
2014 Annual Report

Town of Northfield
Massachusetts

Year ending December 31, 2014

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**Franklin Regional
Council of Government**

Linda Dunlavy
Executive Director
12 Olive St.
Greenfield, MA 01301
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General Administration

Town Administrator
Brian S. Noble
Interim Town Administrators
*Kevin Paicos
*Robert Markel

Town Secretary/Selectboard
Sandra L. Wood

Town Accountant
Deb Mero
Financial Asst.
Caralyn Ballou

Tax Collector/Treasurer
Barbara Brassor

Assessor's Clerk
Bethany Walker

Town Clerk
Daniel Campbell
*Joseph Powers, MMC, CMMC
*Gail V. Zukowski, CMMC

Town Counsel
Kopelman & Paige

Finance Committee Administrative
Assistant
Bethany Walker

Administrative Assistants
Vivien Venskowski-ZBA
Sara Goodwin Monette-Planning
Board & Conservation Commission
Bridgette Hammond-Recreation
Commission
Cathy Kostecki -Board of Health

Town Hall Custodian
Tammy Pelletier

*Resigned/Retired/Term Expired/Other

Public Safety

Police Chief
Robert Leighton

Police Sergeant
John Richardson
Officer
Igor Komerzan

Administrative Asst.
Vivien Venskowski

Fire Chief
Floyd "Skip" Dunnell
Asst. Chief
David Quinn, Jr.

EMS Chief
Mark Fortier
Asst. Chief
Randy Wheelock

Building Commissioner
James Hawkins

Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Frank Turner

Electrical Inspector
Devin Lockley

Dog Officer
Don Thornton

Public Works

Superintendent of Streets & Building
Maintenance
Tom Walker

Foreman
Kevin Steiner

Truck Driver/Laborers
Mike Mankowsky
Andy Boyden
Arnold Rose

Building Maintenance
Jeremy Underwood

Administrative Assistant
Sarah Monette

Wastewater Treatment Facility
Eric Meals, Lead Operator
*Ryan Henderson, Operator

Community Services

Senior Center
Director
Heather Tower

Outreach
Coordinator
Jeanette Tessier

Library Director
Deb Kern

Circulation
Jane Lyle-Jaworski

Programming
Matt Atwood
*Halie Theoharides

Circulation Assistant
Kathy O'Shea
*Jessica Robinson

Library Custodian
Tim Rogers

	Term Expires
Board of Assessors	
Robert MacEwen	2016
Michelle Milton	2017
Thomas Shearer	2015
Board of Selectmen	
John G. Spanbauer	2015
Jed Proujansky	2016
Tracy Rogers	2017
Moderator	
Nathan L'Etoile	2015
Planning Board	
Robert D. Hall Jr.	2017
James Holloway	2016
Richard Fitzgerald	2019
Guy Gilbert	2015
Tammy Pelletier	2016
Tax Collector	
Barbara Brassor	2017
Treasurer	
Barbara Brassor	2015

<u>Elected Officials</u>	Term Expires
Board of Health	
Flora Sadri	2016
Thomas Walker	2016
Dan Gray	2017
David Balk	2015
Robert MacEwen	2015
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials	
Charles Handren	2016
Raymond Zukowski	2016
Denis Brennan	2017
Phil Watson	2017
Robert D. Hall Jr.	2015
PVRS District	
William Wahlstrom	2018
Patricia Shearer	2016
Robin L'Etoile	2018
Sewer Commission	
Tom Walker	2016
Paul Prest	2017
Raymond Zukowski	2015

	Term Expires
Board of Library Trustees	
Margot Fleck	2016
Deb Potee	2016
Lloyd E. Parrill	2017
Jon McGowan	2017
Nolan Kitfield	2015
Pauline Borrego	2015
Constables	
David Brassor	2016
Fredd Fuller	2016
James O'Shea	2016
John Ware	2016
Recreation Commission	
Joe Stacy	2015
John Faille	2017
Jeremy Underwood	2016
Suzanne Handren	2016
Brian Winslow	2017
Town Clerk	
Dan Campbell	2015

Moderator Appointed

Finance Committee

Lois Stearns	2015
Susan Wright	2015
Anthony Matteo	2016
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile	2016
Dan Campbell	2017
Chad Glover	2017

Franklin County Tech School

Scott Milton	2015
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Non Partisan Caucus

Susan Lloyd	2016
Kim Farmer	2016
Beth Walker	2016

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Agricultural Commission

William Ames	2015
Eugene L'Etoile	2017
William Llewelyn	2017
William Roberts	2017
Dave Kalinowski	2015
Alan Stone	2015
Jerry Wagener	2016

Building Utilization & Planning

Kathleen Wright	2016
Chad Glover	2016

Council on Aging

Rhoda Yucavitch	2017
Irene Jurkowski	2017
John Blazejewski	2016
Louise Hoff	2017
Ted Thornton	2017

Eleanor Goodman	2015
Gwen Trelle	2015
Genevieve Clark	2016
Leona Labor	2016
Sue Pasteris	2015
Suzanne McGowan	2017
Lorrie Byrom	2016

Conservation Commission

Leslie Powers	2015
Hunter Swanson	2016
Joan Deely	2016
Mike Barry	2016
Charles Blanker	2017
William Llewelyn	2017
Nick Fleck	2015

Cultural Council

Charlie Davis	2016
Deb Potee	2017
Katie Beth Ryan	2016
Ruthanne Paulsen	2017
Vera Cooley	2017
Amy Boyden	2015
Gretchen Licata	2018

Election Officers

Linda Leavis	Liz L'Etoile	Pam Veith	2015
Nina Sibley	Kay Snow	Jessie Wiggin	2015
Sandra Campbell	Alice Fortier	Betty Gibson	2015
Bethany Walker	Bruce Kahn	Joanne Newton	2015
Barbara Brassor	Dianne Cornwell	Eric Meals	2015
Al Stone	Carol Holden	Patricia Stone	2015

Community Preservation Committee	
Tony Matteo	2015
Jessie Wiggin	2015
Joan Deely	2015
Robert D. Hall Jr.	2015
Jen Tufts	2015
Rhoda Yucavitch	2015
Eleanor Goodman	2015
CEDS Rep	
Jerry Wagener	
Community Park Committee	
Julia Blyth	2017
Kate Rossiter	2017
Gwen Trelle	2017
Mindy Nadolski	2017
Joe Stacy	2017
Laura Kaye	2017
Kathleen Coutu	2017
Suzanne Handren	2017
Cynthia Mead	2017

Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory	
Lisa McLoughlin	2017
Joan Deely	2017
Howard Perrea	2017
Bob Duby	2017
Bob English	2017
Town Hall Master Plan Committee	
Stephen Serendynski	2015
Tom Walker	2015
Jack Spanbauer	2015

Zoning Study Committee	
Jack Spanbauer	2017
Rich Fitzgerald	2017
Joan Stoia	2017
Erin Jaworski	2017
Kathy Wright	2017

Zoning Board of Appeals	
Edward Shearer	2016
William Forrest	2017
Shawn Foster	2018
Erin Jaworski	2018
Jennifer Cox	2015
Al Dietrich	2016
Wired West Rep	
Brian Brault	
Natural Hazardous Mitigation Committee	
Tom Walker	2015
Rob Leighton	2015
Stewardship Advisory Subcommittee to the Conservation Commission	
Julia Blyth	2015
Katherine Johnson	2015

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**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
Brush Mountain	\$ 930.27				\$ 930.27
Library Accessibility	\$ 13,515.90		\$ -	(13,515.90)	-
	<u>\$ 14,446.17</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (13,515.90)</u>	<u>\$ 930.27</u>

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
EMS Ambulance	\$ 46,145.31	\$ 101,814.92	\$ 108,530.82	\$ -	\$ 39,429.41
Sewer	\$ 15,375.41	\$ 262,526.27	\$ 269,720.45	\$ 51,717.43	\$ 59,898.66
	<u>\$ 61,520.72</u>	<u>\$ 364,341.19</u>	<u>\$ 378,251.27</u>	<u>\$ 51,717.43</u>	<u>\$ 99,328.07</u>

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2014

		Special	Capital		Trust and	Long Term	Totals
	General	Revenue	Projects	Enterprise	Agency	Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,505,484	258,918	0	160,581	1,602,005	0	3,526,988
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	201,431	493	0	0	0	0	201,924
Excise Taxes	30,001	0	0	0	0	0	30,001
Tax Liens	26,352	0	0	0	0	0	26,352
User Charges	0	0	0	146,501	0	0	146,501
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-302,329	0	0	0	0	0	-302,329
Tax Foreclosures	7,007	0	0	0	0	0	7,007
Prepaid Expenses & Other Recievables	256	0	0	0	0	0	256
Due From Other Funds	95,961	-37,502	930	-58,062	-1,327	0	0
Due from Other Governments	0	572,441	0	0	0	0	572,441
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	0	0	0	0	0	82,217	82,217
Total Assets	1,564,163	794,350	930	249,020	1,600,678	82,217	4,291,358
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities:							
Warrants, Payrolls, & Accounts Payable	412,100	247	0	3,191	0	0	415,538
Employee Withholdings	6,392	0	0	0	0	0	6,392
Due to Others	9,713	120	0	0	2,546	0	12,379
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes & Tax Liens	-74,546	493	0	0	0	0	-74,053
Excise Taxes	30,001	0	0	0	0	0	30,001
Other	7,007	572,441		146,501			725,949
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds/Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	82,217	82,217
Total Liabilities	390,667	573,301	0	149,692	2,546	82,217	1,198,423
Fund Equity:							
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	146,813	4,717	0	1,590	0	0	153,120
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	0	0	0	0	205,336	0	205,336
Unreserved:							
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	131,000	14,800	0	0	350,000	0	495,800
Undesignated	895,683	201,532	930	97,738	1,042,796	0	2,238,679
Total Fund Equity	1,173,496	221,049	930	99,328	1,598,132	0	3,092,935
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,564,163	794,350	930	249,020	1,600,678	82,217	4,291,358

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GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		Period: July 2013 to June 2014					
Account #	Account Name	Current Year Budgeted	Adjustments	Net Working Budget	Current Year Expenditures	Balance to FY2015	Balance to Close
11401	MODERATOR SALARY	52.00	0.00	52.00	0.00	0.00	52.00
11410	MODERATOR EXPENSE	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
12201	SELECTMEN SALARIES	5760.00	0.00	5760.00	5760.00	0.00	0.00
12202	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	52716.00	784.55	53500.55	38714.13	0.00	14786.42
12203	SECRETARY WAGES	38877.00	1630.20	40507.20	40507.20	0.00	0.00
12210	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	11840.00	7000.00	18840.00	14398.91	0.00	4441.09
12230	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	820.00	0.00	820.00	230.00	0.00	590.00
12251	PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW	8000.00		8000.00	4750.00	3250.00	0.00
13110	FIN COMM EXPENSE	1368.00	0.00	1368.00	750.49	0.00	617.51
13210	RESERVE FUND	20000.00	-16942.74	3057.26	0.00	0.00	3057.26
13501	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	26912.00	0.00	26912.00	26911.92	0.00	0.08
13510	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	370.00	0.00	370.00	299.58	0.00	70.42
13551	TOWN AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14101	ASSESSORS SALARIES	5287.00	0.00	5287.00	5287.00	0.00	0.00
14102	ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	30961.00	0.00	30961.00	26098.37	0.00	4862.63
14103	ASSESSOR'S PROP INSP	15900.00	0.00	15900.00	15713.75	0.00	186.25
14110	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	12610.00	0.00	12610.00	10519.72	0.00	2090.28
14152	APPRAISAL NFLD MTN PROJ	7000.00	0.00	7000.00	800.00	6200.00	0.00
14250	ASSESSORS REVAL	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00
14501	TREASURER SALARY	15721.00	0.00	15721.00	15720.96	0.00	0.04
14510	TREASURER EXPENSE	4100.00	0.00	4100.00	3939.15	0.00	160.85
14601	TAX COLL SALARY	15721.00	0.00	15721.00	15720.96	0.00	0.04
14610	TAX COLL EXPENSE	5600.00	0.00	5600.00	5558.52	0.00	41.48
15110	TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	20500.00	0.00	20500.00	6658.49	0.00	13841.51
15510	COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	13049.00	0.00	13049.00	12236.63	0.00	812.37
15554	COMPUTERS 5/03	1379.02	0.00	1379.02	1065.31	313.71	0.00
15810	TAX TITLE	2300.00	362.54	2662.54	2662.54	0.00	0.00
15910	COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	1101.41	0.00	398.59
16101	TOWN CLERK SALARY	34961.00	0.00	34961.00	32643.90	0.00	2317.10
16110	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3235.00	0.00	3235.00	1195.87	0.00	2039.13
16210	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	10125.00	0.00	10125.00	2874.59	0.00	7250.41
17110	CONSERV COMM EXPENSE	3046.00	0.00	3046.00	3044.85	0.00	1.15
17510	PLANNING BD EXPENSE	4229.00	0.00	4229.00	2804.99	0.00	1424.01
17550	MASTER PLAN	23169.14	0.00	23169.14	22572.79	596.35	0.00
17610	ZBA EXPENSE	4107.00	0.00	4107.00	3066.15	0.00	1040.85
17810	OPEN SPACE COMM	1200.00	0.00	1200.00	1148.31	0.00	51.69
17901	LAND DAMAGES	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
17910	AG COMM EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	500.00	472.68	0.00	27.32
17950	MASS APR PROGRAM	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00
17954	CONS & LAND CONSULTANT	492.15	0.00	492.15	0.00	492.15	0.00
19201	TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	15012.00	0.00	15012.00	13730.91	0.00	1281.09
19202	BLDG MAINT PERSON	35567.00	0.00	35567.00	29632.20	0.00	5934.80
19210	TOWN HALL MAINT.	40020.00	0.00	40020.00	34313.65	0.00	5706.35
19211	TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	9700.00	0.00	9700.00	7559.04	0.00	2140.96
19212	TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2200.00	0.00	2200.00	1565.92	0.00	634.08
19267	T HALL PROJECTS 05/07	352.82	0.00	352.82	57.30	295.52	0.00
19269	ELEC TO BS & PAVILLION	2976.75	0.00	2976.75	1935.16	1041.59	0.00
19270	TOWN HALL GENERATOR	1390.00	0.00	1390.00	913.00	477.00	0.00

19271	TOWN HALL INTERIOR ASSESSMT	3600.00	0.00	3600.00	0.00	3600.00	0.00
19272	TOWN HALL REPAIRS 5/12	8474.66	0.00	8474.66	869.08	7605.58	0.00
17273	T HALL SEWER LINING & CANOPY	37000.00	0.00	37000.00	13684.79	23315.21	0.00
17274	FIREPROOF SAFES	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	2950.00	1050.00	0.00
19510	TOWN REPORTS	400.00	215.45	615.45	343.11	0.00	272.34
19910	TOWN CLOCK	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
21001	POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	273203.00	0.00	273203.00	211523.50	0.00	61679.50
21010	POLICE OPER EXPENSE	41775.00	0.00	41775.00	41407.17	0.00	367.83
21050	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	36000.00	0.00	36000.00	35991.30	0.00	8.70
22001	FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5268.00	0.00	5268.00	4702.10	0.00	565.90
22002	FIRE DEPT WAGES	41308.00	-5000.00	36308.00	27770.52	0.00	8537.48
22010	FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	17960.00	2600.00	20560.00	19217.93	0.00	1342.07
22011	FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8000.00	0.00	8000.00	7933.62	0.00	66.38
22012	FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	410.00	0.00	2590.00
22013	FIRE HYDRANTS	5460.00	0.00	5460.00	5460.00	0.00	0.00
22014	FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	17300.00	2400.00	19700.00	19307.52	0.00	392.48
22015	FIRE PONDS	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	2850.00	0.00	150.00
22069	FIRE STATION REPAIRS	6920.00	0.00	6920.00	5725.00	1195.00	0.00
24101	BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	25274.00	0.00	25274.00	25273.56	0.00	0.44
24110	BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1050.00	0.00	1050.00	361.37	0.00	688.63
24210	GAS INSPECTIONS	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	1560.00	0.00	940.00
24510	WIRE INSPECTION	1680.00	950.00	2630.00	2620.54	0.00	9.46
29110	CIVIL DEFENSE	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.00	0.00	300.00
29201	DOG OFFICER SALARY	3247.00	0.00	3247.00	3246.96	0.00	0.04
29210	DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1900.00	0.00	1900.00	1556.44	0.00	343.56
29410	TREE DEPT EXPENSE	8925.00	0.00	8925.00	8850.00	0.00	75.00
29901	CONSTABLE WAGES	1040.00	0.00	1040.00	488.16	0.00	551.84
29910	CONSTABLE EXPENSE	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
29930	FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
29950	HEPATITIS SHOTS	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	0.00
30011	ELEM SCH MAINT	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00	1500.00
30063	ELEM SCH ROOF REPAIRS	19285.00	0.00	19285.00	19267.36	0.00	17.64
30068	NES-CALIBRATE HEATING SYSTEM	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	10000.00	0.00	0.00
31010	PVRS OPER ASSESSMENT	3723564.81	0.00	3723564.81	3723564.81	0.00	0.00
31053	PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESS	251376.00	0.00	251376.00	251375.67	0.00	0.33
31055	PVRS CENTRAL OFFICE PROJ	26000.00	0.00	26000.00	0.00	25235.00	765.00
31054	PVRS CAPITAL PROJ	18980.00	0.00	18980.00	18980.00	0.00	0.00
31057	PVRS BOILER	45148.00	0.00	45148.00	39512.52	0.00	5635.48
32010	FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	315843.00	0.00	315843.00	315843.00	0.00	0.00
42110	HWY SUPT EXPENSE	13000.00	0.00	13000.00	11948.75	0.00	1051.25
42201	HWY DEPT WAGES	260320.00	0.00	260320.00	256596.88	0.00	3723.12
42210	HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	165375.00	-10500.00	154875.00	152966.97	0.00	1908.03
42211	OIL & STONING	63000.00	0.00	63000.00	63000.00	0.00	0.00
42212	HWY TOOLS	1260.00	0.00	1260.00	1259.73	0.00	0.27
42213	OIL & STONING- PR YR ENCUMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42250	SIDEWALKS	24345.90	0.00	24345.90	0.00	24345.90	0.00
42251	REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	0.00
42252	OLD WENDELL RD	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	0.00
42310	SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75390.00	21429.31	96819.31	94668.69	0.00	2150.62
42410	STREET LIGHTS	13800.00	400.00	14200.00	14125.55	0.00	74.45
42910	MACHINE MAINT	84341.00	9000.00	93341.00	92558.52	0.00	782.48
42911	HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	11550.00	1500.00	13050.00	12700.36	0.00	349.64
42912	HWY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
42950	HWY DEPT TRUCK	4499.34	0.00	4499.34	4400.00	0.00	99.34
42952	SURVEY BOUNDS-TOWN WAYS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
42954	HWY PLOW & EQUIP	1438.00	0.00	1438.00	1438.00	0.00	0.00
42959	HWY GARAGE MAINT & ENRGY EFF	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00

43110	SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	8555.00	0.00	8555.00	8555.00	0.00	0.00
43310	TRANSFER STATION	110579.00	0.00	110579.00	97159.27	0.00	13419.73
49110	CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	18750.00	0.00	1250.00
49150	CEMETERIES-MAJOR IMPROVMENTS	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00
51001	BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2423.00	0.00	2423.00	2423.00	0.00	0.00
51003	SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	280.00	0.00	1220.00
51010	BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8206.00	-135.00	8071.00	5004.52	0.00	3066.48
51011	SHARED HEALTH AGENT	10650.00	0.00	10650.00	10458.00	0.00	192.00
51012	BD OF HEALTH-PLUMBING INSP FEES	2500.00	135.00	2635.00	2635.00	0.00	0.00
51910	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2372.00	0.00	2372.00	1964.00	0.00	408.00
54110	COUNCIL ON AGING	48788.00	0.00	48788.00	44495.61	0.00	4292.39
54152	SENIOR CTR DESIGN	11920.00	0.00	11920.00	0.00	11920.00	0.00
54310	SOLDIERS RELIEF	24500.00	15000.00	39500.00	36119.92	0.00	3380.08
61001	D MEM LIB-WAGES & SALARIES	105682.00	-2000.00	103682.00	102118.11	0.00	1563.89
61010	D MEM LIB-EXPENSE	38902.00	2000.00	40902.00	40446.35	0.00	455.65
61015	NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
61054	LIBRARY CLIMATE CONTROL	2164.35	0.00	2164.35	0.00	2164.35	0.00
61075	LIBR ENERGY SAV MEAS	1202.55	0.00	1202.55	0.00	1202.55	0.00
61077	LIBRARY-MTG ROOM HEAT SYSTEM	368.00	0.00	368.00	0.00	368.00	0.00
61078	LIBRARY HEATING SYSTEM	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	1758.58	0.00	241.42
61080	LIBRARY PLASTER CEILINGS	0.00	4000.00	4000.00	3500.00	0.00	500.00
63010	RECREATION COMM	6583.00	0.00	6583.00	5970.63	0.00	612.37
63040	REC COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
63050	REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4139.00	0.00	4139.00	3265.71	0.00	873.29
65010	MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	3185.62	0.00	814.38
65050	ATHLETIC FIELD DRAINAGE	627.19	0.00	627.19	0.00	627.19	0.00
69110	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00	0.00	500.00	111.10	0.00	388.90
69210	MEMORIAL DAY	1600.00	0.00	1600.00	1462.10	0.00	137.90
69910	ALEXANDER HALL	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
75210	INT SHORT TERM-REV ANTIC NOTES	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00
82010	STATE ASSESSMENTS	7344.00	0.00	7344.00	7904.00	0.00	-560.00
83010	FRCOG ASSESSMENT	29796.00	0.00	29796.00	29796.00	0.00	0.00
84010	VETERANS DISTRICT	5948.00	0.00	5948.00	5869.00	0.00	79.00
91110	COUNTY RETIREMENT	159770.00	0.00	159770.00	159770.00	0.00	0.00
91210	WORKERS COMP INS	16172.00	0.00	16172.00	6772.31	0.00	9399.69
91310	UNEMPLOYMENT	7000.00	1827.97	8827.97	8827.97	0.00	0.00
91410	CH 32B HEALTH INS	207787.00	-21429.31	186357.69	186125.25	0.00	232.44
91510	CH 32B LIFE INS	1700.00	0.00	1700.00	1370.15	0.00	329.85
91601	FICA & MEDICARE	16100.00	0.00	16100.00	15607.05	0.00	492.95
94510	OTHER INSURANCE	61303.00	-2227.97	59075.03	55592.11	0.00	3482.92
99610	TRSF TO STABILIZATION	455000.00	0.00	455000.00	455000.00	0.00	0.00
99629	TRSF TO REVOLVING	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND		7622188.59	13000.00	7635188.59	7266942.19	146813.01	221433.39

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash & Investments				
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking	(4,023)			
Tax Collector Checking	200			
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep Acct.	371,188			
Peoples United Bank	185,566			
MMDT-Combined Investment	16,379			
Unibank Tax Receipt Acct	348,213			
Unibank Investment Acct.	587,961	1,505,484		
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds	95,961	95,961		
Accounts Receivable				
Personal Property Taxes				
Prior years	1,663			
2012	254			
2013	412			
2014	1,458	3,787		
Real Estate Taxes				
Prior years	11			
2011	5,114			
2012	25,945			
2013	48,405			
2014	125,904			
2015	(7,735)	197,644		
Allowance for Abate & Exempt				
Prior years	(10,334)			
2010	(12,711)			
2011	(113,484)			
2012	(20,304)			
2013	(111,832)			
2014	(33,664)	(302,329)	(100,898)	
Tax Liens	26,352	26,352		
Ch59 Sec2D Spec Assmnt	0	0		
Motor Vehicle Excise	30,001	30,001		
Other Assets				
Tax Foreclosures		7,007		
Prepaid Expenses		256		
Other Recievables		0		
		1,564,163		

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Warrants & Accounts Payable	405,481	
Accrued Payrolls Payable	5,009	
Fees Payable	1,610	
Payroll Withholdings	6,392	
Other Liabilities		
Unclaimed Checks	5,772	
Bid Bonds	3,941	9,713
Deferred Revenue		
Property Taxes Prior Years	(7,344)	
Property Taxes 2009	(1,859)	
Property Taxes 2010	(12,380)	
Property Taxes 2011	(108,157)	
Property Taxes 2012	5,895	
Property Taxes 2013	(63,016)	
Property Taxes 2014	93,698	
Property Taxes 2015	(7,735)	(100,898)
Tax Liens	26,352	
Special Assessments	0	
Motor Vehicle Excise	30,001	
Tax Foreclosures	7,007	63,360
Fund Balance		
Res-Continuing	146,813	
Approps	131,000	
Res-Expenditures	0	
Unreserved	895,683	1,173,496

1,564,163
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(199,862)
Due from Comm of Mass	572,441

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	0
Deferred Revenue	572,441
Fund Balance	1
	(199,862)
	2)

372,579

372,579
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Greenfield Co-op No-Pen Cd	231,305		Deferred Revenue	493	
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(31,484)		Fund Balance-Res Open Space	31,095	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2011	11		Fund Balance-Res Historic Rescorces	2,795	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2012	127		Fund Balance-Res Commty Housing	8,095	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2013	145		Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	11,300	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2014	218		Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approps	4,717	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2015	(8)		Fund Balance-Undesignated	141,81	
		200,314		9	
					200,314

TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS

Arts Council Savings	5,881
Cash-due from Genl Fund	41,586

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	0	
Accrued Payrolls Payable	0	
Fund Balances		
Cultural Council	6,153	
Green Community	38,856	
EMPG- FY14	(1,991)	
Police Reg Stdy	1,000	
Police Vest	977	
Police BZPP/VRPP	(70)	
Oct 2005 Flood	10,751	
VIPS- Police	39	
COA	0	
COA- FCHHC	2,165	
Library LIG/MEG	5,934	
Pulic Library Fund	474	
Title V		
Septic	2,868	
Bd of Hlth-MAPHCO	103	
Stormwater Mgmt	(19,792)	47,467
		47,467

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	60,970
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balances		
Sale of Real Estate	9,969	
Sale Low Value Land	98	
Sale of Cem Lots-Undesignated	45,144	
Sale of Cem Lots- Res for Expediture	0	
Dog Fund- Undesignated	2,259	
Dog Fund-Res for Expenditure	3,500	60,970

REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS

Recreation Checking	21,732
Ladder Fund Savings	0
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	91,288

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv	120
Warrants & Accounts Payable	247
Fund Balances	
Rec Revolv	26,702
Ladder Gifts	70
Police Gifts	2,681
Restitution	35
Town Hall Landscape	806
Town Clock	59
Town Forest	467
Historical Comm Gifts	57
Maint Cem Markers	437

			Library Gifts	7,542			
			Misc. Donations	6			
			EMT Gifts	1,929			
			Ambulance Donations	2,580			
			Bucket Truck Revolv	3,310			
			Roadside Mower	2,947			
			COA Gifts	8,931			
			COA Exercise Prog	2,083			
			Vt Yankee Training	2,143			
			Vt Yankee Emer Mgmt	12,223			
			Cons Comm Wetlands	9,527			
			Ag Comm Gifts	1			
			Map Framing Gifts	105			
			Veterans Memorial	619		112,653	
			Recycling Revolv	27,393			
		113,020					113,020
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			CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (Brush Mountain Purchase)				
ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	930		Notes Payable		0		
			Fund Balance		930		
		930					930
		=====					=====
			ENTERPRISE FUND (Emergecy Medical Service)				
ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				
Cash	66,187		Accrued Payrolls Payable		3,191		
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(23,567)		Deferred Revenue		67,302		
Accounts Receivalbe	67,302		Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approps		1,590		
		109,922	Fund Balance-Undesignated		37,839		109,922
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			ENTERPRISE FUND (Sewer)				
ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				
Cash	94,394		Accounts Payable		0		
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(34,495)		Deferred Revenue-Sewer Use		67,837		
A/R Sewer Use Charges	67,837		Deferred Revenue-Sewer Liens		11,362		
Sewer Liens	11,362		Fund Balance		59,899		
		139,098					139,098
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			TRUST FUNDS				
ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				
M Alexander-Checking	1,152		Accrued Payrolls Payable		0		
M Alexander-Savings & CD	105,393		Fund Balances- Non Expendable				
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	88,157		PC Center Cem	15,638			
T Hurley-Invest Acct	15,860		Belcher Cem	2,000			
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	215,806		J Cowles Cem	2,000			
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	(3,873)		C Stearns Cem	500			
	422,495		F Lane Cem	202			
			PC West Nfld Cem	8,677			
			Priest, et ux Cem	7,292			
			L Holton Cem	101			
			PC Nfld Farms	11,977			
			PC Mt Hermon Cem	6,725			
			M Callander Cem	500			

PC Pentecost Cem	12,850		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	100		
Bowman Library	78,193		
Belcher Library	9,739		
C Dickinson Library	3,000		
M Montague Library	2,010		
DAR Book Fund	100		
Holton Library	500		
McGowan Library	3,182		
T Hurley Library	15,000		
Charity- Various	21,450		
Surplus Rev- School	1,600	205,33	
Belcher Ctr. School	2,000	6	
Fund Balances-Expendable			
PC Center Cem	1,374		
PC West Nfld Cem	687		
PC Nfld Farms	928		
PC Mt Hermon Cem	3,592		
PC Pentecost Cem	1,022		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	78		
Bowman Library	9,633		
Belcher Library	1,104		
C Dickinson Library	333		
M Montague Library	757		
DAR Book Fund	144		
Holton Library	91		
Merriman Library	1,749		
E Jackson Library	299		
M Stanley Library	674		
R Giles Library	3,148		
McGowan Library	1,227		
Library Bldg Fund	2,100		
C&P Lawrence Libry	3,275		
T Hurley Library	860		
M Alexander Charity	101,015		
L Evans Charity	8,352		
G Morgan Charity	15,034		
R Evans Charity	2,274		
M Starkweather Char	35,443		
E Alexander Charity	13,058		
Surplus Rev- School	1,347		
Belcher Ctr. School	3,320		
E Jackson- Town	2,212		
W Parker-Mnt Mrkrs	1,017	217,15	
Tercentenary Comm	1,012	9	
	422,495		422,495
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STABILIZATION FUND

ASSETS

Investment Acct-Stabilization-General	788,941
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Fire Truck	351,478
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Hwy	35,218

1,175,637

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance-Undesignated	788,941
Fund Balance-Fire Truck-Res for Expenditure	350,000
Fund Balance-Fire Truck	0
Fund Balance-Fire Truck	1,478
Fund Balance-Hwy Backhoe	35,218
	1,175,637
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AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	2,546
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Outside Details Payable	246
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2,546	Due to State-Firearms Lic	2,300	2,546
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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt

82,217

Note-Issued 10/12 Sewer

30,500

Note-Issued 9/13 Sewer

51,717

82,217

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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND
July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014

Taxes

Personal Property Taxes	336,155	
Real Estate Taxes	5,987,711	
Tax Liens Redeemed	1,031	
Tax Foreclosures	0	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	0	
Ch 59,Sec2D- Prorata Taxes	213	
Motor Vehicle Excise	351,863	
Farm Animal Excise	0	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	0	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	41,698	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	2,173	
Penalty & Int, Other Taxes	0	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,453	6,723,297

Charges for Services

Transfer Station Stickers,Vouchers	6,161	
Transfer Station Pay to Throw Bags	41,344	
Use of Copy Machine	477	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	582	
Library User Fees-Out of State	575	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps, Mail	260	
Accident Reports	235	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	2,420	
Building Inspection Fees	175	
Fire Department Inspections	290	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	2,486	
Cruiser Fee-Police Outside Detail	1,312	
Board of Appeals Fees	150	
Conservation Commission Fees	0	
Planning Board Fees	30	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	75	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall/School Use Rent	0	
Cell Tower Lease	23,805	80,377

Licenses & Permits

Alcoholic Bev & Other Licenses	5,474	
Other Misc Permits	170	
F.I.D. & Pistol Permits	1,100	
Building Permits	13,802	
Wiring Permits	5,056	
Gas Permits	1,555	
Plumbing Permits	2,320	
Disposal & Septic Permits	850	
Other Bd of Health Permits	2,005	32,332

Fines & Forfeitures			
Court Fines	2,015		
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	12,363		
Non-criminal Dispositions	400		
Library Fines	2,418		
Dog Fines	1,610		
False Alarms	0		
By-law Violation Fines	700	19,506	
State & Federal Revenue			
Expanded Polling Hours	2,500		
State Owned Land	40,792		
Abatements- Veterans, Blind, Elderly	17,337		
Veterans Benefits	18,958		
Police Career Incentive	0		
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	312,818		
Other Revenue from State	0		
Emerg Mgmt Aid	16,664	409,069	
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest			
Other Misc Revenue	11,743		
Contributions & Donations	0		
Interest on Investments	5,147	16,890	
TOTAL REVENUES			7,281,471
Other Financing Sources			
Trsf from Other Special Revenue	3,500		
Trsf from Capital Project Fund	13,516		
Trsf from Enterprise Fund	25,933		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			42,949
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			7,324,420

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
Highway Chapter 90 Grants Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	\$ (197,954.60)	403,335.35	405,242.58		\$ (199,861.83)
Sale of Real Estate	5,569.37	4,400.00			9,969.37
Sale of Low Value Land	98.26				98.26
Sale of Cemetery Lots	43,668.77	1,475.00			45,143.77
Insurance Settlements >20K	-				-
Dog Fund	7,920.09	1,339.00		(3,500.00)	5,759.09
Community Preservation Fund					
Reserved for Expenditure	78,822.93		74,105.43	11,300.00	16,017.50
Reserved for Open Space	28,137.00	2,958.00			31,095.00
Reserved for Historic Preservation	11,137.00	2,958.00		(11,300.00)	2,795.00

Reserved for Community Housing	5,137.00	2,958.00		8,095.00	
Undesignated	121,524.24	20,705.35	410.21	141,819.38	
Grants:					
Green Community	25,923.53	71,875.00	58,942.80	38,855.73	
Police Regional Study	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Police Vest	596.84	380.00		976.84	
Police BZPP/VRPP	(11,418.07)	24,024.47	12,676.99	(70.59)	
Police WReg Secur		-			-
VIPS-Police	39.05			39.05	
Emergency Mgmt Equip	540.00		540.00		-
VY Emergency Mgmt	2,318.10	13,875.00	3,970.00	12,223.10	
EMPG-FY14		- -	1,990.59	(1,990.59)	
Oct 2005 Flood	10,750.82			10,750.82	
Stormwater Management	(109,841.98)	95,840.88	5,791.04	(19,792.14)	
Title V Septic	2,867.97			2,867.97	
BOH MAPHCO	103.39			103.39	
Munic Recycling		- 500.00	500.00		-
COA Formula Grant		- 5,408.00	5,408.00		-
COA FCHHC Passthrough	2,165.04	720.00	720.00	2,165.04	
Cultural Council	4,451.21	4,251.73	2,550.00	6,152.94	
Library LIG/MEG	7,142.32	2,340.68	3,549.27	5,933.73	
Public Library Fund	474.06			474.06	
Revolving Funds & Gifts					
Town Clock	58.91			58.91	
Town Hall Landscaping	806.22			806.22	
Town Forest	500.00		33.00	467.00	
Map Framing	105.00			105.00	
Misc Donations	6.03			6.03	
Insurance Settlements		- 7,134.99	7,134.99		-
Cons Comm Wetlands Fees	9,349.30	177.40		9,526.70	
Ag Comm Gifts	1.45			1.45	
Restitution	35.22			35.22	
Police Dept Gifts	3,291.14	1,000.00	1,610.16	2,680.98	
Ladder Fund	69.91			69.91	
VY Civil Defense	35.40		35.40		-
VY Training	3,568.03	1,728.23	3,152.83	2,143.43	
EMT Gifts	998.32	2,247.00	1,316.31	1,929.01	
Ambulance Donations	2,579.83			2,579.83	
Bucket Truck Revolving	2,010.04	1,300.00		3,310.04	

Roadside Mower	1,147.30	53,460.30	51,660.30		2,947.30
Recycling Revolving		- 27,393.02			27,393.02
COA Gifts	7,631.29	2,660.72	1,361.07		8,930.94
COA Exercise Progran Donations	1,691.72	391.75			2,083.47
Maint Cemetery Markers	436.50				436.50
Library Gifts	10,178.92	2,233.44	4,870.21		7,542.15
Recreation Revolving	28,672.17	30,891.66	32,862.24		26,701.59
Historical Commission Gifts	56.55				56.55
Veterans Memorial Gifts	951.01		332.50		618.51
	\$ 115,352.60	\$ 789,962.97	\$ 680,765.92	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ 221,049.65

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
Stabilization Fund:					
General	\$ 433,042.29	\$ 898.21	\$ -	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 788,940.50
Fire Truck	250,681.81	796.66		100,000.00	351,478.47
Hwy Backhoe	35,009.78	208.11			35,217.89
Cemetery Perpetual Care:					
Non-Expendable	67,937.24	625.00	-		68,562.24
Expendable	7,523.42	158.17	-		7,681.59
Library Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	111,724.01	-	-		111,724.01
Expendable	25,899.30	494.53	1,000.00		25,393.83
Other Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	25,050.00	-	-		25,050.00
Expendable	187,733.42	1,630.32	5,279.80		184,083.94
	\$ 1,144,601.27	\$ 4,811.00	\$ 6,279.80	\$ 455,000.00	\$ 1,598,132.47

Board of Assessors

Amount to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$8,522,539.63
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$3,980.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	\$9,085.00
Overlay	\$74,376.77

Total Amount to be Raised \$ 8,609,981.40

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Est. Rec. State	\$411,263.00
Est. Rec. Local	\$868,668.79
Rev. Appropriated Specific	\$391,735.00
Rev. To Reduce Tax Rate	\$131,000.00

Total Receipts & Revenue \$1,802,666.79

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Levy \$6,807,314.61

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Residential	275,690,006	4,590,238.60
Commercial	39,814,678	662,914.39
Industrial	71,635,800	1,192,736.07
Personal Property	21,707,240	361,425.55
TOTAL	408,847,724	6,807,314.61

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2015 \$16.65 (per thousand of value)

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Shearer, Chairperson

Michelle Milton

Robert MacEwen

Bethany Walker, Clerk

Board of Health

The Board of Health is an elected Board comprised of 5 members and a secretary. We meet at 5:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, with additional meetings as required. The Board has many duties and responsibilities that are mandated by the State which involve protecting the public health and welfare.

Northfield belongs to Eastern Franklin County health District (EFCHD). Towns share the cost of membership, which provides our health agents: Dave Zarozinski and Deb Palmer provide us excellent, professional assistance. They perform inspections twice annually on all food establishments including our schools. Additionally farmers markets, camp and public pools are inspected as required. Dave and Deb investigate any public health or housing issue or other complaints, representing the town in Housing Court if necessary. As our health agents they provide unlimited assistance and counsel to the Board of Health members on any questions or issues that develop.

The Board of Health issues septic haulers permits, food permits, camp permits, pool permits, and bed and breakfast permits to name a few. Board members examine and approve all septic system designs. A Board of Health member must be present at every perc test and final inspection of each septic system; new construction, system replacement or repair.

All complaints are investigated by the Board promptly; information is shared with other Boards and outside agencies as required to effect solutions.

The Transfer Station is managed by the Board of Health. It represents 80% of our overall budget. The Highway superintendent handles employee scheduling and the day to day operations of the facility.

Membership in the Franklin County Solid Waste District continues, the District assists us with planning and assuring that we meet all State and OSHA regulations. We are in consultation with the District regarding ways to further save money on our operation and also to increase the revenue from our recyclables (paper, cardboard, containers).

The Re-Use Shed (or Free Store) has been undergoing extensive renovations. Remember to Reduce/Recycle/Re Use. Please use the compost container. You can save a lot of weight and space in your trash bags. Remember that everything organic can go into the compost box including waxed cardboard and used cat litter. We are now using a 3 yard container for collection.

- ❖ All florescent bulbs are collected free of charge – give them to the Attendant
- ❖ All batteries are collected free of charge. From button batteries, alkaline batteries, auto and lead batteries
- ❖ Clothing is accepted in plastic bags in the Salvation Army box
- ❖ The Got Books container accepts books, VHS tapes, CD's and DVD's. This provides income of \$20.00 / ton which helps operate the transfer station
- ❖ Consider volunteering a few hours a month to help staff the Re-Use Shed, speak with the attendant if willing to help. Board of Health members continue to work diligently in support of our Town. We travel to meetings of the EFCHD, FCSWMD, MAHB trainings offerings, courses offered by the State and the FRCOG and State on Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS). We work to save money with innovative programs and thinking outside the box. In these times of increasing costs and diminishing State programs and funding we must work together with our neighbors in Northfield and surrounding towns in order to function well and cost effectively.
- ❖ Please be aware of the Tool Lending Library located next to the ReUse shed. Tools are loaned at no cost to residents. Make out paperwork for a "library" card and check them out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McEwen Jr. David Balk Flora Sadri - Azarbajejani Dan Gray Tom Walker

Board of Selectmen

The past year saw the Selectboard thank Dan Gray for his service and welcome Tracy Rogers. Tracy formerly served as a town administrator for several years and she has brought valuable experience to the board.

Our biggest accomplishment was to hire a fulltime person to fill the new empowered Town Administrator position. Brian Noble was hired in the fall to take over the position. His energy and executive experience has helped to move a number of projects forward that have been on hold the previous year and a half.

Northfield had been without a fulltime administrator for sixteen months. We were very fortunate to have 2 very experienced professionals, Kevin Paicos and Bob Markel, to help us through that period as interim town administrator and we thank them for their service.

The Selectboard appointed Rob Leighton as Police Chief after he completed a successful year as interim Chief. Reluctantly, we said goodbye to Town Clerk Gail Zukowski who moved to another career position. After a search Northfield resident Dan Campbell was hired as the Interim Town Clerk. During the search Joe Powers helped us out as the Interim Town Clerk. Again, we were very fortunate to have Joe with his decades of experience as we had to deal with resolving a tied 2 ½ override election.

With a fulltime Town Administrator we were able to start tackling projects that have been on hold. The first that we tackled was updating the Personnel Policy changes recommended by Lisa White, Deanna Prest and Cate Woolner. The new policy is now in effect. The related project of reviewing and updating job descriptions has also been completed.

We are in the process of updating the Town Hall computer network infrastructure. Over the past 15 years our employees have had to work online more and more. This project will facilitate that as well as providing greater security, protection and preservation of files, working within Town Hall better and meeting current state regulations.

A new meeting room is almost complete on the second floor. Jeremy Underwood oversaw workers from the Franklin County House of Corrections, who did the carpentry and construction. Jeremy also oversaw students from the Franklin County Tech School who did the wiring. The workers from the House of Corrections and the Tech School performed very professional work and with their contributions the work was done at a fraction of the estimated cost. We thank them for all their efforts.

The Board also received word from our legislators and MassDOT that they are working on replacing the Schell Bridge with a new pedestrian/biking bridge. That was wonderful news and we look forward to working with them on the project.

Submitted by,

John G. Spanbauer, Chair
Jed Proujansky
Tracy Rogers

Building Utilization & Planning

The purpose of the committee is to provide for replacement and repairs to the Northfield Elementary School Building (NES) and related systems, such as furnace, windows, and other capital repairs. We advise and recommend to the Selectboard based on our assessments and those of the Principal of NES. We perform similar services for the Town Hall.

This year, the annual Town Meeting funded two articles at NES:

Construction of a canopy/porch at the back entrance

Replacement partitions in both bathrooms adjacent to the gym.

The committee receives a \$1,500 maintenance amount for small repairs during the year. This year we expended some funds to provide additional lighting to the new canopy and replaced a failed water heater.

We would like to thank Tom King and his staff and Steve Field of the PVRs District for their help and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chadwick Glover

David Gorzocoski

Kathleen Wright, Chair

Community Preservation Committee

Three projects were approved for Community Preservation Act Funding during 2014. At a special town meeting November 24, 2014, \$55,000 was approved as part of an effort by Mt. Grace Land Preservation Trust to purchase a conservation restriction on property known as Alderbrook Meadows Sanctuary. \$3,300.00 was approved for the purchase of fireproof safes for storage of archival town documents. \$8,000.00 was approved for restoration of wooden doors comprising the entryway of Dickenson Memorial Library. Although funding for repair and replacement of the Town Hall steps was approved prior to 2014, the project was completed in 2014.

The CPC conducted a Public Forum on November 13, 2014 in fulfillment of its annual obligation to assess needs and possibilities for the use of CPA funds in the community. The Committee presented a general overview of the CPA and basic criteria for projects in each category eligible for state funding (Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing, and Recreation), and fielded questions and comments from the participants. The application deadline for new projects was January 15, 2015.

Member-at-large Ruth Gallagher resigned from the CPC, leaving one vacancy open. Her service to the Committee was acknowledged and appreciated.

The current full membership of the Committee is:

Joan Deely (Co-Chair), Conservation Commission

Ellie Goodman, Council on Aging

Robert Hall, Planning Board

Suzanne Handren, Recreation Commission

Tony Matteo, Finance Committee

Jenny Tufts (Co-Chair), Open Space Committee

Jessie Wiggin, Historical Commission

Rhoda Yucavitch, Member-at-large

Submitted by Joan Deely, Co-chair

Conservation Commission

Members:

William Llewelyn, Chairman
Michael Barry
Charlie Blanker

Hunter Swanson
Nick Fleck
Joan Deely

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 2013. William Llewelyn was re-elected Chairman in June.

Their work for the past year consisted of:

- 4 Site Visits
- 1 Notice of Intents
- 1 Approved
- 0 Denied
- 1 WPA Emergency Certifications
- 5 Requests for Determination Hearings
- 0 Positive Findings
- 5 Negative Findings
- 0 Orders of Enforcement
- 1 Certificates of Compliance
- 0 Projects granted Conservation Restriction
- 11 Forest Cutting Plans reviewed

In early spring the Conservation Commission heard a presentation made by Western Mass Electric regarding the expansion of the high powered lines located in Northfield south of Northfield Mountain along with the installation of a new substation. Sean Mahony discussed the idea of a town wood bank with members which would distribute firewood from downed roadside trees and, eventually logged wood from the town forest, to residents in need. Nick Fleck headed up the process of creating a Stewardship Committee to review and recommend management practices for town woodlands. Discussions also began over concerns with the installation of a gas pipeline which, in its projected route was to go straight through Northfield.

In the early summer Wagner, representing the Open Space Committee, came before the Commission to discuss the creation of a parking area and informational kiosk at King Phillips Hill which members unanimously supported. The Northfield Watershed Association conducted its annual monitoring of the town Forest Legacy properties and Jenny Tuffs presented their finding to the Commission in June. Other than the creation of a loop trail by local scout troops no further alteration of the property had occurred. There was also ongoing discussion throughout the year with various town committees over the acquisition of land that would best suit the creation of a town park with ball fields.

In the fall Commission members reviewed the formal RDA filed by the Western Mass Electrical Company which followed up the presentation made in early spring, and offered a negative determination to the installation of new power lines and substation. It also continued to review plans presented by NEE regarding the rebuilding of the CT River bank along Tom Shearers property. The Commission approved an Emergency Filing by First Light to removed dangerously leaning trees at the River-view Campground. A Certificate of Compliance was issued for the completion of an household addition project on Four Mile Brook Rd and a request to extend a permit for farm field drainage was granted for Norse Farms. Hunter Swanson regrettably resigned from his position in October and Commission members advised residents on filings for multiple septic system replacements.

In November the Commission was joined by state DEP representative, Mark Stinson, for its monthly meeting and was able to confer over some of the recent filings along with current town wetland projects. Members reviewed RDAs for a driveway installation on Gulf Rd and the removal of trees affected by invasives on Birnam Rd, both of which were given negative determinations. The Conservation Commission also worked with the town highway department to file for maintenance work on South Mountain Rd and Four Mile Brook Rd. Plans to work with the Selectboard in the hiring of a wetlands specialist to delineate the land available for possible construction of the new safety complex are under way and should be accomplished once the snow melts in the new year.

The Conservation Commission is grateful to all residence who contacted members with questions or concerns regarding filings or activities of interest. Anyone who wishes to build on or modify their property in any way on or near a suspected wetland in encouraged to inquire with the Commission regarding filing with the town and state. Members would like to express their appreciation to all who have assisted the Commission in any way over the past year.

Highlights

The Senior Center is humming these days with old and new activities and programs. Our weekly games players are having lots of fun, judging by all the laughter! We began a second film series this year, also in collaboration with the Friends of the Library; Our First Friday Film is just over a year old and occurs each month from 12:30-3:00pm. Our new series is the Third Thursday Movie, an evening showing of provocative movies inviting discussion with retired NMH theater director, David Rowland. We meet from 7-10pm. We held our first Second Stage Symposium during March and April, bringing 96, mostly new people to the center for evenings of information and discussion. Our successful Candidate Breakfast in early May brought 27 mostly new people to the center and inspired us to find a way to continue these offerings (that's 2015!). Music has been prominent here with the beloved ROMEOs each week, monthly piano offerings from a local pianist and various programs with Steve Damon including Chair Folk Dancing, learning to play the chimes and many more. We have been fortunate to have seniors who have traveled to far off places and are willing to share their journeys, which include cultural and historical anecdotes. Generations of Fun this year brings together seniors and a second grade class. We are working on a play to be performed in May. It's always a toss-up as to who is having more fun! Each month we have several informative presentations which include fun activities and vital health and safety information and our monthly caregivers group supports those helping loved ones stay home. Our weekly Yoga and Osteo Exercise classes keep us active, and our daily walking group is out early in the day. Coupled with our monthly health clinics, everyone is keeping healthy.

This was the third summer of our concert series, made possible with a Cultural Council Grant. Held in the Stanley Wickey Pavilion to rave reviews by all our performers, we drew large audiences for the PVRs Middle School Band, Rob Fletcher (channeling Frank Sinatra) and Ron Smith and Friends, a 5 piece jazz ensemble. In total, 127 attended. The annual Lobster Bake treated 30 folks to a messy and tasty meal in the Pavilion. Our Volunteer picnic honored 40 of our wonderful volunteers without whom many of our activities would not happen. They were treated to master storyteller, Davis Bates and great food. The senior picnic featured our guest chefs: Sherriff Donelan, Registrar of Probate John Merrigan, District Attorney David Sullivan, Rep. Paul Mark and Senator Stan Rosenberg and they fed 60. In July, we had a surprise visit from John Davidson (of game show fame) who entertained us over lunch!

Statistics and Trends

While statistics show a decrease in attendance of 8% from last year, we increased attendance of programs by 2% this year from the year before. Our Yoga and Osteoporosis Exercise Classes and walking group have a combined 42% increase in attendance, and our blood pressure and foot clinic attendance remains low, attesting to the fact that there is more interest in staying healthy and active and less need to manage chronic illnesses. We have had a 41% increase in the number of calls we receive and a 65% increase in the number of people who come to the center seeking information and assistance in applying for state programs such as fuel assistance, the SNAP program, Medicare help and phone abatements. Clearly, the needs of our seniors are changing and our programming is reflecting this as we continue to serve our constituent.

The transportation needs of our elder-elders continue to increase as more give up their cars. Since a second van became available last December through our contract with FRTA/Bernardston, we are accommodating many more people and activities. We have seen a 15% increase in usage, which continues to rise. We continue to see an increase in the numbers attending our Monday and Thursday meals (with Tuesday being our best attendance), shopping and getting to the doctor. With more options now available for medical appointments and shopping excursions, everyone is able to take care of their needs, so far.

We are also beginning to see housing needs changing. As our seniors continue to age in place, there are concerns about the need to downsize and find a smaller place as maintenance and basic needs begin to overtake retirement income. Because our seniors do not want to leave Northfield or to live just with age mates, we are hopeful that multi-age housing options will be considered in town, such as shared housing and cottage housing as examples, that will not detract from the integrity of the character of Northfield and allow our valuable citizens to remain in our community.

There are many challenges in the coming years as the population ages and a new cohort of seniors become eligible for our services. The role of the senior center will continue to change as the needs and interests of these seniors evolve. Our collaborations continue with other organizations in town such as the First Friday Film and Third Thursday Movie series at the library and with the Recreation Department in conjunction with the PVRs fitness room both of which utilizes programs and facilities already in place and offer our seniors the opportunity to continue with healthy activities and be engaged with their neighbors. Our evening outreach programs and concert series bring new people to the center and to the valuable information and programs we offer.

We continue to look carefully at our programming in order to engage as many seniors as possible and help everyone see the Council on Aging/Senior Center as a place to gather information and find volunteer and recreational opportunities. We post special programs on I-Neighbors, utilize the Town Newsletter, email and mail the Senior Newsletter to over 150 people each month, and have had timely articles in the Recorder. For those who wish to have a copy of the monthly newsletter, a call to the center will put you on the emailing or mailing list.

Cultural Council

Account Beginning Balance of Period (7/1/2013)	\$4,451.21
State Revenue (FY2014 Allocation)	\$4,250.00
Other Revenues:	\$1.73
Total Revenues:	\$4,251.73
Total Expenditures:	\$2,550.00
Account Balance End of Period (6/30/2014)	\$6,152.94
Local Revenue/Interest in Account Balance:	\$0.00
Amount Available for Granting	
Account Balance End of Period (6/30/2014):	\$6,152.94
Total Expenditures from 7/1/2014 to 11/12/2014	-\$2,070.00
Total Pending Expenditures (Encumbered funds):	-\$2,485.00
Additional Local Revenue/Interest 7/1/2014 to N/A	+\$0.00
Available Remaining Balance:	=\$1,597.94
Locally Raised Funds/Interest	-\$0.00
Administrative Funds for 2015:	-\$215.00
FY2015 Allocation:	+\$4,300
Amount Available for Granting in FY2015:	=\$5,682
Voting Meeting	11/13/2014
Voting Meeting Attendance:	Amy Boyden, Deborah Potee, Katie Beth Ryan, Ruthanne Paulson, Vera Cooley. All present
Denial Letter Postmark:	12/16/2014
Last Date of Community Input	10/20/2011
Total granted in FY 2015	\$5,682
Submitted by, Amy Boyden	

Dickinson Memorial Library

Annual Report, 1914-1915: “The Librarian reports that the use of the reading room has been doubled by the eagerness of our readers to inform themselves on the issues and incidents of the present war in Europe.”

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS. In our 118 year old building upkeep is a continuing challenge. It is a constant scramble to preserve the historic elements of the building while making sure current needs are being met.

The year started out with a crash. Plaster falling from the Trustee’s room ceiling. William Flynt, Architectural Conservator, Historic Deerfield, was instrumental in helping us find qualified artisans to help us restore the room. Preservation plasterer Rory Brennan was hired to patch the ceiling and walls. Art Conservator Mary Lou Davis was hired to conserve the milk paint walls and stenciled ceilings. The project, funded by a private donor, will be completed in Summer 2015.

The Energy Committee was instrumental in installing energy efficient lighting in the children’s room skylight and for providing 60 LED lightbulbs. Jeremy Underwood, Building Maintenance, undertook the enormous project of scraping, caulking and repainting all of the library’s windows.

PROGRAMS. The library provided a variety of programs. After 20 plus year, the Wednesday book discussion group is still going strong. In collaboration with the Council on Aging, movies were shown monthly on the First Friday. The Northfield Genealogy group also met monthly in the local history room. The Knitting Group found success meeting weekly. The Coordinated Family and Community Engagement program transformed the Community Room into a playgroup every Tuesday morning

A bonfire was held on a perfect late winter evening as the kick-off for Northfield Woodlands, a series of programs with a focus on Northfield’s forests, meadows and wildlife. An owl prowl, a caterpillar lab and an examination of tree bark were part of this 4-month celebration made possible through the generosity of the Tortuga Foundation.

In the fall the Friends of the Library held the increasingly popular *The Library is Going to the Dogs* dog show; and in early December they carried out –spectacularly – the time-honored tradition of the Children’s Holiday Bazaar. They sold and wrapped over 800 items in 2 hours.

SERVICES AND MATERIALS. Kindle. NetFlix. Google. Nonetheless, library borrowing remains strong. Patrons left the library with armfuls of books, magazines, audios and DVDs. This year we circulated a portable DVD player, a ukulele, the Kill-A-Watt and a Kindle. Passes to the Butterfly Museum, available thanks to a generous donation by the Miller Family, were borrowed often. New this year, sponsored by the Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library, the Mass MOCA pass was in demand.

Use of Overdrive, the library’s digital catalog, increased in 2014. Library staff regularly taught patrons how to download e-books and e-audios to their Kindles, tablets and smart phones.

NUMBERS (FY2014)

Books, magazines, movies and audios borrowed	51,781
Items requested from other libraries	7,786
Items sent to other libraries	3,677
Digital items downloaded	1,821
Annual library visits	23,207
Number of Northfield residents with library cards	2,261

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY. The Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library donate countless hours raising money to fund library programs, the copier, the website and so much more. Our volunteers are so committed to the work for which they are responsible they often apologize when they have to call in sick. Our neighbors watch out for us. Other town departments come to our aid (often) and the community-at-large supports us in their pride for and love of this grand institution.

STAFF

Matt Atwood
Halie Theoharides
Jane Lyle-Jaworski
Kathy O’Shea
Tim & Tracey Rogers
Deb Kern, Director

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Jon McGowan, Chair

Northfield Emergency Medical Services

It is a privilege to provide my tenth report to the town as your Emergency Medical Services Chief. 2014 proved to be another exciting year as the department continues to improve its service to the citizens and visitors of our community. For the 2014 calendar year, we answered 312 calls transporting 194 patients. This is an increase of 20% from last calendar year. This trend of year over year increases in call volume will continue as our population continues to age, volunteerism is on the decline, and the combination of these factors strains available EMS resources across the county. Northfield is not the only community feeling this impact as we see an increased number of calls for our ambulance to respond mutual aid outside our town borders as other ambulance services continue to struggle to meet the growing needs of EMS. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers that provide Northfield with its own ambulance service.

I am very proud to once again announce that for the fifth straight year Northfield EMS/Ambulance will not be requesting money from taxation to operate the ambulance and to provide EMS services for our community. The current enterprise fund structure has allowed the revenue collected from insurance companies and patients copayments to offset our operating budget. This in turn has resulted in a lowered tax burden on the citizens.

This last year the department has continued to increase its capabilities and quality of service to our citizens. After completing the necessary licensing in July 2014, Northfield EMS became a Paramedic Level ambulance service. By doing this, members of this department that are trained to a paramedic level can now provide those services to our patients without having to pay another ambulance service to meet us to do so. This allows for a more timely delivery of what just may be a life saving treatment. It also allows money that was once being paid out as an expense to now being reinvested into our own staffing. This change has allowed us to afford staffing a paramedic during the daytime workday and provide paramedic care when our ability to staff on a volunteer basis is most vulnerable as members must leave town for fulltime employment. In this next coming budget year, we intend to further expand the paramedic coverage from 40 to 48 hours a week utilizing only EMS enterprise revenue.

This year Northfield EMS has also applied for a grant to replace the 1992 ambulance that was donated to the department. The 1992 has served its purpose well by providing the necessary sized paramedic workspace (as compared to the cramped 2007 van ambulance), a backup vehicle in the case of mechanical breakdowns and the ability to handle multiple calls or patients simultaneously. However, it is a 23 year old vehicle. It is prone to mechanical failure, rest and fatigue. Finding replacement parts for such an old vehicle can be difficult. The cost to replace this ambulance is approximately \$150,000. We do have a good chance of being awarded the grant. However, in the event we are not, the vehicle will still need to be replaced. All though EMS has been self sufficient for the past five years with not a single tax dollar, this may be a time that we must request tax dollars to assist with its replacement. As this vehicle is our "office" it is vital to our continued ability to provide the highest level of care you the citizens have come to expect. Its replacement is just as important as a fire truck, police cruiser, plow truck etc. Please encourage your elected officials to support your EMS department with its capital needs.

In closing, I again 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, a missed family event or the lack of sleep followed by a long day at a full time job after being awakened by the pager in the middle of the night to assist our neighbors in need. Most don't realize the sacrifices that are made by our dedicated staff until they are in need of our services. The community should be grateful that 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
EMS Chief
Northfield EMS

Energy Committee

As of March 2015, the Energy Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Visitors are always welcome to discuss personal, local and global energy issues.

Our 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.

Again this year, our main focus was completing Green Communities projects on our Town buildings using the town's Green Communities grant money. The 5.4 kW PV system that was installed on the senior center pavilion in November of 2013, was started up on January 19, 2014 and has generated over 6,300 kWh for the calendar year 2014! Four hundred kWh were sold back to the grid and the remainder was used in the building. This amounted to 13% of the town hall's total usage.

In May, 2014 the Energy Committee installed double glazed window inserts in the three large arched windows in the Town Hall auditorium. These will eliminate outside air infiltration and double the R value of the existing windows making the room warmer in winter and cooler in summer. In the fall, an upgrade to the Town Hall heating distribution system was completed. The upgrade consisted of creating 15 new heating zones, for a total of 19 zones that can be independently controlled by their own programmable thermostats. This will allow the temperature in each office and meeting space to be automatically "setback" when the space is unoccupied at night and during the weekend hopefully generating double digit energy savings.

At The Dickinson Memorial Library, dozens of efficient, long lasting LED light bulbs were installed in the second floor Children's Room both improving the room lighting and saving energy at the same time. The Committee took advantage of a "no cost" offer by the State Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to obtain the light bulbs.

Also, in 2014, the Committee secured a \$108,000 grant from DOER and The Mass Clean Energy Center to install a pellet boiler heating system in the Town Hall. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2015.

Bob Pasteris – Chair, Northfield Energy Committee

Fire Department

The Northfield Fire Dept. responded to 208 emergency responses last year. The responses break down as follows:

Structure Fires	0	
Vehicle Fires	3	
Chimney Fires	4	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	
Electrical Wires Down	19	
Storm Calls (wires down)	43	
Mutual Aid Calls	22	
Electrical Fires	2	
Brush Fires	3	
Illegal Burning	1	
Smoke Investigations	2	
Fire Alarms	54	
		Public 20
		Pioneer Valley Regional 2
		Redemption Christian Academy (Linden Hill) 8
		National Christian Foundation (NMH) 24
CO Detector alarms	6	
Water Leaks	6	
Propane Gas Leaks	2	
Oil/Gasoline Spills	4	
Water Rescues	4	
Lifelight Landings	3	
Assist EMTS	10	
Assist Police Dept	1	
Assist Highway Dept	2	
Public Assist	<u>1</u>	
Total Calls	208	

I am glad to report there were no fires causing any structural damage to homes or structures in Northfield during the past year. However, we had quite a few vehicle accidents requiring extrication on several occasions.

Weather played a huge factor in the storm related incidents requiring fire department response. Between 3 severe thunder storms and the Thanksgiving snowstorm we responded to 43 additional emergencies. During these events I am proud to report that the Fire, Police and Highway Depts. work collectively together to keep the roads open and the public safe. Fire and EMS collaborate and check on those without transportation or those that may need some assistance during prolonged power outages. The CODE RED (reverse 911) telephone system was utilized to get messages out to our citizens regarding storm related issues. If you are not part of the Code Red call out, please contact Tom Newton or myself to be added to the system.

With your support, a new Pumper/Tanker will be delivered to Northfield in mid-August 2015 replacing the 27 year old fire truck that was purchased new in 1988.

As the fire station continues to deteriorate, we need to move towards a solution to repair and/or replace the station and look at the needs of the Police and Emergency Medical Services. I am hopeful that the Emergency Services Building Committee will continue to move towards that goal.

I need to thank all the members of the Northfield Fire Department for their continued dedication to protecting the Town and its citizens. In closing, I would like to thank all boards, committees and departments that I have worked with during the past year in keeping Northfield safe.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. "Skip" Dunnell III, Fire Chief

Highway Dept./Cemeteries/Trees

It was a very busy spring with clean up with a lot of pothole repair on Old Wendell, Warwick, Alexander Hill, Lyman Hill, Gulf, South Mt. and other town roads. Northfield received financial assistance from the state to assist with this along with the repair and replacement of old guardrails throughout the town. Street sweeping took a little longer than expected due to the several hundred tons of sand that were applied over the winter.

Over the summer months manhole covers throughout the town were inspected and several damaged ones were replaced as needed. The Highway department is still working to improve street signs along roadways and replace old ones with new reflectivity requirements. Heavy rainfall from storms put us behind on the South Mountain Rd project due to washout and delaying of projects which needed to be finished before the completion of this one. New Plain road received a facelift with new drainage, a new intersection and, after a long awaited rainstorm dry out, re-grading and paving. Highway crew cleaned out the ditches along Four Mile Brook Road and the road itself was rake rolled and sprayed to stabilize the surface and save funds on maintenance expenses by reducing the number of times the road needs to be re-graded from 3-4 times a year to 1-2 times a year.

Leaf cleaning along roadway edges to prep for winter months occurred on all roads throughout the fall. Sand and salt was hauled in for mixing, along with winter prep on town trucks, in November. Roadside mowing continued to happen until the frost and has been making a large improvement with keeping power lines clear and springtime ice melt run off less damaging to roadway edges. Several residents were impacted with the downed trees clogging Warwick Rd during the first big snowstorm of the year over Thanksgiving and Highway crew worked through the weekend to clear the roadway.

In the next few months brush cutting will occur along roadways and winter clean-up will commence. A site is being prepped for the new sand/salt shed scheduled to be built by next fall. There are several projects anticipated for the spring and summer which the highway department is excited to move forward with.

Cemeteries: Approximately 15 lots were sold this past year. Cemeteries were cared for by South Mt Lawn care, with the work consisting of bushes being trimmed, lawns mowed, brush and debris removed and cemetery access roads kept clear. Just a reminder, no bushes are to be planted against or around the grave stones. As of July the Highway Department took over the task of digging new graves as needed. We would like to thank the Bassett family for many years of services and a well done job once again.

Trees: Work was completed on several dead roadside trees throughout town, but there are still many more to take care of. Brush clearing is ongoing year round as well as removal of overhanging limbs to prevent breakage of windshields and mirrors and raising the tree canopy over roads to help improve passage for taller vehicles. Cutting back branches along roadways also lets the sun in and improves road conditions, melting ice and allowing pavement to dry which increases the length of time it maintains its structural integrity.

Thank you to all residents for your patience and support of the Highway Department!

Building Maintenance

2014 has seen a dramatic improvement in the appearance and condition of our town buildings. The town hall has received new front steps and entrance door. Interior walls to the Senior Center and rear entry way have been repaired and painted. Exterior foundation walls were repaired, waterproofed and painted. New landscaping was put in around the building. Stairways have been refinished and new treads installed. The "south balcony" meeting space is taking shape under steady construction and should be in use soon. Internet and computer systems were upgraded. The highway maintenance department put in over six hundred hours of work towards town hall improvements over the past year.

Our library has also been given a facelift. The front entrance was restored and updated. All the windows have been scraped, re-glazed, and painted. Broken glass panes throughout the building were replaced. The elevator has been repaired and maintained throughout the year. Another three hundred hours was spent on library improvements in 2014.

Other projects have included upgrades to the transfer station "re-use shed" and all exterior buildings re-stained for better protection against the elements. The fire station flag pole was sanded and repainted. Weatherization has occurred throughout all town buildings and has shown dramatic improvement in efficiency and operating costs. The highway maintenance department invested more than a thousand hours into the preservation and updating of town buildings over the past year and these efforts show in the historic, yet well maintained, look our town presents to its residents and visitors. Thank you for all your patience and support while these projects were underway, all our efforts has paid off!

Thomas Walker, Superintendent

Historical Commission

This past year the Northfield Historical Commission joined with the Northfield Historical Society to organize a house and garden tour, providing twelve home owners on the tour with historical information about their homes. There were many visitors who participated and who learned about historic homes in Northfield, some of which were built by members of the notable Stearns family. This opportunity has not been available in Northfield for many years. Visitors came from around the county and elsewhere, particularly from Cheshire County, New Hampshire. It was a positive way to show off several corners of the town. And by most measures it was quite a successful event.

The Commission passed this year an archaeological policy, based on one that was recently instituted in Deerfield. This policy should help the Commission, as well as landowners, to become aware of archaeological resources discovered by various entities especially other than ones commissioned by the Town.

The Commission continues to consult with other town bodies in its work, such as the Master Planning Committee. We are also called upon to comment on other proposed projects throughout the year, be it the locating of a cell tower, or other projects that may impose on historically sensitive areas.

Submitted by,

Joel Fowler, Chair

Northfield Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee (OSC) focused in 2014 on implementing high-priority objectives in the 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) and related high-priority items in the 2014 Master Plan.

One of the major objectives of the OSRP, and of the Master Plan, is a community park. The OSC worked closely with the Recreation Commission (RC) during 2014 to implement objective R2 (community park) of the OSRP. The OSC and the RC jointly proposed to the Selectboard that an ad hoc committee be formed to identify the facilities and capabilities of the park, and to investigate potential locations. This committee has been approved - the Northfield Community Park Committee (NCPC) - and has begun functioning; it has two representatives from the OSC, two representatives from the RC, and several members at large from the community. So far one property is of interest: the NMH property adjoining the river and between the boat ramp and Schell Bridge. It however has a landfill on it that would be problematic for the town. The NCPC is developing "characteristics" for the park property that can be used in a Request for Proposals to solicit other candidate properties that might be appropriate for the park.

During 2014 the Trust for Public Land (TPL) obtained an option on 1650 acres of NMH land in the extreme northeast corner of Northfield. This includes Grandin Reservoir, the East Northfield Water Company facility, and the corresponding water supply watershed. The agreement is that TPL will pay \$2,300,000 for the land and relieve NMH of ownership of the water company. TPL applied for a Landscape Partnership grant for roughly two-thirds of the cost of the land; DCR is interested in providing the other third and adding the land to the Northfield State Forest. The grant was approved, but not at the requested amount, leaving a significant gap in identified funds. TPL is working on various funding options, and concurrently is trying to find a new owner for the water company. The OSC has been tracking the progress of this project, and in August met with three DCR representatives to discuss various aspects of DCR and the town working together on the management of this property.

Bill and Nancy Ames applied for a Conservation Restriction (CR) on 145 acres east of route 63 and north of South Mountain Road. The total cost of the CR is \$220,000. A LAND grant was awarded for \$135,000, and at the November Special Town Meeting the town approved, on a motion by an OSC member, the use of \$55,000 in CPA funds, leaving \$30,000 yet to raise by June. A wheel-chair-accessible trail is planned between route 63 and a major beaver dam/pond on the property.

Another major objective of the OSRP (and master plan) is to mark the town's hiking trails better, improve parking and trail information at trailheads, and to provide documentation for the trails. To this end the OSC (1) obtained trail markers based on the town flag, (2) constructed a website (on the OSC page on the town website, www.northfield.ma.us, with links at northfieldmass.org/trails) describing the trails, (3) installed three trailhead kiosks, and (4) prepared a brochure describing the trails. Copies of the brochure are available at the town hall and the library. The three kiosks installed in 2014 are at the Hobo Falls parking area, at the end of the golf course parking area (for the Mill Brook trail), and at the top of Alexander Hill Road; three more are planned for 2015.

Other notable OSC activities during 2014:

wrote several letters to the Selectboard during the year regarding the impact of the proposed gas pipeline on conservation land and trails,
monitored the National Park Service efforts to reopen the New England Trail over Crag Mountain,
monitored progress on the FirstLight relicensing, including additional public access to the river,
selected Bill Llewelyn for the 2013 Citizen Stewardship Award,

- continued to co-sponsor the third-Sunday-of-the-month hikes in Northfield.

Respectfully submitted by the 2014 members of the Open Space Committee:

Michael Barry, Julia Blythe, Robert Hall, Joanne McGee, Susan Ross, Kate Rossiter, Jennifer Tufts, Jerrold Wagener

Planning Board

In 2014 the Planning Board met eight times for regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at Town Hall. Members reviewed and approved all two ANRs that came before the Board throughout the year. At the beginning of 2014 board members included Richard Fitzgerald, Tammy Pelletier, Jim Holloway, Robert Hall and Guy Gilbert. Fitzgerald was re-nominated and voted in favor to continue serving at the board's Chairman.

In the Spring the Board discussed several topics of concern at its meetings, including the newly passed state law regarding marijuana dispensaries and the updating of Northfield's Growth Bylaw which regulates the number of dwelling that can be constructed on one property at a time to prevent rapid growth without review. Fitzgerald, who headed up the Master Plan Committee for the town the previous year, presented the newly completed updated master plan to the board which was unanimously voted in favor of. The Board also met with concerned citizens over the East St. auto repair business and its possible grandfathered business status from old bylaws.

Over the summer Board members addresses citizen concerns regarding structural placement and vagueness in the wording in some of the town bylaws. Updating of the town bylaws was approved at town meeting with hired service and the Planning Board was able to offer assistance with the project. The Selectboard requested the Board create a committee to implement the new Master Plan directives and an "interest drive" seeking out residents who wanted to get involved was developed.

In the fall members began an ongoing discussion of the proposed pipeline through Northfield and the Board's involvement in the process. Several citizens had come to board members over this issue and were invited to attend meetings to formally raise concerns in a public forum. Apprehensions over the 90 East Street auto business re-permitting continued to come before the Board and a more clearly defined Bylaw covering "conforming use" was discussed with hopes to hold hearings for community input in the spring.

Ongoing Planning Board projects include locating, organizing and digitalizing old town bylaws for easier access, updating it's permitting fees and forms, and uploading archived minutes along with updating the Planning Board website. 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 coming year.

Northfield Planning Board Website: <http://www.northfield.ma.us/index.php?id=46>

Police Department

As the Chief of Police, I am pleased to report that the Northfield Police Department has made continuous progress towards our long term goal of providing effective and efficient law enforcement services to the Town of Northfield. Our Officers, in partnership with the Northfield community, have worked extremely hard in 2014 to provide professional law enforcement services, at a low cost to taxpayers, and have contributed to making Northfield a safe place to live, visit, and do business. The following paragraphs contain a brief summary of our 2014 activities.

Community Policing:

One of our goals heading into 2014 was to improve communication and involvement between our department and the Northfield community through the use of social media. This past year we increased our social media activity and kept the Northfield community abreast of news, activities, and safety tips. By doing so, our readership increased significantly. Currently we are followed by over 2,000 people and anticipate that most of these people are actively reading our posts and are now more informed about how they can contribute to the safety of our community in partnership with their Police Department.

Furthermore, other community policing activities performed during 2014 include, but are not limited to:

Halloween pumpkin carving with NES students; leading the Rag Shag Parade; providing safety lights to trick-or-treaters, 5th grade Drug Abuse Resistance Education; D.A.R.E. poster and essay contest; bike patrol; 6th grade law enforcement education discussions; bike safety education and issuance of "safety citations (for a free ice cream when caught being safe); bicycle inspections & safety obstacle course; participation in the NES summer playground; and Neighborhood crime watch.

Personnel:

In 2014, our department added four new part-time Reserve Police Officers: Nathan Richards, Justin Moody, Adam Paicos, and Igor Komerzan. These officers came to our department with Reserve Intermittent Police Academy training and certification. Following the academy, these officers performed countless volunteer hours of field training in order to be certified as a Northfield Police Officer.

Officer Komerzan was subsequently promoted to a full time patrolman position and was accepted into the Massachusetts Municipal Police Academy. During Officer Komerzan's absence at the academy, Officer Richards and Paicos were able to provide coverage for the department.

Training:

The Town of Northfield continued to face problems related to drugs, highway safety, underage drinking, and the overall safety of our residents. A well-trained police force is critical; therefore, we continue to improve on the professional development of all officers so that they are better trained to meet the demands of today's police work.

In August, upon promotion to full time patrolman status, Officer Komerzan was admitted into the Massachusetts Municipal Police Academy hosted by the Massachusetts State Police. This full-time recruit academy is an intense 800 hour residential training course where police recruits are trained in all areas of law enforcement. An anticipated graduation date is set for February 2015.

In December, Officer Adam Paicos attended an intense 80 hour course instructed by the New Hampshire State Police and the Northeast D.A.R.E. Training Team to become a Drug Abuse Resistance Education Instructor and certified School Resource Officer. During this training, Officer Paicos learned about adolescent drug use, learning modalities, public speaking skills, and various other educational strategies.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, D.A.R.E., is a program consisting of a series of classroom lessons that include the most up-to-date evidence and research-based strategies for drug abuse prevention. The program addresses common drug-related beliefs among adolescents; increases risk-awareness of substance abuse; and focuses on improving social skills like problem-solving, communication, decision making, and resistance/assertiveness training. The D.A.R.E. program is delivered by police officers at various grades, K-12.

Departmental in-service training is ongoing and continues process throughout the year. This year, officers completed training in the areas of CPR & first aid, non-lethal weapons (Tasers), breath test operator, defensive tactics, legal updates, firearms use and qualification, use of force, active shooter, and counter-intelligence & counter-terrorism.

Active shooter training was conducted at the Northfield Elementary School and PVRs. This scenario-based training assisted officers to become more familiar with all areas of the school facilities and gave them a working knowledge of the security system that is now in place. Officers learned tactical movement techniques and how to successfully engage an armed intruder.

It is imperative that our officers are well trained in all areas of police work to ensure safety, reduce liability, and to provide the Northfield community the best law enforcement services possible. We are extremely proud of our continuous progress toward professional development.

Budget:

Our budget in fiscal year 2015 provided for sufficient shift coverage as well as additional to extra patrols for the purpose of providing support to our full time staff. Funding for community policing measures and training were also improved this fiscal year. Using town appropriations, our department also purchased a new 2015 fully marked, all-wheel drive Ford Interceptor SUV. The following is a breakdown of our funding in relation to past years:

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Town Appropriations	289,054	272,202	319,061
Capital Expenses(Police Cruiser)	0	36,000	34,956
Insurance Adjustment (Police Cruiser)	29,946	0	0
RRAP Homeland Security Grant	17,440	18,715	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>336,440</i>	<i>326,917</i>	<i>354,017</i>

Calls for Service:

This year we have experienced a 20% increase in dispatched calls for service, as we recorded 1,237 calls for service through the Shelburne Control Regional Dispatch Center. In addition to dispatched calls for service, Officers of the Northfield Police Department documented 12,744 police services in 2014. Such services include officer initiated activities and reports made directly to the Northfield Police Department. The following is a general breakdown of the calls and activities that officers were dispatched to throughout the year:

	2012	2013	2014
Alarm	60	70	85
Animals Complaint	117	53	84
Assist Other Agency	293	245	258
Assist Person	210	332	348
General Service	2,376	3721	5,764
House/Building Check	5,335	4,817	4,853
Medical Assist	108	126	183
Motor Vehicle Complaint	243	262	588
Other 911 Calls	142	50	63
Suspicious Activity	84	32	40
Disturbance	33	36	36
Investigations	464	524	287
Court Duties	189	106	137
Harassment	28	6	18
<i>Total Dispatched Calls for Service</i>	<i>1,122</i>	<i>1,014</i>	<i>1,237</i>
<i>Total Police Services</i>	<i>10,518</i>	<i>10,380</i>	<i>12,744</i>

Investigations:

Due to the hard work and dedication of our officers, 92 criminal cases were successfully closed and their offenders were prosecuted. Specifically, the Northfield Police Department experienced a reported increase in drug & alcohol violations and domestic offenses. On the other hand, we experienced a decrease in property crimes such as breaking & entering, larceny, and vandalism. The following information accurately reflects the number of investigations conducted in the past three years:

	2012	2013	2014
Armed Robbery	0	1	0
Assault	15	18	3
Breaking & Entering/Burglary	18	16	10
Disorderly Conduct	5	6	1
Disturbance	9	12	2
Drug Violations	5	7	12

Family Offenses	9	5	24
Fraud	8	3	5
Larceny	34	23	18
Liquor Law Violations	29	12	25
Sexual Offenses	1	1	0
Stolen Vehicle	1	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	42	44	39
Motor Vehicle Offenses	80	58	97
Trespass	5	5	0
Vandalism	21	25	17
Intimidation/Threats/Harassment	11	3	8
Other Offenses	76	35	16
<i>Total</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>278</i>
<i>Total Arrests/Criminal Complaints</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>92</i>

Traffic Enforcement

Highway safety remains an on-going concern for our department and Northfield residents. We continue to receive reports of speeding motor vehicles and have continuously deployed our radar speed monitoring trailer throughout town in an attempt to deter traffic violations. Our officers have logged countless hours on problem roadways to address speeding complaints. This year our department has significantly increased our traffic enforcement efforts and have conducted 784 motor vehicles stops in an attempt to enforce and deter traffic violations. The following information demonstrates the officers traffic enforcement activities:

	2012	2013	2014
Citation Arrests	21	16	37
Criminal Complaint Citation	40	32	63
Civil Citations	262	191	272
Citation Warnings	393	565	600
Total Citations	742	804	972
Total Citation Fines	26,050	20,180	26,460

Goals for 2015

Improve school security measures in accordance with the *Massachusetts gun safety law* which "...Requires the Chief of Police and school Superintendent to assign a school resource officer to each school district..."

Maintain expanded community policing initiatives such as bike patrols, involvement at the schools, and expand the existing D.A.R.E. program.

Update department computers and improve network access and security measures.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Robert Leighton

Chief Robert Leighton
Northfield Police Department

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission would like to thank Joseph Stacy for his service to the Commission!

Some highlights of our youth sporting teams in 2014:

In baseball, the Minor League Blue team came in 1st place with the Green team coming in 2nd and was undefeated for the season. Major League Blue team came in 2nd place. The girls' softball team was 9-1 on the season and took 3rd place in tournament.

Many children played soccer and basketball.

The Summer Playground Program was a success again this year with a total of 100 children attending. This program is run by Amy Hendricks and many other wonderful staff helping her every day. The children took many field trips and had many exciting guests came to the school for demonstrations weekly. The Commission would like to thank the Police Department for their presence throughout the summer.

The Karate program continues to grow and is available for no cost to Northfield resident's grade 2 through adults.

We have many activities for the adults in Northfield to participate in yearly. Among them are: Karate, Adult pick-up Basketball and the use of the PVRs weight room.

We have hired a new attendant for the PVRs weight room. Come and workout on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30-7:30. Open to all ages from 13 and up.

The Commission offered discounted tickets to UMass Men's Hockey game, tubing at Berkshire East, and a bus trip to Boston to see a Red Sox game. Additionally, this year the Commission worked with the Northfield Golf Course to offer free passes to the Inn Pool.

We've been working with the Open Space Committee to secure land for a community park and recreation area. It's extremely important for the Commission to find land to house our softball team, a new Field Usage Fee implemented by PVRs is being charged to the Town for our children to practice and play games at PVRs.

All our programs are self-funded and we do maintain a tight budget. This leaves little room for error. When we offer extra events we always hope to sell all the tickets that we have to purchase in order to make our money back.

Without all the volunteer time of the entire Recreation Commission, Coaches and the Northfield parents none of these programs would happen, THANK YOU ALL!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy S. Underwood, Chair

Sewer Commission

The Sewer Commission is an elected three member board. The Sewer Commissioners' set the sewer rate each year, and for FY15 the base rate was \$360.00 per hook up and a cost of \$9.45 per hundred cubic feet of water usage. The Sewer Department set a budget of \$235,369.00 which was a decrease from the previous year. The Wastewater Treatment Facility staff continues to look for ways to operate the plant more efficiently, which will stabilize the sewer rate and budget in the future. There have been two major projects that have been completed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility this year and several minor ones. The major projects were completed on #1 and #2 clarifiers. Plant Staff and a representative from City Machine replaced all the wear pads on the flights and replaced all the wear rails on both clarifiers. The plant staff also fixed all the loose boards used to prevent short circuiting in the clarifier tanks. The Sewage Treatment Plant also received an electrical upgrade of the transformers that feed electricity to the plant. The process equipment that got replaced this year was the plant water pump and the chlorine injection pump. The last minor project that the plant staff took on was coating both floating aerators to ensure a longer life. Cosmetically, the operations building and hand rails were touched up with paint and the basement pipes are continuing to be preserved and painted. The treatment plant grounds are being kept well manicured and the drainage was upgraded to ensure the plant does not get inundated with rain water and snow melt. The Wastewater Treatment Plant treated 31.8 million gallons of wastewater for the year with an average flow of 87,000 gallons per day. The total rainfall for the year was 56.13 inches. The Sewer department will continue to keep the material readiness of the plant up to ensure efficient operation of the system.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Walker – Chairman Ray Zukowski – Vice Chairman Paul Prest

Tax Collectors Report - July 2013 to June 2014

REAL ESTATE

2015	Committed	2992859.50	
	Collected		7735.16
	Uncollected		2985124.34
2014	Balance	2905401.93	
	Committed	3087899.94	
	Refund	23735.70	
	Collected		5846769.89
	Abated		41595.45
	Tax Title		2768.06
	Uncollected		125904.17
2013	Balance	135948.24	
	Refund	928.67	
	Collected		87483.98
	Abated		928.67
	Adjustment		59.70
	Uncollected		48404.56
2012	Balance	51554.21	
	Returned check	5177.74	
	Collected		30743.42
	Adjustment		43.78
	Uncollected		25944.75
2011	Balance	34038.09	
	Adjustment	12.41	
	Collected		28886.67
	Adjustment		49.86
	Uncollected		5113.97
2010	Balance	13534.71	
	Collected		13364.09
	Adjustment		6.71
	Uncollected		163.91
2009	Balance	1516.37	
	Adjustment	3.29	
	Collected		1507.82
	Uncollected		11.84
2007	Balance	869.69	
	Collected		869.69
	Uncollected		0.00

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

2015	Committed	9660.99	
	Collected		8.11
	Uncollected		9652.88

2014	Balance	9383.46	
	Committed	9972.54	
	Refund	128.28	
	Collected		18982.52
	Abated		283.61
	Uncollected		218.15
2013	Balance	287.87	
	Adjustment	54.42	
	Refund	3.70	
	Collected		197.72
	Abated		3.70
	Uncollected		144.57
2012	Balance	152.26	
	Adjustment	43.78	
	Collected		69.14
	Uncollected		126.90
2011	Balance	33.76	
	Adjustment	37.45	
	Collected		60.03
	Uncollected		11.18
2010	Balance	14.22	
	Adjustment	6.71	
	Collected		20.93
	Uncollected		0.00
2009	Balance	10.55	
	Collected		10.55
	Uncollected		0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY			
2015	Committed	168335.54	
2014	Balance	168849.30	
	Committed	173719.83	
	Refund	13308.86	
	Collected		348010.87
	Abated		6409.71
	Uncollected		1457.41
2013	Balance	1685.63	
	Collected		1273.83
	Uncollected		411.80
2012	Balance	314.61	
	Collected		60.37
	Uncollected		254.25
2011	Balance	332.02	
	Collected		118.55
	Uncollected		213.47

2010	Balance		216.37	
		Uncollected		216.37
2009	Balance		228.96	
		Uncollected		228.96
2008	Balance		204.83	
		Uncollected		204.83
2007	Balance		191.03	
		Uncollected		191.03
2006	Balance		198.29	
		Uncollected		198.29
2005	Balance		212.91	
		Adjustment		0.02
		Uncollected		212.89
2004	Balance		198.50	
		Uncollected		198.50
MOTOR VEHICLE				
2014	Committed		317792.46	
	Refund		3431.18	
		Abated		4918.30
		Collected		296501.71
		Uncollected		19803.63
2013	Balance		35634.65	
	Committed		28551.34	
	Refund		2796.95	
		Collected		59647.33
		Abated		3416.22
		Uncollected		3919.39
2012	Balance		4549.87	
	Refund		168.23	
		Collected		1487.40
		Abated		168.23
		Adjustment		0.03
		Uncollected		3062.44
2011	Balance		2359.76	
		Collected		217.91
		Adjustment		0.02
		Uncollected		2141.83
2010	Balance		1631.98	
		Collected		230.00
		Abated		1401.98
		Uncollected		0.00

2009	Balance		1509.71	
	Adjustment		0.40	
		Collected		145.63
		Abated		1181.77
		Uncollected		182.71
2008	Balance		1278.34	
	Refund		20.62	
		Abated		1298.96
		Uncollected		0.00
2007	Balance		3702.61	
		Abated		3712.61
		Uncollected		-10.00
2006	Balance		4524.47	
		Abated		4540.73
		Uncollected		-16.26
2005	Balance		-8.97	
	Adjustment		8.97	
		Uncollected		0.00
2003	Balance		-56.62	
		Uncollected		-56.62
1999	Balance		-0.06	
	Adjustment		0.06	
		Uncollected		0.00
1998	Balance		28.64	
		Uncollected		28.64
1996	Balance		-31.47	
		Uncollected		-31.47
1995	Balance		3.33	
	Adjustment		-3.33	
		Uncollected		0.00
1994	Balance		-267.00	
		Uncollected		-267.00
1992	Balance		-9.50	
	Adjustment		9.50	
		Uncollected		0.00
1990	Balance		35.99	
		Uncollected		35.99
1989	Balance		-194.74	
		Uncollected		-194.74
SEWER USE				
	Balance		72139.15	

	Committed	246126.86	
	Refunds	188.71	
	Collected		234160.83
	Abated		741.60
	Liens to RE		15715.41
	Uncollected		67836.88
	RE Lien Balance	13297.72	
	Committed	15715.41	
	Collected		19708.86
	Uncollected		9304.27
	Committed Interest Balance	2196.07	
	Committed	2560.42	
	Collected		2698.66
	Uncollected		2057.83
TAX TITLE			
	Balance	24503.51	
	Liens	2959.84	
	Redeemed/Payments		1111.12
	Town owned		0.00
	Balance		26352.23

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report July 2013 to June 2014

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	-6438.81	
Deposits in transit	37427.66	
Outstanding Checks		41451.12
Balance per checkbook		-4023.46

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	16379.23	
UniBank	587961.51	
Greenfield Co-operative	371187.63	
People's United	185566.32	
UniBank (taxes)	<u>348212.57</u>	
TOTAL	1509307.26	

INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	31.08	
UniBank	611.99	
UniBank (taxes)	288.24	
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	3412.10	
People's United	<u>756.03</u>	
TOTAL	5099.44	

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance	433042.29	
Interest earned	898.21	
Transfer from General	355000.00	
Balance		788940.50

STABILIZATION INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	788940.50	
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ARTS COUNCIL

Balance	5880.73	
Receipts	4250.00	
Interest earned	1.73	
Payments per warrant	4252.00	
Balance		5880.46

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance	5880.46	
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NORTHFIELD EMS

Balance	92038.86	
Receipts	101552.22	
Interest earned	262.70	
Payments	127666.74	

Balance	66187.04
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GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook Balance	66187.04
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RECREATION COMMISSION

Balance	29086.25
Receipts	31547.50
Interest Earned	4.16

Payments per warrant	38906.39
Balance	21731.52

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement	21761.52
Deposit in transit	0.00
Outstanding checks	30.00
Balance per checkbook	21731.52

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

Balance	245572.90
Receipts	29212.65
Interest Earned	724.70
Payments	44204.86
Balance	231305.39

GREENFIELD CO-OPPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance	231305.39
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SEWER ENTERPRISE

Balance	144764.58
Receipts	262383.19
Interest	331.79
Payments	313085.35
Balance	94394.21

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	94394.21
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FIRE DEPT. STABILIZATION

Balance	250681.81
Interest	796.66
Deposits	100000.00
Balance	351478.47

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	351478.47
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HIGHWAY BACKHOE

Balance	35009.78
Interest	208.11
Deposit	0.00
Balance	35217.89

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	35217.89
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TRUST FUNDS	Balance	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance
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	6/30/2013		6/30/2014	
LIBRARY				
C.Ina Merriman	1987.46	4.02		1991.48
Belcher Funds	10820.86	21.81		10842.67
Chas. Dickinson	3266.87	6.76		3273.63
Maude Montague	2761.05	5.55		2766.60
Marina Stanley	673.11	1.33		674.44
Richard G. Holton	589.70	1.21		590.91
Nfld. Chap. DAR	181.97	0.36		182.33
Ethel Jackson	298.48	0.60		299.08
Paul Bowman	88406.99	265.55	515.15	88157.39
Giles Mem. Fund	3141.38	6.32		3147.70
McGowan Mem. Fund	4836.46	9.75		4846.21
Dickinson Lib.Build.	4175.15	8.21	1000.00	3183.36
Lawrence Trust	3268.21	6.61		3274.82
Thomas J. Hurley	15703.73	156.45		15860.18
CHARITY				
Starkweather	46711.50	91.58	3360.10	43442.98
George Morgan	17997.40	36.27		18033.67
Elisha Alexander	16444.27	33.16		16477.43
Lottie Evans	9332.98	18.82		9351.80
Roselle Evans	2768.60	5.61		2774.21
SCHOOL				
Belcher Center	3714.44	7.47		3721.91
Surplus Rev. Fund	2941.09	5.96		2947.05
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS				
Willis K. Parker	1514.20	3.06		1517.26
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET				
Ethel Jackson	2207.50	4.46		2211.96
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND				
Gfld Savings	68922.53	1059.64	900.00	69082.17
Gfld Co-operative	1645.33	0.34	1261.91	1151.98
Gfld Co-operative	36311.29		361.91	36311.29
CEMETERIES				
Center	22166.03	44.71		22210.74
West Nfld.	17512.90	35.31		17548.30
Pentecost	13895.42	28.01	Moran	125.00
			Morgan	250.00
Nfld. Farms	13765.31	27.73		13793.04
Mt. Hermon	10940.41	22.05		11212.46
So. Mountain	178.08	0.36		178.44
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE				
UniBank	1010.39	2.04		1012.43

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brasseur, Treasurer

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 2013 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 2014 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Agricultural Commission	David Brown
Building Utilization & Planning	Bill Roberts
By-Law Committee	Randy Wheelock
Cultural Council	Marianne Wilkenson; Beth Reynolds
Election Officers	Ed Finch; Helen Monroe; Amy Hendricks; Louise Hoff; Bridget Hammond; Amy Brown; Bobbi Martineau; Rosalind Tufts
EMS	Catharina Pero; Justin Fellows, Luke Hartnett; Brandon Brault; Jason Clemmons; David Fortier; Kelly Lonkey; Kelly Potts
Fire Department	Josh Wingler
Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory	Harley Mullen; Jen Tufts; Joel Fowler; Sue Fuller; Denis Brennan; Cecelia Jordan; Ken Jordan
Planning Board	Charles Shaw
Police Department	Scott Minckler; Brian Ravish; Christian Fink
Recreation Commission	Melissa Gamache
Senior Center Director Search Committee	Jane Abbott; Liz L'Etoile; Ruth Gallagher; Joel Fowler; Betty Gibson; Jack Spanbauer; Jeanette Tessier; Tom Hutcheson
Town Administrator	Tom Hutcheson

NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD
MAY, 2014

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
<i>Chair</i>	<i>1,996</i>	<i>2,026</i>	<i>2,026</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>1,882</i>	<i>1,910</i>	<i>1,910</i>
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
<i>Chair</i>	<i>1,853.00</i>	<i>1,881.00</i>	<i>1,881.00</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>1,717.00</i>	<i>1,743.00</i>	<i>1,743.00</i>
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 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

Jed Proujansky, Member

Dan A. Gray, Member

Gail V. Zukowski CMMC
Town Clerk
Date

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

Annual Town Meeting
Town of Northfield
May 5, 2014
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Annual Town meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:00 p.m., at the Pioneer Valley Regional School. Jeremy Underwood; Chairman for the Northfield Recreation Commission introduced the designers of the Town of Northfield flag – Linda Jacque, Barbara LeMoine, Camden Grybko and Joel Fowler. The Northfield Boys Scouts Troop number 9 presented the Town with the flag. The Moderator and the Northfield Boys Scouts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The “Rules and Procedures” were read by the Moderator.. One hundred and fifty seven (157) registered voters were present to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town 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

I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees.

Selectboard Chair John Spanbauer read the Resolution for 2013

Barry Bordner ; chairman for the Town Governance Committee discussed the Committees final report

Article 3. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90-type construction, improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and further, to 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

I move that the Town 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.

Article 5. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town 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.”

Article 6. Passed as amended

Unanimous voice vote

Motion to amend – “I move to increase the PVRSD FY 15 operating assessment to the amount requested by the PVRSD Committee: \$4,196,836.”

Moderator initially ruled the amendment out of order as inconsistent with the warrant as posted. When questioned he retracted and ruled the motion in order.

Motion for ballot vote – Defeated by show of hands

Hand count on the motion to amend – passed Yes - 135 No – 76

I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2015, and appropriate \$7,127,122.75 for such salaries, the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of Article 6 in the Warrant for the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

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
<i>Chair</i>	<i>1,996</i>	<i>2,026</i>	<i>2,026</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>1,882</i>	<i>1,910</i>	<i>1,910</i>
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
<i>Chair</i>	<i>1,853.00</i>	<i>1,881.00</i>	<i>1,881.00</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>1,717.00</i>	<i>1,743.00</i>	<i>1,743.00</i>
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
FIREPONDS/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. Passes / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

Article 8. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote 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.

Article 9. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,600 for the purchase of fireproof safes in the Town Hall for Town records.

Article 10. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$3,300 from the Community Preservation Fund for Historic Preservation for the 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.

Article 11. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to authorize the EMS Departmental to hire part-time - under 20 hours per week - paramedics to provide Advanced Life Support Services to Town residents.

Article 12. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$117,000.00 to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise, as set forth in Article 12 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town appropriate \$203,868.79 to operate the Sewer Enterprise, as set forth in Article 13 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town transfer \$3,500 from the “Dog Fund” account to supplement the Dickinson Memorial Library operating budget for the purpose of paying a portion of the annual fee for membership in the regional library system.

Article 15. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of paving the walkway between the parking lot and the Dickinson Memorial library building.

Article 16. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to reserve from the 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) for the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve.

Article 17. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to support the eight primary goals of the 2014 Master Plan, as set forth in Article 17 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- 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

Article 18. Unanimous voice vote / Pass Over

Motion to pass over

I move that the Town vote to amend Article XII of the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law, the One-Year Growth Restriction, as set forth in Article 18 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- 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.

Article 19. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,000 to review and update of the Town’s Zoning By-Laws.

Article 20. Defeated / Voice vote

I move that the Town will vote to adopt a Registered Voter Requirement for Town Boards, as set forth in Article 20 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

“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.”

Article 21. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for a budget for the Veterans’ Memorial Committee.

Article 22. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to hire an Administrative Assistant to serve the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant.

Article 23. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$8,000 for restoration and preservation of the front entryway at the Dickinson Memorial Library; \$7,700 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Historic Preservation and \$300 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance.

Article 24. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town 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.

Article 25. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the budget of the Telecommunications Department to pay a onetime fee for the Wired West Co-operative.

Article 26. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town 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.

Article 27. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 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.

Article 28. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to repair or replace partition restroom walls in the Northfield Elementary School Building.

Article 29. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$675 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 Regional School Committee when the Chair is a member from Northfield will be \$275.

Article 30. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town 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, as set forth in Article 30 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

"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)"

Article 31. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to approve a borrowing in the amount of \$400,000 by the Pioneer Valley Regional School for the purpose of district-wide updating and replacing of technology infrastructure and end user equipment.

Article 32. Passed / Hand count

Yes – 93 No - 60

Motion – request for re – vote

I move that the Town vote to permit the Pioneer Valley Regional School to re-purpose up to \$45,000, allocated in Fiscal 2012 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.

Article 33. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

2/3rd vote required

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for potential purchase of land and construction of a new sand and salt shed for the Highway Department.

Article 34. Motion – Take no action Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town 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.

Article 35. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I 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, §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 \$300 therefore.

Article 36. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000 to supplement the FY 2014 Soldier's Relief Account.

Article 37. Motion take no action Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 38. Passed / Unanimous voice vote

I move that the Town vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer from available funds (free cash) \$131,000 for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2015.

There being no further business to come before the Town, Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the Town Meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Registered Voters --- 2130

Voters in Attendance --- 157

Guests:

Robert Markel - Interim Town Administrator

Deborah Mero – Town accountant

Nathan Hussey – Greenfield Resident and Member of Town Governance Study Committee

John McDougal – Northfield resident non voter

David Rainville – Greenfield Recorder

Deborah Kern – Northfield Library Director

Russ Kaubris – Franklin County Technical School Accountant

Chris Dickerman – son of a Northfield voter

Jim Laverty – Franklin County Technical School

Micky Bedell – Greenfield Recorder photographer

Barbara Brassor	Warden
Betty Gibson	Election Worker
Elizabeth L'Etoile	Election Worker
Jo Ann Newton	Election Worker
Albert Stone	Election Worker
Pamela Veith	Election Worker
Bethany Walker	Election Worker
Jessie Wiggin	Election Worker

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski CMMC Town Clerk

**Warrant for the Annual Town Election
Town of Northfield, Massachusetts
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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 for Three years
One Board of Assessors for Three years
One Board of Health for Three years
Two Board of Library Trustees for Three years
One Planning Board for Five years
Two Recreation Commission for Three years
One Board of Sewer Commissioner for Three years
One Tax Collector for Three years
One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Veteran for Three years
One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Non Veteran for Three years

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 _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

John G. Spanbauer Chairman

Gail V. Zukowski CMMC
Town Clerk

Dan Gray

Date

Jed Proujansky
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

**Annual Town Election
Northfield, Massachusetts
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 6, 2014**

At the time and place set by the Warrant, the polls opened at 12:00 noon. Three hundred and fifty eight (358) votes were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectmen

Three year term

Vote for One

Dan A. Gray	63
Tracy A. Rogers	293
Write-In	0
All Others	0
Blanks	2

Board of Assessors

Three year term

Vote for One

Michelle A. Milton	278
Write-In	0
All Others	5
Blanks	75

Board of Health

Three year term

Vote for One

Dan A. Gray	180
Write-In	0
All Others	3
Blanks	176

Board of Library Trustees

Three year term

Vote for Not more than Two

Jon G. McGowan	287
Lloyd E. Parrill	306
Write-In	0
All Others	0
Blanks	123

Planning Board

Five year term

Vote for One

Richard H. Fitzgerald	285
Write-In	0
All Others	0
Blanks	73

Recreation Commission

Three year term

Vote for Not more than Two

John R. Faille	256
Brian C. Winslow	245
Write-In	0
All Others	0
Blanks	215

Board of Sewer Commissioners

Three year term**Vote for One**

Paul W. Prest	298
Write-In	0
All Others	0
Blank	60

Tax Collector**Three year term****Vote for One**

Barbara J. Brassor	314
Write-In	0
All Others	1
Blanks	43

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials**Veteran****Three year term****Vote for One**

Denis J. Brennan III	298
Write-In	0
All Others	1
Blanks	59

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials**Non-Veteran****Three year term****Vote for One**

Write-Ins	James Field	1
	Philip Watson	5
	Maureen Spaulding	1
	D Q McColleston	1
	Lee Dresser	1
	Daryl Cornwell	1
Blanks		348

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Registered Voter – 2130

Votes Cast – 358

Election Workers

Betty Gibson
 Alice Fortier
 Carol Holden
 Elizabeth L'Etoile
 Linda Leavis
 Jo Ann Newton
 Nina Sibley
 Kay Snow
 Pamela Veith
 Bethany Walker
 Jessie Wiggin

Warden
 Election Worker
 Election Worker
 Election Worker
 Election Worker
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 Election Worker

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski CMMC Town Clerk

**Special Town Election
Northfield, Massachusetts
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
July 8, 2014**

At the time and place set by the Warrant, the polls opened at 12:00 noon. Three hundred and fifty eight (526) votes were cast with the following results;

Prop 2/12 Override

YES	265
NO	261
Blanks	0

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voter – 2136
Votes Cast – 526

Election Workers

Barbara Brassor
Alice Fortier
Carol Holden
Elizabeth L'Etoile
Linda Leavis
Jo Ann Newton
Nina Sibley
Kay Snow
Pamela Veith
Bethany Walker
Jessie Wiggin
Betty Gibson

Warden
Election Worker
Election Worker
Election Worker
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Election Worker

Attest:

Daniel R Campbell
Town Clerk



**Warrant for the Special Town Election
Town of Northfield, Massachusetts
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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, July 8, 2014 at noon (12:00 o'clock), then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following question:

“Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59 § 21C(g), known as Proposition Two and One-Half, an additional \$324,329 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Pioneer Valley Regional School District assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?”

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 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

John G. Spanbauer Chairman

Joseph F. Powers, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

Jed Proujansky, Member

June 3, 2014

Date

Tracy Rogers, 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

**Participants and Roles for the
RECOUNT
OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION OF JULY 8, 2014**

ELECTION OFFICERS

PARTICIPANT	ROLE
Joseph Powers	Town Clerk
Daniel Campbell	Registrar, Board of Registrars
Kimberly Farmer	Registrar, Board of Registrars
Sandra Wood	Final Tally Clerk, Secretary for the Board of Registrars
David Brassor	Constable
Jeremy Gillis	Tally Clerk Team #1, Reader (Town Clerk, Town of Easton)
Danielle Sicard	Tally Clerk Team #1, Recorder (Town Clerk, Town of Norton)
Elizabeth Greendale	Tally Clerk Team #2, Reader (Town Clerk, Town of Holliston)
Nancy Blackmer	Tally Clerk Team #2, Recorder (Town Clerk, Town of Orange)
Paul Luther	Runner (Town Clerk, Town of Bernardston)

PETITIONERS

PARTICIPANT	ROLE
Paula Brault	Lead Petitioner
Aimee Brown	Observer for the Petitioner
Margaret Livingstone	Observer for the Petitioner
Patricia Shearer	Observer for the Petitioner
William Wahlstrom	Observer for the Petitioner

INTERESTED PARTY WITH RIGHTS

PARTICIPANT	ROLE
Lois Sterns	Chair of the Northfield Finance Committee

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

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

Democratic: Three hundred fifty ballots were cast:

Senator in Congress

Vote for One	
Edward J. Markey	310
Blanks	35
All Others	5

Governor

Vote for One	
Donald M. Berwick	250
Martha Coakey	0

Steven Grossman	22
Blanks	69
All Others	0

Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One	
Leland Cheung	110
Stephen J. Kerrigan	32
Michael E. Lake	125
Blanks	83
All Others	0

Attorney General

Vote for One	
Maura Healy	0
Warren E. Tolman	0
Blanks	0
All Others	0

Secretary of State

Vote for One	
William Francis Galvin	300
Blanks	50
All Others	0

Treasurer

Vote for One	
Thomas P. Conroy	302
Barry R. Finegold	33
Deborah B. Goldberg	0
Blanks	15
All Others	0

Auditor

Vote for One	
Suzanne M. Bump	118
Scott A. Cote	221
Blanks	11
All Others	0

Green-Rainbow: One ballot was cast:

Senator in Congress

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

Representative In Congress

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

Councillor

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

Senator in General Court

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	1
All Others	0

Representative in General Court

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	1
All Others	0

Clerk of Courts

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	0
All Others	1

Register of Deeds

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	0
All Others	1

Republican: Fifty Six ballots were cast:**Senator in Congress**

Vote for One

Scott P. Brown	55
Blanks	1
All Others	0

Representative in Congress

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	54
All Others	2

Councillor

Vote for One

Michael F. Case	31
Michael Franco	13
Blanks	12
All Others	0

Senator in General Court

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	56
All Others	0

Representative in General Court

Vote for One

Write - in	0
Blanks	55
All Others	1

Clerk of Courts

Vote for One

Write - in	0
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Blanks	52
All Others	4

Register of Deeds

Vote for One		Write – in	0
Blanks			50
All Others			6

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.
Registered Voters –2114
Votes Cast – 407
Voter Turnout – 19 %

Election Workers

Jane Abbott	Poll Worker
Barbara Brassor	Poll Worker
Amiee Brown	Poll Worker
Alice Fortier	Poll Worker
Betty Gibson	Poll Worker
Bridget Hammond	Poll Worker
Amy Hendricks	Warden
Carol Holden	Poll Worker
Bruce Kahn	Poll Worker
Linda Leavis	Poll Worker
Elizabeth L’Etoile	Poll Worker
Robert MacEwen	Poll Worker
Jessie Wiggan	Poll Worker
Sandra Campbell	Poll Worker

Attest:

Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

COMMON WEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS
GALVIN SECRETARY OF
THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 STATE PRIMARY

SS. FRANKLIN COUNTY

To the Constables of the TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

NORTHFIELD TOWN
HALL 69 MAIN STREET,
NORTHFIELD

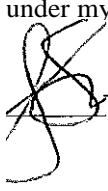

on TUESDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the

following purpose: To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR. FOR THIS
COMMONWEALTH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
FOR THIS
COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY GENERAL.
FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY OF STATE
. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH TREASURER AND RECEIVER
GENERAL. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR. FOR THIS
COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
. SECOND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
. EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN & WORCESTER
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. SECOND BERKSHIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY. NORTHWESTERN
DISTRICT REGISTER OF PROBATE. FRANKLIN
COUNTY

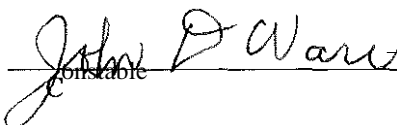
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under my hands this twelfth day of August, 2014.

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SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

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 US Post office in Northfield; the Northfield Town Hall; the Dickinson Memorial Library; the Field Library, Northfield Falls and the VFW, West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before hereof, as within directed

 _____
Constable

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE ELECTION

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2014

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. A total of one thousand one hundred eighty (1,180) ballots were cast with the following results;

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

STATEWIDE

EDWARD J. MARKEY	752
BRAIN J. HERR	385
BRIAN R. MUELLO	1
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	42

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

STATEWIDE

BAKER and POLITO	454
COAKELY and KERRIGAN	606
FALCHUK and JENNINGS	79
LIVELY and SAUNDERS	17
MCCORMICK and POST	11
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	13

ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATEWIDE

MAURA HEALEY	733
JOHN MILLER	403
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	44

SECRETARY OF STATE

STATEWIDE

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	760
DAVID D'ARCAANGELO	319
DANIEL L. FACTOR	51
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	50

TREASURER

STATEWIDE

DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	645
MICHAEL JAMES HEFFERNAN	395
IAN T. JACKSON	66
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	74

AUDITOR

STATEWIDE

SUZANNE M. BUMP	669
PATRICIA S. SAINT AUBIN	356
MK MERELICE	64
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	91

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

SECOND DISTRICT

JAMES P. McGOVERN	918
ALL OTHERS	7
BLANKS	255

COUNCILLOR

EIGHT DISTRICT

MICHAEL J. ALBANO	868
ALL OTHERS	4
BLANKS	308

DISTRCT ATTORNEY NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

DAVID E. SULLIVAN	894
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	283

REGISTER OF PROBATE FRANKLIN COUNTY

JOHN F. MERRIGAN	929
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	248

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FRANKLIN COUNTY

BILL PERLMAN	850
ALL OTHERS	1
BLANKS	329

SENATOR ON GENERAL COURT HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN, WORCESTER DISTRICT

STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	937
ALL OTHERS	8
BLANKS	235

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT SECOND BERKSHIRE DISTRICT

PAUL W. MARK	923
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	254

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE PIONEER VALLEY (4 YEARS) BERNARDSTON VOTE FOR ONE

JEANNE MILTON	826
DEBRA GILBERT	1
CLYDE BECKWITH	1
PETER HAYES	1
JUSTIN LAWRENCE	1
MIKE HUTT	1
BLANKS	349

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE PIONEER VALLEY (4 YEARS) LEYDEN VOTE FOR TWO

MARGARET E KAEPPPEL	850
ERIC JOHNSON	1
JOHN ROGERS	1
JOHN JONES	1
CYNTHIA CHANNING	1
RANDY TACEY	1
DAVID BALK	1
BLANKS	1504

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PIONEER VALLEY (2 YEARS) NORTHFIELD
VOTE FOR ONE

ROBIN C. L'ETOILE	827
JEFF BAIRD	1
PETER HAYES	1
TONY NOGA	1
BLANKS	350

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PIONEER VALLEY (4 YEARS) NORTHFIELD
VOTE FOR ONE

WILLIAM S. WAHLSTROM	863
TONY NOGA	1
ART JAMES	1
BLANKS	315

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PIONEER VALLEY (4 YEARS) WARWICK
VOTE FOR ONE

MARTHA A. MORSE	828
DAVID YOUNG	1
DIANE JAMES	1
BLANKS	350

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PIONEER VALLEY (4 YEARS) WARWICK
VOTE FOR TWO

MIKE HELLMAN	1
ROBERT PAUL JR	2
MAX NEWTON	1
MIKE HUTT	1
DAVID YOUNG	1
JOE KAYAN	1
JOHN JONES	1
DAVID KOESTER	1
JOHN ROGERS	1
CLAIRE BRENNAN	1
DEBRA PREST	1
EVERETT WICKLINE	1
NATE DIBBLE	1
DUSTIN SHEPARTSON	1
PHYLLIS HILLMAN	1
BLANKS	2344

QUESTION #1
REPEAL 2013 GAS TAX INDEXING (LAW)

YES	576
NO	550
BLANKS	54

QUESTION # 2
UPDATEING BOTTLE BILL (LAW)

YES	452
NO	703
BLANKS	25

QUESTION # 3
PROHIBIT CASINO GAMBLING

YES	521
NO	625
BLANKS	34

QUESTION # 4
EARNED SICK TIME (LAW)

YES	698
NO	443
BLANKS	39

QUESTION # 5
CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW-SEN

YES	846
NO	163
BLANKS	171

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Attest

Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of **NORTHFIELD**

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

PRECINCT ONE
NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL
69 MAIN STREET NORTHFIELD

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS *FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH*
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. *FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH*
ATTORNEY GENERAL *FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH*
SECRETARY OF STATE *FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH*
TREASURER *FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH*
AUDITOR *FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH*
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. *SECOND DISTRICT*
COUNCILLOR *EIGHT DISTRICT*
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT *HAMPSHIRE FRANKLIN & WORCESTER*
DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. *SECOND BERKSHIRE DISTRICT*
DISTRICT ATTORNEY. *NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT*
REGISTER OF PROBATE. *FRANKLIN COUNTY*
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Bernardston). *PIONEER VALLEY*
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Leyden). *PIONEER VALLEY*
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Northfield). *PIONEER VALLEY*
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Warwick). *PIONEER VALLEY*

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 on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

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 on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, and air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

A YES VOTE would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

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 on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of "illegal gaming" under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

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

A YES VOTE would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

QUESTION 4: 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 on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Selectmen of: **THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD**

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 US Post Office in Northfield; the Northfield Town Hall; the Dickinson Memorial Library; the Field Library, in Northfield Farms and the V.F.W., in West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before date hereof, as within directed.

_____, 2014.
Constable

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

November 24, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

The Special Town meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:00 p.m., at the Pioneer Valley Regional School. The "Rules and Procedures" were read by the Moderator... One hundred and twenty-nine (129) registered voters were present to vote on the following articles:

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated receipts for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable. The assessors in setting the tax rate use these amounts. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2002. This Act allows the town to collect a 0.5% surcharge on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example FY15 is the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves reduced also by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. The “Overlay Surplus” is the portion of each year’s overlay account no longer required to cover property tax abatements.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by vote of the Town, to the reserve account or used for extraordinary items.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Finance Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Terms associated with Proposition 2½:

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base, but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period of time in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or for payment of capital expenditures.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town's tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Selectmen allows an override question to be put on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town.

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



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, November 24, 2014 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.), then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1 – (on Warrant page 5)

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will 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 there to.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.*

Vote required: Simple Majority

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 2 – (on Warrant page 5)

ARTICLE 2: 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 purchase, installation and maintenance of a computer network, including all necessary hardware and software as well as all appurtenances related thereto and to further include necessary consulting services or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$26,500 for the purchase, installation and maintenance of a computer network, including all necessary hardware and software, including computers, printers, screens, cables and all appurtenances related thereto and to further include necessary consulting services.*

Selectmen: Recommended

Fincom: Recommended

Vote required: Simple Majority

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 3 – (on Warrant page 5)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums to pay for tuition and transportation to Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for Northfield student to attend said school, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$37,170 to pay for tuition and transportation to Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for a Northfield student to attend said school.*

Submitted by the Selectboard

Selectmen: Recommended

Fincom: Recommended

Vote required: Simple Majority

Passed

ARTICLE 4 – (on Warrant page 6)

ARTICLE 4: 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 pay for tuition, transportation, hotel and other expenses associated with the Town Administrator's attendance at the Massachusetts Chief Procurement Officers certification course or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$ 2,200 for the purpose of paying for tuition, transportation, hotel and other expenses associated with the Town Administrator's attendance at the Massachusetts Chief Procurement Officers certification course.*

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 5 – (on Warrant page 6)

ARTICLE 5: 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 purchase a vehicle for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$37,000 to purchase and equip a vehicle for the Police Department.*

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 6 – (on Warrant page 6)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to file for a grant or grants to provide an ambulance for the Northfield EMS department and further to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for a Town matching share for the ambulance or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to authorize the Selectboard to file for a grant or grants to provide an ambulance for the Northfield EMS department and further to appropriate by transfer from the Retained Earnings of the EMS Enterprise Fund the sum of \$8,750 for a Town matching share for the ambulance.*

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 7 – (on Warrant page 6)

ARTICLE 7: 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 purchase a replacement for the shed behind the elementary school for the purpose of recreational equipment storage or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Recreation Commission

MOTION: *I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$4,400 to purchase a replacement for the shed behind the elementary school for the purpose of recreational equipment storage.*

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 8 – (on Warrant page 6)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds including but not limited to, the sum of \$55,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance, or by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44 sec. 8c to provide a sum or sums of money, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum of money up to \$165,000 for the purpose of purchasing a conservation restriction for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and to pay for costs associated with the borrowing and other legal, engineering or technical services associated with the purchase, by eminent domain or negotiated purchase or otherwise, a certain property together with buildings

thereon, known as the Ames Property consisting of 145 acres, more or less, as recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3789 and Page 65, shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Northfield" prepared for William S. Ames and Nancy H. Ames by Dale Merritt dated 5/6/2001 and on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Northfield" prepared for William S. Ames and Nancy H. Ames by Dale Merritt dated 1/16/2004; that said conservation restriction to be conveyed to said Northfield under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8c, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Northfield, and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of Northfield any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town of Northfield and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of Northfield to affect said purchase, provided, however, that the funds appropriated hereunder shall not be expended unless the Town is approved for a LAND grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and/or any other sources in the amount of \$165,000 or more in reimbursements, donations or other forms of cash-in-hand to defray the cost of the project, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Open Space Committee and Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer, the sum of \$55,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance, and to authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 44 sec. 8C, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$165,000, for a total appropriation of \$220,000 for the purpose of acquiring a conservation restriction and to further authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire such restriction by eminent domain or negotiated purchase or otherwise, on a certain property with buildings thereon, known as the Ames Property consisting of 145 acres, more or less, as described in a deed recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3789 and Page 65, and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Northfield", prepared for William S. Ames and Nancy H. Ames by Dale Merritt dated 5/6/2001 and on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Northfield", prepared for William S. Ames and Nancy H. Ames by Dale Merritt dated 1/16/2004; with said conservation restriction to be held, managed and controlled under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation, , and further to authorize the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of Northfield any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town of Northfield and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of Northfield to effect said acquisition, provided, however, that the funds appropriated hereunder shall not be expended unless the Town has been granted a LAND grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and/or any other sources in the amount of at least \$165,000 in reimbursements, donations or other forms of cash-in-hand to defray the cost of the project.

Selectmen: Recommended

Fincom: Recommended

Vote required: Two-thirds

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 9 – (on Warrant page 7)

ARTICLE 9: 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 pay the costs associated with the Board of Assessors defense of the Town's assessment for any and all property in the Town including legal fees, expert witness fees and any other costs required to be paid to effect the purposes of this article or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$18,000 to pay the costs associated with the Board of Assessors defense of the Town's assessment for any and all property in the Town including legal fees, expert witness fees and any other costs required to be paid to effect the purposes of this article.

Selectmen: Recommended

Fincom: Recommended

Vote required: Simple Majority

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 10 – (on Warrant page 7)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Police Detail Revolving Fund established pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 44, sec. 53c to be used for the purposes of the fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Police Detail Revolving Fund established pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 44, sec. 53c to be used for the purposes of the fund.

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 11 – (on Warrant page 7)

ARTICLE 11: 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 pay the costs associated with the repair of the transmission of a 2000 TS 100 brush mower, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$9,000 to pay the costs associated with the repair of the transmission of a 2000 TS 100 brush mower.

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 12 – (on Warrant page 7)

ARTICLE 12: 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 pay the costs associated with the repair and renovation of certain offices at the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$15,000 to pay the costs associated with the repair and renovation of an office also known as the “South Balcony Room” at the Town Hall.

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 13 – (on Warrant page 8)

ARTICLE 13: 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 pay for a site survey of the existing Fire Station lot and to include identification of the bounds of the bordering vegetative wetlands, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000 to pay for a site survey of the existing Fire Station lot and to include identification of the bounds of the bordering vegetative wetlands.

Note: Motion changed from \$ 5,000 to \$ 4,000 additional funds to come from another source.

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended

Vote required: Simple Majority
Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 14 – (on Warrant page 8)

ARTICLE 14: 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 payment of bills incurred from prior years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Accountant

MOTION: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$70 for the payment of a bill incurred in a prior fiscal years.

Selectmen: Recommended
Fincom: Recommended
Vote required: Nine-tenths
Passed Unanimous

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of five public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding and meeting called for in the Warrant. Hereof, fail not and make due return of the Warrant your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 7th day of November, 2014.

Given under our hands at Northfield this 4th day of November in the year of our Lord, 2014.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Northfield, Massachusetts

John G. Spanbauer, Chairman

Jed Proujansky

Tracy Rogers

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to this 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 United States Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Memorial Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms and V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town fourteen days at least before date hereof, as herein directed.

Constable of Northfield

_____ Date _____

There being no further business to come before the Town, Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the Town Meeting at 7: p.m.

Registered Voters --- 2169

Voters in Attendance --- 129

Guests:

Jay Rasku – Mt Grace
Matthias Nevins – Mt Grace
Jamie Pottern – Mt Grace
Sandra Wood – Assistant to the Selectboard
Brain Noble – Town Administrator
Deborah Mero – Town accountant
Brenda Davis – Unregistered Voter
David Rainville – Greenfield Recorder
John Richardson – Police Department

Barbara Brasseur
Carol Holden
Elizabeth L'Etoile
Jo Ann Newton
Sandra Campbell
Bethany Walker

Warden
Election Worker
Election Worker
Election Worker
Election Worker
Election Worker

Attest:
Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

Vitals Statistics for 2014

Births (7)

Deaths (20)

Marriages (13)

Civic Disposition Violations

MGL 94C §32L \$700.00

Dog Licenses

Male / Female 327/375
Spayed / Neutered 65/55
Kennel (4 dogs) (1)
Kennel (Less than 10 dogs) (2)
Kennel (more than 10 dogs) (2)
Late Fees
By Law Violations

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 Thursday 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.

In 2014 the ZBA had another busy year. The board held 14 meetings: 11 business meetings, 1 walkabout and 2 public hearings.

Variance

Arthur James, 687A Millers Falls Road, Assessors Map 57, Parcel A2 – Granted for addition to the home

Special Permit

Timothy and Beth Ives & Bill Willey, 90 East Street – Auto body repair shop. No action necessary due to The Permit Extension Act

Other Business:

- Revised and updated the ZBA Application and Guidelines
- Revised the document explaining the Role of the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2 Alternate seats open on the ZBA

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cox, Chair	Shawn Foster, Member
Erin Jaworski, Clerk	Albert Dietrich, Alternate Member
Edward Shearer, Member	Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant
William Forrest, Member	

School Reports

Pioneer Valley Regional School District
Superintendent of Schools

It is a pleasure to submit my seventh and final report. Never without challenges and surprises along the way, it has been a very productive and successful year for teaching and learning in the PVRSD. As you may know, after 21 years in the PVRSD central office, I am stepping down at the conclusion of this school year to pursue other opportunities. A new superintendent will take the helm on July 1, 2015. I look forward to working with my successor to ensure a smooth and successful transition. Like me, I know the new superintendent will be the beneficiary of the contributions and support of our students and their families, the PVRSD Committee members, the District Leadership Team members, the PVRSD educators and staff, our town officials, and our community members. Thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions to and support of the district's accomplishments this past year.

Consistent with the trend of the last few years, the district saw notable staff turnover again this year, mostly attributable to retirements. The quality and quantity of applicants for vacant positions suggests that our schools are very desirable employment placements. We were again fortunate to hire new educators with impressive credentials, great eagerness to join the PVRSD learning community, and experiences and values well aligned to the district's mission and philosophy. Early Education Director Michele Regan-Ladd was replaced by Mackensey Bailey as the only change to the District Leadership Team this year.

Once again, there was no shortage of reform initiatives and new or changed requirements needing attention this year. We continued our work to identify the measures by which the PVRSD will determine each educator's impact on student performance. District Determined Measures are one component of the state's mandatory new evaluation system and are intended to quantify student growth in every content area and at every grade. By June, the District will have identified and selected two measures for each licensed educator so to begin collecting data in the 2015/2016 school year. As a continuation of the process by which the MA DESE considers a potential change from MCAS as their state assessment system to PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), all PVRSD students in grades 3-8 will participate in PARCC rather than MCAS testing this spring. Because MCAS continues to be the competency measure for graduation through 2019, it will continue to be administered to PVRSD high school students. Compared to MCAS, the PARCC tests are much more closely aligned with the Common Core curriculum, rely more heavily on higher order thinking skills, and can be delivered entirely by computer. Because PARCC testing is still in its pilot phase across the Commonwealth, PVRSD will not receive accountability ratings as a result of the Spring 2015 results. The MA Board of Education will vote whether to adopt PARCC sometime next fall.

Our schools benefitted from major upgrades to the technology infrastructure this year. To start with, each school's internet connectivity at least doubled the available bandwidth. The Novell server system was upgraded to a Windows 2012 system. The District's operating systems were upgraded from Windows XP to Windows 8.1. Additionally, over one third of the work stations and peripherals (specifically any work station older than 4 years old) were replaced with new equipment so that system components such as memory and processors are much more robust and also compatible with the requirements of the new operating system. It is hard to imagine an investment with greater potential to positively impact teaching and learning.

Many of the PVRSD students in grades 3-10 participated in MCAS assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science/Technology during the 2014 school year. All BES 4th and 6th graders and some PVRSD 7th, 8th, and 9th graders were exempt from participating in MCAS as they participated in the PARCC pilot. The district, schools, and individual students are provided scores that measure both their performance and their growth for all students in grades 4-10 in ELA and Mathematics. As a result of the No Child Left Behind waiver successfully sought by our State Department of Education (MA DESE), schools are now measured relative to meeting their own proficiency gap narrowing goals and the degree of assistance required by the DESE. The goal of 100% proficiency by 2014 has been replaced by a new goal of reducing proficiency gaps for all students and high need students by 2017. There are five levels – Meeting Proficiency Narrowing Goals, Very Low Engagement by DESE (Level 1) to Chronically Underperforming Schools, Extremely High Engagement by DESE (Level 5.) BES achieved Level 1 while PRES, NES, WCS, and PVRSD achieved Level 2. The results are extremely valuable in evaluating the success of our ongoing efforts to modify, enhance, and refine instruction so that all of our students have every opportunity to achieve to their potential.

The FY 2015 operating budget is \$14,131,007 increasing 3.39% over FY 14. The resulting increases to the towns' assessments that ranged from 2.35% (Leyden) to 11.34% (Northfield) can be attributed to a combination of flat state funding and the depletion of district reserve accounts which have been heavily relied upon to control assessment increases in the past seven years. The voters' support of the requested budget, though appreciated, was narrow and at the end of a process that was truly an exercise in patience and

perseverance for everyone involved. Relative to state funding for education, there is reason for guarded optimism that changes may be on the horizon. In recognition of the need to retool the now over twenty year-old MA public school funding formula, the Foundation Budget Review Commission is conducting hearings across the Commonwealth in the winter and spring of 2015 to inform recommendations for change. Many of the assumptions upon which the formula was built are obsolete or inadequate in view of the delivery of education in 2015. Approval of all proposed capital requests resulted in noteworthy improvements in all schools: new carpeting in the technology lab and improvements to the kitchen exhaust system at Bernardston Elementary; a new propane boiler at Pearl Rhodes Elementary; painting, new bathroom partitions, and a new canopy at the kitchen entrance at Northfield Elementary; a new roof at Warwick Community; and painting, carpeting, and repaving of the parking lot at Pioneer. The Central Office will be undergoing a feasibility study in Spring 2015 to identify and compare options for ensuring a cost effective and future ready facility.

This year and for the past 21 years, it was my privilege to serve the children who attend our schools and their families and a true honor to lead the talented, dedicated, and hardworking educators who staff our schools. Thank you sincerely for the opportunity to give back to a community that so positively impacted me.

Dayle Doiron, Superintendent of Schools

Pioneer Valley Regional School Principal's Report to the Pioneer Regional Towns

Last June we graduated 76 seniors. Tom Gaffigan was the commencement speaker. Tom left Pioneer the year before to become Associate Principal at Greenfield High School. Tom had taught these students social studies two times: in eighth grade and again in tenth grade. With this long history together, the students asked him to return and give the commencement address. We had a beautiful day for graduation outside on the fields. We can only hope for as nice a day this year.

We welcomed a large cohort of new faculty members to Pioneer this year. We had four retirements last June and a number of other changes. In the English Department, ninth grade teacher Gina Hammett joined Pioneer from Hinsdale Public Schools. Tenth grade English teacher Carie Ruggiano moved this summer from Utah. Twelfth grade English teacher Matthew Despres came from the Revere Public Schools in eastern Massachusetts. Sallie Gilliland, from the Albany area, joined the Health and Wellness Department to teach Health and a Nutrition and Fitness class. After filling a long term sub position last year, Dave Breuer was hired this year into the Math Department as a tenth grade and Math Fundamentals teacher. The Science Department welcomed two new teachers, Biology teacher Amanda Laughner and Biology and Anatomy & Physiology teacher Nikki Pullen. In the Social Studies Department, eighth grade teacher Liz Eleftherakis came to Pioneer from the Amherst Public Schools. And finally, after reopening the search three times, we found our school nurse right here in Northfield. Our new school nurse, Carla Simpson, has been a part-time nurse at Northfield Elementary where she also completed her school nursing internship.

We have set ambitious goals for our students and ourselves. Starting with the current junior class, every student at Pioneer will demonstrate proficiency of the Expectations for Demonstrating Teaching and Learning listed in Pioneer's Core Values. The class of 2016 is the first class responsible for eight of those expectations. Students collect evidence –artifacts and reflections from their coursework as well as extracurricular activities – to demonstrate proficiency of each expectation. Students collect their artifacts and reflections in a digital tool called Richer Picture. During senior year, each student will present their collection of evidence to a panel that will determine whether the student has completed a successful portfolio.

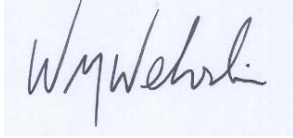
To prepare for this graduation requirement, students begin in middle school learning about the portfolio process and how to use the Richer Picture website. They do student-led conferences with their parents in which they show examples of their best work—similar to what they will do in their high school portfolio.

In high school, the portfolio process allows each student to present him/herself as a dynamic and well-rounded individual in a way that grades and test scores are not able to show. We are currently in a process of updating the list of Expectations that students will need to demonstrate in their portfolio to align it with what our research reveals are the core skills students will need to be successful in the 21st century global society.

Last year I reported on the challenges of aging technology. This year I am happy to report that with the support of our four towns, we have upgraded our technology infrastructure as well as replaced many outdated devices. In the past few years, the expectation for what students should know and be able to do using technology has increased dramatically. In addition, the quality of the tools available to students and educators has reached a point in which we would be sacrificing quality if we were unable to access all of the resources available. Fortunately, we are now well positioned to stay abreast of new developments and offer our students an excellent education enhanced by technology. The electronic portfolio I described above is just one example among many of the ways in which student and teachers are using technology to improve learning. We appreciate that the School Committee and our four member towns share and support our vision of a 21st century education for every student.

Again, thank you to each of our member towns for your continued support of our school programs and education in general. Without you, Pioneer would not be the great school it is today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Wehrli', is shown on a light blue rectangular background.

William Wehrli, Principal

Northfield Elementary School Principal's Report

I am pleased to submit this annual report for Northfield Elementary School for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. In my twelve years as principal of Northfield Elementary School, I continue to be impressed with the commitment of Northfield to its youngest citizens. On behalf of your children, I thank you for your continued support of our school.

The school year opened on August 27th with an enrollment of 193 students in preschool through grade 6. In June of this year we bid farewell to Mary Johnson who taught at Northfield Elementary for many years. Our thanks are extended to Mrs. Johnson for her years of dedicated service to our children. We wish her all the best as she begins her retirement.

Good teachers are the keys to educational excellence. Northfield Elementary is fortunate to have a fine teaching staff and I'd like to recognize their hard work and dedication. The vision at Northfield Elementary School is for all NES students to thrive in a just, fair, and caring learning environment that fosters confidence and a sense of belonging. We are deeply committed to providing a safe, engaging, and inclusive teaching and learning environment that promotes respect, responsibility, and academic excellence. NES has high expectations for all students and promotes an environment which fosters meaningful relationships, risk-taking, and academic results. For example, the 2014 MCAS results were impressive, particularly in mathematics. The growth indicators show remarkable improvement and achievement by our students.

School safety continues to be a major topic at NES and across the nation. I cannot thank Northfield Chief of Police, Rob Leighton, enough for his assistance and cooperation. Chief Leighton's expertise has been indispensable in working with us as we develop safety policies, procedures and prevention programs at our school.

Thank you to the Building Utilization Committee for their interest in the school. We continue to improve the building and the offerings for our children through their efforts and the generosity of the town. I would like to recognize the commitment of committee members Chad Glover, David Gorzocoski, and Cathy Wright. Their expertise and guidance helps us keep the school in good condition.

In closing, I thank the Northfield community, Superintendent of Schools, Dayle Doiron, and the school committee for the support that enables the staff to lead the students towards our goal of educational excellence. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve the children of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas King,
Principal

SPED

This is my eighth annual report as the Administrator of Special Education for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are currently providing one hundred and forty-seven (147) students between the ages of three (3) and twenty-two (22) with special education services. Students who receive special education services have an identified disability which impacts their ability to make effective educational progress. Each student with special needs has an individualized education program designed to meet that student's unique needs.

In the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, we make a concerted effort to serve students with special needs in our local schools whenever possible. Because we have skilled special educators, and because we have commendable cooperation from classroom teachers, support staff, and principals, we have been very successful in providing high quality, cost effective programs for disabled students within our local schools. We have a small number of students placed outside the School District in specialized programs.

The Special Education Office also oversees McKinney-Vento Educational Rights (Homeless Education), Civil Rights (ensuring protection from discrimination on grounds such as [race](#), [gender](#), [national origin](#), [color](#), [sexual orientation](#), [ethnicity](#), [religion](#), or [disability](#)) English Language Learners (formally known as English as a Second Language Learners), Section 504 (Federal law designed to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education) and Title IX (Gender Equity).

It is my pleasure to continue serving as The Pioneer Valley Regional School District's Administrator of Special Education.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Murphy Jones, M.Ed.
Administrator of Special Education

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County Reports

Department Of Veterans Services

The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty three towns within Franklin County. Currently we are providing support for 76 veterans who reside in your district

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. Chap. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependants and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

Leo and Mark held our first annual Job Fair for Veterans at the French King Bowling Center with great success; as well as, a Veterans Administration Health Fair.

November 13th 2014 most member towns voted to dissolve this district and become a member of the new regional veteran's district, Upper Pioneer Veterans Services District 294 Main Street, Greenfield, Mass 01301. The new phone number is 4132-772-1571.

Many Veterans have been calling 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

Massachusetts State Veterans Services: [MassVets Advisor](#)

Leo J. Parent, Director

Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO

FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2014/15 are \$227,342 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2012/2013 that was reallocated to the Scholarship Fund.)

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 268 applications and approved 258 students to receive \$198,282. This amount includes the two \$1,000 scholarships in memory of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustee spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Five (5) programs were approved totaling \$17,600:

Community Action –WIC Program	\$ 5,000.00
Community Health Center	\$ 3,200.00
Franklin County Home Care	\$ 5,000.00

Hospice of Franklin County	\$ 2,000.00
NELCWIT	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
	\$17,600.00

AGRICULTURE: An amount of \$11,367 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 7,173.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 3,160.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	<u>\$ 1,034.00</u>
	\$11,367.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Ted Penick
Trustee (Northfield)

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 twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2014 shows almost an identical amount compared to 2013. District residents recycled over 1,700 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although market prices for recyclables remained low all year, District towns received a total of \$66,000 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2013, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 63 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 560 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2014. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 325 households participated in this event. 42% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received a \$60,000 grant from the State to set up a recycling collection for wood pellet bags and for plastic waste generated at agricultural operations. We also helped member towns implement \$12,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from MassDEP.

We continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and to assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We continue to work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - <i>Executive Director</i>	Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - <i>Chair</i>
Chris Boutwell, Montague - <i>Vice-Chair</i>	MA Swedlund, Deerfield – <i>Treasurer</i>

We submit this annual report for 2014 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2014 was 519 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	21	Erving	31	Montague	70	Sunderland	10
Buckland	10	Gill	5	New Salem	7	Warwick	8
Colrain	23	Greenfield	113	Northfield	39	Wendell	9
Conway	5	Heath	7	Orange	78	Whately	8
Deerfield	15	Leyden	12	Shelburne	5	Non-District	43

Franklin County Technical School awarded 113 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2014. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. FCTS has maintained level 2 Accountability status from last year. Our overall PPI moved from 17% in 2012 (level III) to 21% in 2013 (level II) to 31% in 2014 (level II).

We were 1% point away from level I Accountability Status. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 41% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 36% joined the area work force, 6% planned to join the military, 4% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 13% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2014.

The teachers and students have been busy with projects that are used as learning opportunities during this latest school year. These authentic work projects are critical in developing the skills of the students, inspiring and motivating the students, developing empathy and social commitment and, of course, are beneficial to our sending communities.

As learning activities, these projects are not treated as production work that would be done by commercial entities. Project work is treated as learning activities, with guidance and direction of instructors. With alternating weeks of shop time, that increases the duration of a project. But, with that said, costs associated with a project are less than those conducted by a commercial company, resulting in towns and students benefiting in the end.

The electrical program has been active in a number of communities throughout Franklin County. Electrical work and networking work has been done in Charlemont with the Hawlemont school barn and greenhouse built; at the Warwick Community School with an LED lighting conversion; repairs to the Bernardston Elementary School parking lot lighting, and also at the Bernardston police department. Electrical students have worked in Buckland with police department lighting retro-fits and exterior security. The Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum has benefited from student electrical work at that facility, with future work projects in the plans. Another Shelburne activity was the fall clean-up of Hill Cemetery by the landscaping program.

In Wendell, the Town Hall emergency kitchen has had the electrical shop, carpentry shop, and primarily the plumbing shop, busy with renovations to their facilities. Due to new regulations imposed by the State Plumbing Board, this project was held up for nearly a year, but through persistence on our end, the approvals were finally authorized and the work is nearly complete. Changes in the State Plumbing Board regulations will continue to have a negative impact on plumbing programs in all vocational schools throughout the state, but we will develop methods to work within the restrictive guidelines.

The community of Deerfield saw the completion of a pavilion at the elementary school. Further activities will take place for landscaping of the pavilion area in the spring – at this point it is being discussed. The pavilion was built by the carpentry program students and instructors. Along with that work, carpentry is beginning work on the Regional Animal Shelter that will serve the town of Orange, along with other communities. By the time the project is completed, the electrical and plumbing programs will also be heavily involved in the expansion of the building.

The Greenfield Town Hall is having bookcases built by the underclassmen carpentry students. This learning activity is just beginning and students are looking forward to the planning and production of the bookcases/shelving. Greenfield also received the services of the landscaping program with the sodding of Vets fields, a great learning opportunity for the students. In the spring of 2015, carpentry students will be building a Community Garden shed in New Salem, and in Leyden the Town Hall will have a rear portico built. Carpentry students will pre-fab the walls for the portico in the shop, and work will follow in the spring by the Leyden DPW, with construction taking place.

Also for the town of Leyden, the Collision and Repair program is doing work on a Crown Vic for the Leyden Police Department. Another community receiving Collision and Repair work is a vehicle for the Colrain fire department.

The Welding program is doing work for two communities, Northfield and Shelburne – both library box drops. A new book drop is being built for Northfield and repair of a book drop for Shelburne.

Our relationship with area communities is important to FCTS. We try and focus primarily on municipal and non-profit organizations for our educational projects. Human Services organizations that service multiple communities, such as the Greenfield YMCA, have

had Cosmetology and Culinary Arts students participate in special events, and the Soup and Game night hosted by Hope & Olive in Greenfield, receives soup and bread freshly made by the Culinary Arts program. Even school wide activities such as our food drives for area food pantries, collecting winter clothing for area needs, pet supplies for Dakin and area shelters, all feed into our strong partnership with Franklin County communities.

The District has been selected to participate in a renovation project for new windows and doors through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). We are currently in the design and cost analysis stage and should have an estimate on costs at your town meeting. As with all projects selected by MSBA the State will reimburse the District a portion of the cost based upon several factors; our projected reimbursement rate is just a little more than 73% of costs.

In addition the District is in need of other major renovations that were either not selected by MSBA, (a roof repair) and/or would not qualify for funding, (repaving of our drive and parking areas, and possible repair and upgrade of our track.)

This will be the first time since the inception of the District in 1974 that we will be asking the towns to grant the District the authority to borrow monies to upgrade our infrastructure. The approval process as outlined in our regional agreement calls for a district wide election which falls outside of the annual town meeting approval process. As we define the scope of the projects/costs and work with the governing body in each of our member community's additional information will be made available on both the cost and the process.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. James M. Laverty
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2014

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-Stephanie Recore; Deerfield-Katherine James; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Clifford C. Hatch; Greenfield-Mark M. Maloney; Christopher L. Joseph; Larry D. Geiser; Jeffrey D. Hampton; Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson; Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Angela Fournier; Northfield- Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary; Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr., Vice-Chairperson; Wendell-Richard E. Drohen; Whately-Donald C. Sluter

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to present its **2014 Top Ten Accomplishments and Services** to the towns, residents and region of Franklin County. For more information about these projects and more, please refer to: the FRCOG Annual Report; our web site, www.frcog.org; visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/FranklinRegionalCouncilofGovernments; or follow us on Twitter: @FranklinCOG.

1	Legislation passed that transferred FRCOG employees from Franklin Regional Retirement System to the Massachusetts State Retirement System. The FRCOG will no longer pay a share of the retirement system's unfunded liability, saving approximately \$240,000/year. In FY16, towns will see a considerable reduction to their membership assessments.
2	Passenger Rail returns to Franklin County. As a long-time goal, the FRCOG helped to: ensure that the region's intermodal center was built next to train tracks; secured funding for what is now the John W. Oliver Transit Center; assisted in securing ARRA funds for upgrading of the rail lines; and is now working to bring commuter rail to Greenfield in 2016.
3	Regional Preparedness Program expands disaster response network. In times of disaster or emergency, religious and human service organizations are often closest to the people in need. The FRCOG worked with 92 of these entities in western MA to ensure that they are prepared to collaborate to efficiently and effectively support emergency response and recovery.
4	Purchasing Program introduces new cooperative purchases, saving towns money! 15-30% savings on prices of fire hose in our cooperative bid for fire depts. 50% off traffic signs by buying in bulk as part of a new initiative in our Highway Products & Services program.
5	Connecticut River Tri-State Bike Map created. Working with our regional partners in NH and VT, a continuous bicycling route connecting Greenfield, Keene and Brattleboro was created. Hard copy and on-line maps identify the route and resources, such as bike shops, water locations, parking and restrooms. Look for trailblazing signs in Spring of 2015.
6	Promoting and protecting the economic value of forest land. The FRCOG and BRPC are working with 20 communities to study how the federal and state government can help private landowners conserve forests and promote the value of forest products leading to a grant from the USDA to Massachusetts to increase forest resiliency and develop economic opportunities for forest products and a grant to study how to increase energy efficient renewable wood heat.
7	FRCOG's Partnership for Youth Presents at the White House. Representing the Communities That Care Coalition, FRCOG staff presented successful approaches in preventing youth substance abuse and promoting academic success. The Coalition received high praise for its efforts and outcomes from the acting Drug Czar and from the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Services.
8	Out ahead of Lyme Disease – CPHS tick testing. FRCOG's Cooperative Public Health Service partnered with UMass to implement a Lyme Disease Awareness Program that included billboards, outreach, trail signs and tick testing. Residents are now able to send ticks found on them for lab analysis and get early treatment for potential debilitating diseases.
9	Regional Brownfield Program Continues – The FRCOG was awarded \$300,000 from the EPA to continue its Brownfield Program to assess properties potentially impacted by hazardous materials or petroleum products leading to their clean-up and reuse.
10	Aiding in the effort to reduce opioid and heroin addiction. The FRCOG led the Franklin County Opioid Task Force Healthcare Committee, working with area physicians and pharmacists to develop the Safe Prescriber Pledge that asks prescribers to adopt practices that ensure safe prescribing practices of potentially addictive medications.

Franklin Regional Retirement System
Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2013

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 487 retirees, 42 beneficiaries, 946 active employees, and 561 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), which audits our operations and financial records every three years. We are also audited by independent auditors in the two intervening years, as well as a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and, combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2013, we are 84% funded at 25 years (63%) into the 40 year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: www.FRRSMA.com.

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our State oversight commission, PERAC. The full report can be read on our website.

Sandra A. Hanks
Board Chair

David R. Gendron
Vice Chair

Paula J. Light
Council Member

Mary A. Stokarski
Elected Member

	CY 2013	CY 2012	CY 2011
<u>Balances</u>			
Cash	2,107,878	1,335,467	844,585
Investments	112,129,229	94,448,777	83,539,939
Receivables	272,477	431,106	375,266
Payables	100,714	114,075	212,403
Annuity Savings (members)	27,949,619	27,352,296	26,819,919
Retirement Reserves	86,459,252	68,748,979	57,727,469
<u>Revenues</u>			
Member's contributions	3,187,508	3,224,578	3,202,132
Towns, Schools, Agencies	5,605,588	5,202,569	5,009,154
Retirement Cost Sharing	439,735	375,647	382,475
Miscellaneous Revenue	20,752	66,657	9,161
Investment Income (net)	18,879,116	11,727,623	434,442
<u>Expenses</u>			
Retirement Benefits	7,437,506	6,840,923	6,158,541
Operating Expenses	373,095	398,662	356,933
Investment Expenses	657,782	538,484	472,198
Retirement Cost Sharing	960,334	723,503	740,517
Refunds to Members	396,387	541,614	594,635
<u>Investment Performance</u>			
Target	7.88%	7.88%	7.88%
Since 1984	8.59%	8.21%	8.02%
10 years	7.28%	7.04%	4.78%
5 years	13.33%	2.69%	2.28%
Current Year	19.80%	13.39%	0.92%
<u>Demographics</u>			
	01/01/2014	01/01/2012	01/01/2010
Members' Average Age	48.30	49.00	48.10
Members' Average Service	10.50	10.90	10.10
Members' Average Salary	33,249.00	32,333.00	30,400.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.10	72.10	71.90
Retirees' Average Pension	14,164.00	12,931.00	12,109.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	56.40	n/a	n/a
Disabled Members' Average Pension	26,052.00	n/a	n/a

Dale Kowacki
Executive Director
Franklin Regional Retirement System