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Brian S. Noble*
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Town Secretary/Selectboard

Sandra L. Wood

Town Accountant

Deb Mero

Financial Asst.

Caralyn Ballou

Tax Collector/Treasurer

Barbara Brasseur

Assessors' Clerk

Bethany Walker

Town Clerk

Daniel Campbell

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Administrative Assistants for Boards/Committees

Bethany Walker-Finance Committee

Vivien Venskowski-ZBA

*Sara Goodwin Monette, Jennifer Chapman-Duquette-Planning

Board & Conservation Commission

Bridgette Hammond-Recreation Commission

Caty Kostecki -Board of Health

Town Hall Custodian

Tammy Pelletier

Public Safety

Police Chief

Robert F. Leighton

Police Sergeant

John T. Richardson

Officers

Igor Komerzan

Michael Leslie

Administrative Asst.

Vivien Venskowski

Fire Chief

Floyd "Skip" Dunnell

Asst. Chief

David Quinn, Jr.

EMS Chief

Mark Fortier

Asst. EMS 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

Thomas Walker

Foreman

Kevin Steiner

Truck Driver/Laborers

Mike Mankowsky

*Andy Boyden

Arnold Rose

Tim Richter

Building Maintenance

Jeremy Underwood*

Sam Stevens

Administrative Assistant

*Sara Monette

Jennifer Chapman-Duquette

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Eric Meals, Lead Operator

Everett Wickline, Asst. Operator

Mitchell Mailloux, Laborer

Community Services

Senior Center Director

Heather Tower

Outreach Coordinator

Jeanette Tessier

Library Director

Deb Kern

Circulation

Jane Lyle-Jaworski

Programming

Matt Atwood

Circulation Assistant

Kathy O'Shea

Library Custodian

Tim Rogers

*Resigned/Retired/Other

Elected Positions			Term Expires
Board of Assessors			
	Robert	MacEwen	2019
	Alice	Lord	2017
	*Thomas	Shearer	2018
	Bethany	Walker	2017
Board of Health			
	Flora	Sadri	2019
	Thomas	Walker	2019
	Dan	Gray	2017
	David	Balk	2018
	Bob	MacEwen	2018
Board of Library Trustees			
	Margot	Fleck	2019
	Deb	Potee	2019
	Lloyd E.	Parrill	2017
	Jon	McGowan	2017
	Nolan	Kitfield	2018
	Pauline	Borrego	2018
Board of Selectmen			
	Tracy	Rogers	2017
	John G.	Spanbauer	2018
	Julia	Blyth	2019
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials			
	John G.	Spanbauer	BoS
	Charles	Handren	2019
	Raymond	Zukowski	2019
	Denis	Brennan	2017
	Phil	Watson	2017
	Robert D.	Hall Jr.	2018
Constables			
	David	Brassor	2019
	Fredd	Fuller	2019
	James	O'Shea	2019
	John	Ware	2019
Moderator			
	Nathan	L'Etoile	2018

Planning Board			
	Robert D.	Hall, JR.	2017
	Julie	Robinson	2018
	Richard	Fitzgerald	2019
	Guy	Guilbert	2020
	Tammy	Pelletier	2021
PVRS			
	William	Wahlstrom	2018
	Patricia	Shearer	2020
	Robin	L'Etoile	2020
Recreation Commission			
	Scott	Thayer	2018
	*John	Faille	2017
	Theresa	Quinn Tsipenyuk	2019
	Matthew	Sheridan	2019
	Brian	Winslow	2017
Sewer Commission			
	Dan	Gray	2019
	Paul	Prest	2017
	*Raymond	Zukowski	2018
Tax Collector			
	Barbara	Brassor	2017
Town Clerk			
	Daniel	Campbell	2018
Treasurer			
	Barbara	Brassor	2018
Moderator Appointed			
			Term Expires
Finance Committee			
Lois	Stearns		2018
Bernhard	Porada		2018
Anthony	Matteo		2019
Bonnie	Tucker L'Etoile		2019
Dan	Campbell		2017
Chad	Glover		2017
Franklin County Tech School			
Scott	Milton		2018
Non Partisan Caucus			
Susan	Lloyd		2017
Kim	Farmer		2017
Beth	Walker		2017

Selectboard Appointed

Term Expires

Agricultural Commission

William	Ames	2018
Eugene	L'Etoile	2017
William	Llewelyn	2017
Dave	Kalinowski	2018
Alan	Stone	2018
Jerry	Wagener	2019
Robert	Duby	2019

Board of Registrars

Susan	Lloyd	2019
Dan	Campbell	2017
Kim	Farmer	2018
Robin	McKeon	2018

Building Utilization & Planning Committee

Kathleen	Wright	2019
Chad	Glover	2019
*Lee	Dresser	2018

Community Park Committee

Julia	Blyth	2017
Kate	Rossiter	2017
Gwen	Trelle	2017
Mindy	Nadolski	2017
Joe	Stacy	2017
*Laura	Kaye	2017
Kathleen	Coutu	2017
Cynthia	Mead	2017
Robin	Conley	2017

Community Preservation Commission

Finance Committee	Tony	Matteo	2017
Historical Commission	Carol	Lebo	2017
Planning Board	Tammy	Pelletier	2017
Open Space Committee	Robin	Conley	2017
Selectboard appointee	Rhoda	Yucavitch	2017
Selectboard appointee-Housing	Ted	Thornton	2017
Selectboard appointee	Lara	Dubin	2017
Conservation Commission	Charles	Eiseman	2017

Conservation Commission

Leslie	Powers	2018
Joan	Deely	2019
Mike	Barry	2019
Charles	Blanker	2017
William	Llewelyn	2017
Charles	Eiseman	2019

Council on Aging

Rhoda	Yucavitch	2017
Linda	Hescock	2018

	Gina	Froment	2019
	Gail	Bedard	2017
	Ted	Thornton	2017
	Carol	Pike	2018
	Gwen	Trelle	2018
	Tony	Stavely	2019
	Frank	Foster	2018
	Suzanne	McGowan	2017
	Bill	McGee	2019
Cultural Council			
	Deb	Potee	2017
	Ann	Linge	2018
	Ruthanne	Paulsen	2017
	Robert	Sullivan	2018
	Gretchen	Licata	2018
	Cynthia	Mead	2018
	Mary	Mayshark-Stavely	2019
	Jennifer	Goselin	2019
	Mandy Lyn	Antes	2019
Election Officers			
	Linda	Leavis	2017
	Nina	Sibley	2017
	Kay	Snow	2017
	Jessie	Wiggin	2017
	Sandra	Campbell	2017
	Alice	Fortier	2017
	Betty	Gibson	2017
	Carol	Holden	2017
	Pam	Veith	2017
	Bethany	Walker	2017
	Barbara	Brassor	2017
	Al	Stone	2017
	Patricia	Stone	2017
	David	Brassor	2017
	Joanne	Newton	2017
	Jerry	Scott	2017
	Bernhard	Porada	2017
	Liz	L'Etoile	2017
	Diane	Fuller	2017
	Bruce	Kahn	2017
	Deb	Campbell	2017
	Joel	Fowler	2017
Electronic Communications & Cable TV Advisory Committee			
	Brian	Brault	2018
	Bruce	Kahn	2018
	Jerry	Scott	2018
	Homer	Stavely	2019

Emergency Services Facility Committee

Floyd	Dunnell	2019
Tracy	Rogers	BoS
Mark	Fortier	2019
Tom	Newton	2019
Rob	Leighton	2019
Kevin	Gray	2019
Kevin	Connolly	2019
Dave	Quinn, JR	2019
Steve	Serendynski	2019

Energy Committee

Lynn	Hansell	2017
John	Cevasco	2018
Robert	Pasteris	2018
Susan	Connor	2018
Annie	Chappell	2017
Steve	Roberto	2019

Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory Committee

Lisa	McLoughlin	2017
Joan	Deely	2017
Howard	Perrea	2017
Bob	Duby	2017
Bob	English	2017

Historical Commission

Carol	Lebo	2019
Lisa	McLoughlin	2019
Sue	Ross	2017
Don	Campbell	2017
Joe	Graveline	2019
Joan	Stoia	2017
Robert	Hall	2018

Open Space Committee

Joanne	McGee	2019
Jerry	Wagener	2019
Julia	Blyth	2017
Sue	Ross	2017
Mike	Barry	2018
Kate	Rossiter	2017
Robert	Hall	2018

Stewardship Advisory Subcommittee to the Conservation Commission

Katherine	Johnson	2018
Charlie	Blanker	2018
Nick	Fleck	2018
Bob	Pasteris	2018
Andrew	Vernon	2018

	Joanne	McGee	2018
Town Hall Master Plan			
	Stephen	Serendynski	2017
	Jack	Spanbauer	2017
Trust Fund Committee			
	Jeanette	Tessier	2018
	Jessie	Wiggin	2018
	Mary Jane	Porter	2019
	Betty	Gibson	2019
Trustee, Fred W. Wells Will			
	Theodore	Penick	2017
Veteran Graves Officer			
	Denis	Brennan III	2017
Zoning Board of Appeals			
	Al	Dietrich	2017
	Shawn	Foster	2018
	Erin	Jaworski	2018
	Jennifer	Cox	2020
	William	Forrest	2018
Zoning Revision Committee			
	Jack	Spanbauer	2017
	Rich	Fitzgerald	2017
	Joan	Stoia	2017
	Erin	Jaworski	2017
	Kathy	Wright	2017
Schell Bridge Advisory			
	Jerry	Wagener	2019
	Susan	Ross	2019
	Jon	McGowan	2019
	Tim	Bowen	2019
	Barbara	Richardson	2019
	Craig	Johnson	2019
	Steven	Stoia	2019
	Judith	Wagner	2019
	Lara	Lashway Chapman	2019
Regional Agreement Revision a.k.a H.E.A.R.T			
	Tracy	Rogers	Appointed
	Tony	Matteo	Until complete
	Cheryl	George	

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORTS

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINING STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Fund Balances July 1, 2015		Revenues		Expenditures		Other Financing Sources (Uses)		Fund Balances June 30, 2016
Brush Mountain	\$ 930.27								\$ 930.27
Ames Conservation Restriction	\$ 29,874.44	\$ 135,153.06		\$ 220,000.00		55,000.00			27.50
	\$ 30,804.71	\$ 135,153.06		\$ 220,000.00		\$ 55,000.00		\$ 957.77	

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,952,947	214,609	0	278,754	1,066,876	0	3,513,186
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	187,145	609	0	0	0	0	187,754
Excise Taxes	33,576	0	0	0	0	0	33,576
Tax Liens	12,940	0	0	0	0	0	12,940
User Charges	0	0	0	172,766	0	0	172,766
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-452,918	0	0	0	0	0	-452,918
Tax Foreclosures	26,692	0	0	0	0	0	26,692
Prepaid Expenses & Other Recievables	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Due From/To Other Funds	230,518	-158,435	958	-79,160	6,119	0	0
Due from Other Governments	0	951,925	0	0	0	0	951,925
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	1,990,900	1,008,708	958	372,360	1,072,995	0	4,445,921
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities:							
Warrants, Payrolls, & Accounts Payable	388,519	0	0	0	0	0	388,519
Employee Withholdings	8,467	0	0	0	0	0	8,467
Due to Others	10,239	120	0	0	900	0	11,259
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes & Tax Liens	-252,814	609	0	0	0	0	-252,205
Excise Taxes	33,576	0	0	0	0	0	33,576
Other	26,692	951,925		172,766			1,151,383
Bonds/Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	214,679	952,654	0	172,766	900	0	1,340,999
Fund Equity:							
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	750,700	13,927	0	6,049	0	0	770,676

Reserved for Agency Fund					8,592		8,592
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	0	0	0	0	209,661	0	209,661
Unreserved:							
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated	1,025,521	42,127	958	193,545	853,842	0	2,115,993
Total Fund Equity	1,776,221	56,054	958	199,594	1,072,095	0	3,104,922
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,990,900	1,008,708	958	372,360	1,072,995	0	4,445,921

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2015	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2016
EMS Ambulance	\$ 55,172.74	\$ 154,961.76	\$ 150,698.32	\$ -	\$ 59,436.18
Sewer	\$ 78,784.72	\$ 290,546.54	\$ 203,911.25	\$ (25,262.00)	\$ 140,158.01
	<u>\$ 133,957.46</u>	<u>\$ 445,508.30</u>	<u>\$ 354,609.57</u>	<u>\$ (25,262.00)</u>	<u>\$ 199,594.19</u>

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Period: July 2015 to June 2016

Account#	Account Name	Original Budgeted	Adjustments	Revised Budget	Expenditures	Balance to FY17	Balance to Close
11401	MODERATOR SALARY	54.00	0.00	54.00	0.00	0.00	54.00
11410	MODERATOR EXPENSE	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
12201	SELECTMEN SALARIES	5945.00	0.00	5945.00	5945.00	0.00	0.00
12202	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	70709.00	6078.40	76787.40	76787.40	0.00	0.00
12203	SECRETARY SALARY	43667.00	841.00	44508.00	44508.00	0.00	0.00
12210	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	14875.00	3000.00	17875.00	17352.77	0.00	522.23
12230	TOWN ADMIN EXPENSE	1442.00	0.00	1442.00	1442.00	0.00	0.00
12251	PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW	3077.80	0.00	3077.80	0.00	0.00	3077.80
12252	TA CPO TRAINING	1705.00	0.00	1705.00	495.00	1210.00	0.00
13110	FIN COMM EXPENSE	1410.00	0.00	1410.00	721.84	0.00	688.16
13210	RESERVE FUND	40000.00	-31094.40	8905.60	0.00	0.00	8905.60
13501	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	28780.00	0.00	28780.00	28779.96	0.00	0.04
13510	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	530.00	0.00	530.00	331.72	0.00	198.28
13511	FINANCIAL ASST	3051.00	0.00	3051.00	1995.45	0.00	1055.55
13551	TOWN AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14101	ASSESSORS SALARIES	5459.00	0.00	5459.00	5179.06	0.00	279.94
14102	ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	32319.00	0.00	32319.00	26961.79	0.00	5357.21
14103	ASSESSOR'S PROP INSP	20500.00	0.00	20500.00	16656.25	0.00	3843.75
14110	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13185.00	0.00	13185.00	11078.83	0.00	2106.17
14152	APPRAISAL NFLD MTN PROJ	6200.00	0.00	6200.00	4000.00	2200.00	0.00
14157	ASSESS TAX APPEAL DEFENSE	17700.00	0.00	17700.00	3373.25	0.00	14326.75
14250	ASSESSORS REVAL	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00
14501	TREASURER SALARY	17607.00	0.00	17607.00	17607.00	0.00	0.00
14510	TREASURER EXPENSE	4500.00	-400.00	4100.00	4052.54	0.00	47.46

14601	TAX COLL SALARY	17607.00	0.00	17607.00	17607.00	0.00	0.00
14610	TAX COLL EXPENSE	6000.00	400.00	6400.00	6393.44	0.00	6.56
15110	TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	20500.00	-2745.00	17755.00	8827.05	0.00	8927.95
15510	COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	34750.00	3000.00	37750.00	36023.31	0.00	1726.69
15556	COMPUTER SERVERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15810	TAX TITLE	2300.00	0.00	2300.00	33.00	0.00	2267.00
15910	COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	1700.00	0.00	1700.00	930.06	0.00	769.94
16101	TOWN CLERK SALARY	33758.00	522.40	34280.40	34280.40	0.00	0.00
16110	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	4260.00	0.00	4260.00	3885.92	0.00	374.08
16210	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	11000.00	0.00	11000.00	7506.38	0.00	3493.62
16250	VOTING EQUIPMENT	7000.00	0.00	7000.00	6029.35	970.65	0.00
17110	CONSERV COMM EXPENSE	3255.00	0.00	3255.00	1020.90	0.00	2234.10
17510	PLANNING BD EXPENSE	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	223.44	0.00	3776.56
17550	MASTER PLAN	596.35	0.00	596.35	0.00	0.00	596.35
17551	UPDATE ZONING BYLAWS	55881.95	0.00	55881.95	26557.19	29324.76	0.00
17610	ZBA EXPENSE	3557.00	218.38	3775.38	3775.38	0.00	0.00
17810	OPEN SPACE COMM	1400.00	0.00	1400.00	290.30	0.00	1109.70
17901	LAND DAMAGES	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
17910	AG GOMM EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	500.00	489.12	0.00	10.88
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
17955	PIPELINE-LEGAL/TECHNICAL	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	7329.80	0.00	17670.20
19201	TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	15845.00	0.00	15845.00	13207.74	0.00	2637.26
19202	BLDG MAINT PERSON	38178.00	0.00	38178.00	37038.80	0.00	1139.20
19210	TOWN HALL MAINT.	45905.00	2526.00	48431.00	46390.01	0.00	2040.99
19211	TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	12000.00	0.00	12000.00	5996.08	0.00	6003.92
19212	TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2200.00	0.00	2200.00	1939.40	0.00	260.60
19252	TOWN HALL WIRING	150000.00	100000.00	250000.00	14137.70	235862.30	0.00
19253	TOWN HALL-PWR WASH/REPOINT	27700.00	0.00	27700.00	8977.21	16887.00	1835.79
19265	T HALL RENOVATIONS	5726.34	0.00	5726.34	556.69	5169.65	0.00
19267	T HALL PROJECTS 05/07	295.52	0.00	295.52	0.00	295.52	0.00
19269	ELEC TO BS & PAVIL	1041.59	0.00	1041.59	0.00	0.00	1041.59
19270	T HALL GENERATOR	477.00	0.00	477.00	0.00	0.00	477.00
19271	TOWN HALL INTERIOR ASSMNT	3600.00	0.00	3600.00	0.00	3600.00	0.00
19272	TOWN HALL REPAIRS 5/12	7605.58	0.00	7605.58	0.00	7605.58	0.00
19273	T HALL-SEWER LINING&CANOPY	23315.21	0.00	23315.21	575.10	22740.11	0.00
19274	STORAGE CABINETS	1110.05	0.00	1110.05	1049.00	0.00	61.05
19275	TH-HVAC SO BALCONY RM	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	18000.00	2000.00	0.00
19276	TH-ELEVATOR REPAIR	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	0.00
19277	TH PHONE SYSTEM	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	0.00
19278	T HALL HVAC NO BALC RM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19279	CUPOLAS FIRE & NES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19510	TOWN REPORTS	600.00	0.00	600.00	311.36	0.00	288.64
19910	TOWN CLOCK	175.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	0.00
21001	POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	276180.00	0.00	276180.00	270636.63	0.00	5543.37
21010	POLICE OPER EXPENSE	47977.00	0.00	47977.00	38900.22	0.00	9076.78
21050	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	0.00	45000.00	45000.00	0.00	45000.00	0.00
21052	POLICE-COMPUTER UPGRADE	6000.00	0.00	6000.00	4373.95	0.00	1626.05
21053	POLICE-GUN SAFE	0.00	4000.00	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00
22001	FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5438.00	0.00	5438.00	4853.18	0.00	584.82
22002	FIRE DEPT WAGES	42641.00	0.00	42641.00	40792.50	0.00	1848.50
22010	FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	21410.00	0.00	21410.00	20222.34	0.00	1187.66
22011	FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8500.00	0.00	8500.00	7914.04	0.00	585.96
22012	FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00
22013	FIRE HYDRANTS	5460.00	0.00	5460.00	5460.00	0.00	0.00
22014	FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	21830.00	0.00	21830.00	12228.49	0.00	9601.51
22015	FIRE PONDS	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	2900.00	0.00	100.00
22056	FIRE TRUCK	450000.00	0.00	450000.00	449886.00	0.00	114.00
22069	FIRE STATION REPAIRS	1195.00	0.00	1195.00	0.00	1195.00	0.00
22070	FIRE STA SITE SURVEY	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00

22071	SCBA TRAINING	2100.00	0.00	2100.00	0.00	2100.00	0.00
22072	ENGINE 2 RUST REPAIR	13500.00	0.00	13500.00	10253.00	3247.00	0.00
22073	STA FLOOR/APRON REPAIR	4200.00	0.00	4200.00	0.00	4200.00	0.00
22074	THERMAL IMAGER	0.00	8000.00	8000.00	0.00	8000.00	0.00
24101	BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	26089.00	501.63	26590.63	26590.63	0.00	0.00
24110	BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1250.00	0.00	1250.00	352.38	0.00	897.62
24210	GAS INSPECTIONS	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	2195.00	0.00	305.00
24310	PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	2025.00	0.00	475.00
24510	WIRE INSPECTION	3080.00	0.00	3080.00	3050.91	0.00	29.09
29110	CIVIL DEFENSE	400.00	0.00	400.00	150.00	0.00	250.00
29201	DOG OFFICER SALARY	3352.00	0.00	3352.00	3351.96	0.00	0.04
29210	DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	2400.00	0.00	2400.00	1888.88	0.00	511.12
29410	TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	9926.29	0.00	73.71
29901	CONSTABLE WAGES	1074.00	0.00	1074.00	454.69	0.00	619.31
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
29953	SAFETY BLDG FACILITIES PLAN	30000.00	0.00	30000.00	216.00	29784.00	0.00
30011	ELEM SCH MAINT	1500.00	9110.60	10610.60	8305.83	0.00	2304.77
30051	ELEM SCH CARPET	6000.00	9000.00	15000.00	12667.13	2332.87	0.00
30069	NES PARTION WALLS	420.14	0.00	420.14	0.00	0.00	420.14
30070	NES-FUEL LINE	5670.00	0.00	5670.00	5670.00	0.00	0.00
30071	NES-PORCH ROOF	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	3500.00	0.00	0.00
30072	NES-INTERIOR LOCKS	0.00	10000.00	10000.00	7983.00	2000.00	17.00
30073	NES KITCHEN VENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30074	NES WINDOWS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31010	PVRS OPER ASSESSMENT	4228049.00	0.00	4228049.00	4225972.06	0.00	2076.94
31013	SCH COMM STIPENDS	686.00	0.00	686.00	483.00	0.00	203.00
31053	PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESS	242045.00	0.00	242045.00	242044.33	0.00	0.67
31054	PVRS-CENTRAL OFFICE PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31056	PVRS CAPITAL PROJECT	13508.00	0.00	13508.00	13508.00	0.00	0.00
31058	PVRS TECHNOLOGY LN ASSESSMENT	53896.00	0.00	53896.00	53895.19	0.00	0.81
31059	REPAVE PVRS ENTRANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32010	FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	507555.00	0.00	507555.00	507555.00	0.00	0.00
32050	FCTS CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33010	TUITION & TRANSP-OUT OF DIST	37170.00	0.00	37170.00	26469.84	0.00	10700.16
42110	HWY SUPT EXPENSE	13000.00	3200.00	16200.00	16123.69	0.00	76.31
42201	HWY DEPT WAGES	274796.00	0.00	274796.00	219311.18	0.00	55484.82
42210	HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	185375.00	-8500.00	176875.00	176628.41	0.00	246.59
42211	OIL & STONING	70000.00	0.00	70000.00	68714.33	0.00	1285.67
42212	HWY TOOLS	1260.00	0.00	1260.00	1243.93	0.00	16.07
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	0.00	75390.00	49060.78	0.00	26329.22
42410	STREET LIGHTS	16000.00	0.00	16000.00	15035.82	0.00	964.18
42910	MACHINE MAINT	90000.00	8500.00	98500.00	97674.58	0.00	825.42
42911	HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	13050.00	0.00	13050.00	9391.24	0.00	3658.76
42912	HWY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
42950	HWY DEPT TRUCK	56000.00	0.00	56000.00	55313.25	686.75	0.00
42952	SURVEY BOUNDS-TOWN WAYS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
42958	HWY GARAGE ROOF	150000.00	0.00	150000.00	138806.25	11193.75	0.00
42959	HWY GARAGE MAINT & ENRGY EFF	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00
42964	SAND & SALT SHED	150000.00	0.00	150000.00	7740.02	142259.98	0.00
42966	HWY GARAGE GENERATOR	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	17499.88	7500.12	0.00
42967	HWY GARAGE DOORS	8000.00	0.00	8000.00	8000.00	0.00	0.00
42968	DUMP BED-HWY TRK	0.00	40000.00	40000.00	0.00	40000.00	0.00
43110	SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	10154.00	0.00	10154.00	10154.00	0.00	0.00
43310	TRANSFER STATION	120783.00	0.00	120783.00	101975.44	0.00	18807.56
49110	CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	22190.00	0.00	2810.00

49150	CEMETERIES-MAJOR IMPROVMENTS	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00
49154	CEMETERY TREE WORK	0.00	9000.00	9000.00	8500.00	500.00	0.00
51001	BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2501.00	0.00	2501.00	2501.00	0.00	0.00
51003	SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	550.00	0.00	950.00
51010	BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8769.00	0.00	8769.00	4867.47	0.00	3901.53
51011	SHARED HEALTH AGENT	11095.00	0.00	11095.00	11095.00	0.00	0.00
51910	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2435.00	0.00	2435.00	2027.00	0.00	408.00
54110	COUNCIL ON AGING	51621.00	783.28	52404.28	51971.72	0.00	432.56
54152	SENIOR CTR DESIGN	11920.00	0.00	11920.00	0.00	11920.00	0.00
54310	SOLDIERS RELIEF	42000.00	0.00	42000.00	12264.76	0.00	29735.24
61001	D MEM LIB-WAGES & SALARIES	110876.00	0.00	110876.00	107542.13	0.00	3333.87
61010	D MEM LIB-EXPENSE	41808.00	0.00	41808.00	39568.03	0.00	2239.97
61015	NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	625.00	0.00	625.00	625.00	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	954.46	0.00	954.46	0.00	954.46	0.00
61081	LIBRY WALKWAY	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00	1500.00
61082	LIBRY-PAVE LOT	15000.00	0.00	15000.00	11403.10	3440.00	156.90
63010	RECREATION COMM	7016.00	0.00	7016.00	7016.00	0.00	0.00
63040	REC COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250.00	0.00	250.00	26.80	0.00	223.20
63050	REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4272.00	0.00	4272.00	3334.93	0.00	937.07
65010	MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	4750.00	0.00	4750.00	3192.95	0.00	1557.05
65050	ATHLETIC FIELD DRAINAGE	627.19	0.00	627.19	0.00	0.00	627.19
65110	COMMTY PARK COMMITTEE EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
69110	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00	0.00	500.00	320.60	0.00	179.40
69120	MAINT HISTORICAL MARKERS	0.00	281.13	281.13	281.13	0.00	0.00
69210	MEMORIAL DAY	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	1298.25	0.00	701.75
69310	VETERANS MEMORIAL CTE	1000.00	2745.00	3745.00	3146.00	0.00	599.00
69910	ALEXANDER HALL	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
75210	INT S/T NOTES	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00
82010	STATE ASSESSMENTS	9601.00	0.00	9601.00	9601.00	0.00	0.00
83010	FRCOG ASSESSMENT	26114.00	0.00	26114.00	26114.00	0.00	0.00
84010	VETERANS DISTRICT	6819.00	0.00	6819.00	6819.00	0.00	0.00
91110	COUNTY RETIREMENT	157001.00	0.00	157001.00	157001.00	0.00	0.00
91210	WORKERS COMP INS	10095.00	5177.34	15272.34	15272.34	0.00	0.00
91310	UNEMPLOYMENT	12000.00	0.00	12000.00	4556.09	0.00	7443.91
91410	CH 32B HEALTH INS	229483.00	0.00	229483.00	203401.94	0.00	26081.06
91510	CH 32B LIFE INS	1820.00	0.00	1820.00	1271.09	0.00	548.91
91601	MEDICARE	17351.00	1031.58	18382.58	18382.58	0.00	0.00
94510	OTHER INSURANCE	77238.00	-5177.34	72060.66	56929.51	0.00	15131.15
99610	TRSF TO STABILIZATION	0.00	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00	0.00	0.00
99629	TRSF TO REVOLVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99689	TRSF TO AGENCY FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		9275843.49	250000.00	9525843.49	8414242.68	750699.81	360901.00

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash & Investments

Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking	215,482
Tax Collector Checking	126
Town Clerk Checking	6
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep Acct.	436,172
MMDT-Combined Investment	36,496

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Warrants & Accounts Payable	372,680
Accrued Payrolls Payable	14,659
Fees Payable	1,180
Payroll Withholdings	8,467
Other Liabilities	
Unclaimed Checks	6,298

Unibank Tax Receipt Acct	927,795			Bid Bonds	3,941	10,239
Easthampton Savings Bank	66,098			Deferred Revenue		
Unibank Investment Acct.	270,772		1,952,947	Property Taxes Prior Years	(21,582)	
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds	230,518		230,518		(113,095)	
Accounts Receivable				Property Taxes 2011)	
Personal Property Taxes				Property Taxes 2012	(18,470)	
Prior years	1				(101,240)	
2014	475			Property Taxes 2013)	
2015	541			Property Taxes 2014	(8,362)	
2016	1,148	2,165		Property Taxes 2015	17,111	
Real Estate Taxes				Property Taxes 2016	(10,099)	
Prior years	1,800			Property Taxes 2017	(10,017)	(265,754)
2013	10,327			Tax Liens	12,940	
2014	24,794			Special Assessments	0	
2015	49,354			Motor Vehicle Excise	33,576	
2016	108,722			Tax Foreclosures	26,692	73,208
2017	(10,017)	184,980		Fund Balance		
Allowance for Abate & Exempt				Res-Continuing Approps	750,700	
Prior years	(134,864)			Res-Expenditures	0	
2012	(20,085)				1,025,52	
2013	(111,567)			Unreserved	1	1,776,221
2014	(33,631)					
2015	(32,783)					
2016	(119,988)	(452,918)				
2017))	(265,773)			
Tax Liens		12,940	12,940			
Ch59 Sec2D Spec						
Assmnt	0		0			
Motor Vehicle Excise	33,576		33,576			
Other Assets						
Tax Foreclosures			26,692			
Prepaid Expenses			0			
			1,990,900			1,990,900
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS				LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(356,913)			Accounts Payable	0	
Due from Comm of Mass	951,925			Deferred Revenue	951,925	
					(356,913)	
				Fund Balance)	
			595,012			595,012
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

ASSETS				LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Greenfield Co-op No-Pen Cd	173,476			Deferred Revenue	609	

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(8,150)		Fund Balance-Res Open Space	5,712	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2011	(3)		Fund Balance-Res Historic Rescorces	3,048	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2012	103		Fund Balance-Res Commty Housing	13,807	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2013	133		Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	0	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2014	36		Fund Balance-Res for Continuing		
CPA Tax Surcharge 2015	159		Approps	13,927	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2016	183		Fund Balance-Undesignated	128,832	
CPA Tax Surcharge 2017	(2)				
		165,935			165,935
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TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Arts Council Savings	3,353		Accounts Payable	0	
Cash-due from Genl Fund	32,958		Accrued Payrolls Payable	0	
			Fund Balances		
			Cultural Council	2,349	
			Green Community	5,590	
			Mass CEC	(750)	
			Police Reg Stdy	1,000	
			Police Vest	(3,679)	
			EMPG	4,435	
			Oct 2005 Flood	10,751	
			COA	0	
			COA-FCHHC	1,805	
			Library LIG/MEG	5,019	
			Pulic Library Fund	474	
			Title V Septic	2,868	
			Bd of Hlth-MAPHCO	103	
			Munic Recycling	2,000	
			Stormwater Mgmt	4,346	36,311
		36,311			36,311
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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Cash-Due from General Fund	53,986		Fund Balances		
			Sale of Real Estate	9,969	
			Sale Low Value Land	98	
			Sale of Cem Lots-Undesignated	43,919	
			Sale of Cem Lots- Res for		
			Expenditure	0	
		53,986			53,986
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REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS

Recreation Checking	37,780
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	119,682

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv	120
Warrants & Accounts Payable	0

Fund Balances

Rec Revolv	33,364
Ladder Gifts	70
Police Gifts	4,580
Drug Forfeiture	111
Restitution	35
Town Hall Landscape	570
Town Clock	59
Town Forest	467
Insurance Settlements	477
Historical Comm Gifts	57
Maint Cem Markers	437
Library Gifts	10,741
Misc. Donations	6
EMT Gifts	3,149
Ambulance Donations	2,580
Bucket Truck Revolv	5,810
Roadside Mower	5,700
COA Gifts	9,656
COA Exercise Prog	2,844
Vt Yankee Training	2,211
Vt Yankee Emer	
Mgmt	18,996
Cons Comm Wetlands	9,789
Ag Comm Gifts	1
Map Framing Gifts	105
Veterans Memorial	619
Recycling Revolv	44,908

157,342

157,462

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ASSETS

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	958
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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Notes Payable	0
Fund Balance-Brush Mountain Purchase	930
Fund Balance-Ames Conserv Restriction	28

958

958

ASSETS

Cash	100,484
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(41,048)
Accounts Receivalbe	87,814

ENTERPRISE FUND (Emergecy Medical Service)

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued Payrolls Payable	0
Deferred Revenue	87,814
Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	0
Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approp	0
Fund Balance-Undesignated	59,436

147,250

147,250

ASSETS		ENTERPRISE FUND (Sewer)	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash	178,270		Accounts Payable	0
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(38,112)		Deferred Revenue-Sewer Use	58,092
A/R Sewer Use Charges	58,092		Deferred Revenue-Sewer Liens	26,860
Sewer Liens	26,860		Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approp	6,049
			Fund Balance-Undesignated	134,109
		225,110		225,110
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ASSETS		TRUST FUNDS	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
M Alexander-Checking	2,510		Accrued Payrolls Payable	0
M Alexander-Savings & CD	107,018		Fund Balances- Non Expendable	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	88,619		PC Center Cem	15,638
T Hurley-Invest Acct	16,414		Belcher Cem	2,000
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	209,506		J Cowles Cem	2,000
Cash-Due to Genl Fund	(3,373)		C Stearns Cem	500
			F Lane Cem	202
	420,694		PC West Nfld Cem	9,677
			Priest, et ux Cem	7,292
			L Holton Cem	101
			PC Nlfd Farms	13,102
			PC Mt Hermon Cem	6,725
			M Callander Cem	500
			PC Pentecost Cem	14,850
			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	3,382
			T Hurley Library	15,000
			Charity- Various	21,450
			Surplus Rev- School	1,600
			Belcher Ctr. School	2,000
				209,661
			Fund Balances-Expendable	
			PC Center Cem	1,441
			PC West Nfld Cem	742
			PC Nlfd Farms	972
			PC Mt Hermon Cem	3,625
			PC Pentecost Cem	1,069
			PC So. Mtn. Cem	79
			Bowman Library	10,094
			Belcher Library	1,136
			C Dickinson Library	343
			M Montague Library	765
			DAR Book Fund	145
			Holton Library	93
			Merriman Library	1,755
			E Jackson Library	300
			M Stanley Library	676

R Giles Library	3,157
McGowan Library	1,242
Library Bldg Fund	1,510
C&P Lawrence Libry	3,285
T Hurley Library	1,414
M Alexander Charity	103,997
L Evans Charity	8,380
G Morgan Charity	15,088
R Evans Charity	2,283
M Starkweather Char	27,095
E Alexander Charity	13,107
Surplus Rev- School	674
Belcher Ctr. School	3,331
E Jackson- Town	2,219
W Parker-Mnt Mrkrs	1
Tercentenary Comm	1,015
	211,033

420,694	420,694
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ASSETS

STABILIZATION FUND

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Investment Acct-Stabilization-General	639,205
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Fire Truck	2,825
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Hwy	779
Cash-Due to Genl Fund	0

Fund Balance- Res for Exp	0
Fund Balance-Undesignated	639,205
Fund Balance-Fire Truck	2,825
Fund Balance-Hwy Backhoe	779
	642,809

642,809	642,809
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ASSETS

AGENCY FUNDS

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Cash-Due from General Fund	9,492
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Due to State-Firearms Lic	900
Fund Balance- Police Outside Detail	8,592
	9,492

9,492	9,492
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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt

Note-Issued	0	0
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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
FY16 ANALYSIS OF UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL 6/30/15	578,544
REVENUES	8,222,373
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	248,262
EXPENDITURES	-8,389,243
OTHER FINANCING USES	-25,000
ENTRIES TO CLOSE PRIOR YR RESERVES	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	757,469
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	384,478
ENTRIES TO ESTABLISH NEW RESERVES	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	-750,700
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	0
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	-662
UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL 6/30/16	1,025,521

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND
July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

Taxes		
Personal Property Taxes	491,669	
Real Estate Taxes	6,682,054	
Tax Liens Redeemed	0	
Tax Foreclosures	0	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	0	
Ch 59,Sec2D- Prorata Taxes	0	
Motor Vehicle Excise	361,702	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	0	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	30,625	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	2,640	
Penalty & Int, Other Taxes	0	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	400	7,569,090
Charges for Services		
Transfer Station Stickers,Vouchers	6,997	
Transfer Station Pay to Throw Bags	42,019	
Use of Copy Machine	227	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	198	
Library User Fees-Out of State	590	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps, Mail	0	
Accident Reports	185	
Grave Opening Fees	7,075	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	1,620	
Building Inspection Fees	1,155	
Fire Department Inspections	250	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	8,164	
Cruiser Fee-Police Outside Detail	5,320	
Board of Appeals Fees	1,000	
Conservation Commission Fees	0	
Planning Board Fees	480	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	0	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall/School Use Rent	160	

Cell Tower Lease	26,498	101,938	
Licenses & Permits			
Alcoholic Bev & Other Licenses	2,993		
Dog Licenses	2,802		
Other Misc Permits	440		
F.I.D. & Pistol Permits	1,325		
Building Permits	19,306		
Wiring Permits	7,465		
Gas Permits	2,050		
Plumbing Permits	1,795		
Disposal & Septic Permits	2,250		
Other Bd of Health Permits	1,500	41,926	
Fines & Forfeitures			
Court Fines	2,441		
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	18,483		
Non-criminal Dispositions	400		
Library Fines	2,539		
Dog Fines	15		
False Alarms	0		
By-law Violation Fines	1,100	24,978	
State & Federal Revenue			
Expanded Polling Hours	387		
State Owned Land	43,762		
Abatements- Veterans, Blind, Elderly	19,109		
Veterans Benefits	25,179		
Chapter 70- School Aid	9,265		
School Transportation Reimbursement	9,929		
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	333,067		
Other Revenue from State	0		
Emerg Mgmt Aid	0	440,698	
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest			
Other Misc Revenue	39,257		
Contributions & Donations	0		
Interest on Investments	4,486	43,743	
TOTAL REVENUES			8,222,373
Other Financing Sources			
Trsf from Other Special Revenue	9,000		
Trsf from Stabilization Fund	214,000		
Trsf from Enterprise Fund	25,262		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			248,262
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			8,470,635

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Fund Balances			Other Financing	Fund Balances
	July 1, 2015	Revenues	Expenditures	Sources (Uses)	June 30, 2016
Highway Chapter 90 Grants	\$				\$
Receipts Reserved for	(181,959.95)	181,960.05	356,913.11		(356,913.01)
Appropriation					
Sale of Real Estate	9,969.37				9,969.37

Sale of Low Value Land	98.26				98.26	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	50,493.77	2,425.00		(9,000.00)	43,918.77	
Insurance Settlements >20K		-				-
Dog Fund		-				-
Community Preservation Fund						
Reserved for Expenditure	77,967.50		20,341.01	(43,700.00)	13,926.49	
Reserved for Open Space	2,712.00	3,000.00			5,712.00	
Reserved for Historic Preservation	6,047.99	3,000.00		(6,000.00)	3,047.99	
Reserved for Community Housing	10,807.00	3,000.00			13,807.00	
Undesignated	114,695.03	19,737.30	300.00	(5,300.00)	128,832.33	
Grants:						
Green Community	10,840.73	-	5,250.00		5,590.73	
Mass CEC		- -	750.00		(750.00)	
Police Regional Study	1,000.00				1,000.00	
Police Vest	(2,077.16)	2,537.90	4,140.00		(3,679.26)	
VY Emergency Mgmt.	10,906.04	8,500.00	410.22		18,995.82	
EMPG-FY14		- 4,435.00			4,435.00	
Oct 2005 Flood	10,750.82				10,750.82	
Stormwater Management	4,346.61		-		4,346.61	
Title V Septic	2,867.97				2,867.97	
BOH MAPHCO	103.39				103.39	
Munic Recycling	2,000.00				2,000.00	
COA Formula Grant		- 6,084.00	6,084.00			-
COA FCHHC Passthrough	2,220.04	575.00	990.00		1,805.04	
Cultural Council	5,599.37	4,406.43	7,656.98		2,348.82	
Library LIG/MEG	4,781.04	3,047.55	2,809.86		5,018.73	
Public Library Fund	474.06				474.06	
Revolving Funds & Gifts						
Town Clock	58.91				58.91	
Town Hall Landscaping	569.86				569.86	
Town Forest	467.00				467.00	
Map Framing	105.00				105.00	
Misc. Donations	6.03				6.03	
Insurance Settlements	477.89	377.61	377.61		477.89	
FCTS Election	(578.09)	708.09	130.00			-
Cons Comm Wetlands Fees	9,526.70	262.50			9,789.20	
Ag Comm Gifts	1.45				1.45	
Restitution	35.22				35.22	
Police Dept Gifts	3,399.84	2,394.47	1,213.94		4,580.37	
Drug Forfeiture		- 111.13	-		111.13	
Ladder Fund	69.91				69.91	

VY Training	2,211.43	3,914.86	3,914.86	2,211.43
EMT Gifts	2,254.01	945.00	50.00	3,149.01
Ambulance Donations	2,579.83			2,579.83
Bucket Truck Revolving	3,610.04	2,200.00		5,810.04
Roadside Mower	2,829.66	30,030.15	27,160.16	5,699.65
Recycling Revolving	36,965.71	8,442.13	500.00	44,907.84
COA Gifts	8,858.28	2,085.00	1,287.05	9,656.23
COA Exercise Program Donations	2,634.22	435.00	225.00	2,844.22
Maint Cemetery Markers	436.50			436.50
Library Gifts	8,047.45	4,314.73	1,620.90	10,741.28
Recreation Revolving	17,283.99	61,222.79	45,143.26	33,363.52
Historical Commission Gifts	56.55			56.55
Veterans Memorial Gifts	618.51		-	618.51
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	247,169.78	360,151.69	487,267.96	(64,000.00) 56,053.51

**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, 2016**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2015	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2016
Stabilization Fund:					
General	\$ 790,364.56	\$ 2,840.41	\$ -	\$ (154,000.00)	\$ 639,204.97
Fire Truck	2,534.36	290.86			2,825.22
Hwy Backhoe	35,440.45	339.02		(35,000.00)	779.47
Cemetery Perpetual Care:					
Non-Expendable	71,562.24	1,125.00	-		72,687.24
Expendable	7,803.92	124.78	-		7,928.70
Library Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	111,924.01		-		111,924.01
Expendable	25,909.43	605.57	600.00		25,915.00
Other Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	25,050.00	-	-		25,050.00
Expendable	180,470.68	1,601.72	4,883.03		177,189.37
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	1,251,059.65	6,927.36	5,483.03	(189,000.00)	1,063,503.98

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission meets six times a year on the second Wednesday of the month.

This year we lost a valuable asset to the Agricultural Commission and the town. Bill Roberts passed away leaving a legacy of service to the town of Northfield and the farming community in Franklin County. He served on this board for many years and was a wealth of information on the history of farming in Northfield. He will be sorely missed.

The board has seven full-time members. Bill Llewelyn, chairman; Bill Ames, Eugene L'Etoile, Bob Duby, Dave Kalinowski, Al Stone, and Jerry Wagener.

The highlight of the year for the board was the completion of a barn brochure. It featured 17 unique barns in Northfield. There are many old barns in town but the board focused on barns that could be seen from the road and depicted different styles. The brochure outlines a driving tour for anyone who wishes to see these barns. It was mailed to 1,460 residents and area businesses have them to distribute. In November, a power point presentation at the library by Jerry Wagener and Al Stone was well attended. The brochure was a huge success for the board.

The board has been working with Mount Grace Land Trust to update the town's maps. We hope to make these maps available on the town's website as well as the brochure.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Amount to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$ 8,730,988.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	4,021.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	8,559.00
Overlay	177,013.53
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 8,920,581.53

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Est. Rec. State	\$ 437,693.00
Est. Rec. Local	933,856.00
Rev. Appropriated Specific	250,000.00
Rev. to Reduce Tax Rate	0.00

Total Receipts & Revenue

\$ 1,621,549.00

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Levy

\$ 7,299,032.53

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

CLASS	VALUATION	LEVY
Residential	273,566,074	4,500,161.92
Commercial	39,401,344	648,152.11
Industrial	91,954,000	1,512,643.30
Personal Property	38,788,766	638,075.20
TOTAL	443,710,184	7,299,032.53

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2017: \$16.45 (per thousand of value)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert MacEwen, Co-Chair

Alice Lord, Co-Chair

Bethany Walker, Appointed Assessor and Clerk

BERNARDSTON/NORTHFIELD CABLE TV

No report submitted

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is an elected Board consisting of 5 members and 1 secretary hired by the Board. We meet at 5:45 pm on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month. The Board has many responsibilities that are mandated by the State that involve public health and welfare.

The town of Northfield belongs to the Eastern Franklin County Health District. Towns share the cost of membership. They provide towns with the services of the local health agents that perform inspections on all food establishments including schools, farmers markets, camps and also public pools. They also investigate any public health or housing issue or complaint and are available to represent the town in Housing Court if necessary. They are a valuable resource for information and counsel to the Board of Health and its members.

In addition to health and safety related issues, the Board issues permits for septic haulers and installers, camp permits, food permits, pool permits and bed and breakfast permits. Board members examine and approve all septic system designs, title V reports and pumping reports.

The Transfer Station is managed by the Board of Health. It represents 80% of the overall budget. The Board is responsible for the management of the employees and the day to day operations.

The Re-use shed or “free store” is currently is open during the summer and autumn seasons.

The Transfer Station also now has a Flag Disposal Box for the proper, respectful and safe disposal of American Flags.

The Board would like to remind all residents we have several ways to reduce our footprint! Recycle cans and bottles. We have compost recycling available and you can put food waste, cat litter and cardboard. All florescent bulbs and batteries are collected free of charge, just give them to the attendant. Clothing is accepted in plastic bags in the Salvation Army box. Books can also be shared with others by either placing in the “free store” or in the recycle box next to it!

Don’t forget to get your Tool Lending Library card and make use of the tools loaned at NO cost to residents.

Warmest Regards,

Bob McEwen Jr, Chair, Flora Sadri, Phil Baker, Dan Gray and David Balk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In 2016 the Selectboard said goodbye to Jed Proujansky. Jed’s knowledge and passion were very valuable during a particularly controversial period in Northfield.

At the same time we welcomed Julia Blyth and look forward to working closely with her during her tenure.

We also said goodbye to our first empowered Town Administrator, Brian Noble as he left to be closer to family. He was the perfect person to kick off the position. He was tireless in performing his duties, often above and beyond the job description. He was a bundle of energy and got many projects going that had been languishing for years. He formed strong bonds with many in the community and he will be missed.

Thankfully, last year saw the demise of the Kinder Morgan pipeline proposal. The Selectboard contributed many hours attending meetings, testifying at public hearings, preparing our own impact report and preparing countless correspondence. We are glad the project was withdrawn.

Much of the Selectboard’s energy was focused on Town Hall in 2016. The Town Secretary’s office was combined with the Town Administrator’s office in a very professional design. Two additional meeting rooms were established and a third is being developed in the previous Town Secretary’s office. HVAC improvements were installed on the southside and the northside HVAC improvements will be installed this year. The Town Hall masonry was power washed and repointed and repaired. The critically needed upgrade of the building’s electrical infrastructure was started with the design and construction of Phase I of the project. The pellet boiler heating system was completed. Due to the hard work of Bob Pasteris and the Energy Committee this project was totally funded by state grants.

The Selectboard initiated the re-establishment of the Town Governance Committee and looks forward to their continued ideas to improve the operations of our town government.

John G. Spanbauer, Chair

Tracy Rogers

Julia Blyth

Board of Selectmen

BUILDING UTILIZATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE

This year at Northfield Elementary School (NES) we accomplished the following:

- Installed interior door latches in each classroom

- Replaced three carpets in classrooms
- Replaced and upgraded the kitchen vent system
- Refurbished 64 windows so that they can again be opened when needed.

We worked closely all year with the Town Administrator, PVRSD and the NES staff and thank them for their assistance. Our focus is to ensure the NES is safe, secure, and provides an ideal atmosphere for the education of our children. If you would like to work with us, please contact us.

Kathy Wright, Chair
Chad Glover

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Act of 2000 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts called for the establishment of committees in member towns to oversee funds that may be appropriated and spent for certain open space, historic resources, and affordable housing purposes. These committees must include representatives from the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the open space committee, and the council on aging. In addition Northfield elected to include a member of the finance committee, the recreation committee, and two at-large members for a total of nine. The primary source of revenue for the local committees is a property tax surcharge of up to three percent. Northfield's current surcharge is .5%, the lowest in the commonwealth.

Projects for this past year included funding for the repair of the south side foundation of the First Parish building, funding for a fire proof file cabinet for historical library records and monies for an historic barns of Northfield inventory and brochure.

Due to resignations and committee replacements, there are several new members of our committee. The current members are:

Tony Matteo, Chair	Finance Committee
Robin Conley, Secretary	Open Space Committee
Tammy Pelletier	Planning Board
Ted Thornton,	Council on Aging
Carol Lebo	Historical Commission
Charlie Eiseman	Conservation Commission
Rhoda Yucavitch	At Large
Lara Dubin	At Large
Open	Recreation Commission

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Members:

William Llewelyn, Chairman
Michael Barry

Charlie Blanker
Charlie Eiseman
Joan Deely
Leslie Powers
Jennifer Duquette, Administrative Assistant

The Northfield Conservation Commission holds its monthly meetings at the Town Hall, every third Wednesday of the month and met fourteen times in 2016.

Their work for the past year consisted of:

- (a) 9 Site Visits
- (b) 6 Notice of Intent
 - i. 5 Approved
 - ii. 1 In Continuance
- (c) 1 WPA Emergency Certifications
- (d) 6 Requests for Determination Hearings
 - (e) 0 Positive Findings
 - (f) 6 Negative Findings
- (g) 1 Orders of Enforcement
- (h) 1 Conveyance of Title
- (i) 8 Forest Cutting Plans reviewed

In early spring the Conservation Commission heard a presentation made by Thomas Walker regarding the replacement of the Glenwood Ave culvert. A site visit was conducted after the NOI was filed. Mount Grace also filed an NOI that was approved by the board to build an accessible trail on their property. A site visit was conducted and work was performed as expected. After a site visit was conducted, Pan-Am Railroad and Central New England performed pest control as permitted with approved NOI and special conditions for certain areas to be flagged for limited spraying.

In the early summer LANE construction filed to extend their gravel pit, they presented the board with ample descriptive plans and maps for the project. The project was approved in July after a site visit was conducted. Work was completed as stated in the NOI for the Glenwood Ave Culvert replacement. Sisson Pond filed an NOI and work was approved after a site visit was conducted by the board. RDA was filed for Rustic Ridge, after providing a management plan stating no application is in the wetland itself, the RDA was decided to be applicable. Discussion of Warwick Road NOI began between Northfield Mount Hermon, Mount Grace, Eversource and the board. It was decided by the board and Mass DEP that the work is not exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act and the necessary steps in filing a NOI must be met. The board hired an outside consultant, Bill Latrell, to help represent the conservation commission in this project. A site visit was set up for late August.

In the fall Rustic Ridge RDA was given a negative determination and work was allowed to be performed. The Mass DEP stepped in with regards to the NOI filed for Warwick Road. The NOI has been placed in continuance until a file number is issued by the DEP.

In early winter the Commission met with a Northfield resident and granted a negative determination for a RDA in regards to replacing an existing septic system. A site visit was also conducted for Winchester Road Forest Cutting. By early Spring of 2017 the land will be marked for buffer zone. The board also held several meetings discussion the adaptation of Model Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants under G.L. Ch. 44 §53G. Flagging was scheduled to take place on November 21st 2016 of the wetlands at the North American Christian foundation. The board did not meet in December as there were not pressing issues or filings.

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

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Northfield Cultural Council is a volunteer organization that receives funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Annually we review grant applications from individuals, schools, and organizations for projects and events in the arts, humanities and the interpretive sciences, providing a local public benefit.

In 2016 the Northfield Cultural Council grew to eight members; Gretchen Licata (chair), Mandy Lyn Sweet-Antes (secretary), Cynthia Mead (treasurer), Deborah Potee, Jennifer Goselin, Ann Linge, Mary Mayshark-Stavely and Robert Sullivan.

In 2016 the council awarded 29 grants, totalling \$5,557. The council has approved 23 grants for 2017 totaling \$4,606. A list of grant recipients and instructions for applying for a grant can be found online at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Northfield>.

In the coming year the council hopes to focus on fundraising ideas and exploring and expanding town venues. We will be accepting grant applications in September of 2017 for the next grant cycle, with an October 15th deadline.

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

In May the Highway Department readied the back lot for paving: leveling, clean up, stones for drainage and landscaping. With gift funds, eight arborvitae were planted as a border. The final step was the installation of a fence around the perimeter. Many thanks to the Highway Department: no more tracking mud into the building and much easier winter plowing.

In the fall the library had a problem with flying squirrels in the community room ceiling. The ceiling tiles and insulation were removed, the squirrels were eventually caught and order was restored.

Improvements to the lighting, indoors and out, was ongoing with guidance from Bob Pasteris and the Energy committee.

The Trustees have been working to repair and conserve historic aspects of the building including two small, second floor rooms. A consultation with Gregory Farmer, Agricola, confirmed it is very rare for a public building to have the original paint – especially the ombre style – still intact after 100 years. Working with the Franklin Council of Governments a Request for Proposals for a condition assessment and treatment plan was created and awarded to Williams Conservation Center.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Fifteen years ago VHS and audios on cassette tape evolved into DVDs and CDs. Now we are in the midst of a new evolution. More people are streaming audios and videos and reading ebooks. In one year digital circulation has increased by 36%. The library now offers three digital options: Overdrive, Axis 360 and for Northfield library card holders, Hoopla.

Revolving, six-week, exhibits in the gallery continued. Our many thanks to the talented local artists whose efforts keep the art space vibrant.

The museum pass program, supported by the Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library, included Historic Deerfield and Mass MOCA, with plans to add passes to the Eric Carle and Springfield Museums in 2017.

In 2016 the library continued to communicate with Northfield residents in a variety of ways from old-fashioned flyers posted around town, notices in the Recorder, listings on BNC-TV to Facebook, Next Door, northfieldpubliclibrary.org and a weekly email.

All manner of programs were held. Weekly story hours and knitting, five monthly discussion groups including a movie discussion and Friday after school programs. The library hosted the Northfield Genealogy group. Monthly trivia nights continued to be popular. Pi(e) Day has become an annual event as well as the Children's Holiday Bazaar. The Friends of the Library Dog Show had to be cancelled due to bad weather. 130 adults and 151 children participated in Exercise Your Mind, a nine week summer library program with close to 700 people attending summer events.

A family event, Blood & Guts, was put on by Baystate Franklin staff. Nature-related programs, funded by a Tortuga Foundation donation, were offered: a woodcock presentation and woods walk; foraging, nature photography, hidden gems of New England and using plants for tinctures and teas. The Northfield Cultural Council funded a series of food tasting events with Julie Robinson; and crafting a colorful home with Kristen Nicholas. A very special program was held with Al Stone and Jerry Wagener presenting slides from their Northfield Barns project.

Throughout the year the library thrived as an integral part of daily life in Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Library Trustees: Jon McGowan, Chair, Margot Fleck, Nolan Kitfield, Paulina Borrego, Lloyd Parrill, Deb Potee and Library Director, Deb Kern

LIBRARY STAFF

Deb Kern, Director
Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Circulation
Matt Atwood, Programming
Kathy O'Shea
Tim and Tracey Rogers

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jon McGowan, Chair
Paulina Borrego
Margot Fleck
Nolan Kitfield
Lloyd Parrill
Deb Pottee

BY THE NUMBERS (FY16)

Hours Open: 1613
Saturdays Open: 52

Circulation

Books: 29,530

DVDs: 15,325

Audios: 3,954

Digital Circulation: 3,939

Ukulele Circulation: 18

Museum Pass Circulation: 85

Other Libraries

Items Borrowed: 9,150

Items Sent to: 2,932

Attendance: 24,990

Programs & Attendance

Adult: 135/1,241

Children: 75/1797

Library Cards: 2,047

Volunteers: 11

Volunteer Hours: 466

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS & CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As the year draws to a close the Electronic Communications and Cable Television Advisory Committee is excited to see real progress toward expanding broadband access within our community.

Expanding Broadband Access

Since it is all but certain that future service expansion will be through the cable television system, the expansion effort has shifted from working through the WiredWest Communications Cooperative to this committee. While the Town is extremely appreciative of the work WiredWest has done through the last few years (in fact we would not be where we are with the state and Comcast today without them) we have withdrawn from membership in the cooperative.

At the end of a year spent waiting for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) to negotiate and sign an agreement with Comcast to expand broadband access in Northfield and to learn what areas of town might receive these services, we should learn shortly where the new construction will occur.

Comcast is working to determine the new service areas based on housing density and estimated construction costs. It appears that service will be extended to areas of Old Wendell Road, Old Vernon Road, Four Mile Brook Road, West Road, School Street, and Alexander Hill Road. While the Town of Northfield is not a direct party to the negotiations, we will continue to work with MBI to guide the process as best we can.

Examining Town Electronic Communication Policies

The committee concluded a review of town policies regarding computer usage and safeguarding electronic communications with the Town Administrator. The primary recommendations included language addressing the official use of social media in communicating with the town, with the goal of balancing timely communication with state and federal regulations.

Submitted by the Electronic Communications and Cable Television Advisory Committee

Brian Brault, Chair

Bruce Kahn, Clerk

Jerry Scott

Homer Stavely

EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY COMMITTEE

No report submitted

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

It is a privilege to provide my twelfth report to the town as your Emergency Medical Services Chief. 2016 proved to be another exciting year as the department continues to improve its service to the citizens and visitors of our community. For the 2016 calendar year, we answered 316 calls transporting 177 patients.

This service has come a long way since I became Chief of the Department in 2005. From where we first started as a non transporting first response organization to now being a respected primary paramedic level transport department. On November 28th 2016, we transported our 1000th patient and with it generated close to three quarters of a million dollars.

To help continue to provide this service, the voters at last year's annual town meeting approved the purchase of a new ambulance. The order was finalized and placed in late July 2016 and as of this writing, we expect delivery of the ambulance in mid March 2017. The 2017 Horton 4x4 ambulance is a much needed replacement to the 1993 that is currently in service today. This new ambulance is a critical component to the future successes of this department and will be for many years to come. Thank you to the voters and tax payers for supporting this much needed piece of equipment.

As we embrace the future of our community we must consider the changes that lie ahead. One of those changes being the news of the former NMH campus being occupied by a college. It is not yet known what will be the true impact on any of our public services. But we must assume that more medical calls will be generated. This along with the continued increase to our call volume as a result of an aging population and an overall increase in utilization of emergency medical services for care, the need to add dedicated full time staff may be necessary to continue to provide consistent and reliable services that the public has come to expect. You can only ask so much of volunteers who also have families and other full time employment before they must make the choice between service to themselves or to their community.

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. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers that provide Northfield with its own ambulance service. 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

ENERGY COMMITTEE

As of March 2017, the Energy Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:00 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, lower the Town's carbon emissions, and reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy sources. We accomplish this by promoting energy conservation through education, energy efficient design and construction techniques, and the use of renewable energy.

The Committee performs its work under the guidance of the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008. This law requires the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs to establish a statewide limit on greenhouse gas emissions of between 10% and 25% below 1990 levels for 2020 – on the way toward an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050.

Northfield was designated a “Green Community” by The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) in the summer of 2012 after meeting five required criteria. This entitled the town to a grant of \$143,750 to use for approved energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in an attempt to reduce municipal energy consumption by 20% after 5 years.

What did we do with the money? The Energy Committee oversaw the completion of 5 energy efficiency upgrades, 2 renewable energy projects and 2 feasibility studies. We focused our attention on the Town Hall and the Dickinson Memorial Library because they showed the most need based on size, usage and energy consumption per square foot.

- At the library we installed 40 double glazed window inserts, and air sealed and insulated the attic and basement.
- At the Town Hall 3 efficiency projects were completed: attic insulation and air sealing, heating distribution system upgrades, and double glazed window inserts installed in the 3 large arched windows in the auditorium.
- At the Senior Center Pavilion, a 5.4 kW photovoltaic system was installed.
- At the Town Hall, a pellet boiler heating plant was installed with the help of an additional grant from DOER, and started up in time for this year's heating season.
- Separate from the grant projects, the Committee participated in a free LED bulb change-out program sponsored by DOER in 2014 and 2015. All possible bulbs in the Town Hall and Library have been changed.
- Also, in 2012 the Committee worked with EverSource to change some of the town's street light fixtures to more efficient bulbs.

What were the results? What follows is a summary comparison between the most recent year of record, FY 2016 and our baseline FY 2011. All space heating calculations were done factoring in heating degree days (a way to measure and compare the heating demand difference from one year to another) before adding it to the other energy use of a building or sector. All energy usage; oil, propane, gasoline, diesel, kilowatt hours and wood is converted to million BTUs for a straight forward comparison.

Town Hall	19% reduction over baseline and the PV array has generated over 20,000 kilowatt hours since going online in January 2014. This clean renewable energy is used directly by the Town Hall avoiding the cost of having to purchase it.
Dickinson Memorial Library	23% reduction
All Muni Buildings Together	7% reduction
Street Lighting	24% reduction
Wastewater Treatment	34% reduction - This reduction in energy use is entirely due to the operator, Eric Meals, who changed the operating mode in 2012-13 to reduce electrical energy consumption while still meeting permit.
All Municipal Vehicles	3% reduction - Vehicle energy usage in Northfield is over 50% of all municipal usage making it very difficult to reduce overall usage without impacting roadway services.

Overall Municipal Usage 7% reduction

The Energy Committee would like to thank the town employees who have been, and still are involved with these projects, especially those at the Town Hall and Library. There is an important human aspect to making energy efficiency projects a success. ***The reduction in usage shows that energy efficiency and conservation strategies can net significant results.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Pasteris, Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report submitted

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

TREES

Tree work was performed all around town. Approximately 20 trees removed for disease or hit by lightning. Removing and maintaining brush around town as well. Several trees were removed from the Center cemetery by using a crane for safety purposes. Every year we make more improvements with remaining stumps and trimming of trees. Trimming held provide opening for sunlight to the roads for them to dry out.

CEMETERIES

All lawns were maintained and mowed, brush was trimmed and leafs were removed in the spring. Approximately 15 lots were sold in 2016 and 18 burials were performed. Cleanup of old flowers and removal of bushes helped to keep the area looking clean. I would like to thank South Mountain Lawn Care for another great season.

ROADS

Thankfully 2016 brought a mild winter. Odd jobs around the garage such as building shelving, organizing tools and supplies as well as working on equipment for summer projects have been completed. In the spring we repaired plow damage, performed street sweeping and repaired street signs. We also cleaned out various catch basins and installed new culverts. In February we received a call of a sink hole on Glenwood and we performed an emergency temporary replacement until spring. After receiving necessary permits the highway department continued work on the Glenwood Ave culvert replacement. Due to gaining permits later in the year the job is not completely finished. Once the sewer and water department finish their project the road will be able to be completed this summer. We reconstructed several dirt roads with new gravel, cleaned up various ditches and culverts. Headwalls were installed as well. Performed maintenance on trucks, put winter equipment away and leveled up the area for the new salt shed. On rainy days, we hauled blocks to construct the salt shed after bids were opened. With the help of the contractor and highway employees we were able to construct the walls for a brand new salt and sand shed. After the company constructed the building the highway employees touched up, prepped for paving and paved the area. We also prepped the library parking lot and paved. At the Town Hall we assisted in installing new sewer lines before the silo was installed, prepped for cement and installed cement. We also repaired the handicap ramp. This fall we prep firewood for the garage and finished cleaning up the highway garage yard. A new roof was installed, new garage doors and a new generator which the highway department is very thankful for. The highway department was in need of improvements and 2016 brought many of them to life, we also installed a new fence and laid stone to spruce up the area. Equipment was prepped for 2017's winter, grading was completed and brush was cut. Ample road side mowing was completed for better line of sight and purpose of power lines. A big thank you to all the help: Andy, Michael, Kevin, Arnie, Jeremy and summer help Greg and Fred.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2016 was busy and rewarding in many ways. The more we learn, the more we find to investigate. History always fascinates.

Membership changed during the year: Joel Fowler and Jessie Wiggin resigned. Joan Stoa was appointed. One opening at year's end.

Major Activities

Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC): NHC wrote a security policy and received archaeological list and Maps of Northfield.

NHC coordinated with town re: TGP Pipeline, became an intervenor, and sent concerns about historical preservation issues to Mark Marini DPU.

Northfield Mountain Relicensing – filed a letter of concern re: historical preservation issues with Gus Bakas.

Presented concerns about historical and cultural issues to ZBA re: Lane Construction expansion.

Submitted Warrant Article re: Historic Markers Maintenance Account, 12/05/16 Special Town Meeting.

Monitored HB 698 (Rep. Kocot author) and expressed concerns.

Provided Historical Research for *Barns of Northfield* with Open Space Committee.

Worked with Mount Grace re: Gunnery Sergeant Jeffrey S. Ames Nature Trail at Alderbrook Meadows.

Liaised with Northfield Area Tourism And Business Association.

61A concerns discussed.

Joined Tribes and Historical Commissions Statewide Working Group.

24 Main Street of continued interest.

Records culled and moved to secure location.

GPS-enabled Camera purchased for MHC filings/documentation.

Discussed Memorial for Marie Ferre.

Carol D. Lebo, Chair

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Thirteen hundred acres of un-fragmented forest land are now preserved forever as conservation land. NMH sold the land in June to the Trust for Public Land (TPL), who then sold it to DCR; this property then became part of the Northfield State Forest. The original contract between NMH and TPL involved 1650 acres, including Grandin Reservoir, the surrounding 300+ acres of watershed, and the East Northfield Water Company. The sale in June did not include the water company and watershed property; that is still owned by NMH and at this point there is no indication as to how NMH plans to proceed regarding those assets. During the year the Open Space Committee assisted TPL in its negotiations with NMH.

In 2014 Bill and Nancy Ames placed a Conservation restriction on their 145-acre property, and a wheel-chair-accessible trail was planned on a part of that property. In 2015 Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust was awarded a DCR trails grant to build the trail. In 2016 the Ames' transferred the proposed trail property to Mount Grace, and plans for the trail are progressing. Those plans have the trail being completed and opened some time in 2017. During this entire process the OSC has been in close contact with both the Ames' and Mount Grace, and has participated in the accessible-trail facilities design.

During the past year a new committee - the Community Park Committee (NCPC) - was created and began working on fulfilling the community park objective of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Master Plan. The OSC is well-represented on the NCPC, which to date has focused on considering suitable properties for the park and identifying possible park "characteristics". 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. Since the June sale of 1300 acres above the Ridge, noted above, community park discussions with NMH have been on hold while NMH decides what to do about its remaining property in Northfield.

The OSC has continued working on the trails in town, including signage and trailhead information. The trailhead kiosks have one-page brochures that hikers can take with them. These brochures need to be restocked from time to time, more often than had been expected. That seems to indicate that the trails are well used. Part of the OSC budget is used to print trailhead supplies. In September the OSC hosted a general meeting with DCR and other interested parties regarding kicking off a major effort to renew the trail system on the newly-acquired DCR property above the Ridge.

In 2016 the Open Space Committee (OSC) continued focusing in 2016 on implementing high-priority objectives in the 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan and related high-priority items in the 2014 Master Plan, as well as generally attending to open space protection and maintenance concerns. Among the other notable OSC activities during 2016:

- placed the trails website on a separate server, since the new town server cannot handle the code,
- selected Jennifer Tufts for the 2015 Citizen Stewardship Award,
- began the process of prioritizing chapter 61 parcels,
- participated in identifying vernal pools in the Town Forest,
- helped to establish the new Stewardship Committee, a subcommittee of the ConsCom,
- investigated the King Philip's Hill trail which extends partly on adjoining property to the north,
- approved of a new chapter 61 right-of-first-refusal policy for the town,
- continued to co-sponsor the third-Sunday-of-the-month hikes in Northfield.

Respectfully submitted by the 2016 members of the Open Space Committee:

Michael Barry, Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Robert Hall, Joanne McGee, Susan Ross, Kate Rossiter, Jerrold Wagener

PLANNING BOARD

No report submitted

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduction

2016 proved to be a challenging year for America as we as a country have experienced numerous examples of political differences and distrust in government. Police officers often experience the backlash of such frustrations first-hand. The police then to assume the role as the “face” of government as they are. That role carries a lot of responsibility and requires that officers conduct themselves in a manner of utmost professionalism while ensuring the people that they are there to serve them.

The Northfield Police Department not only recognises this immense responsibility but also embraces it. Our Department is committed to maintaining quality community relationships, empowering the community to aid in establishing police objectives, providing its officers with the best training possible, maintaining utmost integrity and fairness, and ultimately ensuring that governmental distrust does not consume the Town of Northfield.

With that said, law enforcement is a difficult task, where officers are expected to maintain confidentiality and public trust while being as transparent as possible with the community it serves. Our Department is committed to maintaining this balance to the best of our ability and providing the quality police services that the Town deserves. We are honored to serve and protect the Northfield community and will continue to provide professional law enforcement services at a low cost to taxpayers and contribute to making Northfield a safe place to live, visit, and do business.

School Resource Officer

In the fall of 2016, the Northfield Police Department, in collaboration with the Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRs) implemented a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) position. The purpose of this position was to provide PVRs with a greater level of police services and contribute to the educational mission of the school district by helping create a safe environment where students can learn and develop as responsible adults. The SRO position is responsible for the safe transportation to and from school property; providing safety and security within the school buildings; working with PVRs administration in planning and implementing school policies and regulations; conducting investigations and documenting incidents for referral; providing mediation; providing educational programming; serving as a positive role model to students; fostering a relationship of respect and trust between the school community and the police; working with social service agencies to ensure the needs of the school, students, and families are met; and countless other day to day responsibilities.

Officer Igor Komerzan was assigned to the SRO based upon his qualifications, personality, and desire to perform this function, and has exceeded all expectations in his first semester. This position caused some initial apprehension within the community, as the role and objectives of this position were unclear to some in the beginning. As information was provided and the community was able to see the program in effect, that apprehension quick dissolved. We are proud to report that we have received numerous compliments about our SRO program, from the teachers, parents, students, and the general community, and we feel that the Department has successfully integrated as a member of the school community.

Community Policing

Officers in the Northfield Police Department recognize the importance of building positive relationships with all citizens of Northfield and devote a great deal of time cultivating good rapport with all facets of the community, especially children, who are our future. Our officers do much more than simply enforcing the law; we are caring role models whose priority is the health and safety of all people. We work hard to solve problems, and they strive to create a better place for people to live and work. The Department participated in the following initiatives in 2016 to contribute to its community policing efforts.

The Northfield Police Department has a long-standing tradition of being active members of the community, especially when it involves children and young adults. In pursuit of this tradition, Officers served as coaches to the *PVRs Athletics Program*. In the spring, Chief Leighton served as a coach to the PVRs track team and in the fall, when the PVRs school girls’ soccer team had a coaching vacancy which put their season in jeopardy, Officer Komerzan volunteered, seeing it as part of his ancillary duties as the School Resource Officer to ensure that such a positive and healthy program continue.

The Department provided in a *Pre-prom Safety* class at PVRs to assist students in making wise choices during times of celebration. During this event, students were provided information regarding driving infractions, dangers, and consequences of impaired driving.

During the annual *Northfield Elementary School Spring Fair*, Officers on hand to display our cruisers and demonstrate our emergency equipment. This activity allowed the children to get a hands-on opportunity to check out our cruiser and interact with the Officers.

With assistance from the Northfield PTO, Officers set up our radar trailer and gave each child a chance to have their fastest baseball pitches registered on display. Officers volunteered to assist the PTO in cooking for the crowd and participating in the dunking booth.

Our Department not only patrolled the town by car, but also by bicycle. Several weekend shifts during the summer months were complimented by a *uniformed bike patrol* officer, who was tasked with patrolling the neighborhoods, interacting with pedestrians, enforcing crosswalk violations, and conducting motor vehicle enforcement. While on patrol, during the summer months, all officers were on the lookout for children riding the bicycles in a safe manner and issuing “*creamie citations*” for being caught staying safe.

Once again, the Department participated in the *NES Summer Playground* by providing a bike safety inspection, assisted the kids to decorate their bikes, and provided a safety escort and traffic control down Main St. where they could show off their safe riding habits.

Officer recruitment from within the community is a high priority for our Department as we feel that our officers should be familiar with and become active participants in the community. In taking measures to achieve this mission, our Department participated in *Career Day* at PVRS, where students were able to speak directly to an officer about law enforcement as a career, and how best to pursue this opportunity.

The Northfield Police Department assisted the Northfield PTO at NES with the *Annual Pumpkin-Carving Event* and provided Halloween safety information to children. Per tradition, the Department was out in force on Halloween, manning crosswalks, slowing vehicular traffic, providing a strong police presence, and of course, leading and detouring traffic for the rag shag parade. Donation funds were used provide the children with flashing blue lights to attach to their costumes to make them visible to traffic.

The Northfield Police Department continued to utilize its *social media* page to communicate information to the community regarding incidents, crime awareness, solicitations for information, etc.

Budget:

The Department’s budget in the fiscal year 2016 provided for sufficient shift coverage, training, extra patrols, and other operating costs. Funding for a full-time school resource officer position was also provided in part from the Department budget and funding from the PVRS school district. Using town capital expense appropriations, our Department replaced a 2010 police cruiser with a 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV and purchased a gun safe for the Department. The following is a breakdown of our funding in relation to past years:

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Town Appropriations	319,061	330,157	378,634
Capital Expenses	34,956	6,000	49,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>354,017</i>	<i>336,157</i>	<i>427,634</i>

Personnel

For the majority of 2016, The Northfield Police Department operated at an adequate level of staffing with three full-time officers including the Chief of Police, one Sergeant, and one Patrolman. Our full-time staff is complimented by eleven part-time reserve and auxiliary officers.

In the summer of 2016, Officer Michael Leslie was appointed as a reserve police officer. Officer Leslie came to the Department with not only municipal law enforcement experience, but with law enforcement experience within a college community, and specialized knowledge in conservation law enforcement; these experiences are regarded by this Department to be very valuable given the Northfield climate. Officer Leslie also possesses a College degree, and is a firearms and applied patrol procedures instructor.

Later in the year, the Department collaborated a committee to evaluate candidates for a vacant full-time patrol officer position, which included members of the community, select board, and citizens of Northfield. Officer Leslie emerged as the frontrunner from that hiring process and assumed a full-time equivalent position with the Department. He was enrolled in the Massachusetts Municipal Police Academy to be held at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in January 2017. Officer Leslie’s training will be physically, mentally, and academically demanding; this experience will prepare him for the challenges that will face him when he returns to Department after graduation in June 2017.

We would also like to take the opportunity to recognize former Town Manager Brian Noble for his contributions to the Department. Noble’s experience, knowledge, and professionalism proved to be a valuable asset to the Department and assisted us in achieving its goals and objectives for the year. We would be remiss not to acknowledge him when reflecting on our past success.

Training

The Northfield Police Department is committed to providing its officers initial, in-service, and specialize training to ensure that they are capable of providing the Northfield community with the best services possible.

Upon completion of the 225-hour MPTC Reserve Police Academy, and led by Sgt. John Richardson, all newly appointed officers are provided approximately 400 hours of Field Training where they are provided with the opportunity to apply the information they received in the police academy under the direct supervision and guidance of an experienced full-time officer. Initial training is a continuous process, which provides prospective police officers with an opportunity to gain experience in the field.

This year, in-serve training consisted of topics to include legal updates, fair and impartial policing, witness identification, CPR and first aid, defensive tactics, response to a hostile intruder, and firearms. Also, the Chief attended an executive development training which included topics such as transgender issues for police, use of force, firearms licensing, and emergency planning and response.

Specialized training includes CPR instructor; civilian response management to active shooter; and School Resource Officer certification programs.

Policies and Procedures

In 2016, the long and enduring process of reviewing and revising Department policies and procedures were initiated for the purpose of ensuring that Department activities are consistent with best practices and legal mandates. The Department policies and procedures were last reviewed and revised in 2010-2011. Police practices and procedure change with the times. Upon completion, the Department expects to incorporate approximately forty-five policies which range from the use of force, investigating various crimes, maintaining records, meeting the needs of special populations, etc. The Department will consult with other supporting agencies and individuals during the process and ensure that the policies are readily accessible to the general public upon request. Our goal is to establish a manual that will set a professional standard for other departments in the region.

Resources for Support:

The Northfield Police Department is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week for assistance by calling the Shelburne Control Dispatch Center at 413-625-8200. The Massachusetts State Police Shelburne Barracks, whom can also be reached by calling Shelburne control, also provides law enforcement support to the Town of Northfield when needed. The Northwestern District Attorney's Office (NWDA) provides Northfield citizens with valuable support to include victim resources, crime prevention, substance abuse treatment resources, etc. The NWDA may be contacted at 413-774-3186 <http://northwesternda.org/prevention>.

Calls for Service:

This year the Department recorded 1,358 calls for service through the Shelburne Control Regional Dispatch Center; calls for service continue to rise slowly each year and are 10% higher since 2014. Officers of the Northfield Police Department also documented 17,062 police services which represents a 34% increase since 2014; such services include officer initiated activities, and reports made directly to the Department. The following is a general breakdown of the calls and activities that officers were dispatched to throughout the year:

	2014	2015	2016
Alarm	85	76	88
Animals Complaint	84	56	80
Assist Other Agency	258	242	265
Assist Person	348	335	352
General Service	5,764	5,315	6,444
House / Building Check	4,853	6,697	8,518
Medical Assist	183	164	155
Motor Vehicle Complaint	588	635	547
Other 911 Calls	63	39	52
Suspicious Activity	40	36	35
Disturbance	36	63	62
Follow-up Investigations	287	298	304
Court Duties	137	181	150
Harassment	18	20	11
<i>Total Dispatched Calls for Service</i>	<i>1,237</i>	<i>1,310</i>	<i>1,358</i>
<i>Total Police Services</i>	<i><u>12,744</u></i>	<i><u>14,157</u></i>	<i><u>17,062</u></i>

Investigations:

Due to the hard work and dedication of our officers, 115 criminal cases were successfully closed and their offenders were prosecuted. The following information accurately reflects the number of investigations conducted in the past three years:

	2014	2015	2016
Assault	3	2	7
Breaking & Entering / Burglary	10	17	5
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	4
Disturbance	2	16	14

Drug Violations	12	28	27
Family Offenses	24	7	6
Fraud	5	7	5
Intimation / Threats/ Harassment	8	7	11
Larceny	18	31	25
Liquor Law Violations	25	29	20
Motor Vehicle Accidents	39	49	62
Motor Vehicle Offenses	97	82	84
Sexual Offenses	0	2	5
Stolen Vehicle	1	1	0
Trespass/Unwanted Person	0	8	15
Vandalism	17	21	20
Weapons Violations	n/a	n/a	3
Other Offenses	16	47	75
<i>Total</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>387</i>
<i>Total Arrests / Criminal Complaints</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>115</i>

Traffic Enforcement

Highway safety remains an on-going concern for our Department and Northfield residents. To deter traffic violations and protect the safety of travellers and pedestrians, we deploy a radar speed monitoring trailer throughout and monitor the crosswalks on Main Street. Also, our officers have logged countless conducting radar enforcement. The Department enforced 1,372 motor vehicles violations and this year in an attempt to make our roads safer. Accidents have increased by 60% since 2014, which is likely a result of the on-going concern of distracted driving. In conjunction with providing educational opportunities, the Department participated in directed patrols that targeted unsafe and impaired driving. The following information demonstrates the officer's traffic enforcement activities:

	2014	2015	2016
Citation Arrests	37	65	42
Criminal Complaint Citation	63	94	101
Civil Citations	272	428	328
Citation Warnings	600	570	829
<i>Total Citations</i>	<i>972</i>	<i>1,157</i>	<i>1,300</i>
<i>Total Citation Fines</i>	<i>26,460</i>	<i>41,930</i>	<i>37,900</i>

Goals for 2017

- Review and implement strategies identified in *the Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*.
- Serve as a resource to the recipients of the Northfield Mount Hermon Campus and transition the Department which meets the needs of a community of higher education.
- Work in collaboration with other Town public safety departments to plan for a potential public safety facility.

Final Thoughts

Police work is teamwork; we could not have accomplished any of with without the ongoing support of the Northfield community. We strongly value our partnership with the community and look forward to the challenges and opportunities of a new year. The community is encouraged to stay safe and always remain vigilant of criminal activity!

Sincerely,

Chief Robert Leighton

RECREATION COMMISSION

No report submitted

SENIOR CENTER/COUNCIL ON AGING

Highlights

We have had a wonderful year at the Senior Center!

Our summer concert series held in the Stanley Wickey Pavilion brought 116 people out on sometimes rainy evenings for great music, a little dancing and lots of smiles. This summer we had American Harmony, Rob Fletcher, and with the help of the Library, Moonshine Holler. This was advertised on our summer bookmark, distributed around town.

This summer we added another opportunity. Silverthorne Theater brought previews of their three plays here. Sometimes it was a scene and sometimes it was a discussion about the circumstances surrounding the play, all to give us a better understanding and more enjoyment of the play. They were presented on the Sunday afternoon preceding the matinee, and group discounts were offered as well. All who came went on to enjoy the plays very much. This was also advertised on our summer bookmark.

“This is Your Town” monthly Friday breakfasts have had another successful year. We focused on the history of Northfield in conjunction with the Historical Society and had a steady group of about 30 that came each month for a home cooked breakfast and information. The breakfast is set up, prepared and cleaned up by a great group of volunteers and is self-funded.

Our lunch time travel program on one Thursday a month has taken us to a sloth sanctuary in Costa Rica, India, Brazil, Amazonia, the Norfolk Coast in England, Cuba (part I), Turkey and Iceland this past year. Each presenter has shared the history, culture and politics of the area. We have a steady group of about 20 each month.

Generations of Fun has returned to the Kindergarteners from NES in an hour of sharing with our wonderful group of about five seniors. We spend an hour each month talking, working on a fun project and sharing a snack. About 14 children happily and noisily walk down to the Senior Center to spend some time with their “senior”. Those who have been involved over the years enjoy seeing the kids outside of the group and being called “my senior friend”.

On Valentine’s Day we were treated to a wonderful play, created by Steve Henderson, entitled “Jerry and Mable”. It is about two senior citizens on a blind date. Masterly staged, Jerry and Mable touched on many topics that had us all laughing for the entire performance. We were so fortunate to have a Cultural Council grant for this. Forty people came to the Senior Center on a Sunday afternoon for this delightful performance.

We had another successful collaboration with Liberty Tax which will continue. This allows simple tax returns to be done at the center; we have sign ups and gather preliminary information for our tax preparer. In many cases, the senior had their refund before they received the copies of the return the following week. Everyone involved greatly appreciated being able to have their taxes done locally and with efficiency. Those who were eligible were also able to apply for the Circuit Breaker, a state program. We look forward to a long term relationship.

We suspended our Friday movie, as we weren’t getting a response and revamped our evening movie into The First Tuesday Movie at 6:30 at the Library, in October. We also moved to a series approach, beginning with “disenfranchised youth”. We saw “If”, “The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner” and ending in December with “West Side Story” which set us up for our Shakespeare theme. Hosted by David Rowland, retired theater teacher from NMH, we continue our lively discussions segment after each movie, examining the themes and relating them to present day. This is targeted to the “younger” senior.

This year we took a trip to Saratoga Race Track in August. Chip Ainsworth came a few weeks ahead of time to prepare us for the day: how to read the race program, how to place a bet and what to look for at the track. A bus full departed in the rain for the day. It turned out to be a hot and muggy day, with no rain and an almost empty grandstand enabling us to move around without stepping on toes, not waiting in long lines and generally having a great time.

In December, following a visit from the UMass Hockey head coach, we enjoyed an evening game at the Mullins Center. They even welcomed us on the digital screen during the game.

Our annual Centerpiece creating event brought our largest crowd yet! 18 folks made lovely holiday centerpieces under the able guidance of Kathryn, of Kathryn’s Florist. For a minimum cost, she brings the greens, flowers, decorations and the base.

Our regular music program features the Tuesday appearance of the ROMEOs, Betsey Llewelyn who has been providing lunch time tunes on many Mondays and Thursdays, and visits from Shirley Thompson, Chris Worth and Joe Bedard. They keep us singing and creating a warm and welcoming lunch time.

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, which honored 63 volunteers, was a hoppin’ place this year. Entertained by Bobby C, we ate, talked and sang along to his wonderful selections. Judging by the smiles and laughter, a good time was had by all.

The senior picnic brings everyone! This year 75 folks came out for our annual picnic. The simple picnic fare, great space and comradery make for a delightful afternoon in the pavilion.

The annual Lobster Bake had to be cancelled this year due to the illness of our chef. We look forward to their return next summer.

The annual PVRS Senior Thanksgiving concert and feast is a much anticipated event. Everyone enjoys the entertainment and the food, as well as mingling with the students. Our annual Christmas decorating and dinner brings a large crowd to the Senior Center every year, as we deck the halls, creating a festive space.

Overview

The van ridership is fairly steady, even with one driver out this fall. Medical trips continue to be the bulk of our usage with shopping and other trips close behind. As our meal site numbers decline with our aging population, fewer are using the van to get here. However, the van is being used more to come to the center for other activities.

In our activities area, we have more folks enjoying our card games of Bridge, Hand and Foot and our latest, Pitch. Based on the laughter, all are having a good time. Our programming continues to be varied and targeting the needs of the community. We have had good attendance at them all. We have a steady and steadily increasing clientele for our foot clinic; though not as many for our blood pressure clinic (many have their own cuffs at home). Our nurse keeps on top of the foot needs, suggesting further treatment as needed. Her ready ear encourages more conversation as medical needs are discussed. Yoga and Healthy Bones and Body classes continue to grow, helping more people keep agile, safe from falls and relaxed. A constant group comes each month for our Caregivers group, finding comfort with each other and sharing good practices. My email contact and phone contact with families continues to increase as families begin to look to us for information. Our presence on NextDoor, our web page on the town website, our monthly newsletter and our page in the town newsletter keep the towns' seniors aware of our programs.

Look for our postcard and flyers around town that highlight our activities, letting everyone know who we and what's happening at the Senior Center. Our wonderful collaborations with the schools and the library continue to be a great way to remind all that the Senior Center is an engaging place to be.

SEWER COMMISSION

The Sewer Commission is an elected three member board. The Sewer Commissioners' set the sewer rate each year, and for FY17 the base rate was \$360.00 per hook up and a cost of \$10.00 per hundred cubic feet of water usage (the same as it was the previous year). The Sewer Department set a budget of \$215,683.00 which was a slight decrease from the previous year. The Wastewater Treatment Facility staff continues to look for ways to operate the plant more efficiently, which has stabilized the sewer rate and budget for the immediate future. There have been two major projects that have been completed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility this year and several minor ones. The first major project was sealing up the walls for the permanent enclosure around the two clarifiers. The plant staff and the Town's building maintenance man completed this task at a great savings to the sewer users. This will ensure that the building will last for many years to come. The plant staff and a representative from City Machine installed safety rails and designed scaffolding to be used over top of #2 clarifier. This will ensure a safer means for plant staff to do maintenance on the clarifier and the building that is beside it. A few of the minor projects that were completed this year were replacement of the plant water pump, the chlorine analyzer, and the chlorine injection pump. Cosmetically, the operation's building was touched up with paint and all the safety rails throughout the plant were repainted. 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 21.6 million gallons of wastewater for the year with an average flow of 60,000 gallons per day. The total rainfall for the year was 36.37 inches. The Sewer department will continue to keep the material readiness of the plant up to ensure efficient operation of the system. The last major event was the resignation of long time Sewer Commissioner Ray Zukowski effective January 1, 2017. We would like to take this time and thank Ray for his many years of service to the sewer users and the Town of Northfield itself.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Prest

Dan Gray

TAX COLLECTOR

REAL ESTATE

2017	Collected		-10016.58
2016	Balance Committed	3215786.44	
	Collected		
	Uncollected		108721.60
2015	Balance Committed Refund	134884.84	
	Collected		
	Abated		
	Tax Title		
	Uncollected		49354.01
2014	Balance Refund	43918.63	
	Collected		
	Abated		
	Adjustment		
	Uncollected		24793.74
2013	Balance	20289.99	
	Collected		
	Uncollected		10326.98
2012	Balance	2618.93	
	Collected		
	Uncollected		1614.12
2011	Balance	303.50	
	Collected		
	Uncollected		175.96
2010	Balance	113.91	
	Collected		
	Uncollected		113.91
2009	Balance	11.84	
	Uncollected		11.84

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

2017	Collected		-2.48
2016	Committed	10413.92	
	Collected		
	Uncollected		183.02
2015	Balance Committed Refund	263.55	
	Collected		
	Abated		

		Uncollected	159.08
2014	Balance Refund	41.22	
	Collected Abated Uncollected		36.19
2013	Balance	93.22	
	Collected Uncollected		133.15
2012	Balance	96.71	
	Collected Uncollected		102.98
2011	Balance	-2.12	
	Collected Uncollected		-3.20
PERSONAL PROPERTY			
2016	Committed	263491.82	
	Collected Uncollected		1147.80
2015	Balance Committed Refund	1535.23	
	Collected Abated Uncollected		540.56
2014	Balance Refund	507.82	
	Collected Uncollected		475.21
2011	Balance	213.47	
	Collected Uncollected		0.70
MOTOR VEHICLE			
2016	Committed Refund		
	Abated Collected Uncollected		21652.05
2015	Committed Refund	20446.01	
	Abated Collected Uncollected		4667.72

2014	Balance Committed Refund		3705.45	
		Collected		
		Abated		
		Uncollected		1597.12
2013	Balance Refund		2290.52	
		Collected		
		Abated		
		Uncollected		2102.61
2012	Balance		2575.25	
		Collected		
		Uncollected		1997.75
2011	Balance		1818.08	
		Collected		
		Abated		
		Uncollected		1036.83
2010	Balance		1312.40	
		Collected		
		Abated		
		Uncollected		969.90
2009	Balance Refund		127.71	
		Abated		
		Uncollected		63.75
2007	Balance		-10.00	
		Abated		
		Uncollected		-10.00
2006	Balance		-16.26	
		Abated		
		Uncollected		-16.26
2003	Balance		-56.62	
		Uncollected		-56.62
1998	Balance		28.64	
		Uncollected		28.64
1996	Balance		-31.47	
		Uncollected		-31.47
1994	Balance		-267.00	
		Uncollected		-267.00
1990	Balance		35.99	
		Uncollected		35.99
1989	Balance		-194.74	

	Uncollected	-194.74
SEWER USE		
	Balance	70643.04
	Committed	
	Refunds	
	Collected	
	Abated	
	Liens to RE	
	Uncollected	58091.75
	RE Lien Balance	20209.60
	Committed	
	Collected	
	Uncollected	22229.91
	Committed Interest Balance	3984.80
	Committed	
	Refund	
	Collected	
	Abated	
	Uncollected	4560.46
	Committed fees	45.00
	Refund	
	Collected	
	Abated	
	Uncollected	70.00
TAX TITLE		
	Balance	26352.23
	Liens	
	Redeemed/Payments	
	Town owned	
	Balance	32624.50

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Franklin, **SS.**

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

GREETING:

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

PRECINCT ONE

NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL

on **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, 2016**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

STATE COMMITTEE MAN. SENATORIAL DISTRICT

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN. SENATORIAL DISTRICT

WARD OR TOWN COMMITTEE. CITY OR TOWN

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 9th day of February, 2016.

SELECTMEN OF: NORTHFIELD

POST BY CONSTABLE

_____ February 22, 2016.

Constable

Can be removed by March 2, 2016

**THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 01, 2016
RESULTS FOR NORTHFIELD
UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY**

NOP REFERENCE	1	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	2	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	3	
		STATE COMMITTEE MAN
NO NOMINATION	0	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	3	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	3	
		STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN
NO NOMINATIONS	0	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	3	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	3	
		DEMOCRAT
1 BERNIE SANDERS	549	
2 MARTIN O' MALLEY	1	
3 HILLARY CLINTON	187	
4 ROQUE "ROCKY" DELAFUENTE	0	
NO PREFERENCE	2	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	739	
		STATE COMMITTEE MAN
1 DAVID J. NARKEWICZ	551	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	188	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	739	
		STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN
1 MOLLIE M. FOX	551	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	188	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	739	
		GREEN-RAINBOW
1 SKCM CURRY	0	
2 JILL STEIN	0	
3 WILLIAM P. KREML	0	
4 KENT MESPLAY	0	
5 DARRLY CHERNEY	0	
NO PREFERENCE	1	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	0	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1	
		STATE COMMITTEE MAN
NO PREFERENCE	0	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	1	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1	
		STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN
NO PREFERENCE	0	
ALL OTHERS	0	
BLANKS	0	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1	
		REPUBLICAN
1 JIM GILMORE	1	
2 DONALD J. TRUMP	123	
3 TED CRUZ	40	
4 GEORGE PATAKI	0	
5 BEN CARSON	19	
6 MIKE HUCKABEE	0	
7 RAND PAUL	1	
8 CARLY FIORINA	0	
9 RICK SANTORUM	1	
10 CHRIS CHRISTIE	1	

11 MARCO RUBIO	56
12 JEB BUSH	2
13 JOHN KASICH	74
NO PREFERENCE	4
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	1
TOTAL VOTES CAST	323

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

1 JOHN A. ANDRULIS	208
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	115
TOTAL VOTES CAST	323

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

1 TAMMY S. MOSHER	176
2 MARY L. STUART	78
ALL OTHERS	69
BLANKS	0
TOTAL VOTES CAST	323

WARDEN

Barbara Brassor

ELECTION WORKERS

David Brassor
Sandy Campbell
Diane Fuller
Alice Fortier
Carol Holden
Elizabeth L'Etoile

Linda Leavis
Bernie Poroda
Jo Ann Newton
Nina Sibley
Kay Snow
Pamela Veith

Beth Walker
Jessie Wiggins

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 2015 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 2016 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Agricultural Commission	Bill Roberts
Assessors	Michelle Milton
Community Preservation Committee	Jen Tufts; Joan Deely
Conservation Commission	Hunter Swanson; Nick Fleck; Sara Monette, secretary
Council on Aging	Louise Hoff; Shirley Nelson; Lorrie Byrom; John Blazejewski; Eleanor Goodman; Sue Pasteris
Cultural Council	Charlie Davis; Katie Beth Ryan; Vera Cooley
Election Officer	Bruce Cromack; Eric Meals; Diane Cornwall
Energy Committee	Pete Talmage
Finance Committee	Susan Wright
Highway Dept	Sara Monette, secretary
Historical Commission	Marie Ferre`

Open Space Committee	Jen Tufts
Recreation Commission	Joe Stacy
Stewardship Advisory Committee	Katherine Johnson
Zoning Board of Appeals	Bill Forrest

TOWNSPEOPLE OF NORTHFIELD

MAY, 2016

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Regional School

97 F. Sumner Turner Road

and

ELECTION WARRANT

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

12 o'clock Noon to 8:00 P.M.

Northfield Town Hall

69 Main Street

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2016

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening at Pioneer Valley Regional School

97 F. Sumner Turner Road

Franklin, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, in said County of Franklin, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road, in said Northfield, on Monday, the second day of May, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 2, 2016, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 413-498-2901 x12.

Town of Northfield
Report of the Finance Committee

To the Citizens of Northfield:

The Finance Committee recommendations constitute a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2017. In addition, we are able to recommend funding for some of the capital needs of our various town departments and for building maintenance. The process that was followed again this year in determining what article requests are being recommended for funding is that the Selectboard considered all requests and, as overseers of the Town, prioritized those requests as to what they saw as most needed. The Finance Committee did the same and the lists were merged. From this, the Town Administrator prepared his recommendations. Both the Selectboard and the Finance Committee members agree on the funding being recommended.

In determining the Operating Budgets for our Town Departments and Boards/Committees, the Finance Committee met individually with each Department head as well as Chairs of several Boards/Committees to discuss their requests and specifically to hear their justification for any increases. We appreciate the efforts of all the Town Departments, Town Officials, Boards, and Committees in keeping their budget requests within the limits of available funds. We want to acknowledge the work of our Town Administrator, Brian S. Noble, and Town Accountant, Deb Mero, in producing this budget. They have attended our meetings on a regular basis and have been active participants in all discussions. A great deal of their knowledge, time and effort goes into this. Their work in maintaining the effective operation of our Town on a regular basis is greatly appreciated.

We are recommending that all employees and Board/Committee members who receive stipends be given a 1.5% cost of living adjustment. Those receiving Stipends are members of the following elected Boards: Selectboard, Board of Health, Assessors, Sewer Commissioners, and Northfield's members of the PVRs School Committee. Other increases in employee wages reflect step increases as spelled out in the Town's pay plan. Included in our recommendations is a \$2,000. Increase in our Reserve Fund, the use of which is limited to extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances and is under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee.

Funding for our recommendations comes from the appropriation of available funds and Free Cash. Our recommendations do not require an override. Up until last year, we had an Article to allocate money to reduce the tax rate, but instead we used Free Cash last year and are continuing that policy to fund some of our Article requests. The end result will be the same; if we use this money to fund some of the Articles that money does not have to come from taxation.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Northfield Finance Committee,
Lois M. Stearns, Chairman
Daniel R. Campbell, Vice-Chairman
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile
Chadwick Glover

Anthony Matteo
Bernhard Porada

Bethany Walker, Secretary

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY2016	FY2017 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FY2017
EXPENDITURES			
Special Town Meetings			
STM 11/24/14	227,090	-	-
Omnibus	7,850,595	7,915,157	7,915,157
Special Articles-Current FY- General Fund	36,000	-	-
Special Articles-New FY- General Fund	658,178	534,059	401,475

ATM Special Articles-Enterprise Funds	404,138	373,056	373,056
ATM Special Articles-CPA Funds	23,250	111,300	111,300
Reserved for CPA Fund	28,500	30,000	30,000
Cherry Sheet Charges	9,601	8,559	8,559
Cherry Sheet Offsets	3,950	4,063	4,063
Overlay	168,043	170,000	170,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	9,409,345	9,146,194	9,013,610
REVENUES			
Cherry Sheet Receipts	433,541	450,341	450,341
Local Est. Receipts	410,000	514,000	514,000
<i>(Actual FY15 533k w/o non recurring)</i>			
Estimated Revenue-CPA	30,000	30,000	30,000
Free Cash FY17 articles (7/1/15 bal 241445	-	241,000	241,000
Free Cash FY15 articles	36,000	-	-
Free Cash FY16 articles	384,478	-	-
Stabilization-Hwy Roof, Doors, Truck- 35k from Spec, 179K gen	214,000		
Free Cash (STM articles)	163,340	-	-
CPA Funds (STM articles)	55,000	-	-
Enterprise Funds (STM articles)	8,750	-	-
Surplus Overlay Reserve/Reduce Tax Rate	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	404,138	373,056	373,056
Enterprise Funds-Trsf to gen for indirect	30,000	32,000	32,000
CPA Funds	21,750	111,300	111,300
Other Avail Funds(STM articles)	-	-	-
Other Avail Funds(ATM articles)	-	9,000	9,000
TOTAL EST RECEIPTS &			
AVAILABLE FUNDS	2,190,997	1,760,697	1,760,697
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	7,218,348	7,385,497	7,252,913
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	7,221,590	7,254,034	7,254,034
AMT UNDER MAXIMUM LEVY	3,242	-	1,121
OVERRIDE	-	131,463	-

OVERRIDE OR EXCLUSIONS REQUIRED	-	-	-
TAX RATE	15.89	16.04	15.75
TAX RATE AT LEVY LIMIT	15.90	15.75	15.75
TOTAL VALUATION	\$454,269,875	\$ 460,563,141	\$ 460,563,141

Note: Information for FY17 is a projection based on estimates. Based on assumptions contained in this model, approximately \$460,563 represents \$1 per thousand on the tax rate.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2016

At Seven O'clock in the Evening

At the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road

ARTICLE 1: 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 other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *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.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS / FAIL

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 2: 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 other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

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

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to the FY16 Snow Removal Expense, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article appears every year and is a vehicle to transfer money into the snow removal line of the budget in the event that it

MOTION: *I move to indefinitely postpone this article.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4: 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, and/or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and to 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 other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *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; 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.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5: 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 other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *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 applications.*

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6: 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 7 and/or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Town Meeting,

may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an “override of Proposition 2 ½”; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 7, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an “override of Proposition 2 ½.”*

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 7: 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 2017, 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 other action thereon or in relation thereto.

FISCAL 2017 OMNIBUS BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
MODERATOR SALARY	54	55	55
MODERATOR EXPENSE	10	10	10
SELECTMEN SALARIES (Chair \$2,092; Member \$1,971)	5,945	6,034	6,034
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	76,479	89,900	89,900
SECRETARY SALARY	43,667	45,225	45,225
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	14,875	16,810	16,810
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	1,442	2,100	2,100
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1,410	1,448	1,448
RESERVE FUND	40,000	42,000	42,000
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	28,780	29,196	29,196
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	530	590	590
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT	3,051	3,166	3,166
ASSESSORS SALARIES (Chair \$1,941; Member \$1,800)	5,459	5,541	5,541

ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	32,319	33,846	33,846
ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR	20,500	16,500	16,500
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13,185	13,390	13,390
TREASURER SALARY	17,607	17,856	17,856
TREASURER EXPENSE	4,500	4,500	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	17,607	17,856	17,856
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	6,000	6,200	6,200
TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	20,500	20,500	20,500
COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	34,750	44,500	44,500
TAX TITLE	2,300	2,300	2,300
COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	1,700	2,000	2,000
TOWN CLERK SALARY	33,758	34,901	34,901
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	4,260	4,800	4,800
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	11,000	13,500	13,500
CONSERVATION COMM EXPENSE	3,255	3,538	3,538
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	4,000	4,035	4,035
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE	3,557	3,700	3,700
OPEN SPACE COMM	1,400	1,400	1,400
LAND DAMAGES	1	1	1
AG GOMM EXPENSE	500	500	500
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	15,845	16,445	16,445
BLDG MAINT PERSON	38,178	38,813	38,813
TOWN HALL MAINT.	45,905	46,025	46,025
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM	12,000	12,000	12,000
TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2,200	2,200	2,200
TOWN REPORTS	600	600	600
TOWN CLOCK	175	175	175
TOTAL	569,304	604,156	604,156

PUBLIC SAFETY	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
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POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	276,180	319,204	319,204
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	47,977	59,430	59,430
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5,438	5,520	5,520
FIRE DEPT WAGES	42,641	43,281	43,281
FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	21,410	21,500	21,500
FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8,500	8,500	8,500
FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3,000	3,000	3,000
FIRE HYDRANTS	5,460	5,460	5,460
FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	21,830	21,830	21,830
FIRE PONDS	3,000	3,000	3,000
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	26,089	26,480	26,480
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1,250	1,250	1,250
GAS INSPECTIONS	2,500	2,500	2,500
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	2,500	2,500	2,500
WIRE INSPECTION	3,080	3,080	3,080
CIVIL DEFENSE	400	2,800	2,800
DOG OFFICER SALARY	3,352	3,402	3,402
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	2,400	2,400	2,400
TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10,000	10,000	10,000
CONSTABLE WAGES	1,074	1,090	1,090
CONSTABLE EXPENSE	30	30	30
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1	1	1

TOTAL	488,112	546,258	546,258
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EDUCATION	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
ELEM SCH MAINT	8,600	12,500	12,500
PVRS OPER ASSESSMENT	4,228,049	4,302,137	4,302,137
SCH COMM STIPENDS	686	696	696
(Chair \$284; Member \$206)			
PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESS	242,045	0	0

PVRS TECHNOLOGY LN	53,896	50,972	50,972
FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	507,555	607,938	607,938
TUITION & TRANSP-OUT OF DIST	37,170	0	0
TOTAL	5,078,001	4,974,243	4,974,243

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
HWY SUPT EXPENSE	13,000	13,000	13,000
HWY DEPT WAGES	274,796	283,052	283,052
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	185,375	185,375	185,375
OIL & STONING	70,000	70,000	70,000
HWY TOOLS	1,260	1,260	1,260
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75,390	75,390	75,390
STREET LIGHTS	16,000	16,000	16,000
MACHINE MAINT	90,000	90,000	90,000
HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	13,050	13,050	13,050
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1	1	1
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	10,154	10,638	10,638
TRANSFER STATION	120,783	127,521	127,521
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	894,809	910,287	910,287

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2,501	2,539	2,539
SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1,500	1,500	1,500
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8,769	8,847	8,847
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	11,095	11,458	11,458
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,435	2,460	2,460
COUNCIL ON AGING	51,621	52,924	52,924

SOLDIERS RELIEF	42,000	42,000	42,000
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TOTAL	119,921	121,728	121,728
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CULTURE, RECREATION, OTHER	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	110,876	115,192	115,192
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSE	41,808	42,179	42,179
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	625	625	625
RECREATION COMM	7,016	7,049	7,049
REC COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250	250	250
REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4,272	4,336	4,336
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	4,750	6,750	6,750
COMMUNITY PARK COMM EXPENSE	0	450	450
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500
MEMORIAL DAY	2,000	2,000	2,000
VETERANS MEMORIAL CTE	1,000	1,000	1,000
ALEXANDER HALL	300	300	300
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	26,114	26,696	26,696
VETERANS DISTRICT	6,819	4,821	4,821
TOTAL	206,330	212,148	212,148

DEBT SERVICE	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
INT S/T NOTES	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	2,000	2,000	2,000

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
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COUNTY RETIREMENT	157,001	166,517	166,517
INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	347,987	377,820	377,820
TOTAL	504,988	544,337	544,337
GRAND TOTAL	7,844,858	7,915,157	7,915,157

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2017 and raise and appropriate \$7,915,157 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 7 in the Warrant for the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

NOTES The following motions were presented by Paul Gorzocoski

I move that we:

- Have a ballot vote to separate out the school budget from the omnibus budget for separate consideration This motion failed
Mr. Gorzocoski had another motion which read:
If separating the budget is accepted,
- Have a ballot vote to accept, or decline the school budget and send it (the budget) back to be reworked until it is acceptable.
Because the first motion failed the second motion was no not needed.

The original motion passed after more discussion concerning the resource officer.

Those who spoke were: Scott Mckusick, Deborah Taricano, Brian Bordner, Ruth Potee Robert Hall and Ruth Miller (School Superintendent)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Fire Dept	Thermal Imager	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Highway	Dump Bed for Highway Truck	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Police	Gun Safe	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000

	Replacement Cruiser	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Selectboard	Computer Servers Treas., Account, Assessors	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
	HVAC – North Balcony side of Town Hall	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Total		\$ 134,000	\$ 134,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town Raise & Appropriate the sum of \$37,000 to fund the computer servers and the HVAC for the North side of Town Hall and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$97,000 to fund the remaining projects as listed in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED BY MAJORITY

ARTICLE 9: 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:

Wages and Salaries	\$72,811
Expenses	68,642
Reserve Fund	5,000
Budgeted Surplus	5,547
TOTAL:	\$152,000

and that \$152,000 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$152,000
Tax levy	-0-
TOTAL:	\$152,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$152,000 to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53F½, as set forth in Article 9 of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will transfer from the retained earnings or other available funds of the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund, a certain sum of money to purchase a cardiac monitor, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the retained earnings of EMS Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing a cardiac monitor.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED /UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

MARK FORTIER (EMS) SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THIS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, file for grant(s) and/or match funds provided in grants, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase an ALS ambulance for the Northfield EMS Department, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen in cooperation with the Town Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$250,000 to provide for the purchase of, and/or to provide matching funds for grants available for the purpose of, acquiring a new ALS ambulance and any and all necessary appurtenances.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

MARK FORTIER SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THIS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Sewer Commissioner Salaries	\$1,525
Sewer Dept. Collector	3,616
Sewer Dept. Wages	87,745
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	82,170
Reserve Fund	10,000
Maturing Debt - Principal	-0-
Maturing Debt - Interest	-0-
Interest on Short - Term Debt	-0-
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$185,056</u>

and that \$185,056 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$185,056
Tax levy	-0-
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$185,056</u>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$185,056 to operate the Sewer Enterprise authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53F½, as set forth in Article 12 of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY: ERIC MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED /UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will transfer from the retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Funds, a certain sum of money to complete the cover of the Sewage Treatment Facility, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from the retained earnings of Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing, building, constructing or otherwise completing a cover over a portion of the sewage treatment plant tanks.*

MOTION BY: ERIC MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED /UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the 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 1st next will be limited to \$2,000; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to re-authorize the 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.*

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 15: 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 replace, repair, and to bring to code a portion of the electrical wiring in the Town Hall, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of replacing, repairing, and/or bringing to code a portion of the electrical wiring in the Town Hall building.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds an additional \$25,000 to be added to Article 36 of the FY2016 Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 2015) to provide technical, legal, and consulting services to advise and assist the Town with environment, health, permitting, design, planning, and/or construction issues as may result from the so called, "Northeast Energy Direct Project," or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by Selectboard

MOTION: *I move to indefinitely postpone this article!*

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED / MAJORITY

NOTES:

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION TO KEEP, BUT AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION THE MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will transfer from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund, the sum of \$9,000 to perform remedial tree work in the Town Cemeteries, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000 from the "Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund" for the purpose of performing remedial tree and landscaping work in the Town Cemeteries.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED /UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will rescind the unused amount(s) of previous Town Meeting Debt Authorizations as follows:

Description	Appropriated	Amount Authorized	Unissued
Ames Conservation Restriction	STM14, Article 8	\$165,000	\$165,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to rescind the borrowing authorization for the item as presented in Article 18 in the Warrant for the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation creating the appointed position of Town Clerk in the form set forth below; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

An Act Relative to the Position of Appointed Town Clerk in the Town of Northfield.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby established that there shall be an appointed clerk in the Town of Northfield. The town clerk shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town clerks. Said town clerk shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the board of selectmen of said town. The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the town clerk for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one, the incumbent holding the office of town clerk on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold such office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which he was elected, unless he sooner vacates the office. After the term of the incumbent town clerk holding the office on the effective date of this act has expired, or is sooner vacated, the board of selectmen shall appoint a town clerk in the manner set forth in section 1 of this act. In the event an incumbent town clerk vacates his position prior to the expiration or vacating of office by the town clerk, an interim town clerk shall be appointed to serve.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on passage.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move Article 19 as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

FAILED TO ACHIEVE A MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation creating the appointed position of Treasurer in the form set forth below; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

An Act Relative to the Position of Appointed Treasurer in the Town of Northfield.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby established that there shall be an appointed Treasurer in the Town of Northfield. The Treasurer shall have all the powers,

perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers. Said Treasurer shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Board of Selectmen of said town. The Board of Selectmen may establish an employment contract with the Treasurer for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one, the incumbent holding the office of Town Treasurer on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold such office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which she was elected, unless she sooner vacates such office. After the term of the incumbent Town Treasurer holding such office on the effective date of this act has expired, or is sooner vacated, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Treasurer in the manner set forth in Section 1 of this act. In the event an incumbent Treasurer vacates his position prior to the expiration or vacating of office by the Treasurer, an interim Treasurer shall be appointed to serve.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on passage.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move Article 20 as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED BY MAJORITY

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation creating the appointed position of Collector in the form set forth below; provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

An Act Relative to the Position of Appointed Collector in the Town of Northfield.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby established that there shall be an appointed Collector in the Town of Northfield. The Collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town collectors. Said Collector shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Board of Selectmen of said town. The Board of Selectmen may establish an employment contract with the Collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one, the incumbent holding the office of Collector on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold such office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which she was elected, unless she sooner vacates such office. After the term of the incumbent Collector holding such office on the effective date of this act has expired, or is sooner vacated, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Collector in the manner set forth in Section 1 of this act. In the event an incumbent Collector vacates his position prior to the expiration or vacating of office by the Collector, an interim Collector shall be appointed to serve.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on passage.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move Article 21 as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED BY MAJORITY

ARTICLE 22: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute an sell, lease of execute an easement agreement, that may exceed three years, the real property identified as 31 Caldwell Road, Map 25 C1.1 in the Assessors records, currently leased by SBA Communications together with an corresponding ground lease, easement or sale pursuant to an agreement in recordable form or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease, or enter into a long-term easement agreement in excess of three years, or to sell real property identified as 31 Caldwell Road, Map 25 C1.1 in the Assessors records, currently leased by SBA Communications such lease, easement or sale shall be pursuant to an agreement in recordable form.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED /UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, §10 to accept Old Elm Way as a public way, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Old Elm Way on behalf of the Town as a public way under MGL Chapter 39, §10 subject to conditions determined by the Board.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED /UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for projects at the Northfield Elementary School and the Fire Station as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Fire/NES	Cupola Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
NES	Carpeting/Flooring	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
	Window Refurbishment, Repair, Replace	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
	Kitchen Vent (alteration, repair, replace)	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
	Interior Security Locks - installation	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	Total	\$ 78,000	\$ 78,000

or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,000 to fund the purchase of carpeting or flooring and to purchase and install interior security locks and to Raise & appropriate the sum of \$59,000 to fund the remainder of the projects as presented in Article 24 in the Warrant of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 25: 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 Town of Northfield's share of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRS) Capital Projects Requests as follows:

	Requested	Recommended
Repaving the Pioneer Regional School Entrance Road	\$60,000	\$25,000
Demolish & Remove the Former District Offices	\$130,500	-0-
Total	<hr/> \$190,500	<hr/> \$25,000
Northfield's Share (49.9%)	<hr/>\$95,060	<hr/>\$12,475

or take any action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Pioneer Regional School District School Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town Raise & appropriate the sum of \$12,475 to fund the paving project as presented in Article 25.*

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$1,500 for administrative expenses, 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 2017 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: *I move the Town vote to reserve from FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$1,500 for administrative expenses, 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 2017 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve*

MOTION BY: TONY MATTEO

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED BY MAJORITY

NOTES:

CPA ARTICLES ARE NOT AMENDABLE

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$6,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY17 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to make repairs and improvements to the foundation of the First Parish Church of Northfield.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum of \$6,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for Historic Preservation Reserve to repair, improve or otherwise restore the foundation at the First Parish Church of Northfield.*

MOTION BY: TONY MATTEO

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS / FAIL

PASSED BY MAJORITY

NOTES:

CPA ARTICLES ARE NOT AMENDABLE

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes, a sum of \$1,800 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY17 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to purchase fireproof safe(s) and or cabinet(s) to protect historical records of the Town and/or the Library.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum of \$1,800 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of providing fireproof storage to protect historical records of the Town and/or the Library.*

MOTION BY: TONY MATTEO

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS / FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum of \$3,500 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act

funds account and/or the FY17 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to fund the publication of a pictorial brochure of the historic barns of Northfield in cooperation with the Historical Commission and the Agricultural Commission.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum of \$3,500 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act account to fund an inventory, pictorial record, and/or brochure of the historic barns of the Town.*

MOTION BY: TONY MATTEO

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS / FAIL

PASSED / UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

CPA ARTICLES ARE NOT AMENDABLE

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of acquiring, for conservation purposes, all or a portion of land owned currently by Northfield Mount Hermon School, containing 297 acres, more or less, with the care, custody and control thereof to be held by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C, and for any costs related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions and subject to such encumbrances as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, including, without limitation, permanent utility and other easements for the operation of a public drinking water supply, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file for and accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all gifts and/or grants in any way related to the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee and the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate for open space and conservation purposes the sum of \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Fund to acquire all or a portion of land owned currently by Northfield Mount Hermon School, containing 297 acres more or less, with custody and control thereof to be held by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C, and for any costs related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions and subject to such encumbrances as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, including, without limitation, a permanent utility easement and other easements for the operation of a public drinking water supply, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file for and accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all gifts and/or grants in any way related to the purposes of this acquisition.*

MOTION BY: TONY MATTEO

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS / FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

CPA ARTICLES ARE NOT AMENDABLE

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, a conservation restriction on all or a portion of land currently owned by Northfield Mount Hermon School, containing 35 acres, more or less, adjacent to or surrounding the Grandin Reservoir, with the conservation restriction to be held by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C, said acquisition to be on such terms and conditions and subject to such

encumbrances as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, including, without limitation, allowing said land to continue to be used for public drinking water supply purposes, [and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or a sum of money for said acquisition and costs related thereto,] and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file for and accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all gifts and/or grants in any way related to the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move this Article as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS / FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E½ 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 2016; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

MOTION: *I move the Town vote to re-authorize the revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017;*

MOTION BY: ROBERT MACEWEN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move the Town vote to Raise & Appropriate the sum of \$43,000 and to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$25,000 to be added to the Town's Stabilization Account.*

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3RDS

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit

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 2015 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 2016 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town,

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town adopt this resolution as printed in Appendix 2 of this Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds an additional \$50,000 to provide technical, legal, and consulting services to advise and assist the Town with environment, health, permitting, design, planning, and/or construction issues as may result from the so called, "Northeast Energy Direct Project," or act on anything relative thereto, such as the Department of Public Utilities precedent agreement process or baseline studies.

Requested by Citizen's Petition

MOTION: *I move to indefinitely postpone this Article*

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL

PASSED/ UNANIMOUS

NOTES:

Warrant for the Annual Town Election

In the 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 3, 2016 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

Two Board of Health for Three years

Two Board of Library Trustees for Three years

Four Constables Three years

Two Planning Board for Five years

Two Recreation Commission for Three years

One Board of Sewer Commissioner 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 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 sixteen.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John G. Spanbauer, Chairman

Attest:

Jed Proujansky

Daniel R. Campbell, Town Clerk

Tracy Rogers

Date

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

MAY REMOVE AFTER MAY 3, 2016

Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

#	Purpose	Dept	Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Enterprise	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other	CPA
1	Waive Reading	Selectboard							
2	Receive Reports	Selectboard							
3	Snow & Ice Deficit	Highway							
4	Accept Chapter 90	Highway							
5	Apply for Grants	Selectboard							
6	Prop 2 1/2 Override	FinCom							
7	Omnibus	FinCom	7,915,157	7,915,157		7,915,157			
8	Capital Outlay:								
8	Thermal Imager	Fire	8,000	8,000			8,000		
8	Dump Bed	Hwy	40,000	40,000			40,000		
8	Gun Safe	Police	4,000	4,000			4,000		
8	Replacement Cruiser	Police	45,000	45,000			45,000		
8	Server(s)	SB/Asses	12,000	12,000		12,000			
8	HVAC North Side	Selectboard	25,000	25,000		25,000			
9	EMS Enterprise Fund	Selectboard	152,000	152,000	152,000				
10	EMS - Cardiac Monitor	Selectboard	30,000	30,000	30,000				
11	EMS - Ambulance	Selectboard	250,000	250,000				250,000 ¹	
12	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Sewer	185,056	185,056	185,056				
13	Sewer Facility Cover	Sewer	6,000	6,000	6,000				
14	Bucket Trk Revolving	Highway							
15	Town Hall Wiring	Selectboard	100,000	100,000			100,000		

¹ Borrow

16	Legal & Tech -Pipeline	Selectboard	25,000	25,000			25,000		
17	Cemetery Work	Selectboard	9,000	9,000				9,000 ²	
18	Rescind Authorization	Selectboard							
19	Appointed Town Clerk	Selectboard							
20	Appointed Treasurer	Selectboard							
21	Appointed Collector	Selectboard							
22	Sale of Cell Tower	Selectboard							
23	Accept Old Elm Way	Selectboard							
24	Town Building Maintenance:								
24	Cupola Repairs	Selectboard	20,000	20,000		20,000			
24	Carpeting/Flooring	Selectboard	9,000	9,000			9,000		
24	Window Refurbishment	Selectboard	18,000	18,000		18,000			
24	Kitchen Vent	Selectboard	21,000	21,000		21,000			
24	Interior Security Locks	Selectboard	10,000	10,000			10,000		
25	PVRS School Com Reqs:								
25	Repaving School Enter.	School Com.	29,940	12,475		12,475			
25	Demolish Offices	School Com.	65,120	- 0 -					
26	CPA Funds Alloc.	CPC	30,000	30,000					30,000
27	Foundation Repair	CPC	6,000	6,000					6,000
28	Fireproof Storage	CPC	1,800	1,800					1,800
29	Historic Barns Inv	CPC	3,500	3,500					3,500
30	Land (TPL)	CPC	100,000	100,000					100,000
31	Easement (TPL)	Selectboard							
32	Recycle Fund	BOH							
33	Stabilization	Selectboard	43,000	43,000		43,000			
34	Resolution	Selectboard							
35	Legal & Tech -Pipeline	Citizen's Pet.	50,000	50,000					
	Total		\$9,213,573	\$9,080,988	\$373,056	\$8,066,632	\$241,000	\$259,000	\$141,300

Warrant for the Annual Town Election

Town of Northfield, Massachusetts

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

² Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund

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 3, 2016 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

Two Board of Health for Three years

Two Board of Library Trustees for Three years

Four Constables Three years

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One Board of Sewer Commissioner 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

Town Treasurer

Warrant article: "To see if the Town will vote to have its elected position of Treasurer become an appointed position, or take any other action relative thereto

Ballot question: "Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Town Collector

Warrant article: "To see if the Town will vote to have its elected position of Collector become an appointed position, or take any other action relative thereto."

Ballot question: "Shall the Town vote to have its elected Collector become an appointed Collector?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Town Clerk

Warrant article: "To see if the Town will vote to have its elected

position of Clerk become an appointed position, or take any other action relative thereto.”

Ballot question: “Shall the Town vote to have its elected Clerk become an appointed Clerk?

_____ Yes

_____ No

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

Daniel R. Campbell

Town Clerk

Tracy Rogers

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



Annual Town Election
Northfield, Massachusetts
Tuesday May 3, 2016

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 12:00 Noon. A total of Two Hundred Sixty-Nine (269) ballots were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectman
Three year term
Vote for One

Julia A. Blyth	230
Write-In	17
Blanks	22

Board of Assessors
Three year term
Vote for One

Robert H. MacEwen	220
Write-In	1
Blanks	48

Board of Health
Three year Term
Vote for Two

Flora Sadri-Azarbayejani	215
Philip Baker	203
Write-In	2
Blanks	118

Board of Library Trustees
Three year term
Vote for Two

Margot W. Fleck	189
Deborah A. Potee	227
Robert D. Hall Jr	73
Write-In	0
Blanks	49

Planning Board
Five year term
Vote for Two

Tammy L. Pelletier	224
Julie Robinson	204
Write-In	0
Blank	110

Recreation Commission
Three year term
Vote for Two

Matthew Sheridan	115
Theresa Quinn Tsipenyuk	136
Robin Conley	96
Kristen Gonzalez	87
Write-In	0
Blanks	104

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

Raymond J. Zukowski Jr	232
Write-In	0
Blanks	37

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

Francis L. Froment	216
Write-In	0
Blanks	53

Sewer Commissioner
Three year term
Vote for One

Dan A. Gray	193
Write-In	0
Blanks	76

Constables
Three year term
Vote for One

David Brassor	224
Fredd M. Fuller	217
James O'Shea	219
John D. Ware	214
Write-In	0
Blanks	202

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

Attest

Daniel R. Campbell

Daniel R. Campbell

Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN**

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2016 STATE PRIMARY

SS. Franklin

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:

Ward One /Precinct One

69 Main Street

Northfield MA

On **THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016**, 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:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

SECOND DISTRICT

COUNCILLOR

EIGHTH DISTRICT

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN &
WORCHESTER DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

SECOND BERKSHIRE DISTRICT

SHERIFF

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 our hands this _____ day of _____, 2016.

John G. Spanbauer Chairman

Daniel R Campbell Town Clerk

Tracy Rogers Member

Julia A. Blyth Member

Selectmen of: NORTHFIELD

Constable of Northfield

Date

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Thursday, September 8, 2016

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. A total of 147 ballots were cast with the following results;

Democratic: One Hundred Thirty-one ballots were cast:

Representative in Congress

Vote for One	
James P. McGovern	118
Blanks	12
All Others	1

Councillor

Vote for One	
Mary E. Hurley	57
Jeffrey S. Morneau	68
Blanks	6

Senator in General Court

Vote for One	
Stanley C. Rosenberg	120
Blanks	10
All Others	1

Representative in General Court

Vote for One	
Paul W. Mark	121
Blanks	10
All Others	0

Sheriff

Vote for One	
Christopher J. Donelan	114
Blanks	16
All Others	1

Green-Rainbow: Zero ballot was cast:

Representative in Congress

Vote for One

Write- in 0

Blanks	0
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

Sheriff

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

Republican: Sixteen ballots were cast:

Representative in Congress

Vote for One	
Write-in	0
Blanks	1
All Others	15

Councillor

Vote for One	
Write-in	0
Blanks	16
All Others	0

Senator in General court

Vote for One	
Donald Peltier	16
Blanks	0
All Others	0

Representative in General Court

Vote for One	
Write-in	16
Blanks	0
All Others	0

Sheriff

Vote for One	
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Write-in	1
Blanks	15
All Others	0

United Independent Party: Zero ballots were cast:

Representative in Congress

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

Councillor

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

Senator in General court

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

Representative in General Court

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

Sheriff

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

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

Registered Voters –2185

Votes Cast – 147

Voter Turnout –6.7%

Election Officers

Wardens
 Barbara Brassor
 JoAnn Newton
 Betty Gibson
Inspectors
 Alice Fortier
 Carolyn Holden
 Linda Leavis
 Patricia Stone
 Albert Stone

Kay snow
Bernie Poroda
Pam Veith
Sandra Campbell
Bethany Walker
Jerry Scott
Jessie Wiggins
Joel Fowler
Diane Fuller

Attest: Daniel R. Campbell, Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

Northfield, Massachusetts

November 8, 2016

At the time and place set forth in the warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. One thousand seven hundred fifty seven (1,757) votes were cast with the following results:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Vote for One

Clinton and Kaine	Democratic	1013
Johnson and Weld	Libertarian	91
Stein and Baraka	Green-Rainbow	50
Trump and Pence	Republican	533
Write-in:		
Bernie Sanders		29
Blank		14
All Others		27

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Vote for One

James P. McGovern	Democratic	1420
Write-in		
Blank		329
All Others		8

COUNCILLOR

Eight District

Vote for One

Mary E. Hurley	Democratic	1360
Write-in		
Blank		393
All Others		4

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

Vote for One

Stanley C. Rosenberg	Democratic	1225
Donald Peltier	Republican	424
Write-in		
Blank		108
All Others		

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Second Berkshire District

Vote for One

Paul W. Mark

Democratic

1383

Write-in

Blank

370

All Others

4**SHERIFF**

Franklin County

Vote for One

Christopher J. Donelan

1425

Other

5

Blank

327**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Franklin County

Vote for One

Jay D. Dipucchio

1274

Write -in

Blank

481

All Others

2**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Bernardston

Vote for Not more than Two*4 year*

James Bell

1052

Debra Gilbert

1070

Write-in

Blank

1390

All Others

2**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Leyden

Vote for One*4 year*

Sharon Fontaine

1252

Write-in

Blank

505

All Others

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Northfield

Vote for Not more than Two*4 year*

Robin C. L'Etoile

644

Patricia Shearer

1081

Robert Leighton

809

Write-in

Blank

978

All Others

2**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Warwick

Vote for Not more than Two*4 year*

David Shoemaker

801

J. David Young

709

Charles Lisowski

438

Write-in

Blank

1566

All Others

Question #1

Yes	517
No	1174
Blank	66

Question #2

Yes	554
No	1178
Blank	25

Question #3

Yes	946
No	787
Blank	24

Question #4

Yes	937
No	803
Blank	17

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

Election Workers:

Barbara Brassor	Warden
Dave Brassor	Poll Worker
Deb Campbell	Poll Worker
Sandra Campbell	Poll Worker
Alice Fortier	Poll Worker
Diane Fuller	Poll Worker
Betty Gibson	Poll Worker
Carolyn Holden	Poll Worker
Bruce Kahn	Poll Worker
Linda Leavis	Poll Worker
Elizabeth L'Etoile	Poll Worker
Robert MacEwen Jr.	Poll Worker
Judy Matteo	Poll Worker
Joel Fowler	Poll Worker
Jo Ann Newton	Poll Worker
Bernie Poroda	Poll Worker
Jerry Scott	Poll Worker
Nina Sibley	Poll Worker
Kay Snow	Poll Worker
Albert Stone	Poll Worker
Patricia Stone	Poll Worker
Pamela Veith	Poll Worker
Beth Walker	Poll Worker
Jessie Wiggan	Poll Worker

Registered Voters: 2256

Votes Cast: 1757

Voter Turnout: 77.8%

Attest: Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday, December 5, 2016
at 7:00 p.m.**

Please bring this report to the meeting for use in the proceedings at

Pioneer Valley Regional School

97 F. Sumner Turner Road

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



WARRANT

Special Town Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2016

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening at Pioneer Valley Regional School

97 F. Sumner Turner Road

Franklin, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, in said County of Franklin, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road, in said Northfield, on Monday, the fifth day of December, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, December 5, 2016, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 413-498-2901 x112.

Town of Northfield
Report of the Finance Committee

To the Citizens of Northfield:

A Special Town Meeting is an infrequent event. This meeting is especially important as we may see the culmination of three years of hard work in preparing a complete overhaul of our protective zoning bylaw. We have committed more than \$100,000 of community resources to put before the town meeting a zoning bylaw that supports the goals of the Town Master Plan, is in compliance with state law and hopefully will reinvigorate our efforts to improve Main Street and open opportunities for the proper development of the former Northfield School campus.

As cautious and as conservative as this Finance Committee is, we are nonetheless proud of the accomplishments of the last two years that not only include a more transparent town meeting warrant, but also projects that have long been in the wings finally see completion. A sample list includes renovations to the second floor and the restoration of the exterior of town hall. As of this writing, the bid documents for the long awaited, and much needed electrical rewiring project are being released. As a town we have paved the library parking, replaced the roof on the highway garage, launched a new website, built a salt shed, replaced an aging fire truck, approved the purchase of a new ambulance, and established a long-range capital plan. This is only a partial list.

However, there is no time to take a bow as we still have many challenges before us. In the coming months, we will be paying attention to our Elementary School's long-term maintenance needs aimed at preserving our most important investment. As a community, we have also started work on the possible replacement and consolidation of our emergency services into one facility.

Much has been accomplished; much remains to be done.

This Special Town Meeting is truly special, and we hope that you will support our recommendations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Northfield Finance Committee,
Lois M. Stearns, Chairman
Daniel R. Campbell, Vice-Chairman
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile
Chadwick Glover

Anthony Matteo
Bernhard Porada

Bethany Walker, Secretary

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:00pm at Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Selectboard Chair John Spanbauer had a few word of recognition for outgoing Town Administrator Brian Noble and new Interim Town Administrator Paul Boushell

Before we start I want to recognize our Town Administrator Brian Noble. It is his last Northfield Town Meeting as he is leaving us at the end of the month. He has done an excellent job as our first empowered Town Administrator and he will be missed.

I also want to introduce Paul Boushell who will be taking over as our Interim Town Administrator the first week of January. Paul has many years of municipal administration experience and we look forward to working with him.

John Spanbauer



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2016

At Seven O'clock in the Evening

At the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road

PAGE 7 IN THE WARRANT.

ARTICLE 1: 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 other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

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

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendation of the Town Zoning Revision Committee by replacing the Protective Regulations By-Law, adopted in 1987 with the Northfield Zoning By-Law 2016, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard
& Planning Board

MOTION: *I move to indefinitely postpone this article.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

ARTICLE 3: 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 codify the 2016 Northfield Zoning By-Law as adopted, for publication and to create, maintain, and access the By-Law on the website of the Town, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Town Clerk

MOTION: *I move to indefinitely postpone this article.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

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 augment Article 16 of the FY16 Annual Town Meeting to continue the review and update of the Town's Zoning By-Laws ("Protective Regulations By-Law"); or take any action relative there to.

Requested by the Planning Board

and the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,500 from Overlay Surplus to augment Article 16 of the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Meeting to further fund the Town Zoning Bylaw Review.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

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 for the payment of bill(s) incurred from prior years; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,090.35 from Overlay Surplus to pay an invoice incurred in a prior year.*

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to re-establish an ad hoc Town Governance Study Committee to examine the government structure of the Town of Northfield for possible improvement. Members of this committee shall serve a term ending on the date of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting and be appointed as follows: two members by the Selectboard, one member by the Finance Committee, one member by the Town Moderator, and one member by the Planning Board. Once their first meeting is convened, this committee shall have the option, within thirty days from that meeting date, to appoint two additional members. This committee shall issue a written report, including recommendations to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move the Article as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

NOTES:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer unused funds from previous town meeting articles, specifically;

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
19265	Town Hall Renovations	\$4,584.65
19267	Town Hall Projects (05/07)	295.52
19271	Town Hall Interior Assessment	3,600.00
19272	Town Hall Repairs	7,605.58
19275	Town Hall South Balcony Room	2,000.00
Total		\$18,085.75

to a new account entitled, "Town Buildings – Maintenance, Furnishings & Repair," for the purpose of consolidating old, and unspent, remaining balances in previous articles and broadening the definition of use to include and accommodate all Town owned building needs, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$4,584.65 from account #19265 - Town Hall Renovations, the sum of \$295.52 from account #19267 – Town Hall Projects, the sum of \$3,600 from account #19271 – Town Hall Interior Assessment, the sum of \$7,605.58 from account #19272 – Town Hall Repairs, and the sum of \$2,000 from account #19275- Town Hall South Balcony Room to a new account entitled "Town Buildings – Maintenance, Furnishing & Repair" under an account number assigned by the Town Accountant for the purposes of maintenance, repair, or furnishing expenses for use in all Town owned buildings until such time as that account is depleted.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED BY MAJORITY (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES: An Amendment to this Article was introduced by Jeremy Underwood which reads as follows:

Article 7 Amendment: I move that article 7 of the Town of Northfield special Town Meeting December 5, 2016 be amended as follows. Transfer unused funds as noted in article 7 for the following purposes; Waterproof the exterior walls and façade of the town hall (\$8000) and transfer the remaining monies into the Town Hall Electrical upgrade account

This Amendment Failed it did not get a Majority Vote (Voice Vote)

ARTICLE 8: 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 and install an electric gate for the salt shed and a gate across the driveway of the town garage, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$28,000 from Overlay Surplus to purchase and install a gate for the new salt shed and a security gate at the main entrance of the town garage yard including all appurtenances thereof and thereto.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 218, Sections 193 and 194 of the Acts of 2016 which amends Chapter 90 and empowers the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the town on any way that is not a state highway and further to establish a designated safety zone on, at or near any way in the town which is not a state highway with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Sections 17C and 18B as amended and in doing so empower the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the town on any way that is not a state highway and further to establish a designated safety zone on, at or near any way in the town which is not a state highway with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.*

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES: *When the warrant was drafted the Acts of 2016 had not been codified by the state. The codification resulted in this law being incorporated into Chapter 90, Sections 17C and 18B.*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, the Fifty-fourth clause allowing the town to exempt up to \$2,500 of fair cash value on personal property accounts to be taxed beginning with fiscal year FY2018, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

MOTION: *I move that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, the fifty-fourth clause allowing the town to exempt up to \$2,500 of fair cash value on personal property accounts to be taxed beginning with the fiscal year FY2018.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 57 as amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 which will allow the town to deny, revoke, or suspend any local licenses and permits for failure to pay municipal taxes or charges, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 57, as amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 and allow the town to deny, revoke, or suspend any local licenses and permits for failure to pay municipal taxes or charges.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES: *It should be noted in the comments that would not apply to a broad array of licenses and permits that are not within the control of the Town such as; drivers' licenses, auto registrations, gun permits, etc. It is restricted to permits and licenses the town issues like building permits, vendor permits, liquor licenses...*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to approve a By-Law that supports the adoption of Chapter 40, Section 57 as amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016;

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to adopt the bylaw as printed in Appendix 3 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant, and further to authorize the Town Clerk to assign an appropriate number to said bylaw so as to make such numbering consistent with that generally used in the Town Bylaws.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Employee Compensation Plan to add an addition 1% to each grade and step, and to increase by the same percentage part-time hourly, non-classified employees, the elected Town Clerk, and Treasurer/Collector, such sums to be allocated to the departments by the Town Accountant, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$5,197 dollars from Overlay Surplus, the sum of \$439 from the retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the sum of \$364 from the retained earnings of the EMS Enterprise fund to increase the base wage scale of the Town by 1%, such adjustment shall include the Treasurer in the amount of \$89, Tax Collector in the amount of \$89, and the Town Clerk in the amount of \$175 and further to adjust the wages and salaries of unclassified employees of the Town by the same 1% percent.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES:

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 to waterproof the exterior walls of Town Hall, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,000 dollars from Overlay Surplus to contract and have applied waterproofing and sealing or any other necessary treatment or work for the preservation of the Town Hall exterior.*

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

NOTES:

ARTICLE 15: 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 Highway Department Dump Truck, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$170,000 dollars from Overlay Surplus to purchase a Highway Department Dump Truck with a plow and all other appurtenances thereof and relative thereto.*

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)

ARTICLE 16: 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 Pickup Truck w/plow for the Town Maintenance Department, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$48,000 dollars from Overlay Surplus to purchase a Maintenance Truck with a plow and other appurtenances relative thereto.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to maintain the historical markers in the town or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Historical Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000 dollars from Overlay Surplus to maintain the historical markers of the Town.*

MOTION BY: Carol Lebo, Chairman, Historical Commission

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a Pickup Truck w/plow, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$40,000 dollars from retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise fund to purchase a utility truck with plow and other appurtenances thereof.*

MOTION BY: ERIC MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED MAJORITY (VOICE VOTE)**

NOTES:

ARTICLE 19: 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 improve the playground and equipment at the Elementary School, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$10,000 dollars from Overlay Surplus to make purchases of playground equipment including but not limited to a "swing set or sets" and to improve the general access to playground equipment and to make improvements to the landscaping at and/or on the Elementary School field.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL **PASSED UNANIMOUS (VOICE VOTE)**

There being no further business for the Special Town Meeting Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Registered Voters 2254

Votes Cast 91

Voter Turnout 4%

Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

#	Purpose	Department	Request	Finance Committee Recommen	SOURCE OF FUNDS					
					Sewer	EMS	Raise & Appropria	Free	Transf	Overlay

				ds	Enterpris e	Enterpri se	te	Cash	er	Surplus
1	Waive Reading	Selectboard	-	-						
2	Town Rezoning	Selectboard/Planning Board	-	-						
3	Rezoning Codification	Town Clerk	10,000	10,000						10,000
4	Town Zoning By-law Revision	Planning Board & Selectboard	7,500	7,500						7,500
5	Unpaid Bills	Selectboard	3,091	3,091						3,091
6	Town Governance Study Committee	Selectboard	-	-						
7	Establish Maintenance Fund	Selectboard	18,086	18,086					18,086	
8	Highway Department Gates	Selectboard	28,000	28,000						28,000
9	Speed Limit Authorization	Selectboard	-	-						
10	Exempt di minimis Value	Assessors	-	-						
11	Suspend Local Licenses	Selectboard	-	-						
12	Adopt Bylaw	Selectboard	-	-						
13	Adjust Employee Compensation Plan	Selectboard	6,000	6,000	439	364				5,197
14	Waterproof Town Hall	Selectboard	8,000	8,000						8,000
15	Highway Dump Truck	Selectboard	170,000	170,000						170,000
16	Highway Pick-up	Selectboard	48,000	48,000						48,000
17	Historic Markers Fund	Historical Commission	1,000	1,000						1,000
18	Sewer Truck	Sewer Commissioners	40,000	40,000	40,000					
19	NES Playground Equipment	Selectboard	10,000	10,000						10,000
	Total		\$ 349,677	\$ 349,677	\$ 40,439	\$ 364	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,086	\$ 290,788

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2016

BIRTHS

9

DEATHS

30

MARRIAGES

13

DOG LICENCES

MALE / FEMALE

85

SPAYED / NEUTERED

439

KENNEL (LESS THAN 10 DOGS)

3

KENNEL (MORE THAN 10 DOGS)

3

CIVIC DISPOSITION VIOLATIONS (M.G.L 94 § 32L)

11

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSFER STICKERS SOLD 2016

1032

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report July 2015 to June 2016

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	0.00	
Deposits in transit	312391.00	
Outstanding Checks	96908.53	
Balance per checkbook		-215482.47

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	36495.58
UniBank	270771.97
Greenfield Co-operative	436172.00
Easthampton Savings Bank	66098.33
UniBank (taxes)	<u>927795.21</u>
TOTAL	1737333.09

INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	83.63	
UniBank	235.45	
UniBank (taxes)	472.28	
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	3542.55	
People's United	116.07	
Easthampton Savings Bank	<u>13.00</u>	
TOTAL	4462.98	
STABILIZATION FUND		
Balance	790364.56	
Interest earned	2840.41	
Transfer from General	25000.00	
Payments per warrant	179000.00	
Balance		639204.97
STABILIZATION INVESTMENT		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		639204.97
ARTS COUNCIL		
Balance	5326.89	
Receipts	4400.00	
Interest earned	6.43	
Payments per warrant	6380.00	
Balance		3353.32
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		3353.32
NORTHFIELD EMS		
Balance	86441.37	
Receipts	154548.87	
Interest earned	412.89	
Payments	140919.00	
Balance		100484.13
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook Balance		100484.13
RECREATION COMMISSION		
Balance	19082.99	
Receipts	63565.48	
Interest Earned	3.29	
Payments per warrant	44871.53	
Balance		37780.23
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance per statement	38646.09	
Deposit in transit	0.00	
Outstanding checks	865.86	
Balance per checkbook		37780.23

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

Balance	213524.43	
Receipts	28407.03	
Interest Earned	495.18	
Payments	68950.92	
Balance		173475.72

GREENFIELD CO-OPPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		173475.72
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SEWER ENTERPRISE

Balance	156769.22	
Receipts	291001.32	
Interest	446.34	
Payments	269946.59	
Balance		178270.29

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance		178270.29
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FIRE DEPT. STABILIZATION

Balance	352534.36	
Interest	290.86	
Deposits	0.00	
Payments per warrant	350000.00	
Balance		2825.22

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance		2825.22
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HIGHWAY BACKHOE

Balance	35440.45	
Interest	339.02	
Deposit	0.00	
Payments per warrant	35000.00	
Balance		779.47

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance		779.47
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TRUST FUNDS	Balance 6/30/2015	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance 6/30/2016
LIBRARY						
C.Ina Merriman	1994.46	2.99				1997.45
Belcher Funds	10858.94	16.31				10875.25
Chas. Dickinson	3278.82	4.95				3283.77
Maude Montague	2770.73	4.14				2774.87
Marina Stanley	675.47	1.03				676.50
Richard G. Holton	591.82	0.91				592.73
Nfld. Chap. DAR	182.57	0.24				182.81
Ethel Jackson	299.55	0.48				300.03

Paul Bowman	88422.23	219.51		88641.74
Giles Mem. Fund	3152.42	4.74		3157.16
McGowan Mem. Fund	5053.51	7.54		5061.05
Dickinson Lib.Build.	3188.16	4.70	600.00	2592.86
Lawrence Trust	3279.74	4.93		3284.67
Thomas J. Hurley	16057.98	356.35		16414.33
CHARITY				
Starkweather	38822.52	55.62	3783.16	35094.98
George Morgan	18060.75	27.15		18087.90
Elisha Alexander	16502.15	24.79		16526.94
Lottie Evans	9365.81	14.05		9379.86
Roselle Evans	2778.34	4.14		2782.48
SCHOOL				
Belcher Center	3727.47	5.59		3733.06
Surplus Rev. Fund	2951.59	3.78	681.00	2274.37
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS				
Willis K. Parker	418.87	0.58	418.87	0.58
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET				
Ethel Jackson	2215.25	3.30		2218.55
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND				
Gfld Savings	70153.51	1090.96		71244.47
Gfld Co-operative	1601.39	0.18	346.80	1948.37
Gfld Co-operative	36311.29		380.63	36311.29
CEMETERIES				
Center	22244.07	33.43		22277.50
West Nfld.	18575.97	27.92		18603.89
Pentecost	15696.13	24.23	Demaine	250.00
			Chambers	250.00
			Tie	125.00
				16345.36
Nfld. Farms	14689.72	22.08	Johnson	250.00
				14961.80
Mt. Hermon	11229.17	16.88		11246.05
So. Mountain	178.68	0.24		178.92
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE				
UniBank	1013.94	1.53		1015.47

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Treasurer

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 2016 the ZBA had another busy year. The board held 12 meetings: 5 business meetings, and 4 public hearings plus 3 continuations.

Variance

Benjamin Welcome to locate the foundation closer to the property lot line than allowed at 32 Old Bernardston Road, Northfield, MA (Granted)

Special Permits

Lane Corporation, 3-year renewal The Lane Construction Corporation, 216 Mount Hermon Station Road, Northfield, MA 01360 for a 3-year renewal of an existing permit for sand and gravel mining, processing and restoration at 216 Mount Hermon Station Road, Northfield, MA. (Granted)

The Lane Construction Corporation, P.O. Box, Westfield, MA 01085 for a Special Permit or whatever relief is needed to expand the Lane Construction gravel pit northerly into the lot owned by William and Joyce Roberts at 504 Mount Hermon Station Road, Northfield, MA (Granted)

Timothy O'Shea, 531 Mount Hermon Station Road, Northfield, MA for a Special Permit or whatever relief is needed to use property and garage as a repair facility of automotive, truck and equipment and towing of vehicles at 531 Mount Hermon Station Road, Northfield, MA (Granted)

Other Business:

Participated in Bylaw update discussions

We express our appreciation to Ed Shearer for his dedication, knowledge and commitment for over 30 years of service to the ZBA and Town of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cox, Chair

Edward Shearer, Member

Shawn Foster, Member

Erin Jaworski, Clerk

William Forrest, Member

Albert Dietrich, Member

Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant

SCHOOL REPORTS

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Pamela Lawrence

DISTRICT TREASURER

Kelly Jones

PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR

Sues'Anne Jason

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Brenda Beck

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Vacation Days – 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT

As the new superintendent of schools starting on July 1, 2015, I spent the first six months creating and implementing a comprehensive entry plan. I reviewed all relevant district data and spent time meeting with community officials, parents, teachers, support staff and school committee members. As a result of this plan and in conjunction with the School Committee a comprehensive District Strategic Plan was created. This plan will be the blueprint for our work over the next three years (to view the plan see our website: www.pvrsk12.org).

Over the course of the year the administrative team worked together to establish norms and procedures in support of all students across the district. In December we had a change in leadership at Pioneer with Mike Duprey stepping up as interim principal. The staff and students worked together in an effort to adjust to the changes and form a committee that would select their new leader. Jean Bacon was selected to be the FY17 new school leader. In the spring of 2016, Tom King, Northfield Elementary School Principal announced his retirement. With mixed emotions, we supported his decision. Teachers, community members and parents teamed up to select their new principal, Megan Desmarais. As our Special Education Director moved on to work for the Collaborative, Chris Maguire stepped in to be our new Special Education Director. Her knowledge of the school district and her keen intellect will serve our students for years to come. With Chris moving up to her new position, Pearl Rhodes Elementary School started their search of a new principal. Deanna LeBlanc was chosen for this position given her extensive background in curriculum development and implementation. Steve Field, District Facilities Director, retired in August after being in the district for twenty years. Tim Brandl was hired as the new Facilities Director.

The district budget was challenging in 2016. As student enrollment continued to decline, finding ways to support all teachers and creating a budget that was responsible proved to be very difficult. The School Committee voted on a 2.5% increase to the budget in support of students and staff. All four towns supported the district's budget as presented.

One of the biggest challenges that faced the committee was the \$200,000 deficit in the school lunch program. Over the past three years this debt has continued to grow. In an effort to avoid the deficit growing larger, the committee agreed to a plan that had Northfield Elementary School provides the food for both NES and WCS. The new program was successful and plans were made to do the same thing with Bernardston Elementary School and Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. At the end of the fiscal year, the deficit had not grown, it had stayed the same as the prior year.

In December of 2016, the Building and Grounds Subcommittee voted to move the Central Office to a rental space in Northfield. This decision was made after reviewing the results of the Feasibility Study that was completed. All of the options were extremely expensive and not feasible at this time. Another factor that determined the move was an air quality report-indicating mold. The goal of the move was to have time to further investigate solutions to the Central Office location.

Overall the district's financial position in FY16 was stabilized. The budget came in with a small surplus and the lunch program did not go further in debt. Moving forward the School Committee has committed to supporting and advancing programming for students while at the same time being fiscally responsible to the towns they serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Miller, Superintendent

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I became principal of the Pioneer Valley Regional School on July 1, 2016, at the end of a school year that brought both change and new opportunities to Pioneer. I met with a majority of the faculty and staff, and with student leaders and a few parents over the spring and summer. Pioneer's record of accomplishment in the 2015-16 school year is impressive, and sets the groundwork for continued enhancement of the programs and opportunities we offer our students.

The graduating class of 2016 was the first to meet Pioneer's new requirement that all graduates achieve proficiency in our ten course value expectations. Over the course of their four years, these students collected a body of evidence to show their competence in a range of important college and career readiness skills including working collaboratively, using technology effectively, solving problems and making informed decisions, and being able to create and innovate.

Performance of our 10th graders on the state MCAS exams continued to be strong. The percent of Pioneer students that scored at the proficient or advanced levels outpaced the state by 6% in English language arts, 10% in mathematics, and an impressive 22% in science.

Our performing arts programs continued to flourish in the 2015-16 school year. The Pioneer drama program fall play, *A Walk in Our Shoes* was the first play in the program's history written by a student. In addition to performances across the state, Pioneer high school band traveled to Toronto, Canada to perform at the Heritage Music Festivals where they earned two Silver awards in concert and marching band performance.

The physical facility at Pioneer also saw some significant improvements, with the help of students and community partners. The highway departments in the towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick collaborated to repave the school's driveway. The Franklin Country Sheriff's department provided the labor to help us repaint our auditorium floor and walls. Students from our Envirothon club removed invasive species shrubbery from our landscaping in the first steps to begin implementation of the PVRS Sustainability Plan developed by former teacher John Lepore.

Finally, three administrators left Pioneer to pursue other educational leadership opportunities: Principal William Wehrli, Assistant Principal Mike Duprey, and Curriculum Coordinator Julie Anne Levin. Science teacher Denise LaPlante also retired after 20 years of service. We are grateful for all the contributions these educators made to Pioneer.

I look forward to supporting the students, families, faculty and staff of Pioneer as we enter a new chapter in Pioneer's development. With new and expanding opportunities for our students, it is an exciting time to join the Pioneer family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Bacon
Principal

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is my honor and pleasure to submit to you my first annual report for Northfield Elementary School. As you know, Tom King retired as long time principal of NES on June 30, 2016 but not before spending time with me to review many aspects of the school and community in preparation for my transition to this new role. For that I am grateful.

Over the course of the summer there were many projects completed both inside and outside the building. The town highway department, in consultation with the Building Utilization Committee supported several projects from overgrown shrub removal to installing a safety gate at the playground entrance. Carpets in three classrooms were replaced, windows were repaired, and a kitchen vent was redirected to meet code, along with many other smaller projects. Our PTO salvaged and relocated our playground shed, installed two new outdoor musical instruments, created a stump walk, installed a small "fire truck", and added more playground chips to insure student safety. We are fortunate to have the support of the town, our PTO, and many other volunteers who keep our school moving forward!

I spent much of the summer meeting individually with faculty and staff to get to know them and learn about their hopes and aspirations for the upcoming year. We then eagerly welcomed our 185 students back to school on August 31st. Parents had the chance to connect with each other at a PTO sponsored Welcome Breakfast when our Pre-K and K classes began the following week. Parents were invited back in to visit their child's classroom at our annual Open House held on September 29th which is always well attended.

During the fall, parents received their child's testing results from the spring 2016 PARCC testing. I am happy to announce that NES moved from a level 2 rating to a level 1, which is the highest rating out of 5. I'd like to recognize the hard work of our dedicated teachers and students. This spring Massachusetts schools return to a newly formatted MCAS. Grades 3-6 will be participating in these computer based tests using both our computer lab desktops as well as some of our recently purchased Chromebooks. We look forward to adding to our technology devices in the future to further support 21st Century Skills.

Our teaching staff has spent a significant number of the designated early release professional development days working on familiarizing themselves with the newly adopted Massachusetts Science Standards. Collaboratively, they have unpacked these standards by examining similarities and difference to the past standards in order to make decisions about designing new curriculum. An implementation plan is being developed to support the phasing in of these new standards. A focus moving forward will be on STEAM - the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

We are lucky to be located so close to Dickinson Library. Many of our classes take walking field trips to the library for opportunities to enrich their reading experiences. Matt Atwood visits our school as well to promote the many extra-curricular activities they offer. In addition, Matt has joined us as a community member on our School Council along with two parents, two teachers, and myself. We meet monthly and have been working on developing our next two-year School Improvement Plan which will be ready in the spring.

Thank you for your continued support!
Respectfully submitted,
Megan Desmarais, Principal

SPED

This is my first annual report as the Administrator of Special Education for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are currently providing one hundred and forty-five (145) 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. Towards that effort, we have started some new programs both to ensure that students will be more successful as they start their education, be able to stay in their own schools and move more easily into the mainstream classroom. We have a half day preschool program to provide a language rich environment for our youngest students who need closer attention. We also started an elementary level separate program to enable students to stay in their local school system with the ultimate goal of moving back into classes with their peers. Due to the fact that we have skilled special educators, and 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. The Pioneer Valley Regional School District will continue that effort as we move forward into next year. We have a small number of students placed outside the school district in specialized programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Maguire, M.Ed., CAGS

Administrator of Special Education

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

We submit this annual report for 2016 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2016 was 437 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	21	Erving	33	Montague	59	Sunderland	6
Buckland	9	Gill	10	New Salem	3	Warwick	9
Colrain	21	Greenfield	109	Northfield	35	Wendell	7
Conway	7	Heath	12	Orange	61	Whately	9
Deerfield	16	Leyden	7	Shelburne	3		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 117 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2016. 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 for the last four years. Our overall Progress and Performance Index (PPI) moved from 17% in 2012 (Level III) to 31% in 2014 (Level II) and have maintained Level II status ever since, with nearly 30% growth each year. Additionally, the district met the goals set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

98.3% of FCTS students receive a high school diploma and vocational certificate with 69% planning to join the regional workforce, while others plan to join the military or attend post-secondary or trade/technical schools. FCTS dropout rate is also significantly below the state and regional average. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2016.

On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond authorization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the bond will not impact member towns until FY19. FCTS now has state-of-the-art exterior energy efficient doors and windows, new parking lot paving and lights, track, basketball courts and a new silicone roof coating. In addition, FCTS will be adding new interior doors and handles to bring us into ADA compliance. FCTS students were instrumental with landscaping associated with the projects, digging conduits to lay wire for lighting, and supporting installation of parking lot lights to save the district tens of thousands of dollars.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs have been busy with community-based projects that are used as learning opportunities. This year, as in the past, students embrace the authentic work that is done in the communities and truly engage in building their skills while out on work sites. Project work is treated as an immersive activity, with guidance and professional direction by instructors. Due to the instructional nature of the work, duration of a project may increase, but costs associated with a project to our cities and towns are significantly decreased. Within the walls of FCTS, students from Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Landscaping/Horticulture, Auto Technology, Welding and Collision Repair are involved in repair and upgrading activities that save FCTS money as compared to associated costs with hiring contractors. What follows are some examples of the ways in which we serve our communities: FCTS faculty, staff and students donate to food drives for needy families and organizations throughout Franklin County. Our Culinary Arts program donates to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter and FCTS instructors and students within specific shop areas visit veterans at the Veterans Hospital on Veterans Day. Our Pre-Employment or

(PEP) program provides specialized instruction and training for students with disabilities, donates to the Dakin Animal Shelter and Ronald McDonald House. In Bernardston, Electrical instructors and students provided electrical maintenance work at the Bernardston Library, while Carpentry instructors and students completed the roof over a handicap ramp at the Bernardston Veterans Clubhouse. Electrical instructors and students wired/retrofitted the Colrain Fire Station for a network; as well as having provided work on the Colrain Fire Station's emergency generator. In Conway, Programming & Web Design instructors and students planned to create a website on Field Memorial Library; and in Deerfield, Carpentry and Electrical instructors and students worked on a new electric service enclosure on Deerfield's Town Common. Culinary Arts instructors and students help with the Schuetzen Verein Senior Expo and Senior Center functions in Gill/Montague.

In Greenfield our Health Technology instructors and students are involved in community service learning sites at: Community Action Parent/Child Development Center; Poet's Seat Healthcare Facility; GVNA Adult Day Health; Arbors Assisted Living Facility; NELCWIT/GVNA; Recovery Project; Buckley Nursing Facility. Electrical instructors and students retrofitted LED lighting at Greenfield Community College. Cosmetology instructors and students have been involved with the Girl's Day Out at the YMCA; and have provided beautician services at local nursing homes. Culinary Arts instructors and students have also been involved in Girl's Day Out at the YMCA; provide cookie donation to the GCC's golf tournament; and the Soups & Game Night at Hope & Olive. Machine Technology students help set up for the Relay for Life at the Greenfield Fair Grounds. Carpentry students installed 50 new window boxes at Greenfield Housing Authority's Elm Terrace; and frame enclosed a new athletic storage building at Greenfield High School. In Montague, Health Technology instructors and students are involved in community service learning at Community Action Parent/Child Development Center. FCTS Automotive Technology and Collision and Repair programs painted brackets for Judd Wire, repaired a trailer for the Turners Falls Police Department, and completed pin and bushing repair for the Turners Falls Police Department.

Electrical students worked on the Shelburne Trolley Museum's car barn and also have work pending on the Sunderland Library. Additionally, they have been involved with an LED lighting retrofit for the Warwick DPW; and have worked on the Warwick Police & Fire Department's emergency generator. Plumbing and Heating students installed a multi-head heat pump Mini-Split system for the Warwick Police Department, and Electrical students completed work on that system, as well. The Town of Whately invited our Collision shop and Repair and Refinishing shop to restore a Chevy Silverado for the Whately Fire Department; and our Electrical students have finished wiring the Wendell town kitchen.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2016

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski;
Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-Katherine James; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Clifford C. Hatch;
Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark Leonard, Mark M. Maloney;
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, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.;
Wendell-Richard E. Drohen; Whately-Donald C. Sluter

FRED WELLS WILL TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2016/17 are \$228,960 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2014/2015 that was reallocated to the Scholarship Fund.)

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 243 applications and approved 229 students to receive \$199,894. 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	\$ 4,000.00
LifePath: Meals on Wheels	\$ 4,000.00
Community Health Center	\$ 4,000.00
NELCWIT	\$ 4,000.00
Hospice	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
	\$17,600.00

AGRICULTURE:

An amount of \$11,466 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 7,212.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 3,385.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	<u>\$ 869.00</u>
	\$11,466.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Ted Penick, Trustee (Northfield)

COUNTY REPORTS

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services and programming to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. The FRCOG's 2016 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2017 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific 2016 services to the Town of Northfield in 2016 included the following.

Administration and Special Projects

- Town staff participated in on-going discussions for a new multi-town project to share professional human resource services. Grant funds will be used in 2017 for consulting help to move the project toward completion.

Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Northfield contracted with the FRCOG to receive cooperative bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY17 is \$861,217.
- Northfield participates in the #2 Fuel and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Northfield participates in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.
- The Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) issued bids for Town Hall Electrical Design and Construction services.
- The CPO issued a bid for a Salt Shed.
- The CPO issued a bid for Highway Garage Roof construction.
- The CPO assisted the Town Library with acquiring Conservation Services.

Partnership for Youth

- Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Pioneer Valley Regional School administrators on results from 149 Pioneer students, representing 75% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.

Planning and Development Department

- At the 2016 Western Mass Developers Conference, staff promoted a site that is located in the town and is available for development.
- Staff created and analyzed maps that included land use, prime farmland, parcel and other data to begin the process of identifying municipal land that could potentially be suitable for leasing to farmers.
- Staff provided technical assistance on the FERC permitting process for the proposed KM-TGP NED pipeline project.
- Staff provided a walkability workshop in partnership with Mass in Motion and Walk Boston that was hosted at the Northfield Town Hall and attended by Northfield Council on Aging members.
- Staff continued to work with The Town, Senator Rosenberg, Friends of Schell Bridge, and MassDOT on efforts to replace the closed Schell Bridge with a bicycle/pedestrian bridge.
- Staff conducted a site visit to the Schell Bridge with MassDot personnel to explore potential park creation at the ends of the bridge.
- Staff assessed roads in Northfield for bicycle suitability, and identified routes that connect Northfield with other town, regions, and states.

Regional Preparedness Program

- Staff conducted quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the *Pioneer Emergency Dispensing Site Plan*.
- A member of the Board of Health served on the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee.
- Northfield entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the FRCOG to recognize the Multi-Agency Coordination Center as the official organization to assist them with emergency management needs.

Workshops & Training

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Northfield public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Municipal Official Continuing Education Series

Municipal Law — 1

Commercial Scale Wood Heat & Air Quality Impacts — 1

Public Records Law — 3
Municipal Farmland Leasing and Protection — 2

Partnership for Youth

Community Facility Use Agreement — 1
Advanced LifeSkills — 1 representative of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District

Planning, Conservation, and Development

Mass In Motion: Walkability - 2

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council

Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, & Explosive Incidents —
Active Shooter Symposium — 2
Vermont Vigilant Guard Fullscale Exercise — 3

Regional Emergency Preparedness

Multiple Casualty Incident Exercise — 5
Hazardous Materials Exercise — 1

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE 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 2016 shows almost an identical amount of recycling tonnage since 2014. District residents recycled almost 1,700 tons of paper and just over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.

In 2016, 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 62 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 550 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in October 2016. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 313 households participated in this event. 50% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$88,350 for District towns. Some grant funding relates to the town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make a town’s transfer station more efficient.

We continued to bale wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our second year of this recycling program. We manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We 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 - *Executive Director*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

MA Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 503 retirees, 51 beneficiaries, 951 active employees, and 557 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 2015, we are 78.2% funded at 27 years (67.5%) 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 PERAC report can be read on the “Finances” page of our website.

	CY 2015	CY 2014	CY 2013
Balances			
Cash	1,027,504	1,370,581	2,107,878
Investments	115,356,788	118,166,255	112,129,229
Receivables	448,896	523,687	272,477
Payables	1,376,958	81,595	100,714
Annuity Savings (members)	28,029,622	26,866,304	27,949,619
Retirement Reserves	90,180,524	93,275,814	86,459,252
Revenues			
Member's contributions	3,513,770	3,270,926	3,187,508
Towns, Schools, Agencies	5,645,116	5,418,158	5,605,588
Retirement Cost Sharing	472,213	466,031	439,735
Miscellaneous Revenue	20,122	19,414	20,752
Investment Income (net)	1,259,131	9,063,675	18,879,116
Expenses			
Retirement Benefits	8,432,951	7,980,270	7,437,506
Operating Expenses	469,365	403,803	373,095
Investment Expenses	687,629	720,626	657,782
Retirement Cost Sharing	2,884,282	3,028,026	960,334
Refunds to Members	368,098	372,232	396,387
Investment Performance			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.88%
Since 1984	8.34%	8.59%	8.59%
10 years	6.57%	7.25%	7.28%
5 years	8.49%	11.39%	13.33%
Current Year	1.11%	8.42%	19.80%
Demographics			
	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

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours subject to change

Town Administrator

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Assessors' Office

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00pm

Wednesday Evening

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Building Inspector

Tuesday & Thursday

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tax Collector/Treasurer

Monday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday

8:00 am - Noon

Wednesday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Town Clerk

Monday & Thursday

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday

8:00 am – 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Town Secretary

Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Town Offices Closed on Friday



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413.498.2455

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Wed & Thurs: 1 - 6

Fri: 10 - 6

Sat: 10 - 3

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Fax services
(and a ukulele to borrow)

The Food Pantry
2nd and 4th Saturday
11:30 - 2:30

