

2015 Annual Report

Town of Northfield
Massachusetts

Year ending December 31, 2015



View from South Mountain Road

Annual Report
Town of Northfield
For the
Year Ending December 31, 2015



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General Administration**Town Administrator**

Brian S. Noble

Town Secretary/Selectboard

Sandra L. Wood

Town Accountant

Deb Mero

Financial Asst.

Caralyn Ballou

Tax Collector/Treasurer

Barbara Brassor

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-Planning Board & Conservation Commission

Bridgette Hammond-Recreation Commission

Caty Kostecki -Board of Health

Town Hall Custodian

Tammy Pelletier

*Resigned/Retired/Other

Public Safety**Police Chief**

Robert F. Leighton

Police Sergeant

John T. Richardson

Officer

Igor Komerzan

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

Building Maintenance

Jeremy Underwood

Administrative Assistant

*Sara Monette

Jennifer Chapman

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

Elected Positions

			Term Expires
Board of Assessors			
	Robert	MacEwen	2016
	Alice	Lord	2017
	Thomas	Shearer	2018
Board of Health			
	Flora	Sadri	2016
	Thomas	Walker	2016
	Dan	Gray	2017
	David	Balk	2018
	Bob	MacEwen	2018
Board of Library Trustees			
	Margot	Fleck	2016
	Deb	Potee	2016
	Lloyd E.	Parrill	2017
	Jon	McGowan	2017
	Nolan	Kitfield	2018
	Pauline	Borrego	2018
Board of Selectmen			
	Jed	Proujansky	2016
	Tracy	Rogers	2017
	John G.	Spanbauer	2018
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials			
	John G.	Spanbauer	
	Charles	Handren	2016
	Raymond	Zukowski	2016
	Denis	Brennan	2017
	Phil	Watson	2017
	Robert D.	Hall Jr.	2018
Constables			
	David	Brassor	2016
	Fredd	Fuller	2016
	James	O'Shea	2016
	John	Ware	2016
Moderator			
	Nathan	L'Etoile	2018
Planning Board			
	Robert D.	Hall, JR.	2017
	James	Holloway	2018

Richard	Fitzgerald	2019
Guy	Guilbert	2020
Tammy	Pelletier	2016

PVRS

William	Wahlstrom	2018
Patricia	Shearer	2016
Robin	L'Etoile	2018

Recreation Commission

Scott	Thayer	2018
John	Faille	2017
Jeremy	Underwood	2016
Suzanne	Handren	2016
Brian	Winslow	2017

Sewer Commission

Tom	Walker	2016
Paul	Prest	2017
Raymond	Zukowski	2018

Tax Collector

Barbara	Brassor	2017
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Town Clerk

Daniel	Campbell	2018
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Treasurer

Barbara	Brassor	2018
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Moderator Appointed

Term Expires

Finance Committee

Lois	Stearns	2018
Bernhard	Porada	2018
Anthony	Matteo	2016
Bonnie	Tucker L'Etoile	2016
Dan	Campbell	2017
Chad	Glover	2017

Franklin County Tech School

Scott	Milton	2018
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Non Partisan Caucus

Susan	Lloyd	2016
Kim	Farmer	2016
Beth	Walker	2016

Selectboard Appointed

Term Expires

Agricultural Commission		
William	Ames	2018
Eugene	L'Etoile	2017
William	Llewelyn	2017
David	Brassor	2016
Dave	Kalinowski	2018
Alan	Stone	2018
Jerry	Wagener	2016
Robert	Duby	2016
Board of Registrars		
Susan	Lloyd	2016
Dan	Campbell	2017
Kim	Farmer	2018
Robin	McKeon	2018
Building Utilization & Planning Committee		
Kathleen	Wright	2016
Chad	Glover	2016
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		
Tony	Matteo	2016
Jessie	Wiggin	2016
Robert	Hall	2016
Robin	Conley	2016
Rhoda	Yucavitch	2016
Suzanne	Handren	2016
Eleanor	Goodman	2016
Conservation Commission		
Leslie	Powers	2018
Joan	Deely	2016
Mike	Barry	2016
Charles	Blanker	2017
William	Llewelyn	2017
Charles	Eiseman	2016

Council on Aging

Rhoda	Yucavitch	2017
Linda	Hescock	2018
Lloyd	Parrill	2016
Gail	Bedard	2017
Ted	Thornton	2017
Carol	Pike	2018
Gwen	Trelle	2018
Genevieve	Clark	2016
Leona	Labor	2016
Frank	Foster	2018
Suzanne	McGowan	2017
Bill	McGee	2016

Cultural Council

Deb	Potee	2017
Ann	Linge	2018
Ruthanne	Paulsen	2017
Robert	Sullivan	2018
Gretchen	Licata	2018
Cynthia	Mead	2018
Mary	Mayshark-Stavely	2019

Election Officers

Linda	Leavis	2016
Nina	Sibley	2016
Kay	Snow	2016
Jessie	Wiggin	2016
Sandra	Campbell	2016
Alice	Fortier	2016
Betty	Gibson	2016
Carol	Holden	2016
Pam	Veith	2016
Bethany	Walker	2016
Barbara	Brassor	2016
Al	Stone	2016
Patricia	Stone	2016
David	Brassor	2016
Joanne	Newton	2016
Jerry	Scott	2016
Bernhard	Porada	2016
Liz	L'Etoile	2016
Diane	Fuller	2016
Bruce	Kahn	2016
Deb	Campbell	2016

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
Jed	Proujansky	
Mark	Fortier	2019
Tom	Newton	2019
Rob	Leighton	2019
Kevin	Gray	2019
Kevin	Connolly	2019
Dave	Quinn, JR	2019

Energy Committee

Lynn	Hansell	2017
John	Cevasco	2018
Robert	Pasteris	2018
Susan	Connor	2018
Annie	Chappell	2017
Steve	Roberto	2016

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	2016
Lisa	McLoughlin	2016
Sue	Ross	2017
Jessie	Wiggin	2017
Joe	Graveline	2016
Joel	Fowler	2017
Robert	Hall	2018

Natural Hazardous Mitigation Committee

Rob	Leighton	2016
Tom	Walker	2016

Open Space Committee

Joanne	McGee	2016
Jerry	Wagener	2016
Julia	Blyth	2017
Sue	Ross	2017
Mike	Barry	2016
Leslie	Powers	2016
Kate	Rossiter	2017
Robert	Hall	2016

Stewardship Advisory Subcommittee to the Conservation Commission

Julia	Blyth	2018
Charlie	Blanker	2018
Nick	Fleck	2018
Bob	Pasteris	2018

Town Hall Master Plan

Stephen	Serendynski	2016
Tom	Walker	2016
Jack	Spanbauer	2016

Trust Fund Committee

Jeanette	Tessier	2018
Jessie	Wiggin	2018
Mary Jane	Porter	2016
Andrea	Dale	2016

Trustee, Fred W. Wells Will

Theodore	Penick	2016
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Veteran Graves Officer

Ed	Doolittle	2016
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Zoning Board of Appeals

Edward	Shearer	2016
Al	Dietrich	2017
Shawn	Foster	2018
Erin	Jaworski	2018
Jennifer	Cox	2020

Zoning Revision Committee

Jack	Spanbauer	2017
Rich	Fitzgerald	2017
Joan	Stoia	2017
Erin	Jaworski	2017
Kathy	Wright	2017

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORTS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013		Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
Brush Mountain	\$	930.27				\$ 930.27
Ames Conservation Restriction	\$	-	\$ 34,541.60	\$ 4,667.16		29,874.44
	\$	930.27	\$ 34,541.60	\$ 4,667.16	\$ -	\$ 30,804.71

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2015

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,400,829	237,934	0	243,210	1,604,432	0	3,486,405
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	198,603	482	0	0	0	0	199,085
Excise Taxes	31,764	0	0	0	0	0	31,764
Tax Liens	26,352	0	0	0	0	0	26,352
User Charges	0	0	0	213,793	0	0	213,793
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-335,146	0	0	0	0	0	-335,146
Tax Foreclosures	7,007	0	0	0	0	0	7,007
Prepaid Expenses & Other Receivables	1,075	0	0	0	0	0	1,075
Due From/To Other Funds	415,977	10,464	30,804	-106,443	-350,802	0	0
Due from Other Governments	0	799,556	0	0	0	0	799,556
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	0	0	0	0	0	51,717	51,717
Total Assets	1,746,461	1,048,436	30,804	350,560	1,253,630	51,717	4,481,608
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities:							
Warrants, Payrolls, & Accounts Payable	86,310	1,770	0	2,809	0	0	90,889
Employee Withholdings	1,063	0	0	0	0	0	1,063
Due to Others	10,017	120	0	0	750	0	10,887
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes & Tax Liens	-110,191	482	0	0	0	0	-109,709
Excise Taxes	31,764	0	0	0	0	0	31,764
Other	7,007	799,556		213,793			1,020,356
Bonds/Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	51,717	51,717
Total Liabilities	25,970	801,928	0	216,602	750	51,717	1,096,967
Fund Equity:							
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	757,469	77,967	0	8,750	0	0	844,186
Reserved for Agency Fund					1,821		1,821
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	0	0	0	0	208,536	0	208,536
Unreserved:							
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	384,478	0	0	30,000	214,000	0	628,478

Undesignated	578,544	168,541	30,804	95,208	828,523	0	1,701,620
Total Fund Equity	1,720,491	246,508	30,804	133,958	1,252,880	0	3,384,641
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,746,461	1,048,436	30,804	350,560	1,253,630	51,717	4,481,608

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2014	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2015
EMS Ambulance	\$ 39,429.41	\$ 123,893.33	\$ 108,150.00	\$ -	\$ 55,172.74
Sewer	\$ 59,898.66	\$ 225,713.06	\$ 206,827.00	\$ -	\$ 78,784.72
	\$ 99,328.07	\$ 349,606.39	\$ 314,977.00	\$ -	\$ 133,957.46

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Period: July 2014 to June 2015

Account #	Account Name	Current Year		Net Working Budget	Current Year Expenditures	Balance to FY2016	Balance to Close
		Budgeted	Adjustments				
11401	MODERATOR SALARY	53.00	0.00	53.00	0.00	0.00	53.00
11410	MODERATOR EXPENSE	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
12201	SELECTMEN SALARIES	5846.00	0.00	5846.00	5846.00	0.00	0.00
12202	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	71050.00	-344.79	70705.21	69324.54	0.00	1380.67
12203	SECRETARY SALARY	42857.00	0.00	42857.00	42848.00	0.00	9.00
12210	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	11611.00	150.00	11761.00	11735.56	0.00	25.44
12230	TOWN ADMIN EXPENSE	1005.00	0.00	1005.00	912.88	0.00	92.12
12251	PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW	3250.00	0.00	3250.00	172.20	3077.80	0.00
12252	TA CPO TRAINING	0.00	2200.00	2200.00	495.00	1705.00	0.00
13110	FIN COMM EXPENSE	1385.00	0.00	1385.00	674.43	0.00	710.57
13210	RESERVE FUND	20000.00	-18659.45	1340.55	0.00	0.00	1340.55
13501	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	28066.00	0.00	28066.00	28065.84	0.00	0.16
13510	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	370.00	0.00	370.00	351.97	0.00	18.03
13511	FINANCIAL ASST	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	1256.92	0.00	1743.08
13551	TOWN AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14101	ASSESSORS SALARIES	5367.00	0.00	5367.00	5367.00	0.00	0.00
14102	ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	31425.00	0.00	31425.00	25954.15	0.00	5470.85
14103	ASSESSOR'S PROP INSP	14200.00	0.00	14200.00	13499.75	0.00	700.25
14110	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13224.75	0.00	13224.75	12379.54	0.00	845.21
14152	APPRAISAL NFLD MTN PROJ	6200.00	0.00	6200.00	0.00	6200.00	0.00
14157	ASSESS TAX APPEAL DEFENSE	0.00	18000.00	18000.00	300.00	17700.00	0.00
14250	ASSESSORS REVAL	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00
14501	TREASURER SALARY	16957.00	0.00	16957.00	16956.96	0.00	0.04
14510	TREASURER EXPENSE	4300.00	0.00	4300.00	3795.98	0.00	504.02
14601	TAX COLL SALARY	16957.00	0.00	16957.00	16956.96	0.00	0.04
14610	TAX COLL EXPENSE	5750.00	0.00	5750.00	5715.57	0.00	34.43
15110	TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	20500.00	-150.00	20350.00	6161.88	0.00	14188.12
15510	COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	14932.00	7400.00	22332.00	21594.24	0.00	737.76
15554	COMPUTERS 5/03	313.71	0.00	313.71	313.71	0.00	0.00
15555	COMPUTER NETWORK	0.00	26500.00	26500.00	26500.00	0.00	0.00
15810	TAX TITLE	2300.00	0.00	2300.00	291.62	0.00	2008.38
15910	COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	1359.85	0.00	140.15
16101	TOWN CLERK SALARY	35349.00	217.89	35566.89	35566.89	0.00	0.00
16110	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3255.00	-500.00	2755.00	1731.43	0.00	1023.57
16210	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	10185.00	500.00	10685.00	9599.66	0.00	1085.34

17110	CONSERV COMM EXPENSE	3135.00	0.00	3135.00	1997.85	0.00	1137.15
17510	PLANNING BD EXPENSE	4097.00	0.00	4097.00	1331.00	0.00	2766.00
17550	MASTER PLAN	596.35	0.00	596.35	0.00	596.35	0.00
17551	UPDATE ZONING BYLAWS	27000.00	0.00	27000.00	21118.05	5881.95	0.00
17610	ZBA EXPENSE	3514.00	0.00	3514.00	2530.07	0.00	983.93
17810	OPEN SPACE COMM	1400.00	0.00	1400.00	1397.79	0.00	2.21
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	235.73	0.00	264.27
17950	MASS APR PROGRAM	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00
17954	CONS & LAND CONSULTANT	492.15	0.00	492.15	0.00	492.15	0.00
19201	TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	15237.00	0.00	15237.00	13496.12	0.00	1740.88
19202	BLDG MAINT PERSON	36714.00	1.90	36715.90	36715.90	0.00	0.00
19210	TOWN HALL MAINT.	39020.00	-150.00	38870.00	29838.32	0.00	9031.68
19211	TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	9700.00	8624.00	18324.00	18251.47	0.00	72.53
19212	TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2200.00	0.00	2200.00	1806.52	0.00	393.48
19265	T HALL RENOVATIONS	0.00	15000.00	15000.00	9273.66	5726.34	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	1041.59	0.00
19270	T HALL GENERATOR	477.00	0.00	477.00	0.00	477.00	0.00
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	0.00	23315.21	0.00
19274	STORAGE CABINETS	7650.00	0.00	7650.00	6539.95	1110.05	0.00
19510	TOWN REPORTS	400.00	0.00	400.00	361.47	0.00	38.53
19910	TOWN CLOCK	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
19955	WIRED WEST FEE	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00
21001	POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	276416.00	-6024.80	270391.20	262465.30	0.00	7925.90
21010	POLICE OPER EXPENSE	42645.00	6024.80	48669.80	47613.69	0.00	1056.11
21050	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	0.00	37000.00	37000.00	36985.28	0.00	14.72
22001	FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5347.00	0.00	5347.00	4772.66	0.00	574.34
22002	FIRE DEPT WAGES	41928.00	0.00	41928.00	39890.33	0.00	2037.67
22010	FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	19900.00	0.00	19900.00	15951.54	0.00	3948.46
22011	FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8000.00	0.00	8000.00	7930.51	0.00	69.49
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	19300.00	0.00	19300.00	13447.96	0.00	5852.04
22015	FIRE PONDS	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	2900.00	0.00	100.00
22056	FIRE TRUCK	450000.00	0.00	450000.00	0.00	450000.00	0.00
22069	FIRE STATION REPAIRS	1195.00	0.00	1195.00	0.00	1195.00	0.00
22070	FIRE STA SITE SURVEY	0.00	4000.00	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00
24101	BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	25653.00	0.00	25653.00	25652.64	0.00	0.36
24110	BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1250.00	0.00	1250.00	578.86	0.00	671.14
24210	GAS INSPECTIONS	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	1100.00	0.00	1400.00
24310	PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24510	WIRE INSPECTION	3080.00	0.00	3080.00	2974.49	0.00	105.51
29110	CIVIL DEFENSE	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
29201	DOG OFFICER SALARY	3296.00	0.00	3296.00	3295.92	0.00	0.08
29210	DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1900.00	125.00	2025.00	2004.45	0.00	20.55
29311	ANIMAL CNTRL-PR YR	0.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	0.00
29410	TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	9999.90	0.00	0.10
29901	CONSTABLE WAGES	1056.00	0.00	1056.00	935.68	0.00	120.32
29910	CONSTABLE EXPENSE	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
29930	FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
29950	HEPATITIS SHOTS	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	0.00
30011	ELEM SCH MAINT	1500.00	524.77	2024.77	1530.72	0.00	494.05
30067	NES-CANOPIES	7000.00	0.00	7000.00	7000.00	0.00	0.00
30069	NES PARTION WALLS	5000.00	0.00	5000.00	4579.86	420.14	0.00
31010	PVRS OPER ASSESSMENT	4145945.09	0.00	4145945.09	4145945.09	0.00	0.00
31013	SCH COMM STIPENDS	675.00	0.00	675.00	475.00	0.00	200.00

31053	PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESS	246744.00	0.23	246744.23	246744.23	0.00	0.00
31056	PVRS CAPITAL PROJECT	25235.00	0.00	25235.00	25235.00	0.00	0.00
32010	FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	395363.00	0.00	395363.00	395363.00	0.00	0.00
33010	TUITION & TRANSP-OUT OF DIST	0.00	37170.00	37170.00	36750.00	0.00	420.00
42110	HWY SUPT EXPENSE	13000.00	0.00	13000.00	12604.90	0.00	395.10
42201	HWY DEPT WAGES	267197.00	3660.45	270857.45	270857.45	0.00	0.00
42210	HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	165375.00	0.00	165375.00	162577.36	0.00	2797.64
42211	OIL & STONING	63000.00	0.00	63000.00	63000.00	0.00	0.00
42212	HWY TOOLS	1260.00	-860.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
42250	SIDEWALKS	24345.90	0.00	24345.90	0.00	24345.90	0.00
42251	REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	0.00
42252	OLD WENDELL RD	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	0.00
42310	SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75390.00	36000.00	111390.00	109981.70	0.00	1408.30
42410	STREET LIGHTS	13938.00	707.03	14645.03	14645.03	0.00	0.00
42910	MACHINE MAINT	84341.00	6860.00	91201.00	88990.33	0.00	2210.67
42911	HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	11550.00	0.00	11550.00	7340.22	0.00	4209.78
42912	HWY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
42952	SURVEY BOUNDS-TOWN WAYS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
42959	HWY GARAGE MAINT & ENRGY EFF	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00
42964	SAND & SALT SHED	200000.00	0.00	200000.00	50000.00	150000.00	0.00
42965	HWY BRUSH MOWER REPAIR	0.00	9000.00	9000.00	9000.00	0.00	0.00
43110	SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	9555.00	0.00	9555.00	9508.00	0.00	47.00
43310	TRANSFER STATION	112896.00	0.00	112896.00	101007.51	0.00	11888.49
49110	CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	19000.00	0.00	6000.00
49150	CEMETERIES-MAJOR IMPROVMENTS	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00
51001	BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2459.00	0.00	2459.00	2459.00	0.00	0.00
51003	SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	200.00	0.00	1300.00
51010	BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8382.00	0.00	8382.00	4733.83	0.00	3648.17
51011	SHARED HEALTH AGENT	10850.00	0.00	10850.00	10771.74	0.00	78.26
51012	BD OF HEALTH-PLUMBING INSP FEES	2500.00	600.00	3100.00	3071.00	0.00	29.00
51910	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2401.00	0.00	2401.00	1993.00	0.00	408.00
54110	COUNCIL ON AGING	49824.00	0.00	49824.00	48768.40	0.00	1055.60
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	29608.69	0.00	12391.31
61001	D MEM LIB-WAGES & SALARIES	107915.00	-3000.00	104915.00	101157.63	0.00	3757.37
61010	D MEM LIB-EXPENSE	41931.00	3000.00	44931.00	39604.36	0.00	5326.64
61015	NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
61054	LIBRARY CLIMATE CONTROL	2164.35	0.00	2164.35	0.00	2164.35	0.00
61075	LIBR ENERGY SAV MEAS	1202.55	0.00	1202.55	248.09	954.46	0.00
61078	LIBRY-MTG RM HEATING SYSTEM	368.00	0.00	368.00	300.14	0.00	67.86
61081	LIBRY WALKWAY	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
63010	RECREATION COMM	6816.00	0.00	6816.00	4386.74	0.00	2429.26
63040	REC COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250.00	0.00	250.00	200.00	0.00	50.00
63050	REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4201.00	0.00	4201.00	3175.69	0.00	1025.31
65010	MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	4250.00	0.00	4250.00	3939.49	0.00	310.51
65050	ATHLETIC FIELD DRAINAGE	627.19	0.00	627.19	0.00	627.19	0.00
65051	STORAGE SHED	0.00	4400.00	4400.00	4235.00	0.00	165.00
69110	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00	0.00	500.00	172.71	0.00	327.29
69210	MEMORIAL DAY	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	1486.89	0.00	513.11
69310	VETERANS MEMORIAL CTE	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00
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	9085.00	0.00	9085.00	9085.00	0.00	0.00
83010	FRCOG ASSESSMENT	31510.00	-8707.03	22802.97	19439.00	0.00	3363.97
84010	VETERANS DISTRICT	6109.00	0.00	6109.00	6109.00	0.00	0.00
91110	COUNTY RETIREMENT	162431.00	0.00	162431.00	162431.00	0.00	0.00
91210	WORKERS COMP INS	10095.00	0.00	10095.00	9440.52	0.00	654.48
91310	UNEMPLOYMENT	12000.00	0.00	12000.00	10703.85	0.00	1296.15
91410	CH 32B HEALTH INS	207787.00	0.00	207787.00	204028.98	0.00	3758.02
91510	CH 32B LIFE INS	1820.00	0.00	1820.00	1247.85	0.00	572.15

91601	MEDICARE	16525.00	1305.56	17830.56	17830.56	0.00	0.00
94510	OTHER INSURANCE	64365.00	-1305.56	63059.44	59542.46	0.00	3516.98
99610	TRSF TO STABILIZATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99629	TRSF TO REVOLVING	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
99689	TRSF TO AGENCY FUNDS	0.00	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	8263033.85	199340.00	8462373.85	7550607.66	757469.49	154296.70

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS				LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Cash & Investments				Warrants & Accounts Payable 75,058			
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking	(17,216)			Accrued Payrolls Payable		9,607	
Tax Collector Checking	200			Fees Payable		1,645	
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep Acct.	280,579			Payroll Withholdings		1,063	
Peoples United Bank	85,978			Other Liabilities			
MMDT-Combined Investment	16,412			Unclaimed Checks	6,076		
Unibank Tax Receipt Acct	785,351			Bid Bonds	3,941	10,017	
Unibank Investment Acct.	249,525		1,400,829	Deferred Revenue			
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds	415,977		415,977	Property Taxes Prior Years	(9,202)		
Accounts Receivable				Property Taxes 2010	(12,380)		
Personal Property Taxes				Property Taxes 2011	(112,967)		
Prior years	1,884			Property Taxes 2012	(17,466)		
2013	361			Property Taxes 2013	(91,181)		
2014	508			Property Taxes 2014	10,763		
2015	1,535	4,288		Property Taxes 2015	103,602		
Real Estate Taxes				Property Taxes 2016	(7,712)	(136,543)	
Prior years	314			Tax Liens	26,352		
2012	2,619			Special Assessments	0		
2013	20,290			Motor Vehicle Excise	31,764		
2014	43,919			Tax Foreclosures	7,007	65,123	
2015	134,885			Fund Balance			
2016	(7,712)	194,315		Res-Continuing Approps	757,469		
Allowance for Abate & Exempt				Res-Expenditures	384,478		
Prior years	(23,044)			Unreserved	578,544	1,720,491	
2011	(113,484)						
2012	(20,304)						
2013	(111,832)						
2014	(33,664)						
2015	(32,818)	(335,146)	(136,543)				
Tax Liens		26,352	26,352				
Ch59 Sec2D Spec Assmnt		0	0				
Motor Vehicle Excise		31,764	31,764				
Other Assets							
Tax Foreclosures			7,007				
Prepaid Expenses			1,075				
Other Recievables			0				
			1,746,461				1,746,461

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund (182,590)
 Due from Comm of Mass 799,556

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable 0
 Deferred Revenue 799,556
 Fund Balance (182,590)

616,966

616,966

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

ASSETS

Greenfield Co-op No-Pen Cd 213,524
 Cash- due to/from Genl Fund (1,295)
 CPA Tax Surcharge 2011 (2)
 CPA Tax Surcharge 2012 97
 CPA Tax Surcharge 2013 93
 CPA Tax Surcharge 2014 41
 CPA Tax Surcharge 2015 264
 CPA Tax Surcharge 2016 (11)

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Deferred Revenue 482
 Fund Balance-Res Open Space 2,712
 Fund Balance-Res Historic Rescorces 6,048
 Fund Balance-Res Commty Housing 10,807
 Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure 0
 Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approps 77,967
 Fund Balance-Undesignated 114,695

212,711

212,711

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TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS

Arts Council Savings 5,327
 Cash-due from Genl Fund 37,548

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable 0
 Accrued Payrolls Payable 0
 Fund Balances
 Cultural Council 5,599
 Green Community 10,841
 Police Reg Stdy 1,000
 Police Vest (2,077)
 Police BZPP/VRPP (70)
 Oct 2005 Flood 10,751
 VIPS-Police 39
 COA 0
 COA-FCHHC 2,220
 Library LIG/MEG 4,782
 Pulic Library Fund 474
 Title V Septic 2,868
 Bd of Hlth-MAPHCO 103
 Munic Recycling 2,000
 Stormwater Mgmt 4,346 42,876

42,875

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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund 60,561

60,561

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balances

Sale of Real Estate 9,969
 Sale Low Value Land 98
 Sale of Cem Lots-Undesignated 50,494
 Sale of Cem Lots- Res for Expenditure 0

60,561

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REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS

Recreation Checking 19,083

Ladder Fund Savings 0

Cash-Due from Genl Fund 96,239

115,322

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv 120

Warrants & Accounts Payable 1,770

Fund Balances

Rec Revolv 17,284
 Ladder Gifts 70
 Police Gifts 3,400
 Restitution 35
 Town Hall Landscape 570
 Town Clock 59
 Town Forest 467
 FCTS Election (578)
 Insurance Settlements 477
 Historical Comm Gifts 57
 Maint Cem Markers 437
 Library Gifts 8,047
 Misc. Donations 6
 EMT Gifts 2,254
 Ambulance Donations 2,580
 Bucket Truck Revolv 3,610
 Roadside Mower 2,830
 COA Gifts 8,858
 COA Exercise Prog 2,634
 Vt Yankee Training 2,211
 Vt Yankee Emer Mgmt 10,906
 Cons Comm Wetlands 9,527
 Ag Comm Gifts 1
 Map Framing Gifts 105
 Veterans Memorial 619
 Recycling Revolv 36,966 113,432

115,322

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

ASSETS

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund 30,804

30,804

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Notes Payable 0

Fund Balance-Brush Mountain Purchase 930

Fund Balance-Ames Conserv Restriction 29,874

30,804

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ENTERPRISE FUND (Emergency Medical Service)

ASSETS

Cash	86,441	
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(28,459)	
Accounts Receivalbe	118,911	
		176,893

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued Payrolls Payable	2,809	
Deferred Revenue	118,911	
Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	20,000	
Fund Balance-Res for Encumbrances	8,750	
Fund Balance-Undesignated	26,423	176,893

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ENTERPRISE FUND (Sewer)

ASSETS

Cash	156,769	
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(77,984)	
A/R Sewer Use Charges	70,643	
Sewer Liens	24,239	
		173,667

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	0	
Deferred Revenue-Sewer Use	70,643	
Deferred Revenue-Sewer Liens	24,239	
Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	10,000	
Fund Balance-Undesignated	68,785	173,667

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TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

M Alexander-Checking	2,139	
M Alexander-Savings & CD	105,927	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	88,422	
T Hurley-Invest Acct	16,058	
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	213,547	
Cash-Due to Genl Fund	(3,373)	
		422,720

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued Payrolls Payable	0	
Fund Balances- Non Expendable		
PC Center Cem	15,638	
Belcher Cem	2,000	
J Cowles Cem	2,000	
C Stearns Cem	500	
F Lane Cem	202	
PC West Nfld Cem	9,677	
Priest, et ux Cem	7,292	
L Holton Cem	101	
PC Nlfd Farms	12,852	
PC Mt Hermon Cem	6,725	
M Callander Cem	500	
PC Pentecost Cem	13,975	
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	208,536
Fund Balances-Expendable		
PC Center Cem	1,408	

PC West Nfld Cem	714	
PC Nlfd Farms	950	
PC Mt Hermon Cem	3,608	
PC Pentecost Cem	1,045	
PC So. Mtn. Cem	79	
Bowman Library	9,898	
Belcher Library	1,120	
C Dickinson Library	338	
M Montague Library	761	
DAR Book Fund	144	
Holton Library	92	
Merriman Library	1,752	
E Jackson Library	300	
M Stanley Library	675	
R Giles Library	3,152	
McGowan Library	1,234	
Library Bldg Fund	2,105	
C&P Lawrence Libry	3,280	
T Hurley Library	1,058	
M Alexander Charity	102,536	
L Evans Charity	8,366	
G Morgan Charity	15,061	
R Evans Charity	2,278	
M Starkweather Char	30,823	
E Alexander Charity	13,082	
Surplus Rev- School	1,352	
Belcher Ctr. School	3,325	
E Jackson- Town	2,215	
W Parker-Mnt Mrkrs	419	
Tercentenary Comm	1,014	214,184

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STABILIZATION FUND

ASSETS

Investment Acct-Stabilization-General	790,365
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Fire Truck	352,534
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Hwy	35,440
Cash-Due to Genl Fund	(350,000)

828,339

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance- Res for Exp	179,000
Fund Balance-Undesignated	611,365
Fund Balance-Fire Truck	2,534
Fund Balance-Hwy Backhoe Res for Exp	35,000
Fund Balance-Hwy Backhoe Undesignated	440

828,339

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AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	2,570
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2,570

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Due to State-Firearms Lic	750	
Fund Balance- Police Outside Detail	1,820	2,570

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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS

Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt

51,717

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Note-Issued 9/13 Sewer

51,717

51,717

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
 DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND
 July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015

Taxes		
Personal Property Taxes	351,159	
Real Estate Taxes	6,417,430	
Tax Liens Redeemed	0	
Tax Foreclosures	0	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	0	
Ch 59,Sec2D- Prorata Taxes	0	
Motor Vehicle Excise	344,566	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	0	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	35,704	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	2,021	
Penalty & Int, Other Taxes	0	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,383	7,152,263
Charges for Services		
Transfer Station Stickers,Vouchers	5,611	
Transfer Station Pay to Throw Bags	41,681	
Use of Copy Machine	238	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	251	
Library User Fees-Out of State	460	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps, Mail	260	
Accident Reports	105	
Grave Opening Fees	3,500	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	2,800	
Building Inspection Fees	1,550	
Fire Department Inspections	560	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	6,121	
Cruiser Fee-Police Outside Detail	4,049	
Board of Appeals Fees	450	
Conservation Commission Fees	0	
Planning Board Fees	30	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	0	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall/School Use Rent	345	
Cell Tower Lease	23,805	91,816
Licenses & Permits		
Alcoholic Bev & Other Licenses	2,420	
Dog Licenses	3,143	
Other Misc Permits	550	
F.I.D. & Pistol Permits	1,800	
Building Permits	14,167	
Wiring Permits	6,285	
Gas Permits	1,200	
Plumbing Permits	2,250	
Disposal & Septic Permits	1,025	
Other Bd of Health Permits	1,850	34,690
Fines & Forfeitures		
Court Fines	1,875	
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	11,420	

Non-criminal Dispositions	0	
Library Fines	2,476	
Dog Fines	875	
False Alarms	0	
By-law Violation Fines	1,100	17,746
State & Federal Revenue		
Expanded Polling Hours	336	
State Owned Land	43,762	
Abatements- Veterans, Blind, Elderly	18,540	
Veterans Benefits	24,824	
Police Career Incentive	0	
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	321,493	
Other Revenue from State	0	
Emerg Mgmt Aid	0	408,955
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest		
Other Misc Revenue	6,637	
Contributions & Donations	0	
Interest on Investments	5,157	11,794
TOTAL REVENUES		7,717,264
Other Financing Sources		
Trsf from Other Special Revenue	5,759	
Trsf from Stabilization Fund	350,000	
Trsf from Enterprise Fund	24,580	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		380,339
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		8,097,603

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Fund Balances			Other Financing	
	July 1, 2014	Revenues	Expenditures	Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances
					June 30, 2015
Highway Chapter 90 Grants	\$ (199,861.83)	253,559.78	236,287.90		\$ (182,589.95)
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation					
Sale of Real Estate	9,969.37				9,969.37
Sale of Low Value Land	98.26				98.26
Sale of Cemetary Lots	45,143.77	5,350.00			50,493.77
Insurance Settlements >20K	-				-
Dog Fund	5,759.09			(5,759.09)	-
Community Preservation Fund					
Reserved for Expenditure	16,017.50		14,259.01	76,209.01	77,967.50
Reserved for Open Space	31,095.00	2,712.00		(31,095.00)	2,712.00
Reserved for Historic Preservation	2,795.00	2,712.00		540.99	6,047.99
Reserved for Community Housing	8,095.00	2,712.00			10,807.00
Undesignated	141,819.38	18,986.63	455.98	(45,655.00)	114,695.03
Grants:					
Green Community	38,855.73	-	28,015.00		10,840.73
Police Regional Study	1,000.00				1,000.00
Police Vest	976.84	-	3,054.00		(2,077.16)
Polce BZPP/VRPP	(70.59)	-	-		(70.59)
VIPS-Police	39.05				39.05
VY Emergency Mgmt	12,223.10	6,375.00	7,692.06		10,906.04
EMPG-FY14	(1,990.59)	1,990.59			-
Oct 2005 Flood	10,750.82				10,750.82
Stormwater Management	(19,792.14)	24,138.75	-		4,346.61
Title V Septic	2,867.97				2,867.97
BOH MAPHCO	103.39				103.39
Munic Recycling	-	2,498.60	498.60		2,000.00

COA Formula Grant	-	5,408.00	5,408.00	-
COA FCHHC Passthrough	2,165.04	1,500.00	1,445.00	2,220.04
Cultural Council	6,152.94	4,302.80	4,856.37	5,599.37
Library LIG/MEG	5,933.73	2,981.22	4,133.91	4,781.04
Public Library Fund	474.06			474.06
Civil War Memorial	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Revolving Funds & Gifts				
Town Clock	58.91			58.91
Town Hall Landscaping	806.22		236.36	569.86
Town Forest	467.00		-	467.00
Map Framing	105.00			105.00
Misc Donations	6.03			6.03
Insurance Settlements	-	5,106.40	4,628.51	477.89
FCTS Election	-	-	578.09	(578.09)
Cons Comm Wetlands Fees	9,526.70	-		9,526.70
Ag Comm Gifts	1.45			1.45
Restitution	35.22			35.22
Police Dept Gifts	2,680.98	1,350.00	631.14	3,399.84
Ladder Fund	69.91			69.91
VY Training	2,143.43	3,056.99	2,988.99	2,211.43
EMT Gifts	1,929.01	325.00	-	2,254.01
Ambulance Donations	2,579.83			2,579.83
Bucket Truck Revolving	3,310.04			3,610.04
Roadside Mower	2,947.30	600.00	717.64	2,829.66
Recycling Revolving	27,393.02	9,572.69	-	36,965.71
COA Gifts	8,930.94	2,027.75	2,100.41	8,858.28
COA Exercise Program Donations	2,083.47	558.30	7.55	2,634.22
Maint Cemetery Markers	436.50			436.50
Library Gifts	7,542.15	5,147.98	4,642.68	8,047.45
Recreation Revolving	26,701.59	30,097.67	39,515.27	17,283.99
Historical Commission Gifts	56.55			56.55
Veterans Memorial Gifts	618.51		-	618.51
	\$ 221,049.65	\$ 395,570.15	\$ 364,652.47	\$ (5,459.09) \$ 246,508.24

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2014	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2015
Stabilization Fund:					
General	\$ 788,940.50	\$ 1,424.06	\$ -		\$ 790,364.56
Fire Truck	351,478.47	1,055.89		(350,000.00)	2,534.36
Hwy Backhoe	35,217.89	222.56			35,440.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care:					
Non-Expendable	68,562.24	3,000.00	-		71,562.24
Expendable	7,681.59	122.33	-		7,803.92
Library Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	111,724.01	200.00	-		111,924.01
Expendable	25,393.83	515.60	-		25,909.43
Other Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	25,050.00	-	-		25,050.00
Expendable	184,083.94	1,670.01	5,283.27		180,470.68
	\$ 1,598,132.47	\$ 8,210.45	\$ 5,283.27	\$ (350,000.00)	\$ 1,251,059.65

FY15 ANALYSIS OF UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL 6/30/14	895,683
REVENUES	7,717,264
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	380,339
EXPENDITURES	-7,540,308
OTHER FINANCING USES	-10,300
ENTRIES TO CLOSE PRIOR YR RESERVES	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	146,813
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	131,000
ENTRIES TO ESTABLISH NEW RESERVES	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	-757,469
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	-384,478
UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL 6/30/15	578,544

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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

This year we welcomed two new members: Robert Duby and David Brassor.

We completed our *Right to Farm Community* road sign project. They are posted on the major roads leading into Northfield.

Our Farm Directory was sent to all residents and is available at area businesses and the Town Hall.

The Commission is currently working on a historic farm directory and it will be available later in 2016.

Submitted by,

Al Stone

ASSESSORS

Amount to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$ 9,227,750.60
Cherry Sheet Offsets	3,950.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	9,601.00
Overlay	168,043.31
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 9,409,344.91

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Est. Rec. State	\$ 433,541.00
Est. Rec. Local	959,637.60
Rev. Appropriated Specific	797,818.00
Rev. to Reduce Tax Rate	0.00
Total Receipts & Revenue	\$ 2,190,996.60
Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$ 7,218,348.31

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

CLASS	VALUATION	LEVY
Residential	272,708,024	4,333,330.50
Commercial	39,735,197	631,392.28
Industrial	110,245,000	1,751,793.05
Personal Property	31,581,654	501,832.48
TOTAL	454,269,875	7,218,348.31

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2016: \$15.89 (per thousand of value)

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Shearer, Chairperson

Robert MacEwen

Alice Lord

Bethany Walker, Clerk

BERNARDSTON/NORTHFIELD CABLE TV

Comcast grants for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2015 totaled \$69,614.70 and represent the primary source of income for the station.

The highlight of the year was Northfield completing construction of a new meeting room for the Selectboard. BNCTV invested over \$12,000 in fitting out permanently placed robotic cameras and all the equipment cables, routers etc. necessary to start a new operation located in the room. Equipment purchased included MacBook Pros, recorders, and related equipment in order to broadcast live from the site. Comcast relocated its service to the new room. We also hung a widescreen TV in the room displaying the broadcast as it happens. The new location, with all equipment co-located has resulted in consistent and reliable broadcasts, correcting the problems associated with broadcast on one floor and live transmission devices on another.

For fiscal year ending 30 June 2016, we have budgeted camera replacements for the Bernardston Selectboard broadcast. That upgrade is in progress.

This year we have included more town and PVRSD finance board meetings and continue programs and sports from PVRS. Mandy Shute, taking a sabbatical from school, was able to fill more hours. Together and separately, Tyler Bourbeau and Mandy produced the bulk of the programs, with Otis assisting and filling in. We thank them for keeping BNCTV on the air.

At this time, we would like to recognize the excellent job of our station manager, Otis Wheeler. As the primary employee of the station, he has the job of wearing all the hats from operating supplies, equipment upgrading, maintenance and programming. Thank you Otis for your work this year.

Wanda McIsaac

Kathy Wright

Bob Raymond

Thomas Shearer

David Yucavitch

Board of Directors, BNCTV

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is an elected Board consisting of 5 members and a secretary hired by the Board. Regular meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The Board has many responsibilities mandated by the State involving public health and welfare.

The Town of Northfield is a member of the Eastern Franklin County Health District. The EFCHD provides towns with the services of local health agents performing inspections on all food establishments including schools, farmers markets, camps and public pools. They investigate any public health, 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.

In addition to health and safety issues, the Board issues permits for septic haulers and installers, camp permits, food permits, pool permits and bed and breakfast permits. The board examines and approves 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 department budget. The Highway Superintendent is in charge of employee scheduling and day to day operations.

The Re-Use Shed or "free store" located at the Transfer Station has had many improvements in the past year including a newly enclosed space and larger storage. It is open during the summer and autumn seasons.

The Board would like to remind all residents there are several ways to reduce our footprint! The Transfer Station accepts recycling of cans and bottles, composting for food waste, cat litter and cardboard. Batteries and fluorescent bulbs are collected free of charge. There is a Salvation Army box for clothing. Books can be brought to the "free store" or put in the recycling box.

The Tool Lending Library, card required, provides residents the use of tools loaned at NO COST.

Bob MacEwen Jr., Chair

David Balk

Flora Sadri

Dan Gray

Tom Walker

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2015 kept the Northfield Selectboard very active. The Board was fortunate to have our Town Administrator, Brian Noble, for a full twelve months to help us through the year. Brian has been particularly valuable on complex personnel, regulatory and financial issues.

The proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline project has kept the Selectboard exceedingly busy. The Board wrote and submitted an extensive report detailing many environmental concerns facing our town should the pipeline be approved. Public testimony was given by Selectboard members at public hearings conducted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Public Utilities and Senator Stanley Rosenberg. Written testimony was provided at another DPU public hearing. The Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Town Administrator visited an installed pipeline compressor station in Wellsboro, PA. The Board continues to represent Northfield's interests by working with FRCOG and MCAP.

The Town Administrator and the Selectboard were active bidding for goods and services this year. Bids were solicited for a new fire engine, a pellet boiler for Town Hall and a new roof for the Highway Department garage. Bids were also solicited for a zoning consultant to update our zoning bylaws and an electrical engineer to design upgrades to the Town Hall electrical infrastructure. Those two projects are now under way.

Numerous projects have been implemented at Town Hall in the past year. A meeting room for the Selectboard has been completed on the second floor. Franklin County House of Correction inmates and the Franklin County Technical School provided valuable labor and services to complete the room. A dedicated file storage room was created. A land use meeting room for the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Open Space Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Inspector was also completed on the second floor. Our Town Building Maintenance technician, Jeremy Underwood, provided excellent work and oversight on these projects.

The Selectboard has also been working with J. T. Horn of the Trust for Public Lands to facilitate preservation of the open space owned by NMH in the hills east of the campus and to find professional management of the East Northfield Water Company.

John G. Spanbauer, Chair

Jed Proujansky

Tracy Rogers

BUILDING UTILIZATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE

The committee again focused its efforts on maintenance of the Northfield Elementary School.

The following money articles were funded and accomplished during the year:

- Replacement of carpets, \$6,000
- Replacement of the fuel line, \$5,670.

In addition, \$3,500 was funded to replace the back porch roof of the North Building. However, due to problems revealed upon closer examination, we requested and were given an additional transfer of \$1,500. The roofing will be done in 2016.

After a harsh winter and violent storms in June, numerous slates on the Center School roof blew off, requiring us to replace the slates. The cost was \$4,400 and required an emergency transfer of funds.

At the time the fuel line replacement was in progress, Tom Walker and his highway crew removed the overgrown shrubs in front of the schools, pruned the trees and reseeded the newly open areas. The instant result was gratifying.

Although we replaced three carpets (and tiled the art room floor), we found we had to replace another carpet for safety reasons in the winter.

We wish to thank our Town Administrator, Brian Noble, Tom King, Principal and his staff, and Dick Fields, PVRS, for their assistance this year.

Kathy Wright, Chair

Chad Glover

Lee Dresser

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

No report submitted

CULTURAL COUNCIL

With four new members on the council this year, we are excited and motivated to support art and culture in Northfield. The Northfield Cultural Council is currently comprised of the following members;

Gretchen Licata, Chair

Deborah Potee, Secretary

Cynthia Mead, Treasurer

Ruthanne Paulson

Robert Sullivan

Ann Linge

Recently, Cynthia Mead represented Northfield at the 2016 Local Cultural Council Statewide Assembly in Boston. We have begun to take advantage of social media to promote our grant recipients and to share news and opportunities with our community through Facebook and Nextdoor. The council also put out a survey on these sites, as well as The Northfield Newsletter asking for community input.

This year the council received 38 grant applications and was able to award a total of \$5,557 for community based programs in the arts, sciences and humanities.

The following is a list of grants awarded for 2016:

2016 Pioneer Valley Transition Towns Film Festival	\$100
Da Camera Singers, Schutz and Telemann	\$100
Crafting a Colorful Home, Dickinson Memorial Library	\$150
Taste Test with Julie, Dickinson Memorial Library	\$200
Delicious Dirt Apothecary, Dickinson Memorial Library	\$200
Robots on the Run, Dickinson Memorial Library	\$200

Music in the Meetinghouse Series, First Parish	\$100
Greenfield Winter Carnival Ice Carving Competition	\$100
Music & Diversity II	\$100
Mabel and Jerry, a one act play	\$200
Summer Concert Series, Northfield Council on Aging	\$100
Crime Scene Science assembly, NES	\$300
Tommy James Magic of Books, NES	\$300
Meet Mrs Mary Rowlandson, Northfield Historical Society	\$200
Starry Starry Night	\$100
Pajama Story Hour with Ruthanne Paulson	\$100
Cardboard Box Theater Show	\$200
Music and Movement for NES preschool	\$300
The Destruction of the Tea	\$300
Handel's Messiah, QVPM Winter Concert	\$100
Racial Justice Rising Monthly Program Series	\$100
Silverthorne Theater Summer Season	\$100
Slate Roof Press, Poetry to Paper	\$200
Heritage Performance Festival - PVRB Band	\$300
Plimoth Plantation, Field Trip	\$269
Ecotarium, Worcester, Field trip	\$238
Connecticut Science Center, Field Trip	\$300
Boston Museum of Science Field Trip	\$300
Lowell Historical National Park, Field Trip	\$300

The Northfield Cultural Council will begin accepting grants for 2017 in September of this year, with an October 15, 2016 deadline.

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS. Every year brings some change or improvement to this beautiful, historic building. This year the Friends of the Library contributed \$3,500, through a Tortuga Foundation grant, to upgrade the Community Room. Under the supervision of Todd Weed, Franklin County Tech School students installed LED lighting and updated old outlets. Jeremy Underwood put in new ceiling tiles; insulation for heat and soundproofing; and with a special translucent paint, painted a movie screen onto the back wall. At year's end we were working with Gene LaCoy, The Music Store, Greenfield, to install a new projection system.

STRATEGIC PLAN. With the help of Town Clerk Dan Campbell, surveys were sent to every Northfield household with a 25% response rate. Combining the survey results with the information that came from two focus group meetings and Northfield's 2014 Master Plan the Board of Library Trustees approved Strategic Plan FY17 – FY22. The plan focuses on taking care and expanding the use of the historic building and the Northfield History Collection; improving customer service including keeping up with local and national trends in technology and library services; and finding new and more effective ways to communicate with Northfield residents. The Strategic Plan was approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in November.

PROGRAMS. The library is settling into a pattern of strong, regularly scheduled programs. There were 4 book discussion groups ranging from classics to environmental awareness to current blockbusters. In collaboration with the Council on Aging two movie programs were offered each month. The Knitting Group finally found its groove (thank-you Kathy O'Shea) meeting almost every Thursday evening.

As Matt Atwood gained his footing as Programming Librarian he initiated a monthly Trivia night, a Death series with forensics, ghosts in literature and green burial. Programming throughout the year was varied from an author talk by federal court judge Michael Ponsor, to exercise with the McKeons, Libby Volckening and Sam Richardson. Local residents (or those related to) presented at many of our programs: bird carving by Ed Finch's brother-in-law, Carol Pike's slideshow on Turkey and a poetry reading by Nick Fleck.

Summer Library program was a rousing success with archery over in Pam Eldridge's field, a violin/keyboard concert with Matt's friends Michi and Judd; and our grand finale bonfire – with our great friend Jack Leary.

STAFF, FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS. How do you best express gratitude? It is with the deepest sincerity that I thank my staff – Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Matt Atwood, Kathy O'Shea and the Rogers – who make all things possible. Never to be taken for granted are the weekly, dependable volunteers who do the daily work that allows us to operate efficiently. Have you attended a program at the library or used the copy machine or looked at our website? Thanks for these goes to the Board of the Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library and their tireless effort to raise funds to support the library. (Plus they put on that really great Dog Show!) And to the Trustees. This fine group of men and women guide everything we do. They stand by us and with us whether making policy, dealing with difficult situations or making decision about this beloved building.

NUMBERS (FY2015)	
Books, magazines, movies and audios borrowed	55,875
Items requested from other libraries	8,484
Items sent to other libraries	2,877
Audiobooks, books and videos downloaded electronically	2,727
Library visits	25,089
People with Northfield library cards as of 6/30/15	2,145

TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN' Fifteen years ago when I became library director people came in to borrow the books, video tapes and the books on tape we had on our shelves. Now we get delivery 5 days a week, receiving over 8,000 items throughout the year. We lend out Kindles and ukuleles along with DVDs and books on CD. With a Northfield library card you can use almost every library from Worcester to Pittsfield and search the Commonwealth Catalog covering almost every Massachusetts library. With your card you can download books and magazines and audios. You can stream videos. The ways in which we provide you with your informational and leisure materials has changed but the idea that libraries transform lives is here to stay.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kern, Director

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS & CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As the year draws to a close the Electronic Communications and Cable Television Advisory Committee is active in two primary areas.

Examining Town Policies

The committee is working with the Town Administrator to review and update town policies regarding computer usage and safeguarding electronic communications.

Broadband Access – A Shift in the Town’s Approach

Due to events at the state level, the town’s approach to extending broadband access to all areas has been refocused. Since the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) has been allocated state funding for extending broadband in underserved areas, they have taken the lead in defining how best to extend service.

In partially served communities like Northfield, the plan has evolved to negotiating with cable companies or other entities to extend service. In our case, Comcast was the only respondent to MBI’s request for proposals, so negotiations are beginning.

While Northfield is not a direct party to the negotiations, we will continue to work with MBI to guide the process as best we can. Since it is all but certain that service expansion will be through the cable television system, the effort has shifted from working through the WiredWest Communications Cooperative to this committee.

While this approach gives the town very little control over the project, it also relieves many responsibilities. In particular, this expansion will likely cost the town little or nothing, where it was becoming obvious that building a separate fiber optic network would require significant initial investment from the town – something the town would have to examine very hard and may have decided was not feasible.

While we will still have to work to get broadband to a few remaining unserved areas, MBI’s commitment is to bring service to at least 96 percent of the town.

Submitted by,

Brian Brault

EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY COMMITTEE

The committee has been working quietly behind the scenes in an effort to move forward.

The Northfield Conservation Committee offered to assist us to delineate the wet lands that are located behind the present fire station. We needed to provide them with the boundaries. We discovered that the parcel of land the fire station sets on was never deeded as it was the site of the old Northfield High School that burned many, many years ago. A professional land surveyor was hired and the property lines were researched and established. The Conservation Commission was able to then determine the extent of the wetlands which was less than expected. Also it was determined the lot extends all the way to East Street!

Tom Walker with help from the Highway Dept. set granite markers for the boundaries. The final legal deed will be recorded in the Registry of Deeds including the wet lands.

The next step will be the design phase to see what can be built on the “new” parcel of land.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. “Skip” Dunnell III, Chairman

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

It is a privilege to provide my eleventh report to the town as your Emergency Medical Services Chief. 2015 proved to be another exciting year as the Department continues to improve its service to the citizens and visitors of our community. For the 2015 calendar year, we answered 288 calls transporting 177 patients.

I am very proud to announce that for the sixth straight year Northfield EMS/Ambulance will **not** be requesting money from taxation to pay for the day to day operations of the ambulance service. The current enterprise fund structure has allowed the revenue collected from insurance companies and patients co-payments to offset our operating budget. This in turn has resulted in a lowered tax burden on the citizens over these last six years.

The EMS enterprise fund has been successful since its inception in offsetting the day to day operational costs, but it is not sufficient to manage large upfront capital purchases such as a new ambulance or purchasing our current stations property. We have attempted to secure a grant to replace our primary 1992 ambulance but were rejected by the federal government. This rejection does not mean that the immediate need to replace this important vehicle has gone away as its replacement is just as important as a broken down fire truck, fatigued police cruiser, or inoperable plow truck. The replacement of this vehicle is at a crisis status. Imagine having a life threatening situation and need to be rushed to the hospital and the ambulance you are counting on to save your life breaks down in route to the hospital? We have asked that a warrant article be placed on the town meeting warrant to purchase a new ambulance.

I again thank the efforts of each member of the department. I also thank the member's families 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 in the middle of the night to assist our neighbors in need. Sacrifices are made by our dedicated staff to those in need. We are fortunate to have dedicated group of volunteers that provide Northfield with its own ambulance service. The community is 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 2016, the Energy Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Visitors are always welcome to discuss personal, local and global energy issues.

Our updated 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.

We continue to work on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for our town buildings using our Green Communities grant money. As of March 1, 2016 we have approximately \$41,000 remaining. We are hoping to use this remaining funding, along with a grant from DOER to install a pellet boiler heating system in the Town Hall that will work in conjunction with the existing oil fired system. In 2015, for the second year, we participated in a free LED light bulb change out program sponsored by DOER and Eversource. We have now replaced all applicable bulbs in The Dickinson Memorial Library and Town Hall resulting in further energy and cost savings. The Committee also began a project to upgrade exterior lighting around the Town Hall to LED technology that will reduce electrical energy usage and cost by over 70%. The first step has been completed with the replacement of the flag/monument lighting yielding an 86% reduction in electrical usage and improved lighting.

Bob Pasteris

Chair, Northfield Energy Committee

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department responded to the following emergencies last year:

Structure Fires	3	Residential / Apartments	19	Assist Highway Dept	1
Chimney Fires	2	Redemption Christian Academy	9	Medical Helicopter Landing Zone	1
Electrical Fire	1	National Christian Foundation	10	911 Phone Outage	2
Gas Grill Fire	1	Elementary School	3	Flooded Basement	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	PVRS	2	Rescue from Heights	1
Motor Vehicle Fires	1	C O Alarms	3	Missing Person Search	1
Fire Alarms – Total	43	Mutual Aid Given	44	Tree on a House	1
		Received	14	Community Service	8
		Brush Fires	8		
		Illegal Burning	8		
		Smoke Investigation	5		
		Power wires down	7		
		Hazardous Materials	5		
		Assist EMT's	2		

TOTAL CALLS 165

Two of the three structure fires occurred in West Northfield in the dark of night. Barnes Automotive and the Lane Construction asphalt plant were outside the hydrant protection district. Both fires were discovered by neighbors or by people passing by so both fires had a head start. Northfield was assisted by several fire departments through the Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid network which we belong. They helped relay water to the fires by pumping large supply lines or tanking water from local ponds and water sources. The total fire losses for Northfield were well over \$1,000,000. "Barnes" a local icon was gone forever and Lane's asphalt plant will be back in operation this Spring.

As you can see by the above call list the Fire Department does much more than just put out fires. We perform a multitude of tasks and services that require manpower and technical training. In addition to these responses we also coordinated, staffed personnel and provided apparatus for the extrication of injured participants for the Ragnar 36 hour cross country relay at the Northfield Mountain Project on June 26 & 27, coordinated water safety for the Canoe & Kayak Race on the Connecticut River on June 28th and coordinated water safety personnel and mountain extrication of injured participants for the Northfield Triathlon held on October 4th. The safety for the water portion of these activities was arranged and provided by the Northfield Fire Department. with assistance from the Gill Fire Department and the Northfield Dive/Rescue Team.

The "Truck Committee" of the Fire Department has spent hundreds of hours drawing up and finalizing specifications for your new replacement pumper tanker which will be delivered in early 2016. The truck has to provide fire protection to large buildings in the hydrant districts as well as the residences, farms and businesses outside the hydrant protection areas of the Town. This truck has to perform the task for the next 25 to 30 years. I want to thank those members for their diligence and hard work.

Northfield is the envy of many of our neighboring towns when it comes to the quick response and depth of experience in our Fire Department. We are fortunate to have an active and vibrant department with a tremendous amount of talent and dedication.

I want to thank every member for their commitment to making Northfield a safer place to live. I also thank all the boards, committees and other town departments for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Roads

As usual spring cleanup brought out many unusual projects. Repair and replacement of drain structures, pipe and repair of water ways. Street sweeping took a little longer than normal due to such harsh winter weather. Water basin were cleaned, street signs have been repaired and installed. Roads were graded and swales have been cleaned out and all the gravel was hauled away. Major improvements were made to a portion of Pine Meadow Road such as brush being removed, ditches cleaned and improved, along with 1500 yards of gravel applied and shaped. There was a problem area on Four Mile Brook Road, approximately a 800 foot section. This section year after year was muddy. To resolve this problem we rebuilt the road by adding in gravel, graded, raked and rolled the area. Total cost was about \$50,000 dollars. We then continued work on Murdock Hill and an ongoing project for about five years; it was nice to have this completed. Residents were happy as well. The estimated cost of this project was \$150,000 and completed for about \$55,000 a saving of roughly \$95,000. After that project was completed we did several small jobs including wash outs, pot holes. Later in the summer we moved back to Four Mile Brook Road to relocate a blind corner, built a new head wall, cement side walls for guard rails, installed drainage and drainage swales. New retaining walls were built and we installed new culverts. This job was estimated at \$275,000 our estimated cost was about \$100,000 a savings of about \$175,000 after completing. The continuation of rebuilding South Mountain Road consisted of drainage, blasting, rip rap, swales and paving. More work will resume in spring of 2016. There are a lot more projects to be prepped for the upcoming years. Old Wendell was shimmed in preparation for oil and stone, at that time we found a week spot on the edge that had to be rebuilt and shored up for safety. I really appreciate the patience the residences have had so that the highway department can make these improvements. The highway department has a lot of talented employees. Some of those talents are automotive, auto body repairs, fabrication, cement work and much more. These talents have helped save the town about \$30,000 since we did not need to sub out the work. I would like to thank Kevin, Arnie, Michael, Andy and Jeremy along with our summer help Fred and Gene for a great year. I am hoping the weather will allow us another great year in 2016.

Trees

Tree work on several low hanging limbs were removed and trimmed back throughout the town. We did road side mowing and brush cleaning to allow for better line of sight. This allows the sun to melt the roads in the winter, and to dry out roads in the summer. Several trees were removed due to old age and some due to disease. Some trees were struck by lightning storms and had to be removed.

Cemeteries

Approximately 10 lots were sold between the seven cemeteries. Lawns were mowed and we trimmed around stones. Several limbs and debris were picked up and disposed of. Approximately 20 grave sites were dug for burials. Several over grown bushes were removed. We found several trees in Center Cemetery damaged by storms and had to be removed with a crane due to tight area to work with and some were historic stones. My thanks to South Mountain Lawn Care for a great job.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This past year the NHC has worked on archaeological projects, including filing reports with the Massachusetts Historical Commission on two surveyed sites. We have also worked with other Town committees, such as the Agricultural Commission on a historic barn project and the Veterans Memorial Committee on the project to erect a Civil War monument. We have participated on the Community Preservation Committee and have been represented at the Town Bylaws Review meetings, the Connecticut River Scenic Byway meetings, Tennessee Gas Pipeline meetings, also filing comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in that regard.

We have sought funding for NHC projects and continue to compile cultural background information and to research origins of historic properties in Northfield. This work is carried out on a continual basis and especially with an eye to the recent master plan recommendations.

Submitted by,
Joel Fowler, Chair

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Northfield Open Space Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard and works to implement the 2012 Open Space and Recreation Plan approved by the town. The Plan is available at Town Hall, at the Library, and online at the Open Space Web Site at <http://www.northfieldma.gov/open-space-committee>.

One of the primary concerns in 2015 is the Tennessee Gas Pipeline proposed to pass through eight miles of Northfield. The proposed route impacts several permanently preserved conservation areas, including Brush Mountain Conservation Area, and areas of Native American importance. Committee members advised the Selectboard about potential threats to the Northfield water supplies and the impacts to conservation areas.

In the 2012 Open Survey, Northfield residents requested more access to trails throughout the year. In 2015 the Open Space Committee continued efforts to improve access by developing individual trail maps and a booklet that includes all the trails. These maps are available both at the Town Hall and Library and also online as an interactive version at <http://www.northfieldmass.org/trails/>. Committee members built and installed trailhead kiosks to hold trail maps at King Philip's Hill, Collier Cemetery trailhead, and at the top of Alexander Hill Road where several trails intersect. The kiosk at Brush Mountain, installed several years ago by Michael Humphries and volunteers from Northfield and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, contains maps for the trails that originate there. Because of the demand for skiing and snow shoe access, the Open Space Committee is continuing to work with the town to ensure that parking lots and trailheads are clear.

Thanks to the Ames family, Northfield is on track for its first truly accessible nature trail. Leading to a beaver pond through land set aside under a permanent conservation restriction, the Alderbrook Nature Trail will provide opportunities for bird and beaver watching with a viewing platform. Matthias Nevins of Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust is spearheading the project and awaiting news about the Recreational Trails Grant that will help fund the project. Greater Northfield Watershed Association donated \$1,000 to help close the funding gap. In addition to preserving the wildlife habitat, the Ames Conservation Restriction also preserves an area that is historically significant for Native American history.

Every third Sunday, enthusiasts meet at the Town Hall for walks sponsored and led by the Open Space Committee and the Northfield Trails Association. Sam and Barbara Richardson have been organizing these hikes for several years to introduce walkers to a variety of trails and unusual spots in town. We are always excited about walk suggestions.

The negotiations for the purchase of the 1600-acre woodland owned by Northfield Mount Hermon School continue. J. T. Horn, Project Manager for Trust for Public Land (TPL), after months of planning and complicated negotiation with state agencies, developed a proposal which includes a buyer for the East Northfield Water Company and public ownership of the forestland. The Open Space Committee has been meeting with J. T. Horn periodically to review the plans.

Robin Conley and Julia Blyth serve on the Community Park Committee which is developing plans for a community park facility, one of the requests in the Open Space Survey. Members of the Open Space Committee attended conferences including the Massachusetts Trails conference, Open Space Conference in Ashburnham, and the Wildlife Habitat Conference presented by Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Troop 9, Northfield Boy Scouts, won the 2015 Citizen Stewardship Award, presented annually by the Open Space Committee. The Boy Scouts have been extremely active in our trail system, developing and maintaining both trails and the Calvin Swan homestead. Last year at Town Meeting the Scouts presented the colors and received the award.

Information about conservation and other open space concerns is available at Town Hall in a display case next to the elevator on the first floor.

Members of the Northfield Open Space Committee include Mike Barry, Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Bob Hall, Joanne McGee, Leslie Powers, Sue Ross, and Jerry Wagener, Chair.

PLANNING BOARD

No report submitted

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the Chief of Police, I am pleased to report that that the Northfield Police Department (NPD) has made continuous progress towards our long-term goal of providing effective and efficient law enforcement services to the Town of Northfield. In addition, our 2015 annual goals of improving community policing initiatives, improving school safety & security, and updating department computers & network security have all been achieved. Our Officers, in partnership with the Northfield community, have worked extremely hard in 2015 to provide professional law enforcement services at a low cost to taxpayers and have contributed to making Northfield a safe place to live, visit, and do business.

Community policing:

The Northfield Police Department continues our community policing efforts to prevent crime and to maintain positive working relations with the members of our community. The following paragraphs contain a brief breakdown of our 2015 community policing activities:

In the spring, Officers began patrolling Northfield by mountain bike. Officers on bicycle are visible; approachable; and enforce motor vehicle laws, such as speeding, stop sign, and crosswalk violations. In addition, officers are making important contacts with our children and rewarding them for safe behaviors such as wearing a bike helmet.

Over the summer, the Northfield Police Department participated in the Northfield Elementary School summer playground and arranged for the kids to meet the Massachusetts State Police mounted horse unit and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit. Our department also assisted with the annual bike parade down & obstacle course and provided bike safety inspections

In the fall, Officers participated in the annual pumpkin carving event at the NES. Children and adults were able to show off their amazing pumpkin carving talents. This fun family event was arranged by the Northfield PTO, and the NPD was happy to lend a hand. Participating in this type of positive community event is a great way to connect with our community. Having children and adults interact with police officers builds trust and important relationships which is imperative to community policing.

During the academic school year, Officer Adam Paicos continued to instruct D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to fifth grade students at the Northfield Elementary School. Officer Paicos also interacted with the other grades to promote anti-bullying, safety, and drug and alcohol awareness. Officer Paicos has also participated in several high school health classes at PVRS, where students are able to discuss with a police officer many issues of critical importance to them, especially drug use and addiction. Officer Paicos is making vital connections with the faculty and student body. His presence at the schools also diminishes the likelihood of criminal activity and promotes school safety. Drug abuse in Franklin County has been a significant concern this past year with the spike of opioid use and we feel that the tools our student receive in D.A.R.E. will help the make wise choices when it comes to drug use.



Throughout the year, our department continued to utilize social media to post notices about police news, crime activity, crime prevention information, and community events, and community policing initiatives.. The NPD Facebook continues to expand its readership and have 1,550 followers. The NPD facebook page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthfieldPD/>

Personnel:

For the majority of 2015, 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 2015, our part-time staffing increased from six officers to eleven officers.

In February, Officer Igor Komerzan graduated from the full-time police academy held at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in New Braintree, MA. This academy is an intense 800 hour basic training course for police officer candidates and cover a variety of law enforcement topics to include criminal law & procedure, defensive tactics, crime prevention, etc.

Officer Adam Paicos has served as an unofficial School Resource officer on a part-time reserve capacity during the days when school is in session. This position ensures that is always available to respond promptly to school concerns. Officer Paicos is a nationally certified School Resource Officer and D.A.R.E. Officer. Officer Paicos also possesses full-time academy certification.

Training:

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

This past year, the Northfield Police Department Officers of the Northfield Police Department improved its firearms training program by conducting training in the evening for the purpose of sharpening each officer's skills and accuracy in low lighting situations. Officers engaged targets from a variety of distances and positions. In some situations, officers were forced to rely on the light from the cruiser's emergency light system to engage their targets.

In addition to firearms training our department, with support from the Massachusetts State Police STOP team conducted active shooter training at PVRS. This training session with the MSP helped all of our officers to continue to improve our skills when responding to an active shooter incident. Following this training, our department conducted an unannounced lockdown drill at Pioneer Valley Regional School and Northfield Elementary School. This drill provided training and evaluation to both law enforcement personnel and school staff members.

All officers participate in annual in-serve training to include legal update, First aid, CPR and various other law enforcement topics. Led by Sgt. Richardson, all newly appointed officers are provided approximately 400 hours of Field Training where they are provided the opportunity to apply the information they received in the police academy under the direct supervision and guidance of an experienced full-time Officer.

Current Issues:

In 2015, The Northfield Police Department has focused considerable attention on the Northeast Energy Direct Project, which is slated to pass through Northfield and include the construction of a pump station. With priority consideration to the citizens of Northfield, the following efforts have been made to address this prospective project:

- Attended and monitoring regular pipeline demonstrations on Gulf Road which, has average of 35 to 50 attendees. Attendance at these gatherings has allowed the department make contacts with the citizens involved in this cause and also provide traffic safety by keeping pedestrians a safe distances from the roadway and slowing vehicle traffic.
- Coordinating security and safety at open pipeline meetings to include the “Die-in” demonstration, which occurred in October.
- Maintain communications with the Kinder Morgan Company and request financial resources to ensure safety and security at open meetings.
- Project future needs in anticipation of the project moving forward.
- Secure equipment and resources from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department as well as the Massachusetts State Police.
- Coordinating with other law enforcement agencies.
- Maintain an unbiased and neutral position on this controversial issue.

The purpose of these efforts is to allow our citizens a safe atmosphere to gather information about this project and voice their concerns as needed. It should be noted that the Northfield Town Administrator, Brian Noble, has been a great asset in pipeline event planning efforts.

Resources for Support:

The Northfield Police Department is generally 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>.

Budget:

Our budget in fiscal year 2016 provided for sufficient shift coverage as well as additional to extra patrols for the purpose of providing support to our full time staff. Funding for a part-time, unofficial school resource officer position was also provided this fiscal year. Using town capital expense appropriations, our department also upgraded outdated department computers and network protections. The following is a breakdown of our funding in relation to past years:

	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Town Appropriations	272,202	319,061	330,157
Capital Expenses	36,000	34,956	6,000
RRAP Homeland Security Grant	18,715	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>326,917</i>	<i>354,017</i>	<i>336,157</i>

Calls for Service:

This year we recorded 1,310 calls for service through the Shelburne Control Regional Dispatch Center, which amounts to a 10% increase from 2014 and a 30% increase since 2013. Officers of the Northfield Police Department also documented 14,041 police services in 2015. These activities have steadily increased over the past three years and are likely due to improved record keeping as well as increased staffing levels. Such services include officer initiated activities and reports made directly to the Northfield Police Department. The following is a general breakdown of the calls and activities that officers were dispatched to throughout the year:

	2013	2014	2015
Alarm	70	85	76
Animals Complaint	53	84	56

Assist Other Agency	245	258	242
Assist Person	332	348	335
General Service	3,721	5,764	5,315
House / Building Check	4,817	4,853	6,697
Medical Assist	126	183	164
Motor Vehicle Complaint	262	588	635
Other 911 Calls	50	63	39
Suspicious Activity	32	40	36
Disturbance	36	36	63
Follow-up Investigations	524	287	298
Court Duties	106	137	181
Harassment	6	18	20
<i>Total Dispatched Calls for Service</i>	<i>1,014</i>	<i>1,237</i>	<i>1,310</i>
<i>Total Police Services</i>	<i>10,380</i>	<i>12,744</i>	<i>14,157</i>

Investigations:

Due to the hard work and dedication of our officers, 129 criminal cases were successfully closed and their offenders were prosecuted. Arrests increased 40% in 2015. Specifically, the Northfield Police Department drug violations increased 140% and theft increased 75%. Drug violations and theft often go hand and hand and is often a strong indication of a growing drug problem that the community should be mindful of. On the other hand, the we experienced a decrease in crimes against the person such as assault, family offenses, intimidation, harassment, etc . The following information accurately reflects the number of investigations conducted in the past three years:

	2013	2014	2015
Armed Robbery	1	0	0
Assault	18	3	2
Breaking & Entering / Burglary	16	10	17
Disorderly Conduct	6	1	1
Disturbance	12	2	16
Drug Violations	7	12	28
Family Offenses	5	24	7
Fraud	3	5	7
Larceny	23	18	31
Liquor Law Violations	12	25	29
Sexual Offenses	1	0	2
Stolen Vehicle	1	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	44	39	49
Motor Vehicle Offenses	58	97	82

Trespass	5	0	8
Vandalism	25	17	21
Intimidation / Threats/ Harassment	3	8	7
Other Offenses	35	16	47
<i>Total</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>355</i>
<i>Total Arrests / Criminal Complaints</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>129</i>

Traffic Enforcement

Highway safety remains an on-going concern for our department and Northfield residents. In an effort to deter traffic violations and protect the safety of travelers and pedestrians, we deploy a radar speed monitoring trailer throughout and monitor the crosswalks on Main Street. In addition, our officers have logged countless conducting radar enforcement. For the second consecutive year, our department has significantly increased our traffic enforcement efforts and have enforced 1,157 motor vehicles violations in an attempt to make our roads safer. These efforts amount to an approximate 20% increase in traffic enforcement and a 60% increase in citation revenue to the Town of Northfield. The following information demonstrates the officers traffic enforcement activities:

	2013	2014	2015
Citation Arrests	37	37	65
Criminal Complaint Citation	32	63	94
Civil Citations	191	272	428
Citation Warnings	565	600	570
<i>Total Citations</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>972</i>	<i>1,157</i>
<i>Total Citation Fines</i>	<i>20,180</i>	<i>26,460</i>	<i>41,930</i>

Goals for 2015

1. Peacefully manage pipeline protest demonstrations and ensure a safe environment where community members are provided the opportunity to legally and respectfully voice their concerns.
2. Continue to improve school security measures in accordance with the *Massachusetts gun safety law* which "...Requires the Chief of Police and school Superintendent to assign a school resource officer to each school district..." Our goal is to implement a full-time School Resource Officer Position in partnership with NES and PVRs.
3. Review and update Department policies and procedures in accordance with professional standards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Robert Leighton

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission would like to thank Suzanne Handren and Jeremy Underwood for their many years of service to the Commission!

Many youth came out to play basketball, softball, baseball and soccer. We introduced a new concept for our youngest players offering a Smart Start team where one parent is required to participate in all practices, assisting, encouraging and learning themselves. With our older players, we've introduced a Skills and Drills Clinic before each season starts. We are bringing in high school coaches to run drills with the children and coaches. After the skills and drills session players are divided by ability to help form equal teams.

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

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

The Weight Room at Pioneer is open to Northfield Residents on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30-7:30. Open to all ages from 13 and up.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy S. Underwood, Chair

SENIOR CENTER/COUNCIL ON AGING

Highlights

We have had a wonderful year at the Senior Center! Along with our exercise programs and games, we have had some great programs and parties! Our summer concert series held in the Stanley Wickey Pavilion brought 260 people out on balmy evenings for great music, a little dancing and lots of smiles. The Creamy generously supported our effort and in turn, we made sure all knew that ice cream was available.

"This is Your Town" monthly Friday breakfasts have been a great success as well. This year we finished up our committee presentations 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 Morocco, Berlin, South Africa, Russia, Egypt, Italy, China and Croatia 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 this year engaged our senior volunteers and third graders from NES in an hour of sharing. Those who have been involved over the years enjoy seeing the kids outside of the group and being called "my senior friend".

The Second Stage Symposium was shorter this past March and April. In the four sessions we covered the AARP safe driving classes, Home Care options and Aging in Place considerations. Our attendance was down this year, so we'll take a break in the coming year.

We had a 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. We look forward to a long term relationship.

Our two movie series have mixed responses. The First Friday Film series, which meets after lunch each month, brings out a small group. We show a mix of movies from classics to more recent ones that many may not have been to the theaters to see. The van is available for this. The Third Thursday Movie night is a more eclectic mix of movies, hosted by David Rowland, retired theater teacher from NMH. The discussions are lively and those who come have a great time. This is targeted to the "younger" senior.

Our regular music program features the Tuesday appearance of the ROMEOs, Betsey Llewelyn who has been providing lunch time tunes. They keep us singing and creating a warm and welcoming lunch time.

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, which honored 40 volunteers, featured a string trio for an afternoon of delightful music as we ate and talked. Many stayed long after to chat and enjoy the pavilion.

The senior picnic brings everyone. This year 38 folks came out and were served by Paul Mark, Chris Donelan (who also serenaded us), John Merrigan and David Sullivan, ably supervised by Jack Spanbauer, Brian Noble and Chief Leighton! The simple picnic fare, great space and comradery make for a delightful afternoon in the pavilion.

The annual Lobster Bake brings folks of all ages. The pavilion is a great site for this wonderful sloppy meal! We begin receiving calls to sign up a month in advance and the crowd is clearly sated.

Statistics

The van stats show an increase in use of 21% in FY 2014. In particular, medical and shopping trips have each increased over 60%.

In our activities area, we have a 9% increase in the number coming for meals; a 19% increase in the number of programs we're offering; while we have 3% decrease in the number coming for games, that is due to the decline in Bingo, more folks are playing Bridge and the latest game, Hand and Foot; participation in our Blood Pressure Clinic is up 5% and our Foot Clinic is up 18%; our exercise program is down 22% due to our decrease in the warm weather walking yet the numbers of those coming to Yoga and Healthy Bones and Body are increasing; outreach calls are up 3%, people coming in is down 13%, and my email contact and phone contact with families is increasing as families begin to look to us for information; mailings are down 2% as we move more to email and now the web page.

Look for our new postcard around town for folks to take that highlight our activities and who we are that will let everyone know what is happening at the Senior Center and check out the town website for our monthly newsletter. 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 FY16 the base rate was \$360.00 per hook up and a cost of \$10.00 per hundred cubic feet of water usage. The Sewer Department set a budget of \$264,137.00 which was a slight increase from the previous year. The Wastewater Treatment Facility staff continues to look for ways to operate the plant more efficiently, which will stabilize the sewer rate and budget in the future. There have been three major projects that have been completed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility this year and several minor ones. The first major project was building a temporary enclosure around #2 Clarifier and heating it due to the freezing of #1 Clarifier. Plant Staff and representatives from RH White build a temporary enclosure over #2 Clarifier and then defrosted the clarifier and placed it on line for the remainder of the winter. In the spring, the plant staff and a representative from City Machine rebuild the drive chain and repaired the broken flights on #1 Clarifier. The third major project was completed by the building maintenance man and plant staff. They build a permanent enclosure over the clarifiers that froze during the winter and build covers for the chlorine contact tanks, thus preventing them from ever freezing again. 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 operations building and hand rails were touched up with paint. 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 24.8 million gallons of wastewater for the year with an average flow of 77,000 gallons per day. The total rainfall for the year was 45.67 inches. The Sewer department will continue to keep the material readiness of the plant up to ensure efficient operation of the system.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Walker – Chairman

Ray Zukowski – Vice Chairman

Paul Prest

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector's Report - July 2014 to June 2015

REAL ESTATE

2016	Balance	-650.00	
	Committed	3223498.71	
	Collected		7062.27
	Uncollected		3215786.44
2015	Balance	2985124.34	
	Committed	3453034.32	
	Refund	28916.20	
	Collected		6300397.52
	Abated		31792.50
	Tax Title		0.00
	Uncollected		134884.84
2014	Balance	125904.17	
	Refund	523.14	
	Collected		82508.68
	Abated		0.00
	Adjustment		0.00
	Uncollected		43918.63
2013	Balance	48404.56	
	Collected		28114.57
	Uncollected		20289.99
2012	Balance	25944.75	
	Collected		23325.82
	Uncollected		2618.93
2011	Balance	5113.97	
	Collected		4810.47
	Uncollected		303.50
2010	Balance	163.91	
	Collected		50.00
	Uncollected		113.91
2009	Balance	11.84	
	Uncollected		11.84

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

2016	Committed	10424.64	
	Collected		10.72
	Uncollected		10413.92
2015	Balance	9652.88	
	Committed	11156.20	
	Refund	169.57	
	Collected		20288.04
	Abated		427.06
	Uncollected		263.55

2014	Balance	218.15	
	Refund	0.00	
	Collected		176.93
	Abated		0.00
	Uncollected		41.22
2013	Balance	144.57	
	Collected		51.35
	Uncollected		93.22
2012	Balance	126.90	
	Collected		30.19
	Uncollected		96.71
2011	Balance	11.18	
	Collected		13.30
	Uncollected		-2.12
PERSONAL PROPERTY			
2016	Committed	263491.82	
	Uncollected		263491.82
2015	Balance	168335.54	
	Committed	193089.97	
	Refund	4624.10	
	Collected		354748.46
	Abated		9765.92
	Uncollected		1535.23
2014	Balance	1457.41	
	Refund	48.29	
	Collected		997.88
	Uncollected		507.82
2013	Balance	411.80	
	Refund	27.96	
	Collected		78.11
	Uncollected		361.65
2012	Balance	254.25	
	Collected		34.77
	Uncollected		219.48
2011	Balance	213.47	
	Uncollected		213.47
2010	Balance	216.37	
	Uncollected		216.37
2009	Balance	228.96	
	Uncollected		228.96
2008	Balance	204.83	
	Uncollected		204.83
2007	Balance	191.03	

		Uncollected		191.03
2006	Balance		198.29	
		Uncollected		198.29
2005	Balance		212.89	
		Uncollected		212.89
2004	Balance		198.50	
		Uncollected		198.50
MOTOR VEHICLE				
2015	Committed		318665.08	
	Refund		1859.65	
		Abated		4499.97
		Collected		295578.75
		Uncollected		20446.01
2014	Balance		19803.63	
	Committed		35583.27	
	Refund		2623.10	
		Collected		50820.49
		Abated		3484.06
		Uncollected		3705.45
2013	Balance		3919.39	
	Refund		49.48	
		Collected		1665.85
		Abated		12.50
		Uncollected		2290.52
2012	Balance		3062.44	
		Collected		487.19
		Uncollected		2575.25
2011	Balance		2141.83	
		Collected		323.75
		Abated		0.00
		Uncollected		1818.08
2010	Balance		1401.98	
		Collected		89.58
		Abated		0.00
		Uncollected		1312.40
2009	Balance		182.71	
	Refund		0.00	
		Abated		55.00
		Uncollected		127.71
2007	Balance		-10.00	
		Abated		0.00
		Uncollected		-10.00
2006	Balance		-16.26	
		Abated		0.00

		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	67836.88	
Committed	239622.38	
Refunds	1990.46	
Collected		209758.23
Abated		6469.95
Liens to RE		22578.50
Uncollected		70643.04
RE Lien Balance	9304.27	
Committed	22578.50	
Collected		11673.17
Uncollected		20209.60
Committed Interest Balance	2057.83	
Committed	4706.58	
Refund	98.49	
Collected		2779.61
Abated		98.49
Uncollected		3984.80
Committed fees	160.00	
Refund	5.00	
Collected		115.00
Abated		5.00
Uncollected		45.00

TAX TITLE

Balance	26352.23	
Liens	0.00	
Redeemed/Payments		0.00
Town owned		0.00
Balance		26352.23

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor

TOWN CLERK**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 2014 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 2015 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials	John Williams
Building Utilization & Planning	Dave Gorzocoski
By-Law Committee	Kathleen Wright, Tom Shearer, David Quinn, Jr, Rosalind Tufts, Dianne Cornwell, Joe Graveline
Community Preservation Committee	Ruth Gallagher
Council on Aging	Elizabeth L'Etoile, Mary Jane Porter, Ruth Gallagher
Dickinson Library	Halie Theoharides
Election Officer	Ruth Gallagher
EMS	Rebecca Deyo, Ernie Frost, Kevin Garvey, David Higgin
Energy Committee	Maureen Spaulding
Finance Committee	Raymond Zukowski
Fire Department	Jay Nelson
Four Mile Brook Advisory Committee	Mary Perrea
Master Plan Implementation Committee	Brian Brault, Dianne Cornwall, Jack Spanbauer, Steve Malsch, Kevin Leger, Gwendolyn Trelle, Rich Fitzgerald, Alex Stewart, Jill Fortier, Sue Ross, Joe Stacy, Erin Jaworski
Personnel Committee	Deana Prest, Cate Woolner
Police Department	Eli Pack, Clay Delano, Kevin Brown, Corey Greene, Peter Smith
Recreation Commission	Susan Fuller
Selectboard	Dan Gray
Town Administrator	Kevin Paicos (interim), Robert Markol (interim)
Town Clerk	Gail V. Zukowski; Joe Powers (interim)
Town Hall Master Plan	Ruth Gallagher
Town Governance Study Committee	Christian Guertin, Nathaniel Hussey, Sam Richardson, Homer Stavely, Barry Bordner, Steve Stoia, David Chula
Trust Fund Committee	Ruth Gallagher

NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD

MAY, 2015

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2015

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 fourth day of May, 2015 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 4, 2015, 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 the next Fiscal Year. In addition, we are recommending funding for most of the Capital items requested. In the past, many Capital items have been delayed, some for several years and we are able to recommend funding for many of these this year. One of these is to start upgrading the Electrical Wiring in the Town Hall, most of which is quite old. We want to preserve our infrastructures and feel that it's time to clean the outside of the Town Hall and repoint the bricks. That has been on our list of needs for several years; yet money was always needed elsewhere. The process we followed in determining what Special Article requests we are recommending is that the Selectboard prioritized the requests from the various Departments under their jurisdiction and the Finance Committee evaluated these requests along with requests from other departments. Upon reaching our tentative recommendations, we held a joint meeting with the Selectboard to reach a mutual decision. The members of the Selectboard and the Finance Committee are in agreement on all of the recommendations that are being presented at this Annual Town Meeting.

We have a shortfall in our Snow Removal account of \$36,000, which should come as no surprise; we are recommending providing that funding at this time.

Funding for our recommendations comes from appropriation and using funds from our Stabilization Account as well as from Free Cash. These recommendations do not require an override. We have been fortunate in the last few years to be able to add to our savings account from revenue sources that may not be available in the future. The effect of using Free Cash is that we do not have our usual Article to allocate money to reduce the Tax Rate. The end result will be the same: if we use this money to fund some of the Articles, that funding does not have to come from Taxation.

We appreciate the efforts of all of our Departments, Town officials and the School District in keeping their Budget requests within the limits of available funds. As has been our practice, the Finance Committee met with each Department head as well as with the individual Chairs of several Town committees to discuss their requests and specifically to hear their justification for any increases

which generally fall into the categories that we are all encountering: increases in Electric costs, Fuel and Insurances.

We are recommending that all employees and Boards/Committees receiving Stipends be given a 1.7% Cost of Living Adjustment. That figure is based on the Federal COLA for this year. Those receiving Stipends are elected boards as follows: Selectboard, Board of Health, Assessors, Sewer Commissioners and School Committee Members. Other increases in employee Wages reflect Step increases as spelled out in the Town's Pay Plan. We are recommending an increase in our Reserve Fund, the use of which is limited to "Extraordinary and Unforeseen" circumstances and is under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee. You have been given a copy of the Budget Model Summary along with this Warrant. The Summary shows that we are recommending expenditures that come under the amount allowed under the Laws of Proposition 2 ½.

We want to thank our Town Accountant, Deb Mero; and our Town Administrator, Brian Noble, for all assistance that they have provided in the preparation for this Town Meeting and for the operation of our Town for FY '16.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on May 4th.

Sincerely,

The Northfield Finance Committee

Lois M. Stearns, Chairman
 Daniel R. Campbell, Vice-Chairman
 Bethany Walker, Secretary
 Chad Glover

Anthony Matteo
 Susan Wright
 Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY2015	PROPOSED FY2016
EXPENDITURES		
STM 12/9/13	20,000	
STM 11/24/14	0	227,090
Omnibus	7,400,561	7,850,595
Special Articles-Current FY- General Fund	8,000	36,000
Special Articles-New FY- General Fund	731,810	658,178
ATM Special Articles-Enterprise Funds	320,869	404,138
ATM Special Articles-CPA Funds	12,800	123,250
Reserved for CPA Fund	28,500	28,500
Cherry Sheet Charges	9,085	9,085
Cherry Sheet Offsets	3,980	3,980
Overlay	74,377	60,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	8,609,982	9,400,816

REVENUES

Cherry Sheet Receipts	411,263	411,263
Local Est. Receipts	460,000	484,000
Estimated Revenue-CPA	30,000	30,000
Free Cash FY14 articles	8,000	0
Free Cash FY15 articles	0	36,000
Free Cash FY16 articles		384,478
Free Cash/Reduce Tax Rate (7/14 BAL less STM= 429,688)	131,000	0
Stabilization-Hwy Roof, Doors, Truck- 35k from Spec, 179K gen		214,000
Free Cash (STM articles)	5,000	163,340
CPA Funds (STM articles)	0	55,000
Enterprise Funds (STM articles)	15,000	8,750
Surplus Overlay Reserve/Reduce Tax Rate	0	0
Enterprise Funds	320,869	404,138
Enterprise Funds-Trsf to gen for indirect	31,500	31,500
CPA Funds	11,300	121,750
Other Avail Funds(STM articles)	0	0
Other Avail Funds(ATM articles)	378,735	0
TOTAL EST RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS	1,802,667	2,344,219
 NET AMT TO BE RAISED		
BY TAXATION	6,807,315	7,056,597
 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	6,856,912	7,057,467
AMT UNDER MAXIMUM LEVY	49,597	870
OVERRIDE	0	0
OVERRIDE OR EXCLUSIONS REQUIRED	0	0
TAX RATE	16.65	17.16
TAX RATE AT LEVY LIMIT	16.77	17.16

<i>TOTAL VALUATION</i>	408,847,724	411,250,126
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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2015

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 action relative 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 action relative 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 FY15 Snow Removal Expense, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer \$36,000 from Free Cash to the Snow & Ice Budget to cover a deficit created during the harsh winter of 2014-2015.*

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 action relative 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;

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 8 or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an “override of Proposition 2 ½”; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

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 2016 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 2016, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant; or take any action relative thereto.

FISCAL 2016 OMNIBUS BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
MODERATOR SALARY	53	54	54
MODERATOR EXPENSE	10	10	10

SELECTMEN SALARIES	5,846	5,945	5,945
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	11,611	14,875	14,875
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	71,050	70,709	70,709
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	1,005	1,442	1,442
SECRETARY WAGES	42,857	43,667	43,667
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1,385	1,410	1,410
RESERVE FUND	20,000	30,000	40,000
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	28,066	28,780	28,780
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT	3,000	3,051	3,051
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	370	530	530
ASSESSORS SALARIES	5,367	5,459	5,459
ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	31,425	32,319	32,319
ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR	14,200	20,500	20,500
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13,225	13,185	13,185
TREASURER SALARY	16,957	17,607	17,607
TREASURER EXPENSE	4,300	4,500	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	16,957	17,607	17,607
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	5,750	6,000	6,000
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	20,500	20,500	20,500
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE	14,932	34,750	34,750
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	2,300	2,300	2,300
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE	1,500	1,700	1,700
TOWN CLERK SALARY	35,349	33,758	33,758
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3,255	4,260	4,260
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	10,185	11,000	11,000
CONSERV COMMISSION	3,135	3,255	3,255
PLANNING BOARD	4,097	4,000	4,000
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	3,514	3,607	3,557
AG COMM EXPENSE	500	500	500
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	1,400	1,400	1,400
LAND DAMAGES	1	1	1
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	15,237	15,845	15,845
BLDG MAINT PERSON	36,714	38,178	38,178

TOWN HALL MAINT	39,020	45,905	45,905
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	9,700	12,000	12,000
TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2,200	2,200	2,200
TOWN REPORTS	400	600	600
TOWN CLOCK	150	175	175
TOTAL	497,523	553,520	563,534

PUBLIC SAFETY	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
POLICE WAGES & SALARIES	276,416	276,180	276,180
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	42,645	47,977	47,977
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5,347	5,438	5,438
FIRE DEPT WAGES	41,928	42,641	42,641
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP	19,900	21,410	21,410
HOSE & EQUIPMENT	8,000	8,500	8,500
INSPECTION FEES	3,000	3,000	3,000
HYDRANTS	5,460	5,460	5,460
MAINT FIRE STATION	19,300	21,830	21,830
FIREPONDS/WATERHOLES	3,000	3,000	3,000
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	25,653	26,089	26,089
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1,250	1,250	1,250
GAS INSPECTION	2,500	2,500	2,500
WIRE INSPECTION	3,080	3,080	3,080
CIVIL DEFENSE	400	400	400
DOG OFFICER SALARY	3,296	3,352	3,352
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1,900	2,400	2,400
TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10,000	10,000	10,000
CONSTABLES WAGES	1,056	1,074	1,074
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30	30	30
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1	1	1
TOTAL	474,162	485,612	485,612

EDUCATION	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
ELEM SCHOOL MAINT	1,500	1,500	1,500
SCHOOL COMM STIPENDS	675	686	686
PVRS-OPER ASSMNT	4,145,945	4,228,049	4,228,049
PVRS-BLDG PROJ ASSESSMENT	246,744	242,045	242,045
PVRS-TECHNOLOGY LN ASSESSMENT	0	53,896	53,896
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-OPER ASSMNT	395,363	507,555	507,555
TUITION & TRANSP-OUT OF DISTRICT	0	37,170	37,170
TOTAL	4,790,227	5,070,901	5,070,901

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
HWY SUPT EXPENSE	13,000	13,000	13,000
HIGHWAY & SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	267,197	274,796	274,796
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	165,375	185,375	185,375
OILING & STONING	63,000	70,000	70,000
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1,260	1,260	1,260
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75,390	75,390	75,390
STREET LIGHTS	13,938	16,000	16,000
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	84,341	90,000	90,000
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	11,550	13,050	13,050
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1	1	1
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	9,555	10,154	10,154
WASTE DISPOSAL	112,896	120,783	120,783
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	842,503	894,809	894,809

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2,459	2,501	2,501
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8,382	8,769	8,769
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2,500	2,500	2,500

SHARED HEALTH AGENT	10,850	11,095	11,095
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	1,500	1,500	1,500
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,401	2,435	2,435
COUNCIL ON AGING	49,824	51,621	51,621
SOLDIERS RELIEF	42,000	42,000	42,000
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	119,916	122,421	122,421

CULTURE AND RECREATION	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	107,915	110,876	110,876
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	38,431	41,808	41,808
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	600	625	625
RECREATION COMM	6,816	7,016	7,016
REC COMM TRAINING & RECOGNITION	250	250	250
REC PROGRM DIRECTR	4,201	4,272	4,272
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	4,250	4,750	4,750
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	31,510	26,114	26,114
VETERANS DISTRICT	6,109	6,819	6,819
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	203,882	206,330	206,330

DEBT SERVICE	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
MATURING DEBT- PRIN	0	0	0
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	0	0	0
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	2,000	2,000	2,000
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	2,000	2,000	2,000

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT	APPROPRIATION FY2015	REQUESTED FY2016	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
COUNTY RETIREMENT	162,431	159,930	157,001
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	10,095	10,095	10,095
UNEMPLOYMENT	12,000	12,000	12,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	207,787	229,483	229,483
LIFE INSURANCE	1,820	1,820	1,820
MEDICARE/FICA	16,525	17,351	17,351
OTHER INSURANCE	64,365	77,238	77,238
TOTAL	475,023	507,917	504,988
GRAND TOTAL	7,405,236	7,843,110	7,850,595

Submitted by the Finance Committee

MOTION: I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2016 and raise and appropriate \$7,850,595 for such salaries, the maintenance of 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 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

NOTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL GORZOCOSKI, III AS FOLLOWS:

I respectfully submit a motion to have the school budget be separated out for any discussion, and a separate vote by paper ballot.

After some discussion on Mr. Gorzocoski's motion it was defeated.

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 of the foregoing,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Fire Dept	SCBA Training	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
	Engine 2 Rust Repair	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
	Station Floor/Apron Repair	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200
Highway	Generator	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Library	Paving of Parking Lot	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Police	Computer System Upgrade	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000

Selectboard	HVAC (South Balcony Room)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	Town Hall Elevator Repair	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	Phone System	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Total		\$ 125,800	\$ 125,800

or act on anything relative there to.

Requested by the Finance Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$125,800 to fund the projects, goods, and services as presented in Article 8 in the Warrant for the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED / MAJORITY)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will transfer from the retained earnings of the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund, a certain sum of money to purchase a mechanical cardiopulmonary resuscitation (**CPR**) device, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the retained earnings of EMS Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing a mechanical cardiopulmonary resuscitation device.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 10: 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	71,733
Expenses	61,800
Reserve Fund	5,000
Budgeted Surplus	1,467
TOTAL:	\$140,000

and that \$140,000 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	140,000
Tax levy	-0-
TOTAL:	\$140,000

or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise, as set forth in Article 10 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED:MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 11: 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	1,502.00
Sewer Dept. Collector	3,563.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	86,349.00
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	80,670.00
Reserve Fund	10,000.00
Maturing Debt - Principal	51,717.43
Maturing Debt - Interest	336.17
Interest on Short - Term Debt	-0-
TOTAL:	\$234,137.60

and that \$234,137.60 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	234,137.60
Tax levy	
TOTAL:	\$234,137.60

or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$234,137.60 to operate the Sewer Enterprise, as set forth in Article 11 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY: ERIK MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED:MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will rescind the unused amounts of previous Town Meeting Debt Authorizations as follows:

Description	Appropriated	Amount Authorized	Unissued
Roof & Equipment	ATM12, Article 46 & ATM 13, Article 4	45,000.00	25,000.00
Engineering – Highland Avenue	ATM12, Article 47	30,000.00	19,500.00
Generator	ATM14, Article 16	35,000.00	7,050.00
Sludge Tank Blower	ATM14, Article 17	25,000.00	1,232.57

or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to rescind the borrowing authorization for the items as presented in Article 12 in the Warrant for the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting.*

MOTION BY: ERIK MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will transfer from the retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Funds, a certain sum of money to purchase, build, construct or otherwise provide a cover over a portion of the sewage treatment plant tanks, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the retained earnings of Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of purchasing, building, constructing or otherwise providing a cover over a portion of the sewage treatment plant tanks.*

MOTION BY: ERIK MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of a Sanitary Sewer Build-out Analysis & Wastewater Treatment Facilities Evaluation, whereby to fund said appropriation, The Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Sewer Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow up to an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and to issue bonds and/or notes in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: *I move that the Town appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of a Sanitary Sewer Build-out Analysis & Wastewater Treatment Facilities Evaluation, whereby to fund said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Sewer Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow up to an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and to issue bonds and/or notes in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority.*

MOTION BY: ERIK MEALS

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds

PASS/FAIL (PASSED BY 2/3rds VOTE)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2016 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 2016 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 2016 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 2016 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve*

MOTION BY: JOAN DEELEY

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED)

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 continue the review and update of the Town's Zoning By-Laws ("Protective Regulations By-Law"); or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board and the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash to continue the review and update of the Town's Zoning By-Laws also known as the "Protective Regulations By-Law."*

MOTION BY: RICH FITZGERALD

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2016 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 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

MOTION: *I move the Town vote to re-authorize the revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2016 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 2016;*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED / MAJORITY)

ARTICLE 18: 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 1 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 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 replace carpets and/or flooring in classrooms at the Northfield Elementary School Building(s); or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer \$6,000 from Free Cash to replace carpets and/or flooring in classrooms at the Northfield Elementary School.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 20: 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 fuel lines at the Northfield Elementary School Building; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Building Use & Utilization Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,670 from Free Cash to replace fuel lines at the Northfield Elementary School Building.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 21: 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 porch and roof repairs/replacement and related items at the Northfield Elementary School North Building; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Building Use & Utilization Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,500 for porch and roof repairs and/or replacement and related items at the Northfield Elementary School North Building*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 22: 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:

Window tint on interior & exterior glass in high visibility areas	\$11,668
Two-way radios 1 @\$800 (school only)	\$800
Air conditioning in Room 276 – Technology Classroom	\$8,000
Sidewalk repair in front of the school	\$4,876
Total	<hr/> \$25,344
 <i>Northfield’s Share (53.3%)</i>	 <hr/> <i>\$13,508</i> <hr/>

or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Pioneer Regional School District School Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$13,508 for Northfield’s share of the PVRS capital projects as set forth in Article 22 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY: PAT SHEARER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 23: 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 optical scan tabulation voting equipment, or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$7,000 to purchase optical scan tabulation voting equipment for the Town's use.*

MOTION BY: DAN CAMPBELL

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to broaden the scope of Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 to include non-fire proof file cabinets, shelving, furniture, and/or technology for the storage of the records of the Town, or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to broaden the scope of Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 to include non-fire proof file cabinets, shelving, furniture, and/or technology for the storage of the records of the Town.*

MOTION BY: DAN CAMPBELL

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five year contract with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Waste Management Recycle America, LLC for recycling services at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility; or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a five year contract with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Waste Management Recycle America, LLC for recycling services at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for open space preservation and recreation purposes a sum or sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Open Space and Recreation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY15 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund toward the purchase of 1,600 acres belonging to Northfield Mount Hermon School under negotiation for sale to the Trust for Public Land (TPL). This level of funding is contingent on TPL's ability to raise the necessary funding and the inclusion of a piece of NMH land west of the old NMH campus in Northfield and extending between Schell Bridge and Pauchaug State Boat Ramp, for donation to the town as a possible site for a Community Park.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

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

MOTION BY: SUZANNE HANDREN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum or sums of money 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 FY15 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to purchase custom designed acrylic window inserts with rubber edging to preserve stained glass windows in the First Parish Church of Northfield. Said funds not to exceed the amount of \$9,000.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum of \$9,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account to purchase and install custom designed acrylic window inserts with rubber edging to preserve stained glass windows in the First Parish Church of Northfield.*

MOTION BY: SUZANNE HANDREN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum or sums of money 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 FY15 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to construct a Civil War memorial to commemorate the service of Northfield residents in the Union Army. CPA funds are not to exceed \$12,750 for the purpose of funding bids for the project to be solicited by the Northfield Town Administrator. Release of the funds will be contingent upon verification and approval by the Northfield Historical Commission of the names to be inscribed on the monument, to ensure that only Northfield residents will be included in the roster of names to be posted.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes \$12,750 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account to construct a Civil War memorial to commemorate the service of Northfield residents in the Union Army. Bids for the project are to be solicited by the Northfield Town Administrator. Release of the funds will be contingent upon verification and approval by the Northfield Historical Commission of the names to be inscribed on the monument, to ensure that only Northfield residents will be included in the roster of names to be posted.*

MOTION BY: SUZANNE HANDREN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law c.59, §5K, "Property tax liability reduced in exchange for volunteer services; persons over age 60," to become effective July 1, 2016 (FY16) or act on anything relative thereto.

Request of the Council on Aging, the Board of Assessors and the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to approve Article 29 as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: RHODA YUCAVITCH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to establish the exemptions allowed under M.G.L. c.59, §5K and Chapter 188, §43 of the Acts of 2010, Property Tax Assistance Program for older citizens of the Town, funded by the Overlay, to be set at \$500.00 for an individual taxpayer for the Fiscal Year 2016, under an agreement between the Council on Aging, the Selectboard and the Board of Assessors, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Council on Aging, the Board of Assessors and the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to approve Article 30 as written in the Warrant.*

MOTION BY: RHODA YUCAVITCH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

NOTES: A motion was made to amend the motion to cap the dollar amount total at \$2,500.00 for the first year of the program. This motion was passed and the amended motion was passed by majority.

ARTICLE 31: 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 fund a public safety facilities plan, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of developing a public safety facility plan.*

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

NOTES: There was a discussion about the need and that we had done this before.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from general and/or special stabilization funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to:

Replace the Roof of the Highway Garage	\$150,000
Repair/Replace Highway Garage Doors	8,000
Purchase a Service Truck	56,000
Total	\$214,000

or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$179,000 from the General Stabilization Fund and the sum of \$35,000 from the Backhoe Special Stabilization Fund for the purposes described in Article 32 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3rds

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 33: 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 repaint and power wash the walls of Town Hall, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,700 for the purpose of generally repairing, repointing, and power washing the Town Hall Building.*

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED MAJORITY)

ARTICLE 34: 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 act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000 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 35: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Transfer Station as an independent department of the Town and to govern it with an appointed three member commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen. In the first year after adoption the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one member for one year term, one member for two year term, and one member for a three year term. Thereafter, the term of appointment shall be three years; or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

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

MOTION BY: ROBERT MACEWEN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money 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.

Requested by Citizen's Petition

MOTION: *I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to provide technical, legal, and consulting services or other uses as determined appropriate by the Board of Selectmen to advise and assist Town Officials with the environmental, health, permitting, design, planning and/or construction issues as may result from the so called, "Northeast Energy Direct Project," also known as "The Pipeline."*

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will place a non-binding referendum question or questions before the voters on the next feasibly possible Town election to actively oppose the construction of the pipeline and a compressor station within the Town of Northfield, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by Citizen's Petition

MOTION: *I move that a non-binding referendum question be placed on the Town Election ballot to be worded as follows:*

"Are you in favor of the "Northeast Energy Direct Project" as proposed by Kinder Morgan, Inc. wherein approximately 8.5 miles of a natural gas pipeline and an 80,000 h.p. compressor station may be located within the Town of Northfield?"

A YES vote means that you are in FAVOR of the non-binding proposal.

A NO vote means that you are OPPOSED to the non-binding proposal."

MOTION BY: ANDREW VERNON

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 38: 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 act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

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

MOTION BY: JED PROUJANSKY

VOTE REQUIRED:2/3rds

PASS/FAIL (PASSED UNANIMOUS)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 4, 2015 WAS DISSOLVED AT 9:16pm.

ELECTION WORKERS

Barbara Brassor Warden

Betty Gibson

Elizabeth L'Etoile

Jo Ann Newton

Pamela Veith

Beth Walker

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 5, 2015 at noon (12:00 o'clock), then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

One Board of Selectmen (Three year term)

One Board of Assessors (Three year term)

Two Board of Health (Three year term)

Two Board of Library Trustees (Three year term)

One Moderator (Three Year Term)

One Planning Board (Five year term)

One Recreation Commission (Three year term)

One Board of Sewer Commissioner (Three year term)

One Town Clerk (Three year term)

One Treasurer (Three year term)

One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Veteran

(Three year term)

Question 1:

This is a non-binding question

Are you in favor of the "Northeast Energy Direct Project" as proposed by Kinder Morgan, Inc. wherein approximately 8.5 miles of a natural gas pipeline and an 80,000 h.p. compressor station may be located within the Town of Northfield?

A **YES** vote means that you are in **FAVOR** of the proposal.

A **NO** vote means that you are **OPPOSED** to the proposal.

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 fifteen.

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.

MAY REMOVE AFTER MAY 6, 2015

Annual Town Election
 Northfield, Massachusetts
 Tuesday May 5, 2015

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 12:00 Noon. A total of Five Hundred Twelve (512) ballots were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectmen Three Year Term Vote for One	
John G. Spanbauer	421
Write-In	7
Blanks	84
Board of Assessors Three year Term Vote for One	
Thomas R. Shearer	431
Write-In	1
Blanks	80
Board of Health Three year Term Vote for Two	
David C. Balk	430
Write-In Bob MacEwen	4
Write-In Peter Hayes	2
All others	4
Blanks	584
Board of Library Trustees Three Year Term Vote for Two	
PaulinaBorrego	346
Nolan Briggs Kitfield	352
Robert D. Hall	123
Write-In	0

Blanks	203
Planning Board Five Year Term Vote for One	
Guy E. Gilbert	397
Write-In	0
Blank	115
Recreation Commission Three Year Term Vote for One	
Scott M. Thayer	434
Write-In	2
Blanks	76
Town Moderator Three Year Term Vote for One	
Nathan W. L'Etoile	408
Write-In	4
Blanks	100
Town Clerk Three Year Term Vote for One	
Daniel Campbell	442
Write-In	1
Blanks	69
Treasurer Three Year Term Vote for One	
Barbara J. Brassor	443
Write-In	3
Blanks	66
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials- Veteran Three Year Term	

Vote for One	
Robert D. Hall	395
Write-In	3
Blanks	114
Sewer Commission Three Year Term Vote for One	
Raymond J. Zukowski	443
Write-In	0
Blanks	69

Non-Binding Question:

Are you in favor of the “Northeast Energy Direct Project” as proposed by Kinder Morgan, Inc. wherein approximately 8.5 miles of a natrua gas pipeline and an 80,000 hp compressor station may be located within the Town of Northfield?

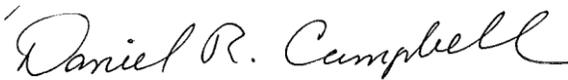
A YES vote means that you are in FAVOR of the proposal

A NO vote means that you are OPPOSED to the proposal

YES	78
NO	421
BLANKS	13

The polls wer closed at 8:00 pm

Attest



Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

**ELECTION WARRANT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 23, 2015**

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Franklin, ss.

To the registered voters of the Towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately.

GREETING:

You are hereby notified and warned that the inhabitants of the Towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately registered to vote in any of said Towns, said Towns being the member towns of the Franklin County Technical School District, are to meet at their respective polling places, to wit,

In the TOWN OF BERNARDSTON at the Bernardston Town Hall, located at 38 Church Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF BUCKLAND at the Buckland Town Hall, located at 1 William Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF COLRAIN, located at 306 Main Road in said Town, in the TOWN OF CONWAY at Conway Town Hall, located at 5 Academy Hill in said Town, in the TOWN OF DEERFIELD at the Deerfield Town Offices, located at 8 Conway Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF ERVING at the Erving Town Hall, located at 12 East Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF GILL at Precinct 1, Fire Station, 196A Main Road located in said Town, in the TOWN OF GREENFIELD at the Guiding Star Grange, located at 401 Chapman Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF HEATH at the Community Hall, located at 1 West Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF LEYDEN at the Leyden Town Hall, located at 16 West Leyden Road in said Town; in the TOWN OF MONTAGUE at Precinct No. 1, the Montague Center Fire Station, located at 28 Old Sunderland Road, Montague Center; Precinct No. 2, the Millers Falls Precinct, Highland School Apartments Community Room, located at the, 446 Millers Falls Road, Millers Falls; and Precinct No. 3, the upper hill section of Turners Falls, the Hillcrest School Auditorium, located at 30 Griswold Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 4, the second level of Turners Falls, the Hillcrest School Auditorium, located at 30 Griswold Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 5, downtown section of Turners Falls, Montague Senior Center, located at 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 6, the South End and Montague City Precinct, the Public Safety Complex Community Room, located at 180 Turnpike Road located in said Town, in the TOWN OF NEW SALEM at the New Salem 'Old Library,' located at 24 South Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF NORTHFIELD at the Northfield Town Hall, located at 69 Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF ORANGE at the Armory, located at 135 East Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF SHELBURNE at the Shelburne Town Hall, located at 51 Bridge Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF SUNDERLAND at the Sunderland Elementary School, located at 1 Swampfield Drive in said Town, in the TOWN OF WARWICK at the Warwick Town Hall, located at 12 Athol Road in said Town, in the TOWN OF WENDELL at the Town Office Building, located at 9 Morse Village Road in said Town, and in the TOWN OF WHATELY at the Whately Town Hall, located at 194 Chestnut Plain Road in said Town

on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote by BALLOT on the following questions:

Question 1: Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Franklin County Technical School District on April 8, 2015, to authorize the borrowing of \$2,100,882 to pay costs of replacing windows and doors at the Franklin County Technical School, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

“VOTED: That the Franklin County Technical School District (the “District”) hereby appropriates the amount of \$2,100,882 for the purpose of paying costs of replacing windows and doors at the Franklin County Technical School, located at 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(n), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy-three and eighty-nine hundredths percent (73.89%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) of the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Yes	69
No	19
Blank	1

Question 2: Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Franklin County Technical School District on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, to authorize the borrowing of \$975,000 to pay costs of roof repairs at the Franklin County Technical High School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes	72
No	17
Blanks	0

Question 3: Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Franklin County Technical School District on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, to authorize the borrowing of \$925,000 to pay costs of repaving the driveway, track and parking areas at the Franklin County Technical High School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes	64
No	24
Blanks	1

The District Secretary is hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one public place in each of the Towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately and by publishing a copy thereof at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, said posting and publication to occur at least ten days before the day of election as aforesaid.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Franklin County Technical School District this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Franklin County Technical School District

A True Copy Attest:

District Secretary

THERE WERE 89 VOTES CAST IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS	10
DEATHS	26
MARRIAGES	16

CIVIC DISPOSITION VIOLATIONS

M.G.L. 94 § 32L	\$1,200.00
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DOG LICENSES

TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS	715
MALE/FEMALE	343/372

SPAYED/NEUTERED	311/272
KENNELS (4 DOGS)	2
KENNEL (LESS THAN 10 DOGS)	3
KENNEL (MORE THAN 10 DOGS)	2
LATE FEES	48
BY-LAW VIOLATIONS	2

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report July 2014 to June 2015

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	-4023.46	
Deposits in transit	75461.18	
Outstanding Checks		92677.09
Balance per checkbook		-17215.91

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	16411.95	
UniBank	249525.12	
Greenfield Co-operative	280578.61	
People's United	85977.96	
UniBank (taxes)	<u>785351.11</u>	
TOTAL		1417844.75

INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	32.72	
UniBank	274.67	
UniBank (taxes)	313.55	
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	4063.80	
People's United	<u>411.64</u>	
TOTAL		5096.38

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance	788940.50	
Interest earned	1424.06	
Transfer from General	0.00	
Balance		790364.56

STABILIZATION INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		790364.56
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ARTS COUNCIL

Balance	5880.46	
Receipts	4300.00	
Interest earned	2.80	
Payments per warrant	4856.37	
Balance		5326.89

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		5326.89
NORTHFIELD EMS		
Balance	66187.04	
Receipts	123963.74	
Interest earned	279.59	
Payments	103989.00	
Balance		86441.37
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook Balance		86441.37
RECREATION COMMISSION		
Balance	21731.52	
Receipts	30145.00	
Interest Earned	7.67	
Payments per warrant	32801.20	
Balance		19082.99
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance per statement	19212.99	
Deposit in transit	0.00	
Outstanding checks	130.00	
Balance per checkbook		19082.99
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND		
Balance	231305.39	
Receipts	26672.11	
Interest Earned	632.50	
Payments	45085.57	
Balance		213524.43
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		213524.43
SEWER ENTERPRISE		
Balance	94394.21	
Receipts	227444.07	
Interest	357.94	
Payments	165427.00	
Balance		156769.22
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance		156769.22
FIRE DEPT. STABILIZATION		
Balance	351478.47	
Interest	1055.89	
Deposits	0.00	
Balance		352534.36
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance		352534.36

HIGHWAY BACKHOE

Balance	35217.89				
Interest	222.56				
Deposit	0.00				
Balance					35440.45

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance					35440.45
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TRUST FUNDS	Balance 6/30/2014	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance 6/30/2015
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LIBRARY

C.Ina Merriman	1991.48	2.98				1994.46
Belcher Funds	10842.67	16.27				10858.94
Chas. Dickinson	3273.63	5.19				3278.82
Maude Montague	2766.60	4.13				2770.73
Marina Stanley	674.44	1.03				675.47
Richard G. Holton	590.91	0.91				591.82
Nfld. Chap. DAR	182.33	0.24				182.57
Ethel Jackson	299.08	0.47				299.55
Paul Bowman	88157.39	264.84				88422.23
Giles Mem. Fund	3147.70	4.72				3152.42
McGowan Mem. Fund	4846.21	7.30		200.00		5053.51
Dickinson Lib.Build.	3183.36	4.80				3188.16
Lawrence Trust	3274.82	4.92				3279.74
Thomas J. Hurley	15860.18	197.80				16057.98

CHARITY

Starkweather	43442.98	62.81		211.11	4894.38	38822.52
George Morgan	18033.67	27.08				18060.75
Elisha Alexander	16477.43	24.72				16502.15
Lottie Evans	9351.80	14.01				9365.81
Roselle Evans	2774.21	4.13				2778.34

SCHOOL

Belcher Center	3721.91	5.56				3727.47
Surplus Rev. Fund	2947.05	4.54				2951.59

PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS

Willis K. Parker	1517.26	1.61			1100.00	418.87
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BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET

Ethel Jackson	2211.96	3.29				2215.25
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MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND

Gfld Savings	69082.17	1071.34				70153.51
Gfld Co-operative	1151.98	0.40			449.01	1601.39
Gfld Co-operative	36311.29			449.01		36311.29

CEMETERIES

Center	22210.74	33.33				22244.07
West Nfld.	17548.30	27.67	Barnes	1000.00		18575.97
Pentecost	14298.43	22.70	Messer	250.00		
			Collett/Ziegenhagen	500.00		
			Willor	250.00		
			Oakes	125.00		

			Hescock	250.00	15696.13
Nfld. Farms	13793.04	21.68	Bonnett	250.00	
			Losius	250.00	
			Thoma	125.00	
			Yucavitch	250.00	14689.72
Mt. Hermon	11212.46	16.71			11229.17
So. Mountain	178.44	0.24			178.68
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE					
UniBank	1012.43	1.51			1013.94

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 2015 the ZBA had another busy year. The board held 11 meetings: 6 business meetings, and 5 public hearings/continuations.

Variance

Carol N. Ziegenhagen Trust, 68 Woodruff Way for the sole purpose of conveying a portion of 68 Woodruff Way to increase the lot size for 11 Linden Ave (Book Vol. 3687, Page 279) and 9 Linden Ave (Book Vol. 6163, Page 242). (Granted)

Special Permits

Brian Wood, 99 Main Street for the sale of used cars. (Granted)

Cameron's Winery LLC, 105 Main Street for the purpose of processing produce, maple syrup and honey into wine for bottling and resale. (Granted)

Kevin Leger, 168 Main Street for a bakery. (Withdrawn without prejudice)

Other Business:

- Participated in Bylaw update discussion

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cox, Chair

Erin Jaworski, Clerk

Edward Shearer, Member

William Forrest, Member

Shawn Foster, Member

Albert Dietrich, Member

Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant

SCHOOL REPORTS

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ruth S. Miller

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M.E.D. Business Education * New Hampshire College
C.A.G.S. Educational Leadership * University of New Hampshire

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Gail E. Healy

B.Sc. Elementary Education/Psychology * Springfield College
Masters in Education Administration * Westfield State College

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Pamela Lawrence

DISTRICT TREASURER

Deborah Mero

PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR

Sues' Anne Jason

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Brenda Beck

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School & Vacation Days: 7:30am-4:00pm

SUPERINTEDEDENT’S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I dedicate this annual town report to Dayle Doiron. Over twenty one years of service to the district she worked tirelessly to support all students. Her work ethic and commitment to the District was second to none.

While Superintendent of Schools and Business Manager she navigated financial rough waters due to the declining economy. She successfully preserved programs for students and was able to continue all athletic programs.

Dayle never missed a music or band concert, she was always there for the students. In addition she attended at least one game or meet for every athletic team. She was there on the sidelines cheering on our Panthers.

FY15 was one of the most difficult years to be a business manager. Across the state districts were making cuts that effected programing. In the most difficult times Dayle effectively garnered support for a \$400,000 capital expenditure for technology across the district. This major accomplishment has allowed our students to have the necessary technology every day and during the required state testing program.

Pioneer Valley Regional School District thanks Dayle for her years of service to the District.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth S. Miller, Superintendent

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I am honored to submit my first report as Interim Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School to the towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick which our district serves. Pioneer currently enrolls 424 students from the four regional towns and surrounding communities in grades 7-12. Last year, we graduated 77 seniors and listened to an inspiring graduation speech from Elizabeth Whitcomb, PVRS advanced level mathematics teacher. She spoke to the seniors about the importance of being a pioneer in whatever you choose to do in your life.

The staff and students of Pioneer have made great strides in demonstrating our commitment to our Core Values this year. Universal respect, personal responsibility, and academic achievement are demanded in every one of our rigorous courses, and empathy and compassion are the hallmarks of our 93-member faculty and staff. Students receive the tools to reach their individual potentials, and are challenged to go even further. By maintaining a heterogeneous learning community, students are graduating from Pioneer with the skills they need to navigate any future pathway through colleges, careers, or military service.

Personnel Report

Pioneer welcomed five new teachers to our community this year. Valerie Fontaine, a middle school Special Education liaison working specifically with the 7th grade team this year. She returned to Pioneer this year with her teaching degree after serving as an Instructional Assistant at Pioneer four years ago. Her experience in differentiation, special education laws and policies, and growth mindset have really added to the robust services we offer special education students in the middle school. Matthew Soycher, Guidance Counselor for 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students, joins us this year in his first position as a counselor, and the students are loving him! The connections he has already made with his students are solid, and his involvement in helping students pursue their goals is highly effective. He and his family also welcomed a new baby this year, and the sleep deprivation hasn't seemed to slow him down. Ian Dumais, 10th grade mathematics teacher, joins us after spending time teaching at Monadnock Regional School and hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail. He is interested in progressive curriculum, instruction, and assessment methods and is implementing a creative game-based classroom management program to engage students who typically do not do well in traditional math classes. Most recently, we were pleased to hire Katie Gilbert as our long-term sub for our Statistics and Math Modeling classes. She is a Pioneer alumni and she has a background in applied statistics through her education in marine biology. While she is struggling with calling her former teachers by their first names, in all other ways she feels welcomed, supported, and enthusiastic about this opportunity. Welcome to all the new teachers!

We also welcome a new crew of support staff! Susan Anthony, Administrative Assistant to the Principal; Nate Towne, Tim Brandl, and Nate Carlson filled out our custodial staff; and Shirley Ryan, Olivia Colborn, Jennifer Momaney, Rick Gammell, Stephanie Friedman have all joined us this year as Instructional Assistants. We would never be able to do the great work we do with students without these committed individuals!

On a more solemn note, we said goodbye to four retirees at the end of last year. Gina Woodman Davis, Vince Crown, George Platek, and Don Shebell are all on to greener pastures (I mean, golf courses and Vermont getaways). We were sad to see them leave, and incredibly thankful for all they did for Pioneer over a combined total of too many years to count.

Departments Report

Our Fine Arts Department continues to engage students in both the visual and performing arts. There are displays of student artwork throughout the halls of Pioneer, and many students have displayed their work out and about in the community as well. The band is looking forward to its trip to Toronto in the spring, and under the direction of the Harold Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award winning Nathan Holesovsky; they are bringing home accolades from wherever they travel.

The Business and Technology Department is busy creating the yearbook, learning about the future of financial decision-making, and experiencing virtual reality firsthand. Through our school-wide implementation of Google Apps, students are using the skills learned in Communications and Keyboarding/Word Processing to communicate more effectively with each other, their teachers, and the virtual world beyond Pioneer.

The English Department received a grant this year to take students to see *Romeo and Juliet* at Hartford Stage. In every grade, students are closely analyzing literature and understanding historical trends in human behavior. We also piloted a Senior Capstone class this year, and among the topics undertaken were projects that addressed understanding endurance training, supporting people with cancer, exploring what college tuition actually pays for, and, finally, outfitting the school with custom-lathed, laser-engraved wooden pens. Due to its success, we will be offering this program again next year, and we will be adding a section of Journalism for students interested in pursuing a career in news media.

Guidance has stepped up its programming for students immensely this year! Counselors are meeting with students in advisory groups to promote school programs, explore future options, and do the hard work around course planning, registration, and scheduling. The department is also providing some night scheduling to inform parents about topics such as Gap Year Programs and Planning a Pathway through the Program of Studies. In addition to new programs, Guidance continues to provide support and interventions for every student in the building.

Health and Wellness is gathering great fitness data on our students through FitnessGram and the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. The students are tracking their data over the course of the year, and comparing it to mark their progress. In Health classes, we have implemented the LifeSkills Program supported by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Dr. Ruth Potee presented to the entire staff about opioid use and prevention, and we have committed to improving the learning environment around healthy choices for our students. That also includes how to maintain a healthy diet and understand how daily choices we make affect our happiness and success. 85210! Live it! (Ask a Pioneer student what it means!)

The Library has expanded its ability to provide equitable access to technology this year threefold! Chromebooks, laptops, and desktops are being utilized during every block of every day, and our librarian and library assistant are always found helping students in the process of research and inquiry. Our new summer reading program was a huge success, as students and teachers read together books of their choice and engaged in book clubs during advisory. The displays outside the library are also providing relevant information and beautiful artwork for students and staff passing through the front lobby or working diligently in the study areas.

This is the third year in the Mathematics Department of full implementation of the CorePlus Mathematics Program. This rigorous program begins with Integrated Math I in 8th grade and continues through 10th grade, where students are passing MCAS with record scores! Pioneer is currently at the top of the county in terms of students who pass the Mathematics MCAS exam in 10th grade. Upper level mathematics courses continue into 11th and 12th grade, and you can find examples of mathematical applications everywhere from the tessellations in the 7th grade hallway to the Barbies leaping from high places and being caught by accurately measured bungee cords *before* they hit the ground.

The Science Department is looking forward to implementing the new Massachusetts science standards in the coming school year. We increased our AP offerings in science this year to include AP Chemistry, and students are often found doubling up on science classes because there are so many impressive courses available. Upper level favorites are certainly AP Environmental Science and Anatomy & Physiology! Science Night promises to be exciting this year as well, and will be held at Pioneer on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

The Social Studies department continues to entice students with an upper-level AP offering in U.S. History, as well as elective courses in Psychology and Sociology. Students analyze the impact of people on society, and practice civic engagement through debate, caucusing, and researching moments of impact in history. The History Alive! curriculum in the middle school has students kinesthetically engaging as they play out ancient to modern times. Discussions around the upcoming presidential election are sure to motivate students through the remainder of the school year.

In both the high school and middle school Learning Centers, the Special Education department offers supportive services to students through a skills-based curriculum that has been rolled out over the past three years. Much of this work has been based around connecting with general education teachers to pre-teach and reinforce skills that are used in the heterogeneous classrooms. The full inclusion of all students in the general curriculum is one of the greatest strengths of Pioneer, and it simply would not be as rich and rewarding of an experience for all staff and students if it weren't for the intentional work of this department.

The World Language department is taking up cross-curricular projects all over the school, from a collaboration with the Foods Teacher to practice cooking foods from different cultures, to the group of students who teach Spanish to elementary students in the district, this department truly engages its students in and out of the classroom. This department also received a class set of iPads this year to record students' progress in speaking the languages from the first to the fifth year of taking a class in either of our offered languages. This is an excellent way to show growth and reflect on it over an extended period of learning. An independent study in Japanese was also highly successful in the past year!

Finally, this marks our first year of graduating seniors who have met the Digital Portfolio graduation requirement. Fifty eight students will present work they have collected over four years of high school to panels of educators who will listen to the students articulate and defend how they have met proficiency in the Expectations for Demonstrating Teaching and Learning. They will also present a formal cover letter, a plan for their future, an expression of gratitude, and an individual element that represents themselves as unique individuals. To support this work, students have been enrolled in portfolio classes taught by teachers from many disciplines. All students in the high school are receiving this support at least one semester each year. These courses present many opportunities for students to learn and be assessed in the areas of reflective writing, public speaking, and thoughtful curation.

For more information, please visit the Pioneer Valley Regional School website, and, as always, feel free to drop by and visit. Thank you so much for your continued support of our learning community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Duprey, Interim Principal

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I am pleased to submit this annual report for Northfield Elementary School for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The school year opened on September 2nd with an enrollment of 200 students in preschool through grade 6. The vision at Northfield Elementary School is to provide our students with a high quality, standards-based instruction in all subject areas. Our aspiration is that all NES students will thrive in a just, fair, and caring learning environment that fosters confidence and a sense of belonging. By establishing high expectations for all students and creating an environment which fosters meaningful relationships, risk-taking, and academic results, we increase the chance that we will realize our vision.

The school council continues to provide guidance and works towards implementing the school improvement plan. Those goals include continued implementation of the Mathematics and English Language Arts curriculum and introduction of the new science Common Core curriculum.

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

The Northfield Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, PTO, is a vibrant organization whose mission is to enrich the educational experience for the school community. This group has sponsored family activities such as a welcome breakfast for parents new to the school, a fall festival, a pumpkin carving night, bingo night, a movie night, an ice cream social, the Spring Carnival and the NES half mile road race for students. Thank you to the many parent and community volunteers at NES who contribute their time and talents to support learning throughout our school.

The dedicated staff of Northfield Elementary School strives to create a supportive atmosphere where children can develop good work habits, high standards of performance, and personal responsibility for their decisions and their own learning. Northfield is fortunate to have a fine teaching staff and I'd like to recognize their hard work and dedication. At the end of this current school year we will bid farewell to first grade teacher, Carin Pierce.

Our thanks are extended to Ms. Pierce for her years of dedicated service to children. Good teachers, like Carin, are the key to educational excellence.

I will also be retiring this year. I am deeply grateful for the wonderful friendships I have made as principal at NES. I have genuinely enjoyed working in the Pioneer Valley Regional School District and will miss the students and staff. Thank you for the wonderful experience and the opportunity to serve the elementary students of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. King Principal

SPED

This is my ninth 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.

Because we have skilled special educators, and because we have commendable cooperation from classroom teachers, support staff, and principals, we have been very successful in providing high quality, cost effective programs for disabled students within our local schools. We have a small number of students placed outside the School District in specialized programs.

I was hired by the District in August 2000 as an Inclusion Specialist and in August 2007 as Administrator of Special Education. It has been a privilege and pleasure serving this District and its Communities in both capacities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

We submit this annual report for 2015 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2015 was 507 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	20	Erving	32	Montague	56	Sunderland	6
Buckland	10	Gill	10	New Salem	3	Warwick	4
Colrain	24	Greenfield	115	Northfield	42	Wendell	9
Conway	8	Heath	11	Orange	74	Whately	7
Deerfield	14	Leyden	9	Shelburne	7	Non-District	46

Franklin County Technical School awarded 117 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2015. 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 three years. Our overall Progress and Performance Index (PPI) moved from 17% in 2012 (Level III) to 21% in 2013 (Level II), 31% in 2014 and 30% in 2015 (Level II). Additionally, the district met the goals set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students at risk and with disabilities.

Having earned their vocational certificate, 38% of our graduates plan to go on to either a two or four year college, 37% joined the regional work force, 5% planned to join the military, 9% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 11% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2015.

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. As learning activities, these projects are not treated as production work that would be done by commercial entities. Project work is treated as an immersive activity, with guidance and professional direction by instructors. Alternating weeks of shop time increase the duration of a project but costs associated with a project are less than those conducted by a commercial company; this service-learning work is coupled with a benefit to our towns. 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 the school costs associated with hiring contractors.

What follows are some examples of the ways in which we serve our communities: Electrical students and instructors have been involved in the Shelburne Trolley Museum's car barn; the retrofitting of LED units throughout the Greenfield Community College campus; rewiring of the South Deerfield Town Common; work on the library in the Town of Bernardston; continued work on the Hawlemont School barn; on-going work at the Colrain Fire Department; and work on the Warwick Police Department. Landscaping students and instructors have helped with the reconstruction of Greenfield's Minor League fields; grading and sod installation at the Veteran's Memorial field; trimming and pruning of plants and trees on the South Deerfield Common; prepping of the baseball fields at Pratt Field in Bernardston for the upcoming year; construction of raised beds along the Nature Trail in Charlemont; tree and brush chipping for the Hawlemont school; and involvement is underway in the Town of Montague's tree planting program. Carpentry instructors and students will be involved in the building of a new cabin at Camp Keewanee in the spring, as well as the planned building of the Greenfield High School Field House; construction of the South Deerfield Town Common structure; installation of a roof over the handicap ramp at the Bernardston Veterans building; construction of a new addition to the Athol regional animal shelter

with ground pipes installed by the Plumbing department. Our Health Technology program has been involved in clinical work throughout the county and Cosmetology students have provided personal care to elders throughout the area, as well. The Culinary Arts program continues to host the annual Chamber of Commerce breakfast; donates food and labor to community non-profit organizations, and hosts nursing homes and senior groups from throughout Franklin County. The Franklin County Technical School's Pre-Employment Program continues to contribute pet supplies and money to area animal shelters, as well as contributions to the Ronald McDonald House. The FCTS drum line members and chaperones volunteer their time to participate in many parades throughout the county. School-wide faculty, staff and student involvement have resulted in the collection of food and winter clothing for area needs; fundraising for cancer awareness; set-up and serving of meals at the annual Triad dinner put on by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department; and participation in a 24 hour relay to raise money for the food pantry. The school continues to provide its track, facilities and personnel support of the annual Franklin County Home Care Meals on Wheels Walk-a-Thon.

There are numerous pending projects in many communities that are in discussion or in a queue for scheduling. FCTS programs consider projects based on their curriculum alignment, timing and appropriateness for students. 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.

On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School held a district wide election to allow FCTS the authority to borrow monies to upgrade our infrastructure for three distinct facility projects. FCTS received approval for a \$2.1 million project from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for new exterior windows and doors at a reimbursement rate of 73.89%. This project is on schedule to begin in the spring of 2016 and conclude in the summer. Our second project for a new roof coating system was approved for \$975,000. We are on schedule to begin this project late spring into early summer of 2016. The final facilities project approved for \$925,000 is for new paving of our parking lot and track areas, which are original to the school in 1976. We are in the process of receiving bids and setting up a construction schedule to start this project in the summer of 2016.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2015-2016

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 TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2015/16 are \$236,558 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2013/2014 that was reallocated to the Scholarship Fund.)

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 271 applications and approved 253 students to receive \$207,053. 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: Four (4) programs were approved totaling \$17,600:

Community Action –WIC Program	\$ 5,000.00
FCHCC: Meals on Wheels	\$ 7,000.00
Community Health Center	\$ 2,250.00
NELCWIT	<u>\$ 3,350.00</u>
	\$17,600.00

AGRICULTURE: An amount of \$11,905 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 7,701.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 3,186.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	<u>\$ 1,018.00</u>
	\$11,905.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Penick, Trustee (Northfield)

COUNTY REPORTS

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT

The FRCOG is a governmental body that serves and assists the municipalities of Franklin County as effectively and efficiently as possible. We provide regional and municipal services to our member towns using a diversity of funding sources and strategies. To learn about the FRCOG and the projects, products and services that we provide to the greater Franklin County region, please go to our web site, www.frcog.org, or refer to our Annual Report which can be found on the Publications page of our website. Over the course of the year we also provide specific services to every town. In 2015, the FRCOG provided the following individualized services to your town:

Administration and Special Projects

- Staff provided technical support to Greenfield's Veterans Services office on shared governance and communication to municipal stakeholders as the program transitioned to the county-wide Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans District.
- Working with the Town and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), staff helped move the cable expansion project forward. Staff helped organize and facilitate meetings of partial cable towns and MBI; assisted with review and update of cable strand maps; represented the 11 partial cable towns at a meeting of providers; sat on the MBI provider proposal review committee; and advocated as needed with legislators and the Baker Administration.
- Town staff participated in preliminary discussions for a new multi-town project to share professional human resource services. Grant funds will be used in 2016 to move the project toward implementation.

Cooperative 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 contracts for FY16 are \$771,030.
- Northfield participated in the Dog Licenses & Tags Program.
- The Town continued to participate in the Elevator Maintenance contract.
- Northfield Elementary School is part of the cooperative contract for Fire Alarm Testing
- The Town is eligible to participate in the Rental Equipment contracts and to purchase Hose and Testing Services as part of the Fire Service cooperative bids.

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 210 Pioneer students, representing 85% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal No Child Left Behind requirements for the school, enables the school to receive Safe and Drug Free Schools funding, and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.
- Two (2) staff members from Pioneer Valley Regional School were trained to deliver the LifeSkills program and are currently incorporating the program into the school curriculum.
- Staff coordinated and conducted Alcohol Purchase Surveys of all open package stores in Northfield on 3 occasions. These surveys, proven to reduce alcohol use among youth, involve sending young-looking of-age undercover shoppers to check the stores' compliance with underage drinking laws. Over the course of 2015, an average of 100% of sellers checked for identification.
- Staff also worked with the Northfield Police Department to complete 1 round of alcohol compliance checks at all open licensed establishments, a strategy proven to be effective at reducing youth substance abuse. 100% of establishments were in compliance.
- Employees of on-premise alcohol licensed establishments were invited to participate in the Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPS® Training) for servers, while employees of off-premise alcohol licensed establishments were invited to participate in the Mass Package Store Association (MassPack) Beverage Alcohol Training. Both trainings were offered at a discount to Northfield establishments.

Planning and Development Department

- Staff worked in conjunction with the Franklin Land Trust and willing land owners to permanently protect land along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway with funding provided through the National Scenic Byway Program.
- Staff coordinated the installation of the tri-state Connecticut River Scenic Byway bicycling wayfinding signs.
- Staff worked to update the *Connecticut River Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan*.

- Staff completed a Western Massachusetts Scenic Byway Marketing campaign that included the placement of advertising throughout the target area, launching of a website, and installation of a wayfinding sign system.
- Staff continued to work with municipal officials, residents and other stakeholders to discuss replacing the Schell Bridge with a bicycle/pedestrian bridge, and followed up with legislators and MassDOT regarding potential funding.
- Staff conducted 3 traffic counts.
- Staff provided technical assistance to the Northfield Area Tourism & Business Association to support their business and economic development efforts.
- Staff created the 2015 CEDS Plan, which included a proposal submitted by the Northfield Business Association for the Visitors Center project.
- Staff provided technical assistance on the FERC permitting process and a model bylaw related to the proposed KM-TGP NED pipeline project.

Regional Preparedness Program

- Staff conducted a review of the *Pioneer Emergency Dispensing Site Plan* and ran quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the Plan.
- Through a state Community Innovation Challenge grant, FRCOG provided the fire department with a mobile data terminal to improve data collection during fire responses.
- One member of the Board of Health served on the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee.

Workshops & Training

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

Cooperative Public Health Service

- Annual Dinner/Training Meeting — 2

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council

- Emerging Trends for First Responders — 1
- Anti Terror Exercise Series — 3
- Emergency Operation Center Operations and Planning Training — 4
- Children in Disasters Conference — 2

Selectboard Essentials

- You are the Boss: Personnel Legal Guidance for SBs — 1
- Managing Conflict on Town Boards — 1
- Rural Funding Sources — 1

Emergency Preparedness

- Citizen Corps Volunteers Exercise Series — 2

Partnership for Youth

- **Local Food Procurement Training for K-12 Food Service Directors —3**

Planning, Conservation, and Development

- Gas pipeline Workshop — 8
- Western Millers Watershed Low Impact Development Workshop Series — 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 2015 shows almost an identical amount compared to 2014. District residents recycled over 1,700 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although market prices for recyclables remained low all year, District towns received a total of \$40,000 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2015, 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 66 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 590 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in October 2015. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 347 households participated in this event. 48% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received a \$20,000 grant from the State to set up food waste diversion programs in area schools. We also helped member towns implement \$12,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

We baled over 10 tons of wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our first year of this new recycling program. We continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and to assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We continue to work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

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

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FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 492 retirees, 49 beneficiaries, 921 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 2014, we are 79% funded at 26 years (65%) 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 2014	CY 2013	CY 2012
Balances			
Cash	1,370,581	2,107,878	1,335,467
Investments	118,166,255	112,129,229	94,448,777
Receivables	523,687	272,477	431,106
Payables	81,595	100,714	114,075
Annuity Savings (members)	26,866,304	27,949,619	27,352,296
Retirement Reserves	93,275,814	86,459,252	68,748,979
Revenues			
Member's contributions	3,270,926	3,187,508	3,224,578
Towns, Schools, Agencies	5,418,158	5,605,588	5,202,569
Retirement Cost Sharing	466,031	439,735	375,647
Miscellaneous Revenue	19,414	20,752	66,657
Investment Income (net)	9,063,675	18,879,116	11,727,623
Expenses			
Retirement Benefits	7,980,270	7,437,506	6,840,923
Operating Expenses	403,803	373,095	398,662
Investment Expenses	720,626	657,782	538,484
Retirement Cost Sharing	3,028,026	960,334	723,503
Refunds to Members	372,232	396,387	541,614
Investment Performance			
Target	7.75%	7.88%	7.88%
Since 1984	8.59%	8.59%	8.21%
10 years	7.25%	7.28%	7.04%
5 years	11.39%	13.33%	2.69%
Current Year	8.42%	19.80%	13.39%
Demographics			
	1/1/2014	1/1/2012	1/1/2010
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

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