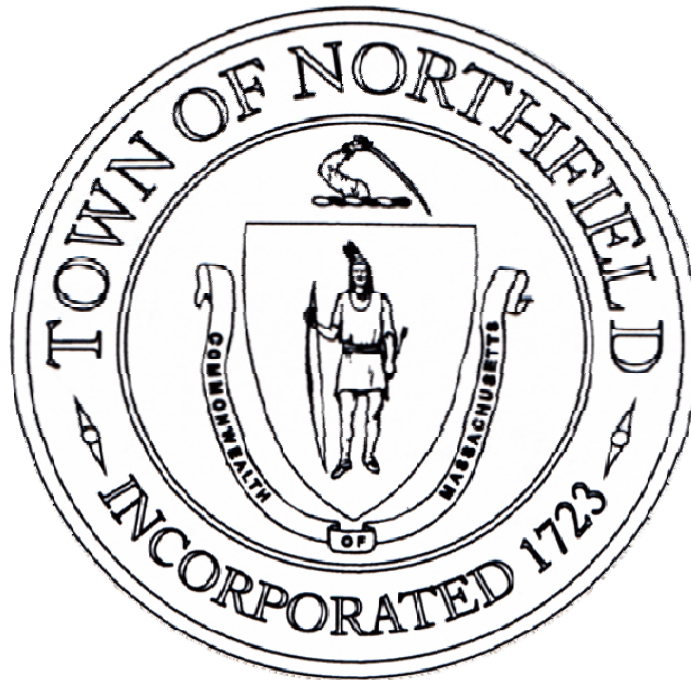


TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

May 5, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Regional School
97 F. Sumner Turner Road
Northfield, Massachusetts



AND

ELECTION WARRANT

May 6, 2014

12:00 o'clock (noon) to 8:00 o'clock (eight) p.m.

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street

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Annual Town Meeting Warrant COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS

To any of the Constables in the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

on Monday, May 5, 2014 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.), then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1 WAIVING THE READING OF THE WARRANT

To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 2 REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 90 FUNDS ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) 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; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 4 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application;

or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 5 **PROPOSITION 2 ½ OVERRIDE**

To see if the Town will vote to approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 6 or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an “override of Proposition 2 ½”; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6 **FY 2015 OMNIBUS BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2015, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

FISCAL 2015 OMNIBUS BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
MODERATOR SALARY	52.00	53.00	53.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	30.00	10.00	10.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES	5,760.00	5,846.00	5,846.00
Chair	1,996	2,026	2,026
Others	1,882	1,910	1,910
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	11,840.00	11,611.00	11,611.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	52,716.00	71,050.00	71,050.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	820.00	1,005.00	1,005.00
SECRETARY WAGES	38,877.00	42,857.00	42,857.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1,368.00	1,385.00	1,385.00
RESERVE FUND	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	26,912.00	28,066.00	28,066.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	370.00	370.00	370.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	5,287.00	5,367.00	5,367.00
Chair	1,853.00	1,881.00	1,881.00
Others	1,717.00	1,743.00	1,743.00
ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	30,961.00	31,425.00	31,425.00

ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR	15,900.00	14,200.00	14,200.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	12,610.00	13,224.75	13,224.75
TREASURER SALARY	15,721.00	16,957.00	16,957.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	4,100.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	15,721.00	16,957.00	16,957.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	5,600.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	20,500.00	20,500.00	20,500.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE	13,049.00	14,932.00	14,932.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	34,961.00	35,349.00	35,349.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3,235.00	3,255.00	3,255.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	10,125.00	10,185.00	10,185.00
CONSERV COMMISSION	3,046.00	3,135.00	3,135.00
PLANNING BOARD	4,229.00	4,097.00	4,097.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	4,107.00	3,514.00	3,514.00
AG COMM EXPENSE	500.00	500.00	500.00
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
LAND DAMAGES	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	15,012.00	15,237.00	15,237.00
BLDG MAINT PERSON	35,567.00	36,714.00	36,714.00
TOWN HALL MAINT	40,020.00	39,020.00	39,020.00
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	9,700.00	9,700.00	9,700.00
TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
TOWN REPORTS	400.00	400.00	400.00
TOWN CLOCK	150.00	150.00	150.00
TOTAL	466,447.00	494,522.75	494,522.75
PUBLIC SAFETY	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
POLICE WAGES AND SALARIES	273,203.00	276,416.00	276,416.00
POLICE OPERATING EXPENSES	41,775.00	42,645.00	42,645.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES	5,268.00	5,347.00	5,347.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT WAGES	41,308.00	41,928.00	41,928.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP	17,960.00	19,900.00	19,900.00
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	17,300.00	19,300.00	19,300.00
FIREPOND/WATERHOLES	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	25,274.00	25,653.00	25,653.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1,050.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
GAS INSPECTION	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
WIRE INSPECTION	1,680.00	3,080.00	3,080.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	400.00	400.00	400.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY	3,247.00	3,296.00	3,296.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
TREE DEPT EXPENSE	8,925.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
CONSTABLES WAGES	1,040.00	1,056.00	1,056.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30.00	30.00	30.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	462,321.00	474,162.00	474,162.00
EDUCATION	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
ELEM SCHOOL MAINT	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
PVRS-OPERATING ASSESSMENT	3,723,564.81	4,196,836.00	3,872,507.00
PVRS-BLDG PROJECT ASSESSMENT	251,376.00	246,744.00	246,744.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-OPER ASSMNT	315,843.00	395,363.00	395,363.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-CAPITAL	-	-	-
TOTAL	4,292,283.81	4,840,443.00	4,516,114.00
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENSE	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
HIGHWAY & SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	260,320.00	267,197.00	267,197.00
HIGHWAY - BRIDGES & RAILS	165,375.00	165,375.00	165,375.00
OILING & STONING	63,000.00	63,000.00	63,000.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75,390.00	75,390.00	75,390.00
STREET LIGHTS	13,800.00	13,938.00	13,938.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	84,341.00	84,341.00	84,341.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	11,550.00	11,550.00	11,550.00
HIGHWAY - BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00	1.00	1.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	8,555.00	9,555.00	9,555.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	110,579.00	112,896.00	112,896.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	20,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL	827,171.00	842,503.00	842,503.00

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2,423.00	2,459.00	2,459.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8,206.00	8,382.00	8,382.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	10,650.00	10,850.00	10,850.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,372.00	2,401.00	2,401.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	48,788.00	49,824.00	49,824.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	24,500.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
TOTAL	100,939.00	119,916.00	119,916.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	105,682.00	107,915.00	107,915.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	35,402.00	38,431.00	38,431.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	600.00	600.00	600.00
RECREATION COMM	6,583.00	6,816.00	6,816.00
REC COMM TRAINING & RECOGNITION	250.00	250.00	250.00
REC PROGRM DIRECTR	4,139.00	4,201.00	4,201.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	4,000.00	4,250.00	4,250.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00	500.00	500.00
MEMORIAL DAY	1,600.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
ALEXANDER HALL	300.00	300.00	300.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	29,796.00	31,510.00	31,510.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	5,948.00	6,109.00	6,109.00
TOTAL	194,800.00	202,882.00	202,882.00
DEBT SERVICE	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
MATURING DEBT- PRIN			
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT			
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT	APPROPRIATION FY2014	REQUESTED FY 2015	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
COUNTY RETIREMENT	159,770.00	162,431.00	162,431.00

WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	16,172.00	10,095.00	10,095.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	207,787.00	207,787.00	207,787.00
LIFE INSURANCE	1,700.00	1,820.00	1,820.00
MEDICARE/FICA	16,100.00	16,525.00	16,525.00
OTHER INSURANCE	61,303.00	64,365.00	64,365.00
TOTAL	469,832.00	475,023.00	475,023.00
GRAND TOTAL	6,815,793.81	7,451,451.75	7,127,122.75

ARTICLE 7 PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new fire truck, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$100,000

ARTICLE 8 STABILIZATION TRANSFER FOR FIRE TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote by 2/3rds majority to transfer from the special stabilization fund a sum of \$350,000 to be added to the amount provided in Article 7 to enable the purchase of a pumper/tanker truck for the Fire Department; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$350,000

ARTICLE 9 FIREPROOF SAFES FOR THE ASSESSORS AND TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for fireproof safes in the Town Hall for Town records, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$6,600

ARTICLE 10 FIREPROOF SAFE PURCHASE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes a sum or sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation for purchase of a fireproof safe in which to protect historical record books, maps and documents presently stored in the Board of Assessor's Office and the Town Clerk's Office.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee Estimated amount requested \$3,300

ARTICLE 11 EMS POSITIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the EMS Departmental to hire part-time (under 20 hours per week) paramedics to provide Advanced Life Support Services;

or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 12 **EMS ENTERPRISE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund as shown below, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Wages and Salaries	59,223.00
Expenses	51,649.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Budgeted Surplus	<u>1128.00</u>
TOTAL:	117,000.00

and that \$117,000.00 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	117,000.00
Tax levy	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	117,000.0

ARTICLE 13 **SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

Sewer Commissioner Salaries	1,477.00
Sewer Dept. Collector	3,503.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	85,267.00
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	72,570.00
Reserve Fund	10,000.00
Maturing Debt - Principal	30,710.45
Maturing Debt - Interest	0.00
Interest on Short - Term Debt	<u>341.34</u>
TOTAL:	203,868.79

and that \$203,868.79 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	203,868.79
Tax levy	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	203,868.79

ARTICLE 14 DOG FUND TRANSFER: REGIONAL LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the Dog Fund account to the Dickinson Library Expense account for the purpose of paying our annual fees to be a member of the regional library system; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees

Estimated amount requested: \$3,500

ARTICLE 15 LIBRARY WALKWAY PAVING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of paving the walkway between the parking lot and the library building; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees

Estimated amount requested: \$1,500

ARTICLE 16 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS ALLOCATION

To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, 10% (\$3,000) for open space purposes; 10% (\$3,000) for historic preservation; 10% (\$3,000) for affordable housing; and the remaining (\$19,500) to the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 17 GOALS OF THE 2014 MASTER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to support the eight primary goals of the 2014 Master Plan. The eight goals are as follows (their order does not signify priority):

- To promote preservation of open space and natural features
- To promote opportunities for recreation and community gathering
- To promote economic development town-wide
- To preserve and revitalize Main Street
- To maintain public facilities, improve public services, and enhance communication
- To expand housing opportunities and support neighborhoods
- To enhance transportation and circulation systems
- To promote Northfield's history and culture; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 18 ONE YEAR GROWTH RESTRICTION

To see if the Town will vote by 2/3rds majority to amend Article XII of the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law (One-Year Growth Restriction, passed at 2013 Annual Town Meeting) as follows:

- A) Under Section 12.1 (Purpose), change "2014" to "2015";
- B) Under Section 12.2.3 (Issuance of Residential Building Permits), change the town-wide allowed total from "not more than six (6)" new dwelling units to "not more than twelve (12)";

- C) Under Section 12.2.3 (Issuance of Residential Building Permits), change the limit on Building Permits for any one applicant from “Not more than two (2)” to “Not more than six (6)” dwelling units; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 19 UPDATING THE TOWN’S ZONING BY-LAWS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for a review and update of the Town’s Zoning By-Laws (“Protective Regulations By-Law”); or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

Estimated amount requested \$27,000

ARTICLE 20 REGISTERED VOTER REQUIREMENT FOR TOWN BOARDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law:

“Any person appointed by an authorized Appointing Authority for the Town of Northfield to a Town Board, Commission, Committee or Council to represent the Town of Northfield, on a Board, Commission, Committee or Council must be a Registered Voter in the Town of Northfield. Further, following appointment, if such person changes his/her residence from the Town of Northfield, he/she can no longer serve the Town in that capacity.”; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 21 BUDGET FOR THE VETERANS’ MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for a budget for the Veterans’ Memorial Committee; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Trustees of the Veterans Memorial

ARTICLE 22 ADMIN. ASSISTANT FOR TREASURER AND ACCOUNTANT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to hire an Administrative Assistant to serve the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$3,000

ARTICLE 23 PRESERVATION OF THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ENTRYWAY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes a sum or sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation for restoration and preservation of the front entryway at Dickinson Memorial Library; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee Estimated amount requested \$8,000

ARTICLE 24 **APPROPRIATION: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,500 from the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues for administrative and operating expenses, to include hiring of an Administrative Assistant for the Northfield Community Preservation Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 25 **WIRED WEST FEE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$1,000 to pay a onetime fee for the Wired West Co-operative; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 26 **RECYCLING PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the receipts related to the Town's recycling program and expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, to be under the authority of the Board of Health and not to exceed \$60,000 in expenditures in Fiscal Year 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

ARTICLE 27 **NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY CANOPY PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to extend the canopy at the parking lot entrance to the length of the cafeteria wall and add gutters to deflect snow and ice at the Northfield Elementary School; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$7,000

ARTICLE 28 **NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY PARTITION WALL REPAIR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to repair/replace partition restroom walls in the Northfield Elementary School Building; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$5,000

ARTICLE 29 **STIPEND FOR NORTHFIELD P.V.R.S. SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to re-establish a stipend of \$200 per member for Northfield members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee; and further that the stipend for the Chair of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee when the Chair is a member from Northfield will be \$275; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$675

ARTICLE 30 **PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY'14 Pioneer Valley Regional School Central Office Projects appropriation the sum of \$25,235 for Northfield's share of P.V.R.S. capital projects, including replacing carpeting in the Main Office and Phase 1 classrooms (\$22,050); repairing and sealing cracks in roads and parking lots (\$1,960); and repainting Phase 3 classrooms and corridors (\$1,225); or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the P.V. Regional School District *Estimated amount requested: \$25,235*

ARTICLE 31 **P.V.R.S. TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a borrowing in the amount of \$400,000 by the Pioneer Valley Regional School, consistent with M.G.L. Chapter 70, Section 16 (d), for the purpose of district-wide updating and replacing of technology infrastructure and end user equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the P.V. Regional School District

ARTICLE 32 **RE-PURPOSING CAPITAL FUNDS FOR P.V.R.S.**

To see if the Town will vote to permit the Pioneer Valley Regional School to re-purpose up to \$45,000, allocated in FY'12 for HVAC repair, to conduct a feasibility study to formulate options for the Central Office buildings and prepare a recommendation to repair and renovate or rebuild; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the P.V. Regional School District

ARTICLE 33 **SAND AND SALT SHED**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for potential purchase of land and construction of a new sand and salt shed for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$200,000

ARTICLE 34 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASES**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Energy Committee

ARTICLE 35 **BUCKET TRUCK REVOLVING FUND**

To see if the Town will 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, §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, and to raise and appropriate funds therefor; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$300

ARTICLE 36 **SOLDIER'S RELIEF ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to supplement the FY 2014 Soldier's Relief Account; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

Estimated amount requested: \$8,000

ARTICLE 37 **TRANSFER TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote by 2/3rds majority to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the Stabilization Fund/Account; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 38 **REDUCING THE TAX LEVY**

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2015, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

ANNUAL ELECTION WARRANT

FRANKLIN, SS.

To any of the Constables in the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin,

GREETINGS:

You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the

**Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street**

In Northfield on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at noon (12:00 o'clock), then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

One Board of Selectmen (Three year term)
One Board of Assessor (Three year term)
One Board of Health (Three year term)
Two Board of Library Trustees (Three year term)
One Planning Board (Five year term)
Two Recreation Commission (Three year term)
One Board of Sewer Commissioner (Three year term)
One Tax Collector (Three year term)
One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Veteran ((Three year term)
One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Non-Veteran (Three-year term)

The polls will open at 12:00 o'clock (noon) and close at 8:00 o'clock (eight) p.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, the U.S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Memorial Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen:

Attest:

John G. Spanbauer, Chairman

Gail V. Zukowski CMMC
Town Clerk

Jed Proujansky, Member

Date

Dan A. Gray, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FRANKLIN SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, the U.S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Memorial Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms and V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before date hereof, as within directed.

Constable of Northfield

Date