391.00	0.00	1391.00	
13210	RESERVE FUND	15000.00	-6465.24	8534.76	
13501	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	24216.00	0.00	24216.00	
13510	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	335.00	0.00	335.00	
13550	ACCT FIXED ASSETS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	
14101	ASSESSORS SALARIES	4884.00	0.00	4884.00	
14102	ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	33677.00	0.00	33677.00	
14103	ASSESSOR'S PROP INSP	6000.00	0.00	6000.00	
14110	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	15155.00	0.00	15155.00	
14150	ASSESSORS RECORDS PRESERVATION	2072.00	0.00	2072.00	
14152	APPRAISAL NFLD MTN PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	
14153	ASSESSORS COMPUTER	4312.58	0.00	4312.58	
14501	TREASURER SALARY	11078.00	0.00	11078.00	
14510	TREASURER EXPENSE	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	
14601	TAX COLL SALARY	11078.00	0.00	11078.00	
14610	TAX COLL EXPENSE	4700.00	465.20	5165.20	
15110	TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	
15111	LEGAL EXP-PRIOR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00	
15510	COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	11771.00	0.00	11771.00	
15554	COMPUTERS 5/03	1379.02	0.00	1379.02	
15810	TAX TITLE	2300.00	0.00	2300.00	
15910	COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	2100.00	0.00	2100.00	
15950	TOWN HALL COPIER	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16101	TOWN CLERK SALARY	25180.00	0.00	25180.00	
16110	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3455.00	0.00	3455.00	
16111	TOWN CLERK-PRIOR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16151	TOWN CLRK/REGISTR-PRIOR YR	0.00	150.00	150.00	
16210	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	6625.00	0.00	6625.00	
17110	CONSERV COMM EXPENSE	1862.00	0.00	1862.00	
17510	PLANNING BD EXPENSE	1984.00	0.00	1984.00	
17610	ZBA EXPENSE	3064.00	0.00	3064.00	
17810	OPEN SPACE COMM	200.00	0.00	200.00	
17901	LAND DAMAGES	1.00	0.00	1.00	
17950	MASS APR PROGRAM	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	
17954	CONS & LAND CONSULTANT	492.15	0.00	492.15	
19201	TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	12974.00	0.00	12974.00	
19204	CUSTODIAN EXPENSE	175.00	0.00	175.00	
19210	TOWN HALL MAINT.	38305.00	-2843.15	35461.85	
19211	TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	6600.00	735.00	7335.00	
19265	T HALL RENOVATIONS	1565.67	0.00	1565.67	
19267	T HALL PROJECTS 05/07	3075.96	0.00	3075.96	
19268	T HALL DISHWASHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	
19510	TOWN REPORTS	250.00	0.00	250.00	
19910	TOWN CLOCK	150.00	0.00	150.00	
19951	REPAIR TOWN CLOCK	0.00	0.00	0.00	

21001	POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	193518.00	7770.30	201288.30	2
21010	POLICE OPER EXPENSE	26433.00	2229.70	28662.70	
21050	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	0.00	0.00	0.00	
21051	POLICE STATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	
22001	FIRE DEPT SALARIES	4869.00	0.00	4869.00	
22002	FIRE DEPT WAGES	36720.00	2288.30	39008.30	
22010	FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	15950.00	300.00	16250.00	
22011	FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8000.00	100.00	8100.00	
22012	FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	
22013	FIRE HYDRANTS	5460.00	0.00	5460.00	
22014	FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	14250.00	-400.00	13850.00	
22015	FIRE PONDS	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	
22016	FIRE PONDS-PR YR ENCUMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	
22052	REPAIR/PAINT FIRE STATION	1176.00	0.00	1176.00	
22055	PERS ALERT DEVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	
22056	FIRE TRUCK	0.00	0.00	0.00	
23201	EMS WAGES & SALARY	16741.00	-55.28	16685.72	
23210	EMS EXPENSE	10060.00	55.28	10115.28	
23250	EMS PROF TRAINING	310.00	0.00	310.00	
23251	EMS-BILL OF PRIOR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00	
23260	EMS-AMBULANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	
24101	BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	23349.00	0.04	23349.04	
24110	BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1050.00	0.00	1050.00	
24210	GAS INSPECTIONS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	
24510	WIRE INSPECTION	4050.00	0.00	4050.00	
29110	CIVIL DEFENSE	400.00	0.00	400.00	
29201	DOG OFFICER SALARY	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	
29210	DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1450.00	0.00	1450.00	
29410	TREE DEPT EXPENSE	8500.00	0.00	8500.00	
29901	CONSTABLE WAGES	846.00	0.00	846.00	
29910	CONSTABLE EXPENSE	30.00	0.00	30.00	
29930	FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	0.00	1.00	
29950	HEPATITIS SHOTS	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	
29951	RABIES SHOTS	595.00	0.00	595.00	
30053	ELEM SCH CAPITAL REPAIRS	0.00	0.00	0.00	
30061	ELEM SCH STAIR TREADS	461.63	0.00	461.63	
30063	ELEM SCH ROOF REPAIRS	15000.00	0.00	15000.00	
30064	ELEM SCH BLDG REPAIRS	1888.10	0.00	1888.10	
31010	PVRS OPER ASSESSMENT	3321171.00	0.00	3321171.00	33
31012	PVRS TEACHER SAL DEFERRAL	4536.47	0.00	4536.47	
31053	PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESS	393289.76	0.00	393289.76	3
32010	FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	285320.00	0.00	285320.00	2
32050	FCTS CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	
42110	HWY SUPT EXPENSE	8200.00	1300.00	9500.00	
42111	HWY DEPT COMPUTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	
42201	HWY DEPT WAGES	228448.00	0.00	228448.00	2
42210	HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	150000.00	-6300.00	143700.00	1
42211	OIL & STONING	60000.00	0.00	60000.00	
42212	HWY TOOLS	1200.00	0.00	1200.00	
42213	OIL & STONE-PR YR ENCUMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	
42250	SIDEWALKS	26700.00	0.00	26700.00	
42251	REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	
42252	OLD WENDELL RD	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	
42310	SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	71800.00	0.00	71800.00	
42410	STREET LIGHTS	13700.00	0.00	13700.00	
42910	MACHINE MAINT	76500.00	5000.00	81500.00	
42911	HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	11000.00	0.00	11000.00	
42912	HWY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1.00	0.00	1.00	

42913	HWY BILL OF PR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00
42950	HWY DEPT TRUCK	0.00	0.00	0.00
42951	HWY DEPT-PURCH EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
42952	SURVEY BOUNDS-TOWN WAYS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00
42953	HWY SANDER	0.00	0.00	0.00
42954	HWY PLOW & EQUIP	10000.00	0.00	10000.00
42959	HWY GARAGE MAINT & ENRGY EFF	10000.00	0.00	10000.00
43110	SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	7580.00	0.00	7580.00
43310	TRANSFER STATION	128470.00	0.00	128470.00
44001	SEWER COMM SALARIES	1344.00	0.00	1344.00
44002	SEWER DEPT WAGES	68209.00	0.00	68209.00
44003	SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	3188.00	0.00	3188.00
44010	SEWER COMM EXPENSE	50.00	0.00	50.00
44011	OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	67535.00	0.00	67535.00
44053	SEWER DEPT BILL OF PRIOR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00
49110	CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	11000.00	0.00	11000.00
49150	CEMETERIES-MAJOR IMPROVMENTS	418.99	0.00	418.99
49152	CEMETERY TREE TRIM & REMOVAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
51001	BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2237.00	0.00	2237.00
51003	SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	2750.00	0.00	2750.00
51010	BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8285.00	0.00	8285.00
51011	SHARED HEALTH AGENT	9760.00	0.00	9760.00
51012	BD OF HEALTH-PLUMBING INSP FEES	4500.00	0.00	4500.00
51910	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2250.00	0.00	2250.00
54110	COUNCIL ON AGING	27713.00	0.00	27713.00
54151	C.O.A. BILL OF PR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00
54152	SENIOR CTR DESIGN	31920.00	-20000.00	11920.00
54154	SR PAVILLION	0.00	20000.00	20000.00
54310	SOLDIERS RELIEF	2500.00	0.00	2500.00
61001	D MEM LIB-WAGES & SALARIES	94557.00	0.00	94557.00
61010	D MEM LIB-EXPENSE	40965.00	0.00	40965.00
61015	NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	575.00	0.00	575.00
61054	LIBRARY CLIMATE CONTROL	2552.30	0.00	2552.30
61075	LIBR ENERGY SAV MEAS	244.75	2250.00	2494.75
61077	LIBBRY-RESTORE DOCUMENTS	0.00	1000.00	1000.00
63010	RECREATION COMM	5750.00	0.00	5750.00
63040	REC COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250.00	0.00	250.00
63050	REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	3762.00	0.00	3762.00
65010	MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
65050	ATHLETIC FIELD DRAINAGE	627.19	0.00	627.19
65081	M ATHL FIELD-PR YR ENCUMB	0.00	0.00	0.00
69110	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	375.00	0.00	375.00
69112	HISTORICAL COMM-PRIOR YR ENCUMB	0.00	0.00	0.00
69210	MEMORIAL DAY	1600.00	0.00	1600.00
69211	MEMORIAL DAY PRIOR YR	0.00	0.00	0.00
69910	ALEXANDER HALL	340.00	0.00	340.00
71010	MAT DEBT PRIN-1/92 ISSUE	190000.00	0.00	190000.00
71011	MAT DEBT PRIN-7/93 FHA SEWER	39859.03	0.00	39859.03
71012	PRIN-LIBRY PROJ NOTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
75110	INT ON LT DEBT 1/92 ISSUE	6032.50	0.00	6032.50
75111	INT ON LT DEBT 7/93 FHA SEWER	11611.97	0.00	11611.97
75112	INT-LIBRY PROJ NOTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
75210	INT SHORT TERM-REV ANTIC NOTES	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
82010	STATE ASSESSMENTS	6808.00	0.00	6808.00
83010	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	25344.00	0.00	25344.00
84010	VETERANS DISTRICT	6176.00	0.00	6176.00
91110	COUNTY RETIREMENT	129293.00	0.00	129293.00
91210	WORKERS COMP INS	12000.00	0.00	12000.00

91310	UNEMPLOYMENT	1500.00	4500.00	6000.00	
91410	CH 32B HEALTH INS	186000.00	0.00	186000.00	1
91510	CH 32B LIFE INS	1700.00	0.00	1700.00	
91601	FICA & MEDICARE	15500.00	0.00	15500.00	
94510	OTHER INSURANCE	65000.00	-1950.00	63050.00	
99610	TRSF TO STABILIZATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	
99630	TRSF TO CAPITAL PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	6711925.99	7400.00	6719325.99	64

DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND

July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010

Taxes

Personal Property Taxes	234295	
Real Estate Taxes	5243952	
Tax Liens Redeemed	26024	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	0	
Ch 59,Sec2D- Prorata Taxes	5464	
Motor Vehicle Excise	300775	
Farm Animal Excise	3388	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	0	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	26936	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	2104	
Penalty & Int, Tax Liens	2303	
Penalty & Int, Sewer Use Tax	430	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1370	5847041

Charges for Services

Sewer Use	205438	
Sewer Permanent Priviledge	0	
Transfer Station Stickers,Vouchers	5874	
Transfer Station Pay to Throw Bags	37294	
Use of Copy Machine	491	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	258	
Library User Fees-Out of State	535	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps, Mail	407	
Accident Reports	142	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	2400	
Building Inspection Fees	750	
Fire Department Inspections	580	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	836	
Cruiser Fee-Police Outside Detail	1280	
Board of Appeals Fees	636	
Conservation Commission Fees	0	
Planning Board Fees	270	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	252	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall/School Use Rent	0	
Cell Tower Lease	20700	278143

Licenses & Permits

Alcoholic Bev & Other Licenses	2919	
Other Misc Permits	2202	
F.I.D. & Pistol Permits	-550	
Building Permits	13097	
Wiring Permits	4360	
Gas Permits	780	
Plumbing Permits	2075	
Disposal & Septic Permits	2914	
Other Bd of Health Permits	1375	29172

Fines & Forfeitures

Court Fines	1550	
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	15897	
Non-criminal Dispositions	300	
Library Fines	2711	
Dog Fines	1225	

False Alarms	0		
By-law Violation Fines	625	22308	
State & Federal Revenue			
Expanded Polling Hours	292		
State Owned Land	28719		
Abatements- Veterans, Blind, Elderly	17834		
Veterans Benefits	573		
Police Career Incentive	1439		
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	318327		
Other Revenue from State	13377		
FEMA Emerg Mgmt Aid	9769	390330	
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest			
Other Misc Revenue	13015		
Contributions & Donations	1500		
Interest on Investments	11094	25609	
TOTAL REVENUES			6592603
Other Financing Sources			
Trsf from Other Special Revenue	3500		
Trsf from Capital Project Fund	2250		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			5750
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			6598353

COMBINED STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL ACCOUNT TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	General	Special	Capital	Trust	
	Fund	Revenue	Projects	Funds	
Revenues					
Taxes	5847041	18166	0	0	
Charges for Services	278143	27743		0	0
Licenses & Permits	29172	3684		0	0
Fines & Forfeitures	22308	0		0	0
Other Deptmntal Revenue	0	1425		0	0
Revenue from the State	390330	281537		0	0
Other Intergovmtal Revenue	0	965		0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	13015	5300		0	0
Interest on Investments	11094	1780		0	5536
Contributions & Donations	1500	16167		0	15375
Total Revenues	6592603	356767		0	20911
Expenditures					
General Government	312420.14	677		0	0
Public Safety	379053.51	24370	0	0	
Education	4009576.21	0	0	0	
Public Works & Facilities	856845.34	253618		0	2620
Health & Human Services	49372.28	9106		0	1423
Culture & Recreation	144561.17	47283		0	8373
Capital Outlay	0	0	3243	0	
Debt Principal	229859.03	0	0	0	
Debt Interest	17644.47	0	0	0	
Temporary Loan Interest	0	0		0	0
Intergovmtal Assessments	36857	0		0	0
Insurance & Empl Benefits	391730.29	0		0	0
Total Expenditures	6427919.44	335054		3243	12416
Excess of revenues over					
(under) expenditures	164684	21713		-3243	8495
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds	5750	0		0	0
Transfers to other Funds	0	-3500		-2250	0
Proceeds from Bond Issue	0	0		0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	5750	-3500		-2250	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under)					
expenditures & other uses	170434	18213		-5493	8495
Fund Balance June 30, 2009	575343	111011		23439	499007.6

Fund Balance June 30, 2010				745777		129224		17946	507502.6
Elderly Programs	Title V Septic	BOH MAPHCO	Emergency Management	Pol Regliz Study	Snow&Ice FEMA/MEMA	Police Mobiliz	Community Policing	Dog Fund	S
								3684	
3605965			0		12857	7173			
4570	0	0	0	0	12857	7173	0	3684	
			0			7925	10783		
4625									
4625	0	0	0	0	0	7925	10783	0	
-55	0	0	0	0	12857	-752	-10783	3684	
								-3500	
0	0	0	0	0	0		0	-3500	
-55	0	0	0	0	12857	-752	-10783	184	
55	2868	104	540	1000	-12857	845	10783	7857	5
0	2868	104	540	1000	0	93	0	8041	5

C.O.A. Gifts	C.O.A. Exer Prog	Vt Yankee Training	Library Gifts	Veterans Memorial	Historic Comm Gift	Drug Forfeiture	ICS FRCOG	Vt Yankee Civil Defense	Vt Yankee Emer Mgmt	EMT Gifts	Am Don
3966			3806						8125	50	
3966	0	0	3806	0	0	0	0	0	8125	50	
									4405		
4481			3154								
4481	0	0	3154	0	0	0	0	0	4405	0	
-515	0	0	652	0	0	0	0	0	3720	50	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
-515	0	0	652	0	0	0	0	0	3720	50	
9548	1217	1491	4898	1416	57	0	0	35	196	2155	
9033	1217	1491	5550	1416	57	0	0	35	3916	2205	

COMBINING STATEMENT OF

REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TRUST
FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,
2010

Grand Total Capital Projects	Cemetery P C Funds	Library Trust Funds	Other Trust Funds	Stabiliz Fund	Grand Total Trust Funds
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0	447	1438	3294	357	5536
0	375	15000			15375
0	822	16438	3294	357	20911
0					0
0					0
0					0
0	2620				2620
0			1423		1423
0		8373			8373
3243					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
0					0
3243	2620	8373	1423	0	12416
-3243	-1798	8065	1871	358	8495
0					0
-2250					0
0					0
-2250	0	0	0	0	0
-5493	-1798	8065	1871	358	8495
23439	73867.64	129025.2	214666.24	81448.52	499007.6

17946	72069.64	137090.2	216537.24	81806.52	507502.6
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Northfield Emergency Medical Services



It is a privilege to provide my sixth report to the town as your Emergency Medical Services Director. 2010 proved to be another exciting year as the department continues to improve its service to the citizens and visitors of our community. For the 2010 calendar year, we answered 167 calls. This is a 12% increase from the prior year. Our roster continues to mature with existing members increasing their levels of education and EMS certifications. We are currently staffed with 6 EMT- Basics, 3 EMT Intermediates, 2 Paramedics and 4 First Responders. We are always actively attempting to recruit new members who wish to become EMT's. Any citizen who is interested in making a difference in the community or has questions about how to become an EMT, please contact me or leave a message at the town hall. We are always in need of help!!!

It is my absolute pleasure to report that Northfield now has its own community based transporting ambulance. I wish to thank the citizens of the town for their overwhelming support and trust shown at the annual town meeting in May 2010 by approving this project. After months of securing the necessary agreements and licensing changes from the State of Massachusetts, Northfield EMS/Ambulance transported its first patient as the town's primary ambulance provider on October 4th 2010. We have secured an agreement with Baystate Health Ambulance to provide ALS service to the community when it is available.

Also approved at annual town meeting in May 2010 was an enterprise fund. The establishment of this fund allows for the revenue collected by the ambulance service to remain within the EMS department for the purpose of running and maintaining the department going forward.

It is with great pleasure I also announce that as a result of the anticipated revenue from the ambulance, Northfield EMS/Ambulance will **not** be requesting any money from taxation in fiscal 2011. **This equates to a savings to the tax payers of approximately \$30,000.00.** This money would now be available to help ease the taxpayer's burden to support other town departments and projects that may for years have been underfunded or cut entirely from the budget.

As we look forward to the future, the current state of the fire station that now houses the ambulance can no longer be ignored. The building does not satisfy the safety, security, sanitary or space needs of this department. A committee has been formed for the purposes of building a new emergency department safety complex. Imagine a combined building bringing under one roof your Police, Fire, EMS and Emergency Management in a building that not only meets the needs of each department, but also a building the community can utilize and be proud of. As a child, I have fond memories of places within the town that people could gather and socialize such as the open town hall auditorium for town meetings and dances with the downstairs for large community meals and a place for the senior citizens as well as Alexander Hall for social group meetings. All these places have basically been destroyed over the years by the need for more space. **Wouldn't it be great to recapture that sense of community spirit?** As the committee continues to evaluate all potential options, I ask for your support in bringing this building to a reality.

Lastly, as we welcome C.S. Lewis College to the community, I caution that we must not also forget the impact of hosting a college will have on our infrastructure and resources. Regardless of the curriculum, college aged students will pose a different set of challenges than what we have been accustomed to when it was a campus of teenage prep school students. The full impact is obviously not yet known but it will have an impact that we must be ready to address. I look forward to working closely with the new school.

In closing, I must thank the efforts of each and every member of the department. I would also thank the member's family who understand the need for a missed meal, family event or the loss of sleep followed by a long day at work after being awakened by the pager in the middle of the night. The members of Northfield EMS and their families continue to make these sacrifices to help their neighbors in need, all in the spirit of community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fortier
Director
Northfield EMS

Highway Department

In June of 2010, Eric Vassor left the Highway Department and Brian Pollard from Bernardston joined the crew. Brian's extensive experience operating construction equipment will be used on a daily basis and we feel he will be a great addition to the Highway crew.

When the snow finally melted the Highway crew was able to begin its yearly routing road maintenance projects. The conditions of all the roads were evaluated and any safety issues were addressed. Potholes were filled, drains cleared and the streets were swept to remove several tons of sand and salt to insure compliance with water discharge regulations.

When the normal maintenance on the roads was completed, approximately 2,000 ft. of Alexander Hill Rd. was reconstructed. This reconstruction consisted of grading, stump removal and resurface gravelling.

Several hundred feet of culverts and catch basins were repaired or replaced on Capt. Beers Plain Rd. due to years of deterioration. A leveling surface was applied to aid in road maintenance and increase driver safety.

West Rd. is a project that began in 2010 and is scheduled to be completed in 2011. Grading was done to prepare the surface for further improvements.

I would like to thank Kevin Steiner, Highway Foreman, Michael Mankowsky, Brian Pollard and Mike Sibley for the many hours of dedicated hard work.

Town Cemeteries

Northfield maintains seven cemeteries. These cemeteries consist of Center, Coller, Mt. Hermon, Northfield Farms, Pentecost, South Mountain and West Northfield. Once the snow melted spring cleanup began. Several broken tree limbs needed to be removed, the shrubs required trimming and pruning and several of the cemeteries were reseeded due to harsh winter weather. The Cemeteries are mowed and groomed bi-weekly by Richard Bassett, Roger Bassett and David Kozma. I would like to thank Richard Bassett for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Northfield and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

Trees

The Highway crew removed several dead trees along the roadside as well as broken tree limbs that hung 14ft. or lower over the road that were considered safety hazards. In addition to tree removal, overgrown brush was cut back from street corners and intersections to increase driver visibility and safety.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Walker
Superintendent of Streets and Building Maintenance
Cemetery Commissioner
Tree Warden

Police Department

As the Chief of Police, it is with great pride that I submit my second annual town report. Heading into 2010, the Northfield Police Department was faced with enormous challenges and a new vision for our department. We set early goals for ourselves and I am proud to say that we have taken positive steps and set a solid foundation for future success.

First, our department moved towards being more technology driven. We implemented a new computer system which focuses on improved record keeping and officer knowledge of day to day operations. We also implemented a new web site (www.northfieldpd.com) which we feel is more up to date, informative and user friendly for its visitors. Officers are also utilizing on-line training which provides more opportunities and cost efficient means of education than traditional classroom settings.

Second, community input and officer accessibility has improved. We have implemented an open door policy which literally means that the door to the police department is open to the public. We also have utilized a community survey to gauge citizen satisfaction and have welcomed people's suggestions and comments. Outside of the department walls, our cruisers have become more uniform and visible due to a new cruiser design and we have implemented a bike patrol during special events.

Third, crime prevention and education has become a high priority for our department. We have made significant efforts to reach out to community groups and students through preventative education. We have also taken proactive measures to address community concerns such as a drug "take back", which removed 9,362 dangerous doses of prescription medication from our homes. With proper staffing, we hope to take a more active role in providing our community the resources and knowledge they need to stay safe.

Moving forward, we will continue our community oriented policing philosophy and we recognize that we cannot be successful without the continued support of all town departments, boards, committees, schools, business owners and residents. Therefore, I owe you all sincere appreciation for your support and look forward to the year ahead.

Budget:

Over the past three years, available grant funding from the State and Federal government has significantly declined, having a severe impact on our department's overall operating budget and placing the financial burden on the town. We have worked hard to find areas in which we could cut back without affecting police coverage to our town; however such a significant reduction in funding threatened our ability to provide full time police coverage. Due to our financial situation, we were forced to seek additional funding at the annual town meeting in May and at the special town meeting in September. Fortunately, the taxpayers voted to approve funding increases which brought our department to a more manageable level. Although our department has been forced to make many financial cuts, we feel that we are able to provide quality police services with the funding that we receive today. The following is a general breakdown of our funding sources.

	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
Town Appropriations	219,186	229,186	248,818
Community Policing Grant	19,745	10,783	0
Highway Safety Grant	8,954	7,925	1,855
Capital Expenses (Police Cruiser)	0	0	30,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>247,885</i>	<i>247,849</i>	<i>280,673</i>

Personnel:

The year 2010 proved once again to be a challenge for the Northfield Police Department, as we found ourselves without a third full time officer. Early in the year, our third full time officer left the department to pursue a new career opportunity. At this time, we did not have enough funding to fill the permanent vacancy with a full time academy trained officer so we elected to

hire a full time temporary officer from our reserve staff. This officer also left this position earlier than anticipated to pursue a new, long-term career opportunity. For the following six months we operated with only two full time officers. Fortunately, we were able to adapt to this loss in manpower by implementing new and unique ways to cover shifts and assure a police response.

Our first change was that we hired three additional part time reserve officers to help fill shifts at a lower cost. Second, we reached a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Bernardston, which enhanced our mutual aid agreement, permitting their officers to answer calls in Northfield when there was no Northfield officer on duty. Third, we increased our volunteer on-call hours. These changes made us more reactive than proactive to crime and crime prevention, but due to the dedication of our officers, our service to the community was only minimally affected.

Following the town vote in September to increase the department's budget, our department was granted additional funding to hire another full time officer. After a lengthy and thorough hiring process, we were fortunate to attract an experienced officer who possessed full time academy certification and a college education.

Calls for Service:

Calls for emergency service through our regional dispatch center in Shelburne, remained fairly consistent with previous years as we recorded 1,076 calls for service through Shelburne Control. This year we implemented an in-house dispatch log which resulted in more accurate recording of police activities. In 2010, we recorded a total of 2,309 police services. The following is a general breakdown of the calls and activities that officers were dispatched to throughout the year.

	2008	2009	2010
Alarm	118	107	63
Animals Complaint	38	42	52
Assist Other Agency	113	125	128
Assist Person	81	98	151
Disabled Motor Vehicle	40	32	33
General Service	546	406	957
House / Building Check	n/a	n/a	615
Medical Assist	89	103	77
Motor Vehicle Complaint	66	42	63
Other 911 Calls	30	62	92
Safety Hazard	42	59	41
Suspicious Activity	18	28	37
<i>Total Dispatched Calls for Service</i>	<i>1,181</i>	<i>1,104</i>	<i>1,076</i>
<i>Total Police Services</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>2,309</i>

Investigations:

Due to the hard work and dedication of our officers, 89 criminal cases were successfully closed and their offenders were prosecuted. The following information accurately reflects the number of investigations conducted in the past three years.

	2008	2009	2010
Assault	37	9	9
Breaking & Entering	17	28	15
Disorderly Conduct	1	7	7
Disturbance	10	13	7
Drug Violations	7	8	14
Family Offenses	11	6	19
Fraud	20	5	7
Larceny	92	71	59
Leaving Accident Scene	7	6	8
Liquor Law Violations	n/a	n/a	29
Sexual Offenses	6	6	5
Stolen Vehicle	2	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	75	47	35

Motor Vehicle Offenses	126	141	101
Trespass	3	22	7
Vandalism	44	35	23
Intimidation / Threats/ Harassment	n/a	n/a	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>458</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>365</i>
<i>Total Arrests / Criminal Complaints</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>89</i>

Traffic Enforcement

The Northfield Police Department continues to pride itself on a strong commitment to keeping our roadways safe through traffic enforcement and education. This year we saw a slight increase in traffic accidents and a reduction in traffic enforcement. This reduction can be attributed a decrease in police patrol due to budgetary constraints and time attributed reorganization of the police department. Due to the decrease in patrol and traffic enforcement, we implemented strategies such as utilizing a speed notification sign on problem roadways to compensate for this loss. The following information demonstrates the officers traffic enforcement activities.

	2008	2009	2010
Citation Arrests	58	32	38
Criminal Complaint Citation	75	98	60
Civil Citations	435	473	353
Citation Warnings	1,019	1,027	581
<i>Total Citations</i>	<i>1,587</i>	<i>1,630</i>	<i>1,032</i>
<i>Total Citation Fines</i>	<i>44,865</i>	<i>44,910</i>	<i>34,325</i>

Money Collected

The following money has been collected by the town as a result of the police department's activities.

	2008	2009	2010
Administrative Fees	1,357	1,209	5,504
Career Incentive (Quinn Bill)	6,633	7,933	1,439
Contributions & Donations	0.00	1,200	1,165
Court Fees	2,952	507	2,880
Cruiser Fees	760	2,730	1,867
Firearms Licensing Fees	1,125	512	1,275
Traffic Citation Fines	17,070	17,010	13,087
<i>Total</i>	<i>329,897</i>	<i>31,101</i>	<i>27,217</i>

Goals for 2010:

Aside from maintaining the progress already made on various initiatives, the department will continue to move toward expanding its capabilities into the following service areas during the next calendar year:

1. Improve officer safety measures.
2. Update emergency management plans and make them compatible with other public safety department within our community.
3. Continue to provide educational crime prevention services to our residents, especially our youth and seniors.
4. Improve community participation and knowledge of the police department.
5. Improve department communications, officer knowledge and training.

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Superintendent of Schools

Town Report 2010

I am pleased to present my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. This year our schools continued to provide the 1167 students enrolled in 2010 multiple paths to growth, development, and success, consistent with our District

Commitment. Our communities can take justifiable pride in the education we provide and the cooperative and supportive spirit that makes our achievements possible.

District Initiatives: With a goal of providing all students the opportunity to achieve to their potential in the academic, civic, social, technological, and personal realms, our faculty and staff are committed to continually improve teaching and learning. At the center of our improvement activities is the persistent examination of four questions:

- What do we want each student to learn? (What are the essential learning outcomes?)
- How will we know if/when each student has learned? (How and how often do we assess learning?)
- How will we respond when students experience difficulty learning? (What interventions and strategies do we have in place?)
- How will we respond when a student has mastered the learning outcomes? (How will we differentiate instruction and/or provide enrichment?)

The district's elementary and PVRSD professional improvement plans provided a clear and ambitious agenda to improve learning for all PVRSD students. At the elementary level, primary focus was on the further development and implementation of a district-wide model for Response to Intervention (RTI), bringing greater uniformity and alignment to our core literacy programs, and both preventing and educating students about bullying behaviors. The focus at Pioneer has been preparation for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process, scheduled to culminate in an evaluation by a visiting committee in calendar year 2013. Faculty committees drafted a statement of core values and expectations for student learning, planned and piloted an advisory program crafted to personalize each student's educational experience at PVRSD, and designed and piloted a new schedule that makes extended learning periods available to better match curriculum needs, as well as provides teachers with much needed collaborative planning time.

Nearly all of our faculty members were engaged in one or more of the district sponsored programs during the summer of 2010. **Elementary** teachers engaged in nine separate programs that advanced and expanded the work started during the school year: curriculum website training, integrating and reinforcing vocabulary in the classroom, literacy action planning at grades 4-6, better understanding the Readers Workshop model, training in the Benchmark Assessment System and Leveled Literacy Intervention, and works sampling at the early education grades. With few exceptions (middle school entry packets and lunch, and revision of open response writing tools) the **PVRSD** projects focused on the NEASC recommendations and curriculum renewal. Curriculum mapping and writing occurred in the following departments: mathematics; science and engineering; English; fine arts; family, health, and consumer science; industrial arts, social studies, and foreign language.

Accountability: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 8-0 in July to adopt the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics, becoming the 27th state to adopt the internationally benchmarked standards. MA educators and staff played an important role in drafting these standards which are expected to increase academic rigor and raise expectations for student performance. The Common Core Standards will continue to be assessed through the MA Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS.) PVRSD students in grades 3-10 participated in MCAS assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science/Technology during the 2010 school year. The History/Social Studies assessments for grades 5, 7, and 10 continue to be suspended due to diminished state funding. The District is identified with an overall performance rating of High in English Language Arts and Moderate in Mathematics. Additionally, schools are rated annually according to a formula that determines Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) consistent with the original charge that all students be proficient in ELA and Mathematics by 2014 All District elementary schools made AYP for all components of its student body in all areas in 2010, while uncharacteristically Pioneer did not. The results

validate the many changes implemented in our elementary schools over the last couple of years to modify instruction to reach every student, to provide supplemental instruction when needed, and to systematically employ data to drive instructional decision-making. It is important to remember that despite Pioneer's 2010 AYP results, their performance rating is Very High in ELA and Moderate in Mathematics. The PVRs AYP results remind us that systematic improvement does not occur in a linear fashion. Though the AYP results were not those hoped for, they do not diminish their significant steps taken forward to improve learning for all students. Finally, our students exceed the attendance benchmark established to achieve AYP and nearly 97% of the district's classes are being taught by teachers considered Highly Qualified to do so according to No Child Left Behind criteria.

Budget: In 2009/10 state and federal funding for education was cut 2% and then cut an additional 4% in 2010/11. In addition, Municipal and Unrestricted Local Aid (to cities and towns) was decreased one-third in the same time period. It is no surprise that the 10/11 budget approval season, culminating in the spring annual town meetings, was very difficult. An operating budget identical to that of 2008/9 and 2009/10 resulted, holding town assessments to an average 0% increase for the second consecutive year. To get there, staffing and supply lines were reduced for the third year in a row and \$1.5 million of revenue from the Massachusetts School CHOICE program and out of state tuition was applied. ARRA (stimulus) and Federal Educations Jobs Program funding was invaluable in filling gaps and preventing the need for more significant staff reductions, but are a time limited solution as those programs will expire at the end of the year. In recognition of the dire financial circumstances, only absolutely necessary capital projects were advanced and most were subsequently approved. Our ability to blunt the impact of reductions on services and programs, as well as the necessary upkeep of our facilities has reached a critical point. The effects of the extended economic downturn make the continued cooperation of our towns' officials and the strong support of our communities that we've always relied upon even more important as we move forward.

Many people contributed to the district's successes in 2010 and deserve recognition; thank you to the PVRSD Committee, the PVRSD administrative team, our town officials, the PVRSD faculty and staff, and especially to our students and their families for their many contributions. In that vein, I would like to acknowledge the many years of service of three school committee members: Rick Fontaine (Leyden) and Mark Maynard (Warwick) who retired from the committee in November and Charles Hand (Bernardston) who recently passed away while serving. The commitment to children, their communities, and public education that these three men exemplified serves as an inspiration to us all.

Dayle A. Doiron, Superintendent of Schools

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CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days -8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vacation Days – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses. In 2010 we welcomed a new member town, Leverett.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2010 shows a continued decline of 10% from 2009. Historically, when the economy is in a downturn trash disposal and recycling tonnages are lower than normal. District residents still showed their commitment to recycling by diverting 1,900 tons of paper and 1,100 tons of mixed containers from regional disposal facilities. The 3,000 tons of recyclable material was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Recycling market prices rebounded in 2010. District towns received a total of \$116,400 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2010, the District sponsored a spring and fall "Clean Sweep" collection for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 60 tons of

material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 542 households participated.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2010. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. Over 300 households participated in this event. Almost 50% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs as well as to implement programs to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste. Recycling and composting assistance was provided to 30 public events, including the Franklin County Fair.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438, visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

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Service Programs:

Advocacy and Regional Services
Cooperative Purchasing
Emergency Preparedness
Franklin County Emergency Communication System
Homeland Security Fiduciary
Natural Resources Planning
Town Accounting

Community Coalition for Teens
Economic Development Planning
Franklin County Cooperative Inspection
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Land Use Planning
Regional Health and Nursing
Transportation Planning

Estimated Net Operating Budget: \$3,337,300

Source of Funds of Net Operating Budget:

9% Regional Services Assessment
69% State and Federal Grants
20% Fee for Service Programs
2% Misc. and Interest

Total FY 2012 Regional Services Assessment: \$329,205 (level funded from FY 2011)

The Regional Services Assessment is the membership fee that all Franklin County towns pay. The Assessment has been reduced by 9.3% since 2001. Please refer to your town's FY 12 budget for your town's share of the membership fee.

schools, and dog tags and licenses for 54 towns in 4 counties. The Program explored new opportunities to help towns and schools that resulted in elevator maintenance services for 3 towns and 4 school districts, and a general liability insurance bid for eight school districts that saved the region more than \$130,000.

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

If you are a member of the FCCIP, please refer to the separate FCCIP Report for your town's permit activity in FY 2011. A highlight of the FCCIP was the purchase of on-line permitting software that will be available to member towns in FY 2012. This new software will be a customer-friendly streamlining of the permitting process.

Franklin County Emergency Communication System (FCECS)

The FRCOG owns and maintains the 14-tower FCECS that provides emergency communications services to first responders in all Franklin County towns. The system is a tremendous asset to the county although it is recognized that there are still service gaps due to the region's terrain. The FRCOG secured a grant in 2011 to study the best provisioning of regional dispatch services for the county and is working with the City of Greenfield to implement a data sharing project in FY 2012.

Homeland Security

The FRCOG has been the fiduciary for federal Homeland Security funds for western Massachusetts since 2005.

Planning and Economic Development

Planning and Economic Development combines the service programs of Economic Development, GIS, Land Use, Natural Resources and Transportation and annually secures approximately \$1 million in grants to serve the municipalities and region of Franklin County. Examples include a Regional Brownfields Program that has assessed more than 50 sites for contamination and offers grants and loans for cleanup of sites; funding to create a Sustainability Plan for the region that will help to guide growth, development and food production in the region; assisting communities with Green Community designation, and securing more than \$60 million in ARRA funding for our region's roads and bridges.

Regional Health Inspection Program

Regional Health Inspection provided Health Inspection services to 9 towns in FY 2011. The Regional Nurse Program is the smallest FRCOG program serving only two towns. Refer to the FRCOG Annual Report for Town Highlights if you are a member of either of these Programs.

Regional Preparedness

The Regional Preparedness Program provides services to the Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee whose report can be found as a separate entry in your Town Report; manages the Community Emergency Response Teams and Medical Reserve Corps; oversees training and exercises for boards of health and emergency responders; assists the FCECS Oversight Committee; and is working on natural hazard mitigation.

Town Accounting Program

The Town Accounting Program now serves 11 towns: Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Gill, New Salem, Shelburne, Sunderland, Wendell, Whately, and Williamsburg. The Program continues to provide quality municipal accounting services.

Franklin County Veterans

Enrollment and Eligibility:

If you are a Veteran not currently enrolled in the VA healthcare, you are invited to contact their main eligibility office and 413-582-3091. Further information can be found at www.va.gov/healtheligibility

Greenfield Based outpatient Clinic, 143 Munson St. 413-773-8428

Many Veterans have been call looking for the VA Web Sites here are a few for you.

Educational Benefits. www.gibill.va.gov

Home Loan Guaranty. www.homeloans.va.gov

Federal Jobs	www.usajobs.opm.gov
Returning Veterans	www.seamlesstransition.va.gov
VA Home Page.	www.va.gov
Government Jobs.	www.usajobs.gov/opm

HOME OF THE BRAVE:

Mass Housing's Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable, no-down payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in Massachusetts.

To apply for a Home of the Brave loan, contact a participating lender. For a complete list of Home for the Brave lenders, visit: www.masshousing.com/veteran.

You can call Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency at 888-672-7562.

Sincerely,
Leo J. Parent, Jr
Director
1-413-863-3205

The Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO) represents 64,671 people across Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Its work is funded primarily by grant funds distributed through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, supplemented by training and exercise funds from the Department of Homeland Security. A steering committee of local board of health representatives provides oversight for these grant funded activities working to enhance communities' collective capacity to share resources and respond to public health threats and emergencies, including bio terrorism and outbreaks of infectious diseases. The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) is MAPHCO's fiduciary agent.

MAPHCO's catchment area is divided into sub regional emergency dispensing sites. The Pioneer Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Planning Group consists of board of health representatives and other volunteers from the towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick, representing ten percent of the region's population.

MAPHCO staff has been working with other western Massachusetts coalitions on researching and incorporating best practices in emergency planning with regard to Individuals Requiring Additional Assistance (e.g. those with disabilities, mental health issues, and language

barriers). They have also been actively recruiting and training new members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

In the coming year MAPHCO plans to continue its progress of working with towns to get them farther along the path of preparedness. This will include a series of exercises testing the preparedness of the emergency dispensing sites and their volunteers, review and revision of written emergency plans with assistance from a professional technical writer, and advocating for the needs of local boards of health.

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