

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening at 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 second day of May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 2, 2022, 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 least one week before the Town Meeting at 413-498-2901 x112.

Report of the Finance Committee To the Citizens of Northfield:

This current Fiscal Year has been challenging again for everyone. However, our Town Government has navigated successfully all the challenges and now we are looking forward to FY'23. The Finance Committee's role is to make recommendations to our voters on items that come before Town Meeting for action. The proposed budget that we are recommending is intended to fund sufficiently the current level of services and maintain the Town's financial health. We arrived at these recommendations following interviews with our larger departments which were conducted via Zoom this year. We were meeting weekly from February into April in order to hear the justification for the various requests regarding the Town's Operating Budget and Special Articles.

We evaluated the requests and supporting information provided by Town Departments, Boards, Committees and Commissions. Based on this, we are recommending support for the budget requests for FY'23 with the exception of the full request for a new stipend request for the Planning Board members. We are, however, recommending a lesser amount than that requested by the Planning Board. Stipends are currently paid to the members of the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, School Committee, Selectboard and Sewer Commissioners. We are recommending a Cost-of-living (COLA) increase of 6% for our staff, employees and the stipends paid to those listed above.

A prime concern of the Finance Committee is always balancing the needs of our various Departments, Boards, Committees and Commissions with the effect on our Tax Rate. We also have to consider the working conditions for our employees including maintenance of the equipment that they use, buildings they work in as well as their safety on the job.

We are recommending support for our Pioneer Valley Regional School Assessment as well as support for our assessment from the Franklin County Technical School. Northfield is a member of both of these School Districts so that our students can have choices to support their career plans. Each of the two School Committees have the responsibility of requesting their budget needs which are reflected in our assessments. We are one of four towns in the Pioneer Valley Regional School District and one of 19 members of the Technical School District. Northfield is represented by 3 of our citizens on the PVRSD School Committee and 1 citizen on the Franklin County Technical School Committee.

We are recommending the specific financial Article amounts requested in this Warrant except for the Article pertaining to the full stipend request which has not been included in the Operating Budget so that it can be addressed separately via these Articles.

We wish to thank all of our staff, employees, volunteers and elected officials for their consideration of the effect of their requests on our Taxpayers.

The Northfield Finance Committee:

Lois M. Stearns, Chairman;

Sue Kaczenski

Bernie Porada

Dan Campbell, Vice Chairman;

Tony Matteo

Jack Spanbauer

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 2, 2022

At 7:00 O'clock in the Evening
At the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
184 registered voters in attendance

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.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move 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: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY -PASSED UNANIMOUS

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

Submitted by the Select Board.

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

MOTION BY: Alex Meisner

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

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.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: *I move the Town 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.*

MOTION BY: Barbara Jacque

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$187.45 to pay Fiscal Year 2021 unpaid bills as listed in the warrant, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>
Grainger	\$187.45	Town Hall Supplies

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: *I move the Town transfer from the Fiscal Year 2022 Town Hall Maintenance -Other Supplies Account \$187.45 to pay a Fiscal Year 2021 unpaid bill as listed in the warrant.*

MOTION BY: Bernie Boudreau

VOTE REQUIRED: FOUR-FIFTHS MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5: 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 2023, 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.

	FY2022 Appropriation	FY2023 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
MODERATOR SALARY	63	67	67
MODERATOR EXPENSE	10	10	10
SELECTBOARD SALARIES	11,235	11,909	11,909
SECRETARY SALARY	53,677	56,898	56,898
SELECTBOARD WAGES PT	9,381	9,945	9,945
SELECTBOARD EXPENSE	21,400	22,300	22,300
TOWN ADMIN SALARY	100,803	107,500	107,500

TOWN ADMIN EXPENSE	4,150	4,150	4,150
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXP	1,629	1,711	1,711
RESERVE FUND	55,000	55,000	55,000
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	34,800	36,890	36,890
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	740	750	750
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT	18,906	20,492	20,492
ASSESSORS STIPENDS	6,241	6,616	6,616
ASSESSORS CLRK WAGES	42,033	44,555	44,555
ASSESSORS PROP INSPEC	25,500	39,300	39,300
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	15,870	15,045	15,045
TREASURER SALARY	20,599	18,342	18,342
TREASURER EXPENSE	4,900	9,900	9,900
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	20,599	18,342	18,342
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	6,900	6,900	6,900
TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	35,000	40,000	40,000
COMPUTER SUPPLY & SVC	71,155	75,155	75,155
TAX TITLE	0	3,700	3,700
TOWN CLERK SALARY	41,108	44,555	44,555
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	5,750	17,348	17,348
ELECTIONS & REGISTRAR	14,400	13,900	13,900
CONSERVATION COMM EXP	975	1,000	1,000
PLANNING BOARD EXP	2,470	3,070	3,070
ZONING BRD OF APP EXP	3,192	3,327	3,327
OPEN SPACE COMMISSION	1,400	1,400	1,400
AGRICULTURAL COM EXP	800	800	800
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	18,943	20,079	20,079
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	61,900	69,650	69,650
TOWN REPORTS	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOWN CLOCK	175	175	175
TOTAL	712,704	781,781	781,781

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	403,542	435,860	435,860
POLICE OPERATING EXP	58,340	59,221	59,221
FIRE DEPART STIPENDS	6,202	6,574	6,574
FIRE DEPARTMENT WAGES	52,052	55,176	55,176
FIRE DEPT OPER & MAINT	45,235	46,050	46,050
FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	12,000	12,000	12,000
FIRE DEPT INSPEC FEES	3,000	3,500	3,500
FIRE HYDRANTS	6,500	7,600	7,600
FIRE PONDS	3,000	3,000	3,000
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	30,458	32,285	32,285
BLDG INSPECT EXPENSE	1,350	1,350	1,350
GAS INSPECTIONS	500	500	500
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	500	500	500

WIRE INSPECTIONS	500	500	500
CIVIL DEFENSE	4,310	4,500	4,500
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	9,500	9,975	9,975
ANIMAL CONTROL EXP	700	700	700
TREE DEPARTMENT EXP	10,000	10,000	10,000
CONSTABLE WAGES	3,052	3,235	3,235
CONSTABLE EXPENSE	300	300	300
TOTAL	651,041	692,826	692,826

EDUCATION

ELEM SCHOOL MAINT	12,000	15,000	15,000
SCHOOL COMM STIPENDS	784	831	831
PVRS ASSESSMENT	4,672,074	4,765,610	4,765,610
PVRS CAPITAL ASSESS	4,589	0	0
FCTS OPERATING ASSESS	461,831	454,573	454,573
FCTS CAPITAL ASSESS	10,944	11,431	11,431
TUITION & TRANSPORT OUT OF DISTRICT	40,000	40,000	40,000
TOTAL	5,202,222	5,287,445	5,287,445

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

HIGHWAY SUPER EXPENSE	19,600	19,600	19,600
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	327,284	292,812	292,812
BUILDING MAINT. WAGES	43,091	0	0
HIGHWAY, BRDGS & RAILS	236,260	236,260	236,260
OIL & STONING	100,000	100,000	100,000
SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	0	83,693	83,693
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75,390	75,390	75,390
STREETLIGHTS	16,500	17,000	17,000
MACHINE & GARAGE MAINT	113,050	118,000	118,000
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	13,716	13,930	13,930
TRANSFER STATION	179,527	183,288	183,288
CEMETERY WAGES & EXP	30,000	35,000	35,000
TOTAL	1,154,418	1,174,973	1,174,973

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

BRD OF HEALTH STIPENDS	2,861	3,032	3,032
SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1,500	2,500	2,500
BRD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	6,797	7,082	7,082
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	12,681	12,998	12,998
REGIONAL NURSE	17,760	18,826	18,826

ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,317	2,415	2,415
COUNCIL ON AGING	72,679	88,512	88,512
SOLDIERS RELIEF	30,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	146,595	155,365	155,365

CULTURE, RECREATION, OTHER

DICKINSON LIB WAGES	134,263	129,637	129,637
DICKINSON LIB EXPENSE	41,941	54,145	54,145
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	700	700	700
RECREATION COMMISSION	7,515	5,472	5,472
RECREATION PRGRM DIR	4,995	7,038	7,038
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	6,750	8,000	8,000
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	560	500	500
MAINT HISTORIC MARKERS	500	500	500
MEMORIAL DAY	2,000	2,000	2,000
VETERANS MEM COMM	1,000	1,000	1,000
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	26,290	26,874	26,874
VETERANS DISTRICT	8,583	8,268	8,268
TOTAL	235,097	244,134	244,134

DEBT SERVICE

INTEREST ON NOTES	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT

COUNTY RETIREMENT	201,910	215,955	215,955
INS & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	413,370	460,884	460,884
TOTAL	615,280	676,839	676,839

GRAND TOTAL	8,717,357	9,013,363	9,013,363
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MOTION: I move the Town, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, and any amendments thereto, fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023, and raise and appropriate the sums therefore and the sums for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant, as a Grand Total of the Omnibus article of \$9,013,363

MOTION BY: Lois Stearns, Chair, Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6: 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:

Wages and Salaries	\$338,909
Expenses	\$106,600
Budgeted Surplus	\$0
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$445,509</u>

and that \$445,509 be raised as follows:

<u>Department Receipts</u>	<u>\$445,509</u>
<u>Town Tax Levy</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$445,509</u>

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: *I move the Town raise from Departmental Receipts the sum of \$445,509 to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund as set forth in Article 6.*

MOTION BY: Mary Bowen

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED MAJORITY

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for a new ambulance or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: *I move the Town transfer \$280,000 from the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund and \$20,000 from the Ambulance Donation Account for the purchase and equipping of a new Ambulance.*

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- PASSED UNANIMOUS

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:

Sewer Commissioner Salaries	\$ 1,821
Sewer Dept. Collector	\$ 4,317
Sewer Dept. Wages	\$151,174
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	\$137,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000
Maturing Debt – Principal	\$ 23,000
Maturing Debt – Interest	\$ 633
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 32,000
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$ 364,945</u>

and that \$364,945 be raised as follows:

Department Receipts	\$364,945
Town Tax Levy	-0-
TOTAL:	\$364,945

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

MOTION: I move the Town raise from Departmental Receipts the sum of \$364,945 to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as set forth in Article 8.

MOTION BY: Alex Meisner

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

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 property survey for the sewer plant and grounds or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission.

MOTION: I move the Town transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to pay for a property survey of the sewer plant and grounds.

MOTION BY: Mary Bowen

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 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, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto:

Submitted by the Select Board.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Use of Funds	Revenue Source	FY23 Limit
Recreation Programs	Recreation Commission	Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$35,000
Council on Aging Breakfast & Lunch Program	Council on Aging Director	Senior Meals	Fees Rec'd	\$5,000
Recycling Fund	Board of Health	Recycling Costs	Fee's Received	\$60,000
Gas Inspection	Gas Inspector	Salaries & Expenses	Inspection Fees	\$10,000
Plumbing Inspection	Plumbing Inspector	Salaries & Expenses	Inspection Fees	\$10,000
Wiring Inspection	Wiring Inspector	Salaries & Expenses	Inspection Fees	\$10,000
Tax Title Revolving	Town Treasurer/Collector	Tax Title Expenses	Tax Title Fees	\$10,000

MOTION: I Move the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2023 for the revolving funds as set forth in Article 10.

MOTION BY: Bernie Boudreau

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk.

MOTION BY: Barbara Jacque

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY -PASSED MAJORITY

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

Submitted by the Planning Board.

MOTION: I Move the Planning Board stipends be made on the original request of six thousand dollars, not the Finance Committee recommendation of four thousand dollars stipends as follows :

<u>Request:</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommendation:</u>
Chair \$3,000	Chair \$1,500
Vice Chair \$1,500	Vice Chair \$1,000
Each Member (3) \$500	Each Member \$500
For a total of: \$6,000	\$4,000

MOTION BY: Steve Seredynski, Chair, Planning Board

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- HAND COUNT PASSED BY MAJORITY

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements in the Town Hall, Dickinson Memorial Library and at the Northfield Elementary School or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate \$20,000 to make ADA improvements at the Town Hall, Dickinson Memorial Library and the Northfield Elementary School.

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY - PASSED UNANIMOUS

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 a new trash compactor for the transfer station and to dispose of the old one or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate \$21,000 to purchase a new trash compactor for the transfer station.

MOTION BY: Alex Meisner

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to cover the costs associated with the services for Solar Land Appraisals or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

The Moderator requested a temporary Moderator be elected for this article due to a perceived conflict of interest. Motion made and seconded to elect Alexander Meisner as temporary Moderator- PASSED

Submitted by the Board of Assessors.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate \$8,000 to cover the costs associated with the services for Solar Land Appraisals.

MOTION BY: Bee Jacque

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY -PASSED UNANIMOUS

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 350th Anniversary Committee expenses or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the 350th Anniversary Committee

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate \$60,000 for expenses for the 350th Anniversary Committee expenses.

MOTION BY: Bernie Boudreau

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY-PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 17: 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, to repair or replace flooring at the Northfield Elementary School or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to repair or replace flooring at the Northfield Elementary School.

MOTION BY: Mary Bowen

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY-PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to renovate and refurbish the existing bathrooms in the south building of the Northfield Elementary School or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

MOTION: I move the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$240,000 to renovate and refurbish and all cost incidental thereto the existing bathrooms in the south building of the Northfield Elementary School.

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY - 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 purchase a new or used Highway Department Truck and dispose of a truck or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash \$200,000 to purchase a new Highway Department Truck.

MOTION BY: Alex Meisner

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY - 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 purchase and equip a new police cruiser and dispose of a police cruiser or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town transfer from Free Cash up to \$56,000 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

MOTION BY: Barbara Jacque

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED MAJORITY

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to purchase software for the Police Department or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate \$1,575 for Police Department Software.

MOTION BY: Bernie Boudreau

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY - 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 to fund the construction and installation of a sign for the Town Hall, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to fund the construction and installation of a sign for the Town Hall.

MOTION BY: Mary Bowen

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY -FAILED

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, a fee simple interest in a portion of property located at Route 10 (Main Street) and Dickinson Street, said larger property identified as Parcel ID #17-D2-1, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 6491, Page 276, the portion to be acquired containing 23 acres, more or less, and shown on a sketch plan entitled "Land to be Acquired at Main Street and Dickinson Street," said plan on file with the Town Clerk, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems appropriate, with the care, custody and control of said property to be held by the Selectboard for general municipal purposes, including a public safety facility, and, as funding for said acquisition, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to acquire the property described herein and for all legal fees and other costs incidental and/or related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Selectboard to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said acquisition, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

MOTION: I move the Town transfer \$170,000 from the existing proceeds from the sale of a cell tower easement to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, a fee simple interest in a portion of property located at Route 10 (Main Street) and Dickinson Street, said larger property identified as Parcel ID #17-D2-1, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 6491, Page 276, the portion to be acquired containing 23 acres, more or less, and shown on a sketch plan entitled "Land to be Acquired at Main Street and Dickinson Street," said plan on file with the Town Clerk, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems appropriate, with the care, custody and control of said property to be held by the Selectboard for general municipal purposes, including a

public safety facility, and for all legal fees and other costs incidental and/or related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Selectboard to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said acquisition.

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY- PASSED

ARTICLE 24: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD TO ESTABLISH THE GRANDIN WATER DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for special legislation establishing the Grandin Water District, which shall provide potable water to certain areas within the Town and safety purposes; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or take any other action thereon.

The petition for special legislation shall take substantially the following form:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GRANDIN WATER DISTRICT

SECTION 1. There is hereby established within the town of Northfield, herein referred to as the Town, a political subdivision to be known as the Grandin Water District, herein referred to as the District, which shall be comprised of all real and personal property that the District may acquire from time to time for the purpose of this act only.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the District shall be for the obtaining, treating, and distributing water for fair consideration for domestic use and extinguishing of fires and other purposes. The District shall have all the rights and powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate its purpose as described herein, including making such payments and incurring such obligations as may be deemed necessary to obtain the water supply and distribution system described in section 1 above.

SECTION 3. The powers conferred upon the District by this act shall be exercised by a Water District Commission, herein the Commission of the District or Commission, consisting of three (3) members who shall be residents of the town, one of whom shall be appointed by the Selectboard of the Town, and may be a member of said board, one of whom shall be appointed by the largest water user in the district and one of whom shall be elected by the owners of the property located in the District. When the District is first established, the three members shall be appointed as follows: one (1) member to a two (2) year term shall be appointed by the Selectboard of the Town; one member to a one (1) year term shall be appointed by the Selectboard of the Town and said term shall expire upon the election of a Commissioner at the next Town election at which the seat shall be for a three (3) year term, the remaining member shall be appointed by the largest water user in the district to a three (3) year term. The successors to the original members shall serve for terms of three years each. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as appointment and a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term of the vacant seat. Any commissioner may be removed prior to the expiration of her term upon good cause by the appointing authority.

SECTION 4. The Commission shall be responsible for the expenditure and shall expend the money raised and borrowed by the District, and shall annually prepare and approve a budget. Upon approval of the budget, which shall be deemed to constitute an appropriation for the expenses enumerated therein. The Commission shall have the same powers and duties relative to the assessment, collection and abatement or granting of exemptions relative to money voted by the District as provided by the General Laws. The District shall, at the request of the Town, include in each budget compensation to the Town for any services rendered and expenses incurred by Town officers with respect to the District. The fiscal year of the District shall be the same fiscal year established by the General Laws or otherwise for the Town.

SECTION 5. The District and all of its revenue, income, and real property shall be exempt from taxation and from betterments and special assessments, and the District shall not be required to pay any tax, excise, or assessment to or for the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions. Bonds issued by the District and their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall be exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6. As used in this act, the following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

"Bonds" or "bond", general obligation bonds, notes or other obligations or evidences of indebtedness that the Commission of the District has authorized or issued to finance the acquisition, of and improvements to, any water works system that is or shall be operated and managed by the District prior to the effective date of this act, or that the Commission authorizes and issues after said effective date by a two-thirds vote, to pay for capital costs of the District, including land acquisition within the District service area, which shall be issued for a term not to exceed 50 years, and which shall otherwise be issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter 44 of the General Laws. A bond issued in accordance with this act shall be arranged so that the amounts payable over a term of years for principal and interest combined shall be as equal as practicable in the opinion of the officers authorized to issue the bonds or, in the alternative, in accordance with a schedule that provides a more rapid amortization of the principal.

A bond issued by the District shall not be included in any debt or other limitation of the Town pursuant to any general or special law. A bond issued in accordance with this act not paid by the District as it becomes due and payable shall constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the District and a debt of the District within the meaning of section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws. A bond issued pursuant to this act shall be signed by a majority of the commission.

"Capital costs", costs of acquisition, extension, improvement or enlargement of the water works system of the District or any other project of the District financed under this act; all or any part of the cost of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, alteration or remodeling of such works including, but not limited to, the costs of labor, materials, machinery, equipment, and supplies, demolition removal or relocation of any public utilities facilities, or advance training of operating personnel; the acquisition of interests in land, structures and rights of any kind in real and personal property; financing charges and expenses; interest prior to, during and for a period not to exceed 6 months after completion of such work; reserves for debt service and other capital and current expenses; costs of architectural, engineering, financial, legal, environmental, or consulting services, including costs of plans, specifications, appraisals, surveys, inspections, analysis, or financial and feasibility studies; administrative and operational expenses incurred prior to the commencement of and during such work; and other expenses of completing and commencing operation of such work, working capital, and other necessary or incidental

expenses related to the acquisition, construction, financing and placing in operation of such work. "Commission", the members of the East Northfield Water District or, if the Commission shall terminate, the succeeding person, board, body or commission to whom the powers given by this act shall have been transferred by law.

"Current expenses", the District's current expenses, whether or not annually recurring, for maintaining, repairing and operating the water works system and any other properties of the district including, but not limited to, administrative costs; debt service on bonds; payroll and employee benefits; engineering expenses for maintenance, operation and repairs; legal, financial and auditing expenses; insurance and surety bond premiums; fees and expenses of trustees and paying agents; payments to others for services rendered to the district; taxes or fees which may be lawfully imposed upon the District or its income or operations or property under its control; and other current expenses required or permitted by law to be paid by the District, including the funding of reasonable reserves for maintenance, repair, replacements or operations.

"District service area", the area as described in Section 1 as may be amended by a majority vote of the Commission, and the Town by majority vote of its Town Meeting.

"Revenues", all revenues, rates, fees, charges, rents and other receipts derived from the operation of the water works system and the other properties of the District including, but not limited to, proceeds of bonds, proceeds of any grant or loan to the District, investment earnings and the proceeds of insurance, condemnation, sale or other disposition of properties.

"Water works system", the water treatment and distribution system in the District service area and under the jurisdiction, ownership, control and regulation of the District including, but not limited to, the plants, works, instrumentalities or parts thereof; lands, easements, rights in land, water and flowage rights, approaches, water courses, rights of way, contract rights, franchises and privileges, all connections, dams, wells, reservoirs, water mains and pipe lines, equipment, buildings, structures, pressure boosting components, vehicles, standpipes, tanks, conduits, meters, hydrants, fire connections and fixtures of the system; purification, filtration and treatment works and other adjuncts thereto; other real or personal property interests incidental to and included in the system; and all facilities, betterment, extensions, improvements and enlargements thereto and to or for the system hereafter constructed or acquired.

SECTION 7. Except as provided herein, said installation, ownership, operation, and maintenance shall be subject to the state and local laws and regulations.

SECTION 8. The Commission of the District is hereby constituted and shall exercise the powers conferred by this act, which shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential public function. The Commission shall not be subject to the supervision of the Town or of any department, commission, board, bureau, or agency of the Town except as provided in this act.

The Commission shall be a public body subject to the provisions of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and the Massachusetts Public Records Law, as may be amended from time-to-time.

The Commission shall annually elect one of its members to be its chair. The Commission may establish a reasonable annual compensation for its members, subject to applicable law.

The Commission may reimburse any member for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of the member's official duties as approved by the Commission.

The District shall be deemed to be a public employer and its members, officers and employees shall be deemed to be public employees as defined in section 1 of chapter 258 of the General Laws and section 1 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws.

SECTION 9. The Commission may appoint, employ and determine the compensation, duties and conditions of employment of or contract for a superintendent or entity providing operational and management functions for the District, who shall not be a member of the Commission or an entity controlled by any member of the Commission, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

The Commission may designate a superintendent to be the chief operating officer of the District to administer and direct its affairs as authorized or approved by the Commission and who may have and execute the powers and duties of the Commission as the Commission may have delegated to the superintendent and not recalled.

The clerk of the Commission shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Commission and shall be custodian of the books, documents and papers filed with the District. The superintendent or any member or person designated by the Commission as clerk may cause copies to be made of the minutes and other records and documents of the District and may certify that such copies are true copies and a person dealing with the District may rely upon such certification.

The Commission may hire, contract with, or otherwise appoint or employ legal counsel, financial advisors and other experts, engineers, agents, accountants, clerks, consultants, operators, and employees as it deems necessary, and may indemnify its members, officers, employees, or agents against liability.

The Commission may purchase insurance for itself or a member, officer, employee, or agent against liability that may arise out of an individual's status as such, whether or not the Commission would have the power to indemnify such member, officer, employee, or agent against such liability.

The Commission shall operate on a fiscal year commencing on July 1 of each year unless otherwise provided by the Commission.

SECTION 10. The District may, through its Commissioners, contract with a municipality, water company, water district, or other entity for the purchase, acquisition by other means or sale or whatever water or waterworks that may be required, furnish or purchase the same and enter into such contracts as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act, including, without limitation, collection of revenue, data processing, and other means of management, administration, and operation, all subject to the District's financial means.

SECTION 11. The Commission shall have all the rights and powers necessary or convenient to carry out and implement this Act, including, but not limited to, the rights and powers:

(a) adopt by-laws regulating the call of District meetings and administrative procedures to operate the Commission;

(b) to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures in connection with the performance of its functions and duties.;

(c) to provide by regulation for civil penalties not to exceed \$300 per day, which shall inure to the District, for the violation of its rule, order, or regulation and to assess fines for violation of its rules and regulations;

(d) to maintain an office in the Town;

(e) on behalf of the District apply for, receive, accept, administer, expend or comply with the conditions, obligations or requirements of, a grant, gift or loan, including without limitation a grant, gift or loan from local, state or federal government agencies, donation or appropriation of property or money to support the purposes of the Commission or contributions of money, property, labor or other things of value;

(f) to acquire, in the name of the District, by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, sale and leaseback, gift or devise, or to obtain options for the acquisition of any property or any interest therein, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties;

(g) to sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or to grant options for any such purpose relative to, any property held by it, including real or personal, tangible or intangible property, or any interest therein, consistent with the General Laws;

(h) to enter onto any land within the District service area to make surveys, borings, soundings and examinations thereon, provided that the Commission shall make reimbursements for any injury or actual damage resulting to such lands and premises or caused by any act of its authorized agents or employees and shall, so far as possible, restore the land to its condition prior to making such surveys, borings, soundings or examinations;

(i) to acquire, in the name of the District, by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, sale and leaseback, gift or devise, or by the exercise of eminent domain upon unanimous vote of the Commission, any interest in real property within the District service area in the name of the Commission for purposes of the District, including the protection of the water distribution system, in accordance with chapters 79 and 80A of the General Laws or any alternative method provided by law;

(j) to order the removal or relocation of any conduits, pipes, wires, poles, structures or other property, located in a public way or place or in or upon private lands, which it deems to interfere with the laying out, construction or operation of any water system project and such order, to the extent specified therein, shall be deemed a revocation of the right or license to maintain such tracks, pipes, conduits, wires, poles, structures or other property in such public ways or places; to insure that the proper authorities grant a new location for the structure so removed or relocated; to compensate the owner of such property for the reasonable costs of the removal or relocation;

(k) to discontinue, remove such tracks, conduits, pipes, wires, poles, structures or other property and to charge the owner the cost of such discontinuance, removal or relocation. If an owner fails to comply with an order of the Commission relating to any such structure within a reasonable time to be fixed in the order, the Commission may discontinue and remove the tracks, conduits, pipes, wires, poles or other property, and may relocate them, and the cost of the discontinuance, removal or relocation shall be repaid to the Commission by the owner. No

discontinuance, removal or relocation shall entitle the owner of the affected property to any damages on account thereof, except for reimbursement of costs as provided in this section. This section shall not apply to facilities on property of the Town or Commonwealth under the control of the department of highways or the department of conservation and recreation or installed under licenses or permits granted by those departments, except with the department's approval;

(l) to contract for and purchase water supply, treatment and distribution services, and to provide such services to, a person, a private or public corporation or a public instrumentality within the District service area or to another town, as the Commission shall determine to be in the best interests of the District, or to the Commonwealth or to the federal government when necessary or convenient for the operation of the water system;

(m) to construct, improve, extend, enlarge, maintain or repair the water works system and to occupy and operate, extend, enlarge, maintain or repair any portion of the water works system owned by the District within the District service area, upon the terms and conditions determined by the Commission;

(n) to use monies borrowed or appropriated by the District for the purposes of this Act;

(o) to make contracts for purchase of supplies, materials, and services, and for the purchase or lease of land, buildings and equipment, as considered necessary by the Commission, and to execute and deliver all instruments necessary or convenient for carrying out any of its purposes;

(p) to create an overall water policy and plan for the District;

(q) to do all things necessary, convenient or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this Act or the powers expressly granted or necessarily implied in this Act;

(r) consistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, to have other powers as may be necessary for or incident to carrying out the foregoing powers and to accomplish the purposes of this Act except that nothing in this act shall impose a duty on the Commission to maintain groundwater levels within or without the boundaries of the District; and

(s) to enter into one or more intermunicipal agreements with the Town and other governmental entities for the provision of water services, in accordance with section 4A of chapter 40 of the General Laws.

SECTION 12. In addition to the powers of the Commission otherwise provided in this Act, the Commission shall have the following powers and shall be subject to the following limitations:

(a) The Commission may fix, revise, charge, collect and abate fees, rates, rents, assessments, delinquency charges, lien, or other charges for water supply, treatment, and distribution and other services, facilities and commodities it furnishes or supplies. Subject to clause (c), fees, rates, rents, assessments, delinquency charges and other charges of general application shall be adopted and, as necessary, revised by the Commission at least annually in accordance with procedures to be established by the Commission for ensuring that interested persons are afforded notice and an opportunity to present data, views and arguments. The Commission shall hold at least one (1) public hearing on its schedule of fees, rates and charges or any revision thereof prior to its adoption, notice of which shall be delivered to the Selectboard of the Town and published on the Town's municipal website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town at least ten days in advance of the hearing. Not later than the date of such hearing, the

Commission shall make the proposed schedule available to the public. The Commission may combine its fees, rates and other charges for services provided by it in a single schedule. Fees, rates, rents, assessments, abatements, and other charges established by the Commission shall not be subject to supervision of or regulation by any department, division, commission, board, bureau, or agency of the Town or Commonwealth or any political subdivision. In order to provide for the collection and enforcement of any charges for fees, rates and other charges, the Commission shall have the benefit, without further acceptance of sections 42A to 42F, inclusive, of chapter 40 of the General Laws or filing of any certificate relating thereto, of liens for unpaid fees, rates, rents, assessments and other charges as provided in sections 42A and 42B of said chapter 40 to the extent applicable and consistent with this act. The Commission shall certify to the Town Tax Collector any fee, rate or charge for which a lien has arisen, and the Assessors shall add them to the property tax assessed on the property to which it relates when the annual assessment of Town property taxes is made. The Town Tax Collector shall act as Collector for the District and collect the rate, fee or charge as provided in section 42D of said chapter 40. The Collector or Town Treasurer shall pay over to the District any amounts collected on account of such rates, fees or charges.

(b) Subject to clause (e), the fees, rates, rents, assessments and other charges established by the Commission in accordance with clause (a) shall be fixed and adjusted relative to the aggregate thereof so as to provide revenues sufficient: (i) to pay the current expenses of the Commission; (ii) to pay the principal, premium, and interest on bonds for costs as they become due and payable; (iii) to create and maintain such reasonable reserves as may be reasonably required by the Commission or by any trust agreement or resolution securing bonds issued by the District on account of capital costs; (iv) to provide funds for paying the costs of all necessary repairs, replacements and renewals of the water system; and (v) to pay or provide for any amounts which the Commission may be obligated to pay or provide for by law or contract, including a resolution or contract with or for the benefit of the holders of bonds issued for the Commission. The Commission shall issue an annual operating budget and may allocate the use of such amounts as it shall, in its sole discretion, determine.

(c) The Commission shall undertake a study and examination of its estimated expenses and costs of constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the system, and shall, one year after the effective date of this Act, promulgate, in accordance with clauses (a) and (b), a schedule of fees, rents, rates and other charges. The schedule shall become effective upon promulgation and shall provide for the metering, monitoring and other measuring of, and charging for, water supply, treatment, and distribution services provided by the Commission to consumers of such services in the District.

(d) The District may make special assessments under sections 42G, 42H, 42I and 42K of chapter 40 of the General Laws by vote of the Commission. The Commission shall certify any District special assessment or betterment to the Town Assessors, and the Assessors shall commit them to the Town Tax Collector as provided in chapter 80 of the General Laws. The Town Tax Collector shall act as Collector for the District and collect any betterments or special assessments as provided in chapter 80. The Collector shall include on municipal lien certificates of the Town any District water rates, fees or charges that are liens, and shall issue certificates under section 12 of said chapter 80 to dissolve liens for special assessments or betterments of the District when such assessments or betterments have been paid in full or abated.

(e) For purposes of operation of the water treatment and distribution system, the District is hereby authorized upon majority vote of the Commission to establish and maintain (i) a reserve fund, which may carry over the remaining balance of such fund into the ensuing fiscal year; and

(ii) an Enterprise Fund in accordance with the provisions of section 53F1/2 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

(f) A water treatment and distribution system shall be subject to the applicable rules and regulations of the Town and the applicable laws of the Commonwealth and shall comply with any approval required thereunder.

SECTION 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 of chapter 80 of the General Laws, or the provisions of any other general or special law to the contrary, an assessment on account of a betterment project of the District may be apportioned into such number of equal portions as may be determined by the District.

SECTION 14. Insofar as this Act is inconsistent with a general or special law, administrative order or regulation or law of the Town other than a rule or regulation of the Board of Health, this Act shall be controlling.

SECTION 15. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the Town and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes.

SECTION 16. This Act shall be construed in all respects so as to meet all constitutional requirements. In carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act, all steps shall be taken which are necessary to meet constitutional requirements whether or not such steps are required by statute.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town petition the General Court for special legislation establishing the Grandin Water District, which shall provide potable water to certain areas within the Town and safety purposes; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

MOTION BY: Barbara Jacque

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Engineering, Design/Architectural Services and/or Project Management for the Town's Emergency Services Building or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 and transfer the sum of \$600,000 from the Town's Capital Stabilization Account for Engineering, Design and/or Project Management for the Town's Emergency Services Building.

MOTION BY: Bernie Boudreau

VOTE REQUIRED: TWO-THIRDS- PASSED

ARTICLE 26: 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 deposit into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund.

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to deposit into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund.

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund balance to paint the exterior of the Northfield History Museum, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: I move the Town appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation to paint the exterior of the Northfield History Museum

MOTION BY: LARA DUBIN, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will, upon recommendation of the Community Preservation Commission, reserve from the FY 2023 Community Preservation Fund the following estimated amounts 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 2023 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: I move the Town reserve from the FY 2023 Community Preservation Fund the following estimated amounts 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 2023 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve.

MOTION BY: LARA DUBIN, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 64G, §3a, Local Option Room Occupancy Excise, as amended, for short-term rental under 90 days annually, and an Occupancy Excise on short-term rentals in excess of 90 days annually, of 6%, but that no excise shall be imposed if the total amount of the rent is less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

Submitted by the Selectboard.

Motion: I move that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 64G, §3a to impose a Local Option Room Occupancy Excise Tax on short-term rental under 90 days annually, and an Occupancy Exercise on short-term rentals in excess of 90 days annually, of 6%, but that no excise shall be imposed if the total amount of the rent is less than fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. Amendment to changed from 6% to 4% passed

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY – VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED

ARTICLE 30: We the undersigned registered voters of Northfield hereby petition the Select Board to insert the following article into the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting:

WHEREAS, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during the pandemic while working families struggled, and Massachusetts’ wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Town of Northfield **supports** the proposed statewide Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to **quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.**

Requested by Citizens’ Petition

Motion: I move whereas, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during the pandemic while working families struggled, and Massachusetts’ wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy

MOTION BY: Laura Kaye

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY- PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit.

Submitted by the Selectboard.

MOTION: I move the Town adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of the Town Meeting Warrant document.

MOTION BY: Heath Cummings

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY -PASSED UNANIMOUS

TOWNSPEOPLE OF NORTHFIELD
MAY 2022

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 2021 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 2022 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

350 th Anniversary Committee	Martha Morse, Bill McGee, Christine Harris
Agricultural Commission	Bill Ames, Al Stone, Patricia Stone
Board of Health	Bob MacEwen, Caty Kostecki, Flora Sadri
Constable	Jack Ware, Jim O'Shea
Council on Aging	Saralynn Allen, Carol Pike
Cultural Council	Gretchen Licata, Cynthia Durham, Ann Linge
Dickinson Memorial Library	Deb Kern
Dickinson Memorial Library Trustee	Margot Fleck
Election Officer	Melissa Foster, Christine Harris, Deb Campbell, Betty Gibson, Connie Putnam, Kathy Wright, Julia Blyth, Reina Dastous, Patricia Shearer
EMS	Ed Laraway, Emma Brennan, Nikolaos Villani
Energy Committee	Susan O'Connor
Fire Department	Chris Hample, Alec Milton, Jack Ware, Jason Brooks, Matt Shippa
Franklin County Tech School Representative	Scott Milton
Highway Dept	Arnold Rose, Sam Stevens, Josh Bonaiuto
Open Space Committee	Arthur Davis
Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee	Kristin Gonzales, Patricia Shearer, Seth Kratz
Police Dept	Robert Leighton, Len Crossman, Dave Clark
Recreation Commission	Beth Welcome, Theresa Tsipenyuk
Sewer Commission	Alexander Meisner, Robert Leighton
Treasurer/Collector	Melissa Murphy
Trust Fund Committee	Jeanette Tessier, Betty Gibson

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