

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD**



**WARRANT**

**Annual Town Meeting**

**Monday, May 6, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

**Pioneer Valley Regional School - 97 F. Sumner Turner Drive**

**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 Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Drive, in said Northfield, on Monday, the sixth day of May, 2024 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 6, 2024, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This site 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 413-498-2901 x112.

If you need reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, contact the ADA Coordinator Andrea Llamas at Northfield Town Hall, 69 Main Street, Northfield, 413-498-2901 x115 ([allmas@northfieldma.gov](mailto:allmas@northfieldma.gov)), in advance of the meeting. While the municipality will do its best to accommodate you, certain accommodations require the hiring of outside contractors who may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles: or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, and any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2025, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>Finance</b>
	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Committee</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			<b>Recommended</b>
MODERATOR SALARY	81	84	84
MODERATOR EXPENSE	10	10	10
SELECT BOARD STIPENDS	12,624	13,002	13,002
SECRETARY SALARY	60,311	62,121	62,121
SELECT BOARD WAGES PT	14,011	19,296	19,296
SELECT BOARD EXPENSE	23,750	25,000	25,000
TOWN ADMIN SALARY	115,670	119,149	119,149
TOWN ADMIN EXPENSE	4,500	4,500	4,500
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXP	200	200	200
RESERVE FUND	55,000	55,000	55,000
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	39,104	47,502	47,502
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	750	750	750
AUDIT	17,000	18,000	18,000
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT	22,210	16,650	16,650
ASSESSORS STIPENDS	7,013	7,223	7,223
ASSESSORS CLK WAGES	48,291	49,739	49,739
ASSESSORS PROPT INSPE	39,300	39,300	39,300
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	19,250	54,950	54,950
TREASURER SALARY	31,340	33,021	33,021
TREASURER EXPENSE	15,900	16,368	16,368
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	31,340	33,021	33,021
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	12,900	13,368	13,368
TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	40,000	40,000	40,000
COMPUTER SUPPLY & SVC	77,455	77,455	77,455
TAX TITLE	3,700	3,800	3,800
TOWN CLERK SALARY	47,228	48,262	48,262
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	19,837	22,051	22,051
ELECTIONS/REGISTRAR	16,050	17,550	17,550
CONS COMM EXPENSE	1,000	1,000	1,000
PLANNING BD STIPENDS	6,000	6,180	6,180
PLANNING BD EXPENSE	3,770	3,770	3,770
ZBA EXPENSE	3,869	3,945	3,945

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION	1,500	1,500	1,500
AG COMMISSION EXPENSE	800	800	800
CUSTODIAN WAGES	21,284	21,923	21,923
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	70,500	74,700	74,700
TOWN REPORTS	1,000	3,000	3,000
TOWN CLOCK	175	200	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>884,723</b>	<b>954,390</b>	<b>954,390</b>

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

POLICE SALARIES/WAGES	506,953	511,072	511,072
POLICE OPERATING EXP	60,438	60,438	60,438
FIRE DEPT STIPENDS	6,970	7,176	7,176
FIRE DEPARTMENT WAGES	58,486	60,241	60,241
FIRE DEPT OPERAT/MAINT	50,870	53,000	53,000
FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	12,000	12,000	12,000
FIRE DEPT INSPECT FEES	3,500	3,500	3,500
FIRE HYDRANTS	7,600	7,600	7,600
FIRE PONDS	3,000	3,000	3,000
BLDING INSPECT SALARY	34,992	36,042	36,042
BLDING INSPECT EXPENSE	750	750	750
GAS INSPECTIONS	500	0	0
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	500	2,300	2,300
WIRE INSPECTIONS	500	2,300	2,300
CIVIL DEFENSE	7,750	8,500	8,500
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	8,870	8,870	8,870
ANIMAL CONTROL EXP	700	1,000	1,000
TREE DEPARTMENT EXP	10,000	11,500	11,500
CONSTABLE WAGES	3,429	3,532	3,532
CONSTABLE EXPENSE	300	300	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>778,858</b>	<b>793,121</b>	<b>793,121</b>

#### **PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES**

HIGHWAY ADMIN EXPENSE	19,600	19,600	19,600
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	318,502	261,959	261,959
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES/RAILS	286,460	326,560	326,560
OIL & STONING	100,000	150,000	150,000
SNOW & ICE EXPENSE	100,390	100,390	100,390
SNOW & ICE WAGES	89,952	160,660	160,660
STREET LIGHTS	17,000	18,000	18,000
MACHINE/FACILITIES MAINT	127,000	140,800	140,800
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	14,986	15,756	15,756
TRANSFER STATION	192,845	204,195	204,195
CEMETERY WAGES/EXP	35,000	35,000	35,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,301,735</b>	<b>1,432,920</b>	<b>1,432,920</b>

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

BD OF HEALTH STIPENDS	3,214	3,310	3,310
SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	2,500	1,500	1,500
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	7,350	7,960	7,960
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	12,998	12,998	12,998
REGIONAL NURSE	16,367	16,367	16,367
MOSQUITO CONTROL	5,000	5,000	5,000
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,915	2,987	2,987
COUNCIL ON AGING	101,356	115,080	115,080
SOLDIERS RELIEF	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161,700</b>	<b>175,202</b>	<b>175,202</b>
<b>CULTURE/REC/OTHER</b>			
DICKINSON LIB WAGES	139,128	147,714	147,714
DICKINSON LIB EXPENSE	54,145	55,250	55,250
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	1,000	1,200	1,200
RECREATION COMMISSION	22,588	27,000	27,000
REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	20,482	39,000	39,000
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	8,250	8,250	8,250
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500
MAINT HISTORIC MARKERS	500	500	500
MEMORIAL DAY	2,500	2,500	2,500
VETERANS MEMORIAL COM	1,000	1,000	1,000
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	26,915	28,878	28,878
VETERANS DISTRICT	8,985	9,814	9,814
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>285,993</b>	<b>321,606</b>	<b>321,606</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
INTEREST ON NOTES	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INSURANCE/RETIREMENT</b>			
COUNTY RETIREMENT	223,878	241,737	241,737
INSURANCE & BENEFITS	483,989	525,063	525,063
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>707,867</b>	<b>766,800</b>	<b>766,800</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,120,876</b>	<b>4,444,039</b>	<b>4,444,039</b>

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for EDUCATION EXPENSES in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

	<b>FY2024 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY2025 Request</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
NFLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAINT	0	25,000	25,000
SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS	881	908	908
PVRS ASSESSMENT	4,711,438	4,713,157	4,713,157
FCTS OPERATING ASSESSMENT	650,700	715,827	715,827
FCTS CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	11,433	11,662	11,662
TUITION & TRANSPORT OUT OF DISTRICT	55,000	40,000	40,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,429,452</b>	<b>5,506,554</b>	<b>5,506,554</b>

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 PROJECTS AT THE NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Repair/replace flooring	\$ 10,000
NES Freezer	\$ 45,000
Total	\$ 55,000

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

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTERPRISE FUND as shown below or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wages and Salaries	\$ 623,849
Expenses	\$ 198,219
Budgeted Surplus	\$ 0
Total:	\$ 822,067

and that \$822,067 be raised as follows:

Department Receipts	\$ 797,067
Free Cash	\$ 25,000
Total:	\$ 822,067

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND as shown below or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sewer Commissioner Salaries	\$ 3,301
Sewer Dept. Collector	\$ 5,071
Sewer Dept. Wages	\$ 217,248
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	\$ 215,248
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000
Maturing Debt - Principal	\$ 23,000
Maturing Debt - Interest	\$ 0
Transfer To General Fund	\$ 44,280
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 528,069</b>

and that \$528,069 be raised as follows:

Department Receipts	\$ 528,069
Town Tax Levy	\$ 0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 528,069</b>

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for a REMOTE ACCESS for the Sewer Treatment Plant, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023 for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws for certain departments, board, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, and to delete the funds shown in strikethrough below, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto:

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY24 Limit</i>
<i>Recreation Programs</i>	<i>Recreation Commission</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Fees Rec'd</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>Council on Aging Breakfast &amp; Lunch Program</i>	<i>Council on Aging Director</i>	<i>Senior Meals</i>	<i>Fees Rec'd</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Recycling Fund</i>	<i>Board of Health</i>	<i>Recycling Costs</i>	<i>Fee's Received</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>
<i>Tax Title Revolving</i>	<i>Town Treasurer/Collector</i>	<i>Tax Title Expenses</i>	<i>Tax Title Fees</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for A GRANT MATCH FUND, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums, for ENERGY COMMITTEE PROJECTS, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums, for a POLICE CRUISER, RADIO AND RELATED EQUIPMENT or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to purchase and equip a FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE TRUCK, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for a HIGHWAY TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for the purchase of HIGHWAY RADIO EQUIPMENT or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to deposit into the Town's OPEB TRUST FUND, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for the EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY ACCOUNT, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 to rescind the vote taken under Article 19 of the May 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting creating a Special Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicating 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town to such fund pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §5B; and further to transfer the sum of \$22,650.94, as well as any other payments received prior to this vote, from the Special Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to a special revenue fund approved by the Director of Accounts pursuant to said Chapter 77, and for such funds henceforth received to be placed in such special revenue fund, to be expended without further appropriation for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid litigation settlement documents; or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, reserve from the FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund the following estimated amounts to be set aside from estimated annual revenue: the sum of 5% (\$1,400) for administrative expenses; 10% (\$2,800) for open space purposes; 10% (\$2,800) for historic preservation; 10% (\$2,800) for affordable housing; and the remaining 65% (\$18,200) to the FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, vote to appropriate for open space/recreational preservation purposes the sum of \$6,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Open Space/Recreation and \$9,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for Undesignated Funds for a total of \$15,000 to go towards the building of a pavilion on the Northfield Elementary School playground, or take any action there on or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$2,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation and \$3,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for Undesignated Funds for a total of \$5,000 to purchase shelving and digitization equipment for the Northfield Historical Society, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$21,523 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Undesignated Funds for restoration of the original painting on the walls of the Dickinson Memorial Library Reading Room, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will, with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$90,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Undesignated Funds for the repair and restoration of the exterior of the building and of the first floor hallway of Northfield Dickerson Hall (currently serving as Northfield VFW post 9874), or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to allow Floyd Dunnell III, the Town of NORTHFIELD FIRE CHIEF, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, to serve in such position until August 13, 2025 (age 72 years) or until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. Provided further, that the Town will, at its own expense, require that Chief Dunnell be examined by an impartial physician designated by the Town to determine such capability; and provided further, that no deductions from the regular compensation of Floyd Dunnell III shall be made under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for



retirement or pension purposes. Provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Northfield Zoning Bylaws by amending the Definitional Section of the Zoning Bylaw and adding a new Section as follows:

**Battery energy storage facility:** A series of containers or cabinets containing batteries and related equipment designed to store electrical energy for periodic resale to the wholesale energy market and/or other customers on the electrical grid. This includes all accessory equipment necessary for energy storage, including, but not limited to, inverters, transformers, cooling equipment, switching gear, metering equipment, transmission tie-lines, other power interconnection facilities and/or a project substation.

And by inserting the following new section as 200-10.4 Temporary Moratorium:

#### 200-10.4 Temporary Moratorium

The use of independent Battery Energy Storage Systems to store energy produced by solar facilities and non-solar facilities, has recently expanded beyond expectations, and the Town's current bylaw contains no regulation of such facilities when those facilities are not accessory to a permitted solar photovoltaic generating installation. These systems raise significant and evolving environmental and planning issues for the Town, thereby creating an urgent need to adopt regulation addressing this use. In addition, the law concerning the ability of municipalities to regulate battery energy storage systems serving solar energy facilities is rapidly evolving. The Town needs time to consider and study the future implications and impact of these facilities upon the Town as a whole, and on the Town's current and future planning goals. Imposition of a temporary moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems as a principal use will allow sufficient time to assess these issues and amend the Zoning Bylaw to address the impact of these facilities on the Town's environmental resources and its planning goals.

##### A. Temporary Moratorium.

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Battery Energy Storage Systems as a principal use. The moratorium shall be in effect through August, 2025 or the date on which the Town adopts amendments to the Zoning Bylaw concerning Battery Energy Storage Systems as a principal use, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to study, review, analyze and address what revisions to the Zoning Bylaw relative to Battery Energy Storage Systems as a principal use are needed or desirable to allow for and regulate such use consistent with protecting the Town's environmental resources and furthering its planning goals.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

## ARTICLE 27: SOLAR PETITION [CITIZEN'S PETITION]

To see if the town will vote to amend the town ZONING BYLAWS by adding a new section, 9.9, A, B and C, Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting and Construction of Large-Scale Industrial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Systems including so called 'Dual-Use/Agri-Voltaics' that would provide as follows;

- A) Purpose. The Town of Northfield contains extensive open space, and rural undeveloped areas. Northfield has chosen to be a Right to Farm Community and as such has cherished its prime agricultural land. The Town of Northfield and its residents are being approached by developers to site industrial scale solar development residential agricultural neighborhoods outside of our Solar Overlay District. There is an identifiable community need to establish thoughtful, appropriate zoning regulations to ensure that Industrial Scale Solar uses and development will be consistent with the Town's Master

Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan and long-term planning interests therefore it is crucial that the Town establish a temporary moratorium on the granting of Permits and use of land for the construction of Large-Scale Industrial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Systems and related structures. The average size of a solar system to provide electricity for residential use in Massachusetts is 6.5 kW or up to 40kW for a barn or sugarhouse and this moratorium relates only to systems greater than 200% (up to 80Kw) of the documented average use (i.e. power generation rather than accessory to a home or other use.)

- B) Definitions. LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR shall mean a solar photovoltaic system producing more than 200% of the documented average annual demand for all uses on a property that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not building mounted, including associated infrastructure as well as energy capturing storage systems called Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

- C) Moratorium. No Special Permits or Building Permits shall be issued for the construction of Large Scale Industrial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Systems including 'DualUse/Agri-Voltaics' until the date of August 30, 2025. Solar voltaic projects exempt from this moratorium shall include any project that is allowed by right in the existing solar overlay district; or solar projects for farms, the farming activities and the attached residential structures, commercial properties, businesses, municipal properties, residential properties, churches and nonprofits equal to or less than 200% of the documented average annual use, provided that no ground mounted solar project be sited in lands protected by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, or located in BioMap 3 Critical Natural Landscape, Core Habitat, Important Habitat, or Priority Habitat, or protected open space, or Native American cultural areas as determined by Massachusetts' Indigenous people.

Summary: The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to allow sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the new reality of the impact of Large-Scale Industrial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Projects and associated structures on the town, and to enact bylaws in a matter consistent with sound land-use planning goals and objectives as informed by our Master Plan our Open Space and Recreation Plan.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit.

**APPENDIX 2: A Resolution of Gratitude**

**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 2023 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 2024 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

**TOWNSPEOPLE OF NORTHFIELD  
RESOLUTION**

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350 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee	Joan Stoia, Steve Stoia, Bruce Kahn, Rhoda Yucavitch, Lindsay McCarthy, Magda Ponce Castro, Alex Meisner, Martha Morse, Pat Shearer, Stacy Bond, Mary King
Center/Campus Community Collaborative Committee	Steve Stoia, Robin McKeon, Erin Jaworski, Patter Field, Mary Bowen, Heath Cummings, Homer Stavely, Alice Lord
Community Preservation Commission	Deb Lanou, Robin Conley, Mary King
Conservation Commission	Robin Conley
Council on Aging	Judie Tate, Deb Weisen Kelly
Cultural Council	Linda Jacque
Election Officer	Al Stone, Patricia Stone, Pam Veith
EMS	Jeremy O'Connell
Fire Department	David Quinn Jr
Grant Development Director	Mallory Sullivan
Historical Commission	Lisa McLoughlin, Joan Stoia
Highway Department	Rob Hunter, Austin Jenkins, Josh Neil
Open Space Committee	Julia Blyth, Robin Conley, Matt DiLuzio, Mike Barry
Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee	Stephanie Winslow
Planning Board	Homer Stavely

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of six public places in the Town at least seven days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make do return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the Sixteenth Day of April, 2024

Given under our hands this Sixteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

SELECT BOARD

Alexander R. Meisner  
Alexander R. Meisner, Chair

Bernard J. Boudreau  
Bernard J. Boudreau, Vice-Chair

Heath F. Cummings  
Heath F. Cummings

Barbara L. Jacque  
Barbara L. Jacque

Sarah R. H. Kerns  
Sarah R. H. Kerns, Clerk

Attest:

Amanda Lynch, Town Clerk

Date

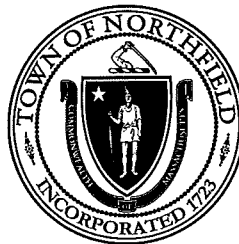
Franklin, SS

Pursuant to the within Notice Posting, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, U.S. Post Office in Northfield; the Dickinson Memorial Library; the Field Library, Northfield Farms and the VFW, West Northfield, in said Town seven (7) days at least before date hereof, as within directed.

Constable of Northfield

Date

**MAY REMOVE AFTER MAY 6, 2024**



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR NORTHFIELD ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of NORTHFIELD,

**GREETINGS:**

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

**NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL  
69 MAIN STREET**


On **TUESDAY MAY 7, 2024**, from NOON to 8:00PM for the following purpose:


To cast their votes in the **Annual Town Election** for the candidates for the following offices:

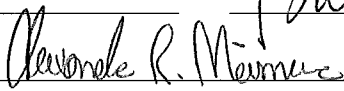
- Two for 3 years Select board
- One for 3 years Assessor
- Two for 3 years Board of Health
- Four for 3 years Constable
- Two for 3 years Library Trustees
- One for 3 years Moderator
- Two for 3 years Recreation Committee
- One for 3 years Sewer Commission
- One for 5 years Planning Board
- Two for 3 years Board of Veterans Memorials

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

Given under our hands this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Budlew

  
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Barbara A. Crago

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cleopatra R. Mearns

Select board of: **NORTHFIELD**

Pursuant to the warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield by posting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, 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 election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable Signature (Date)

*Warrant must be posted no fewer than seven days prior to the election, and in accordance with local bylaws.*

Returned to the Town Clerk at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk