

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Regional School
97 F. Sumner Turner Road

and

ELECTION WARRANT

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street

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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 7, 2018

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 seventh day of May, 2018 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 7, 2018, 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:

As required by law, your Finance Committee is presenting a Balanced Budget to you for FY 2019 which also has the support of the Selectboard.

The process that we followed was that in January we started meeting individually with our Department Heads and Chairs of various Boards and Committees to give them an opportunity to present and explain their financial needs for FY '19 to us. All who requested funding are well aware of their responsibilities, both to their segment of Town Government and to the Town as a whole. A prime concern is balancing our financial needs against the effect on our Tax Rate.

We are recommending a 2.75% Cost of Living increase in wages and stipends which has been included in the budgets accordingly. Other increases in wages reflect Step Increases as shown in the Town's Pay Plan.

In addition, we are recommending funding of many of the Capital requests from our various Departments as well as funding to continue to upgrade and maintain our Town buildings. These requests are addressed as special Articles on the Warrant. We continue to update annually our 5-year Capital Request List.

Along with our Accountant, Debbie Mero, we determine as best we can, what amount of money we will have available from various sources. We then decide which Capital Requests we can support while the Selectboard does the same and establishes a prioritized order. We then meet jointly and finalize our decisions. As a result, we can make recommendations for spending that we feel serve the best interests of the Town. Funding for these recommendations comes from the appropriation of available funds and from Free Cash, which is derived from unexpended appropriated money from the prior year.

For many years, we operated with very little savings which are represented by the "Stabilization Account." In recent years, we have put money into this account and we feel we need to continue saving as much as can for future emergencies; again with consideration for the effect on the Tax Rate.

We serve as your representatives in determining what spending is necessary for the services the Town provides to our residents.

We want to express our appreciation for the work of our Town Accountant, Debbie Mero, who attends all of our Finance Committee meetings. Her knowledge and willingness to be of assistance with whatever time is needed, are invaluable.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU!

The Northfield Finance Committee:

Lois M. Stearns, Chairman

Dan Campbell, Vice Chairman

Sue Kaczenski

Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile

Anthony Matteo

Bernie Porada

Bethany Walker, Sec'y

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY2018	FY2019 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FY2019
EXPENDITURES			
Total Appropriations	10044771.10		
Omnibus		8474559.00	8474559.00
STM 12/5/16		32993.16	32993.16
Special Articles-Current FY- General Fund		0.00	0.00
Special Articles-New FY- General Fund		1041835.00	1041835.00
ATM Special Articles-Other Funds		10000.00	10000.00
ATM Special Articles-Enterprise Funds		459222.00	459222.00
ATM Special Articles-CPA Funds		55950.00	55950.00
Reserved for CPA Fund		25000.00	25000.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	5353.00	7278.00	7278.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	4137.00	4284.00	4284.00
Overlay	49692.72	50000.00	50000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	10103953.82	10161121.16	10161121.16
REVENUES			
Cherry Sheet Receipts	448558.00	465120.00	465120.00
Local Est. Receipts	514000.00	514000.00	514000.00
<i>(Actual FY17 \$617k w/o non-recurring)</i>			
Estimated Revenue-CPA	30000.00	25000.00	25000.00
Free Cash FY17 articles	16062.00	0.00	0.00
Free Cash FY18 STM articles		16783.16	16783.16
Free Cash FY18 articles	550000.00		
Free Cash FY19 articles (bal 530,442)		530442.00	530442.00
Surplus Overlay (STM articles)	280787.35	0.00	0.00
Surplus Overlay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00
CPA Funds (STM articles)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Enterprise Funds (STM articles)	40803.00	0.00	0.00
Enterprise Funds	388897.00	403371.00	403371.00
Enterprise Funds-Transfer to General for indirect	32000.00	32000.00	32000.00
CPA Funds-Approp Fund Bals	75850.00	55950.00	55950.00
Other Avail Funds (STM articles)	18085.75	16210.00	16210.00
Other Avail Funds (ATM articles)	0.00	15290.00	15290.00
TOTAL EST RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS	2395043.10	2074166.16	2074166.16
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	7708910.72	8086955.00	8086955.00
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY 2 1/2 = \$196,804	7872147.00	8668951.00	8668951.00
AMT UNDER MAXIMUM LEVY	163236.28	581996.00	581996.00
OVERRIDE	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERRIDE OR EXCLUSIONS REQUIRED	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAX RATE	17.86	17.41	17.41
TAX RATE AT LEVY LIMIT	18.24	18.66	18.66
TOTAL VALUATION	431629939.00	464524676.00	464524676.00

Note: Information for FY19 is a projection based on estimates. Based on assumptions contained in this model, approximately \$464525 represents \$1 per thousand on the tax rate.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

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

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

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

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

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2002. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Northfield has voted only 0.5%) on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

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

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example FY16 is the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

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

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

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

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

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. Overlay Surplus – see below.

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

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

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

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

Terms associated with Proposition 2½:

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

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

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

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

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

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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, May 7, 2018

At Seven O'clock in the Evening
At the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road

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

Requested by the Selectboard

This article removes the requirement of the Moderator reading the entire warrant to Town Meeting at the start of the meeting.

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

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

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

Requested by the Selectboard

This article authorizes Town Meeting to proceed and act on the recommendations of the Town Officers.

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

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for Chapter 90 type construction, improvements, and/or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article permits the Town to accept and spend money appropriated to the Town by the Commonwealth for road repairs and related expenses.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town 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.

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

The Town Meeting has to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, and use any funds that may be available to the Town under state or federal grants.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town 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.

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$115 to pay a prior year's Conservation Commission bill, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has an unpaid bill from Fiscal Year 2017.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$115 to pay a prior year's Conservation Commission bill.

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 7 and/or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "override of Proposition 2 ½"; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

This is called the "contingency article." The Finance Committee has advanced a balanced operating and capital expense budget for the adoption of Town Meeting. If in the wisdom of Town Meeting, more money is appropriated than the proposal from the Finance Committee then a special override vote would be needed to raise taxes to cover the added expenditures.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 7 and/or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2019 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

NOTES:

ARTICLE 7: 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 2019, 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.

FISCAL 2019 OMNIBUS BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY18 Appropriation	FY19 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
MODERATOR SALARY	57	59	59
MODERATOR EXPENSE	10	10	10
SELECTMEN SALARIES <i>(Chair \$2214 Member \$2056)</i>	6,215	6,386	6,386
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	92,597	94,530	94,530
SECRETARY SALARY	47,639	48,949	48,949
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	17,060	17,060	17,060
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	2,100	3,348	3,348
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1,511	1,500	1,500
RESERVE FUND	45,000	45,000	45,000
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	30048	35159	35159
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	600	695	695
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT	3261	7193	7193
ASSESSORS SALARIES <i>(Chair \$2012; Member \$1926)</i>	5707	5864	5864
ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	34646	35599	35599
ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR	16500	21000	21000
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13495	15395	15395
TREASURER SALARY	18755	21880	21880
TREASURER EXPENSE	4500	4500	4500
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	18755	21880	21880
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	6200	6200	6200
TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	22500	22500	22500
COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	43000	51740	51740
TAX TITLE	2300	2300	2300
COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	2000	2000	2000
TOWN CLERK SALARY	35955	37775	37775
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	4600	4000	4000
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	10750	9400	9400
CONSERVATION COMM EXPENSE	3616	3705	3705
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	3955	2970	2970
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE	4034	4150	4150
OPEN SPACE COMM	1400	1400	1400
LAND DAMAGES	1	0	0
AG COMM EXPENSE	500	700	700
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	16938	17795	17795
BLDG MAINT PERSON	37402	39295	39295
TOWN HALL MAINT.	49500	49500	49500
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM	10000	10000	10000
TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2200	2200	2200
TOWN REPORTS	600	600	600
TOWN CLOCK	175	175	175
TOTAL	616082	654412	654412

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	336122	342629	342629
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	60491	55625	55625
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5686	5842	5842
FIRE DEPT WAGES	44579	48909	48909
FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	22887	23175	23175
FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	9000	9000	9000
FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3000	3000	3000
FIRE HYDRANTS	5460	5460	5460
FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	19800	19800	19800
FIRE PONDS	3000	3000	3000
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	27274	28024	28024
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1250	1550	1550
GAS INSPECTIONS	2500	2500	2500
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	2500	2500	2500
WIRE INSPECTION	3080	3000	3000
CIVIL DEFENSE	4000	4000	4000
DOG OFFICER SALARY	3504	3600	3600
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	2400	2400	2400
TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10000	10000	10000
CONSTABLE WAGES	1123	1154	1154
CONSTABLE EXPENSE	300	300	300
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1	0	0
TOTAL	567957	575468	575468

EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE	12500	12500	12500
SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS (Chair \$301 Member \$218)	717	737	737
PVRS ASSESSMENT	4465689	4706420	4706420
PVRS TECHNOLOGY LN	52010	50398	50398
FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	569124	500034	500034
FCTS CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	0	10341	10341
TUITION & TRANSPORT OUT OF DISTRICT	0	40000	40000
TOTAL	5100040	5320430	5320430

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EXPENSE	17400	18400	18400
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	293653	305891	305891
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILS	185375	200000	200000
OIL & STONING	70000	70000	70000
HIGHWAYS TOOLS	1260	1260	1260
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75390	75390	75390
STREET LIGHTS	15500	16500	16500
MACHINE MAINT	100000	100000	100000
HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	13050	13050	13050
HIGHWAY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1	0	0
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	11196	11669	11669
TRANSFER STATION	130531	139584	139584
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	30000	30000	30000
TOTAL	943356	981744	981744

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2615	2687	2687
SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1500	1500	1500
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	9346	6900	6900
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	11658	11892	11892
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2527	2479	2479
COUNCIL ON AGING	55394	57091	57091
SOLDIERS RELIEF	42000	42000	42000
TOTAL	125040	124549	124549

CULTURE, RECREATION, OTHER

DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	120350	124148	124148
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSE	41535	43189	43189
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	650	650	650
RECREATION COMM	7116	7116	7116
RECREATION COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250	250	250
RECREATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4567	4693	4693
MAINT. ATHLETIC FIELD	6750	6750	6750
COMMUNITY PARK COMM EXPENSE	450	450	450
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500
MAINTENANCE HISTORIC MARKDERS	1000	1000	1000
MEMORIAL DAY	2000	2000	2000
VETERANS MEMORIAL CTE	1000	1000	1000
ALEXANDER HALL	300	0	0
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	27301	28687	28687
VETERANS DISTRICT	6172	6294	6294
TOTAL	219941	226727	226727

DEBT SERVICE

INTEREST ON SHORT-TERM NOTES	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL	2000	2000	2000

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT

COUNTY RETIREMENT	175262	186652	186652
INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	398620	402577	402577
TOTAL	573882	589229	

GRAND TOTAL	8148298	8474599	8474599
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This Article advances the Operating Budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year that begins on July 1st. The Finance Committee has balanced the available revenue with the department requests and is advancing this budget for the approval of Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town 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 2019, and raise and appropriate the sums therefore and the sums 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.

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the Town of Northfield's share of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRs) Capital Projects Requests as follows:

	Requested	Recommended
Carpeting	\$12,641	\$12,641
Pads for gym walls	\$8,676	\$8,676
Total	<u>\$21,317</u>	<u>\$21,317</u>
Northfield's Share (51%)	<u>\$10,872</u>	<u>\$10,872</u>

or take any action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Pioneer Regional School District
School Committee

This Article consolidates the two requests of the PVRs School Committee

The Finance Committee recommends this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,872 to fund the projects, goods, and services related to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District as presented in Article 8 of the Warrant.

MOTION BY: PATRICIA SHEARER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$44,406 to pay down a portion of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District lunch deficit. This appropriation is made contingent upon Town Meeting approval by all four District towns and with the strongest advisory expectation that there will be no recurrence of further lunch deficits in the future, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Pioneer Valley Regional School District

The District has accumulated a lunch account deficit of \$270,000. Northfield's share of that deficit is \$133,218. This \$44,406 would be the first of three annual installments to eliminate that deficiency.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,406 to pay down a portion of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District lunch deficit. This appropriation is made contingent upon Town Meeting approval by all four District towns and with the strongest advisory expectation that there will be no recurrence of further lunch deficits in the future.

MOTION BY: PATRICIA SHEARER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Annual Town Meeting of the Town to be held on the last Saturday in April of each year at 9:00 A.M. beginning with the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to the provisions contained in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 9, as amended, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

The Council on Aging believes moving the Annual Town Meeting to a daytime meeting on the last Saturday in April, instead of an evening meeting on the first Monday in May, would increase citizen participation.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to establish the Annual Town Meeting of the Town to be held on the last Saturday in April of each year at 9:00 A.M. beginning with the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to the provisions contained in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 9, as amended.

MOTION BY: HEATHER TOWER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: FAILED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 11: 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	\$86,044
Expenses	65,390
Reserve Fund	0
Budgeted Surplus	0
Maturing Debt Principal	49,884
Interest	5,967
TOTAL:	\$207,285

and that \$207,285 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$151,434
Tax levy	55,851
TOTAL:	\$207,285

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” of the Emergency Medical Services Department of the Town. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the department.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$207,285 to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund as set forth in Article 11.

MOTION BY: MARK FORTIER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

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

Sewer Commissioner Salaries	\$1,614
Sewer Dept. Collector	3,826
Sewer Dept. Wages	106,634
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	83,420
Reserve Fund	10,000

Maturing Debt – Principal	43,000
Maturing Debt – Interest	3,443
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$251,937</u>

and that \$251,937 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$251,937
Tax levy	-0-
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$251,937</u>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Sewer Department. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the sewer department.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$251,937 to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as set forth in Article 12.

MOTION BY: TIM LITTLE

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to: (1) establish the following revolving funds, and further, to establish fiscal year spending limits as set forth below; and (2) amend the Town of Northfield General By-laws by inserting a new By-law establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Funds

Section 1. There are hereby established in the Town of Northfield, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, the following Revolving Funds, from which the specified department head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from without appropriation in accordance with the limitations set forth in this by-law.

Section 2. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.

Section 3. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

Section 4. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting or any increase therein as may later be authorized by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

Section 5. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the General Fund.

Section 6. Authorized Revolving Funds

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Expend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Highway Department's Bucket Truck	Board of Selectmen	Fees from other communities as their share of cost of ownership	Cost related to ownership and operation of the bucket truck
Summer Playground Fund	Recreation Commission	Revenue from Summer Playground Programs	Summer Playground Program
Council on Aging Breakfast and Lunch Program	Council on Aging	Revenue from Council on Aging Breakfast and Lunch Program	Operation of Council on Aging Breakfast and Lunch Program
Recycling Fund	Board of Health	Revenue from solid waste and recycling programs	Operation of Town's solid waste and recycling programs

Section 7. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ and this by-law, all applicable state and local laws and regulations that govern the receipt, custody, expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of revolving funds established and authorized by this by-law.

And, further, to establish the following fiscal year spending limit for such funds:

Revolving Fund	Fiscal Year Spending Limit
Highway Department Bucket Truck	\$2,000
Summer Playground Program Fund	\$35,000
Council on Aging Breakfast and Lunch Program	\$5,000
Recycling Fund	\$60,000

Or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

MA Dept. of Revenue has created a mechanism for towns to vote once on all revolving funds and never have to vote to reauthorize them again, provided the dollar limit on each doesn't change. Adopting this bylaw will allow the town to make that change.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to adopt the Revolving Fund Bylaw and establish fiscal year spending limits as set forth in Article 13.

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Northfield Recreation Commission's Revolving Fund to the Summer Playground Revolving Fund, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

If Article 13 passes to create a separate revolving fund for the summer playground program, this article will transfer \$10,000 from the general Recreation Commission revolving fund into the new summer playground revolving fund, which will bring the Commission into compliance with its statutory mission.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Northfield Recreation Commission's Revolving Fund to the Summer Playground Revolving Fund.

MOTION BY: MATT SHERIDAN/AMY HENDRICKS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will voted to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to purchase a police cruiser and related equipment, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article seeks the permission of the Town Meeting to purchase a new police cruiser, as is consistent with the Capital Improvement request Plan and the Police Vehicle Replacement Plan.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$48,000 from Free Cash to purchase a police cruiser and related equipment.

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 16: 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 install new police radios and any necessary accessories thereto, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

The County emergency radio system is converting to digital technology to communicate, as opposed to the current analog system. These radios will allow the Police Department to communicate on both systems.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to purchase and install new police radios and any necessary accessories thereto.

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums for the purposes of beginning Phase II of the design work and project management for an emergency services facility as described in the Owner's Project Manager's Schedule in Attachment A of the Town's Agreement for Services with Cardinal Construction, Inc., or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

Once a plot of land is secured on which to build the emergency services facility, the second phase of design work, as recommended by Cardinal Construction, Inc., the Town's Owner's Project Manager, for the building needs to take place.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,825 to begin Phase II of the design work and project management for an emergency services facility as set forth in Article 17.

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

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 purchase a ladder truck for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article is consistent with the Town’s Capital Improvement Request Plan.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash to purchase a ladder truck for the Fire Department.

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for projects at the Northfield Elementary School.

Item Description	Estimated amount per project
Repair, replace, and bring to code electrical wiring	\$100,000
Repair/replace the center building entrance, threshold, and sign	40,000
Repair/replace carpet and/or tiles in classrooms	6,000
Total	\$146,000

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

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article puts forth several projects that are related to the upkeep and maintenance of the Northfield Elementary School.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146,000 to fund the projects, goods, and services related to the Northfield Elementary School as presented in Article 19 of the Warrant.

MOTION BY: KATHY WRIGHT

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, a fee interest in a parcel of land containing 2.045 acres, more or less, and any improvements thereon, located at the intersection of Main Street and School Street, shown as "Parcel A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Located in Northfield, Massachusetts Prepared for Inhabitants of the Town of Northfield," dated October 12, 2015, revised through March 16, 2018 prepared by Dale A. Merritt, P.L.S., on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do and take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this vote, including, but not limited to, granting an easement or easements on said property as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This seeks to grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to acquire the parcel of land where the current fire station sits and a future emergency services facility may be built. After an exhaustive title search, the Town was unable to establish title ownership. This is a formality for the Town of Northfield to take the land from itself.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, a fee interest in a parcel of land as set forth in Article 20.

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 VOTE

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, as amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 (the “Act”), to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (the “OPEB Fund”), for which the Treasurer serves as custodian of the Fund; designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the Trustee of the OPEB Fund, with all the powers and responsibilities identified under the Act and this vote; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to employ investment consultant(s), as well as outside custodial service(s) to hold the monies in the Fund, and to pay for those services from the OPEB Fund; authorize the investment of the OPEB Fund under the prudent investor rule established under G.L. c.203C; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to execute any and all documents necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and/or investment consultant(s), including but not limited to trust agreements, participation agreements, investment agreements, and administrative services agreements; and designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the “Plan Administrator”, as may be necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian acting as Plan Administrator to take any other action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the vote taken hereunder; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

The Town is obligated to pay health insurance and other post-employment benefits to Town employees who retire. Establishing this trust fund gives the Town a vehicle to set aside funds to pay that future liability.

The Finance committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, as amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 (the “Act”), to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (the “OPEB Fund”) as set forth in Article 21.

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$131,427 to deposit into the Town’s OPEB Trust Fund established in Article 21, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This would be the first year the Town began setting aside such an annual contribution to meet future OPEB payout obligations

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer a sum of \$131,427 from Free Cash to deposit into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund established in Article 21.

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 23: 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 Town's OPEB Study for Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article requests to update a study of the Town's OPEB liability. Such a periodic study is required for compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB 75). If we are not in compliance, this could affect the Town's ability to issue debt and the cost.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer a sum of \$900 from Free Cash to fund the Town's OPEB Study for Fiscal Year 2019.

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to fund a financial audit, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article funds an independent audit of the Town's financial accounts, reports, and fiscal operations. Audited financial statements are a requirement for issuing general obligation bonds.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$23,000 to fund a financial audit.

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Sections 111M, which authorizes the Town to offer leave without loss of pay to employees providing emergency medical services who are incapacitated for duty because of injuries sustained in the performance of their duty without fault of their own, effective date July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

Municipalities that accept this section for emergency medical technicians (EMT) employed by a Town will be covered under this statute and not Worker's Compensation if they sustain disabling injuries during the performance of their duties. If accepted, EMTs would be eligible to continue receiving 100 percent of their regular wages if they are unable to work due to an on-duty injury.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 111M as set forth in Article 25.

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 111N, which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to indemnify such employees who provide emergency medical services for reasonable medical expenses incurred as the result of injuries sustained during the performance of the employee's duties, effective date July 1, 2018 or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

Municipalities that accept this section are authorized to reimburse first responders for medical expenses related to injuries sustained during the performance of their duties.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 111N as set forth in Article 26.

MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for special legislation entitled “An Act Authorizing the Town of Northfield to Continue the Employment of Floyd Dunnell, III”, as set forth below, to allow Floyd M. Dunnell, III, the Town’s fire chief, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, to remain employed in such position until the age of 70, or until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that no deductions from the regular compensation of Floyd M. Dunnell, III shall be made under Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Law subsequent to this reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the Town 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 Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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.

An Act authorizing the Town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Floyd Dunnell, III, a member of the fire department of the town of Northfield, may continue to serve in such position until August 13, 2023, until the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved of his duties by the Fire Chief, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. The Town may, at its own expense, require that Chief Dunnell be examined by an impartial physician designated by the Town to determine such capability.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article would petition the Legislature to allow our current Fire Chief, Floyd (Skip) M. Dunnell, III to continue serving.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for special legislation as set forth in Article 27.

MOTION BY: JULIA BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Maintenance appropriation for the purposes of repairing compactors, associated closures, structures, and decking, and to transfer the remaining \$5,290 left in the Transfer Station Compactor Account into said new appropriation, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

This article would allow the Board of Health to create an appropriation for the maintenance of transfer station equipment.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to establish a Transfer Station Maintenance appropriation for the purposes of repairing compactors, associated closures, structures, and decking, and to transfer the remaining \$5,290 left in the Transfer Station Compactor Account into said new appropriation.

MOTION BY: BOB MACEWEN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 29: An Act Relative to a Real Property Exemption for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as follows; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 22 and 22E of section 5 of chapter 59 of the general laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Northfield is hereby authorized to grant the exemption provided for in clauses 22 and 22E of section 5 of chapter 59 to applicants who have been domiciled in the Town of Northfield for a minimum of 1 year prior to the time of application, provided that they meet all other qualifications contained in said clauses. The amount of the exemption and qualifications relating to taxpayers qualified for the exemption pursuant to clauses 22 and 22E of section 5 of chapter 59 shall apply to the same extent to applicants eligible in accordance with this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

This article seeks to reduce the residency requirements of veterans to qualify for residential tax exemptions. The current requirements are adversely affecting participation in the exemption program.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation Relative to a Real Property Exemption for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors as set forth in Article 29.

MOTION BY: BOB MACEWEN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Northfield, to negotiate and enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement for a term of 20 years with the lessee/operator of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility located at 0 Mount Hermon Station Rd, Assessors Map 25 Block A1 Lot 1, upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Assessors

The solar panels/equipment are taxed under Personal Property. Only the land is taxed under Real Estate. Solar panels/equipment values depreciate rapidly and our tax revenue is based on the depreciated value year to year. By entering into a payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement it offers more tax stability.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement with the lessee/operator of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility located at 0 Mount Hermon Station Rd, as set forth in Article 30.

MOTION BY: BOB MACEWEN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2019 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of 5% (\$1,250) for administrative expenses, 10% (\$2,500) for open space purposes; 10% (\$2,500) for historic preservation; 10% (\$2,500) for affordable housing; and the remaining 65% (\$16,250) to the FY 2019 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article is in compliance with Massachusetts General Law that requires the reserving of certain percentages of the Community Preservation Act funds for specific purposes. This is done annually at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to reserve from FY 2019 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of 5% (\$1,250) for administrative expenses, 10% (\$2,500) for open space purposes; 10% (\$2,500) for historic preservation; 10% (\$2,500) for affordable housing; and the remaining 65% (\$16,250) to the FY 2019 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve.

MOTION BY: LARA DUBIN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$950 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation for the purchase and installation of a commemorative plaque for Northfield's first fire station, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

This article would provide funding to purchase and install a commemorative plaque for Northfield's first fire station.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$950 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation for the purchase and installation of a commemorative plaque for Northfield's first fire station.

MOTION BY: TED THORNTON

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes, a sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund balance to remove the electrical wires and components from the south side of Town Hall and place them underground, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

This article would provide funding to bury wiring and other components that are currently on the exterior of the south side of Town Hall. It would restore the building's historic integrity to its original 1927 appearance.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes, a sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historical Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund balance to remove the electrical wires and components from the south side of Town Hall and place them underground.

MOTION BY: LARA DUBIN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for open space/recreation purposes the sum of \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Open Space/Recreation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account to purchase a new children's playground structure at the Northfield Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The current playground structure is approximately 20 years old, is in disrepair, and doesn't meet current safety or Americans with Disabilities Act codes.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate for open space/recreation purposes the sum of \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Open Space/ Recreation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account to purchase a new children's playground structure at the Northfield Elementary School.

MOTION BY: TED THORNTON

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to amend its acceptance of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act, by increasing the surcharge on real property from the present level of 0.5% to 1.0%, beginning in Fiscal Year 2020, with such amendment to become effective upon approval of the voters at the November 6, 2018 election, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

In 2008, the Town accepted the Community Preservation Act, which established a dedicated funding source for community preservation purposes as set forth in the Act. The Town of Northfield originally approved a surcharge of 3.0% on the annual tax levy on real property and then voted to reduce the surcharge to 0.5% in 2009. The Community Preservation Act has been adopted by 172 cities and towns in the commonwealth and Northfield is the only community with a surcharge level below 1.0%. Increasing the surcharge, in addition to creating additional funds for local community preservation purposes, could make the Town eligible for a higher level of matching funds from the State, if and when they become available.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend its acceptance of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act, by increasing the surcharge on real property from the present level of 0.5% to 1.0%, beginning in Fiscal Year 2020, with such amendment to become effective upon approval of the voters at the November 6, 2018 election.

MOTION BY: LARA DUBIN

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$4,000 for the Conservation Commission to obtain the services of a forester, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Conservation Commission

This article requests \$4,000 to allow the Conservation Commission to hire a professional forester to prepare for a logging project in accordance with the Town's Forest Management Plan.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,000 for the Conservation Commission to obtain the services of a forester.

MOTION BY: TRACY ROGERS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 164, Section 134, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to initiate the process to aggregate the electricity load of residential and business electricity consumers within the Town, and to enter into agreements for services to facilitate the purchase of electric energy and other related services, either independently or in joint action with other municipalities, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Energy Committee

This article seeks to aggregate many electricity users, including residences and businesses in Northfield with other participating towns, to jointly contract for electricity supply, in order to encourage the development of renewable energy. This step could reduce electricity costs on average for Northfield residents and businesses while preserving the autonomy for residents and businesses by providing the option to opt out.

MOTION: I move the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 164, Section 134, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to initiate the process to aggregate the electricity load of residential and business electricity consumers within the Town, and to

enter into agreements for services to facilitate the purchase of electric energy and other related services, either independently or in joint action with other municipalities.

MOTION BY: SUSAN O'CONNOR

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums to the Stabilization Fund, as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

The Stabilization Fund is Northfield's "savings account" for the future needs of the Town. It is vitally important to the financial health of the Town to provide for the future.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this article.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$200,000 for the Stabilization Fund, as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

MOTION BY: LOIS STEARNS

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to proclaim and designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day, instead of Columbus Day, and be recognized as such on all official Town business, calendars, websites, minutes, announcements, social media, and other communications, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by Citizens' Petition

This Article is placed on the Warrant by a petition received from concerned citizens.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to proclaim and designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day, instead of Columbus Day, and be recognized as such on all

official Town business, calendars, websites, minutes, announcements, social media, and other communications.

MOTION BY: JOE GRAVELINE

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: FAILED

NOTES:

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section I of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Agreement as follows with text to be deleted indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ and text to be inserted indicated by underline as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

(A) Powers, Duties and Composition

- (1) The powers and duties of the District shall be vested in and exercised by a regional school district committee hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of ~~twelve~~ seven members, ~~three members from each member town.~~ Bernardston, two members, Northfield, two members, Leyden, one member, and Warwick, one member. There will also be one at-large member voted by all four towns.
- (2) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may adjourn.
- (3) The Committee shall have all the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon school committees by law and conferred and imposed by this agreement, and such other additional powers and duties as are specified in Sections 16 to 16I, inclusive of Chapter 71 of the General Laws and any amendments thereof or additions thereto now or hereafter enacted, or as may be specified in any other applicable general or special law.
- (4) At the first regular meeting of the Committee following the 1992 District election and thereafter at the first regular meeting to be held after each District election, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its own membership. At the same meeting, or at any other meeting, the Committee shall appoint a treasurer and secretary who maybe the same person but who need not be members of the Committee; fix the time and place for its regular meetings and provide for the calling of special District meetings. The chairperson will appoint members, to serve on subcommittees annually.
- (5) Qualifications and Term Limits

Members that are elected to the School Committee may not work in any capacity for the District or receive any payments for services. In addition, those members that have conflicts of interest that are not financial must disclose these conflicts prior to being elected.

Each member will be allowed to serve a maximum of twelve consecutive years. The member may be reelected after three consecutive years of not being a Committee member.

(B) Initial Committee

The members of the Committee in office on July 1, 1991 shall continue to serve until the District election to be held in 1992. Vacancies occurring until that date shall be filled in accordance with Subsection I(D).

(C) Elections

- (1) Each Committee member shall be entitled to one vote at all Committee meetings. In compliance with the Supreme Court's "one person, one vote principle" members will be elected in district-wide, at-large elections, with members required to be residents of specific communities such that the total number of Committee members remains at ~~twelve~~ seven with ~~three~~ two members from both Bernardston and Northfield, one member from both Warwick and Leyden, and one at large member from each member town.
- (2) At every District election, except the 1992 District election, there shall be elected to membership on the Committee for terms of four years, or for any unexpired term as outlined in Subsection I(D), such persons as shall maintain the Committee at ~~twelve~~ seven members and preserve the residency requirements as stated in Subsection I(A) (1) of this section.
- ~~(3) At the 1992 District election, twelve members the entire committee will be elected, with residency requirements as stated above. The Towns of Bernardston Warwick and Leyden will each have ~~two~~ one members elected for ~~two~~ years and one for four years. The Towns of Bernardston and Northfield and Warwick will each have ~~two~~ one members elected for four years and one member elected for two years. The at-large member, elected by all four member towns, will be elected for four years. In the Towns of Bernardston and Leyden the successful candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall fill the four year, term on the Committee. In the Towns of Northfield and Warwick the successful candidate receiving the fewest votes shall fill the two year term on the Committee. Subsequent annual elections will be for terms of four years only, except in cases involving unexpired terms.~~
- (4) The District election shall be held at the biennial state election, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November of every even numbered year. District elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

(D) Vacancies

Vacancies that occur on the Committee shall be filled by appointment of the moderator of the member town in which the vacancy occurs, to serve until the next District election, at *which* time a successor shall be elected to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

Requested by Citizen Petition

This Article is placed on the Warrant by a petition received from concerned citizens.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend Section I of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Agreement as set forth in Article 40.

MOTION BY: BLYTH

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: FAILED

NOTES: AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ROGERS MOTIONED TO MOVE TO THE QUESTION, SECONDED BY SPANBAUER, MOTION TO MOVE TO THE QUESTION PASSED. MOTION FOR ARTICLE 40 FAILED.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and

WHEREAS certain persons have, during the calendar year of 2017, 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 of the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2018 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town,

or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article seeks to recognize and express the Town's gratitude for the service rendered by the parties listed in Appendix 2 of this document.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit

RESOLUTION

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MOTION BY: JOHN SPANBAUER

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

PASS/FAIL: PASSED

NOTES:

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

FRANKLIN, SS.

To any of the Constables in the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin,

GREETINGS:

You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the

Northfield Town Hall, 69 Main Street

In Northfield on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 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	3 year term
One	Board of Assessors	3 year term
Two	Board of Health	3 year term
Two	Board of Library Trustee	3 year term
One	Planning Board	5 year term
One	Planning Board	4 year term
One	Planning Board	2 year term
One	Recreation Commission	3 year term
One	Moderator	3 year term
One	Town Clerk	3 year term
One	Sewer Commissioner	3 year term
One	Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials Veteran	3 year term

Tracy A. Rogers Chair

Date

John G. Spanbauer

Julia A. Blyth

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Attest: _____

Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

The polls will open at 12:00 o'clock (noon) and close at 8:00 o'clock (eight) p.m.

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

APPENDIX 1: Town Meeting Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure has a long history. Originating in the early English Parliaments it came to America with the first European settlers and became uniform in 1876 when Henry Robert published his manual, known as “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Parliamentary procedure means that everyone may be heard and to come to decisions without confusion. It means democratic rule, flexibility, the protection of rights and most importantly a fair hearing for everyone.

The basic parts of parliamentary procedure provide for the presentation of motions, the seconding or the expression of support of another’s motion, an opportunity to debate and an ability to make a decision.

There are five general types of motions:

- Main Motion: These introduce subjects for consideration.
- Subsidiary Motions: These change how the main motion is handled. (They are voted on before the main motion.)
- Privileged Motions: These concern special or important matters not related to the pending business. In general, they are considered before other types of motions.
- Incidental Motions: These are questions of procedure that arise out of other motions and they must be considered before the other motion.
- Motions that bring a question again before the assembly: These enable certain items to be reconsidered. In general, they are brought up when no business is pending.

Some questions relating to motions:

- Is it in order? Your motion must relate to the business at hand and be presented at the right time. It must not be obstructive, frivolous or against the law.
- May I interrupt the speaker? Some motions are so important that the speaker may be interrupted to make them. The original speaker regains the floor after the interruption has been attended to.
- Do I need a second? Usually, yes, A second indicates that another member would like to consider your motion and it prevents spending time on a question that interests only one person.
- Is it debatable? Parliamentary procedure guards the right to free and full debate on motions. However, some subsidiary or privileged and incidental motions are not debatable.
- Can it be amended? Striking out or inserting wording, or both can change some motions. Amendments must relate to the subject as presented in the main motion.
- What vote is needed? Most require only a majority vote (more than half the members present and voting). But, motions concerning the rights of the town meeting, borrowing, and some other miscellaneous subjects may require “super majorities” of $\frac{3}{4}$ or 9/10’s depending on the applicable state law.

- Can it be reconsidered? Some motions can be debated again and revoted to give members a chance to change their minds. The motion to reconsider must come from the “winning” side.

How Do I Present My Motion?

Obtain the Floor:

- Wait until the previous speaker is finished.
- Rise and address the Moderator. Say, “Mr. Moderator.”
- Wait until you are recognized.
- State your name and address for the record.

Make your motion:

- Speak clearly and concisely.
- State your motion affirmatively. Say, “I move that we do...” Instead of “I move that we do not...”
- Stay on the subject and avoid personal attacks.

You wait for a second:

- Another member will say, “I second the motion.”
- Or the Moderator will call for a second.
- If there is no second, your motion will not be considered. (Motions made at the direction of a board or committee (more than one person) do not require a second.)

The Moderator states your motion:

- The Moderator must say, “It is moved and seconded that we...”
- After this happens, debate or voting can occur.
- Your motion is now “assembly property,” and you can’t change it without consent of the body.

You expand on your motion:

- As the person who made the motion, you are allowed to speak first.
- Direct all comments to the Moderator
- Keep to the time limit for speaking.
- You may speak again after all other speakers are finished.
- You may speak a third time by a motion to suspend the rules with a 2/3 vote.
- The Moderator puts the question:
- The Moderator asks, “Are you ready for the question?”
- If there is no more debate, or if a motion to stop debate is adopted, a vote is taken.
- The Moderator announces the result.

The method of voting on a motion:

- Voice: The Moderator asks those in favor to say “aye” and those opposed to say “no.” A member may move for an exact count.
- General Consent: When a motion isn’t likely to be opposed, the chair says, “If there is no objection...” Members show consent by their silence. If someone says, “I object,” the matter must be put to a vote.

- Show of hands: Members raise their hands to verify a voice vote, or as an alternative to it. This does not require a count. A member may move for an exact count.
- Ballot: Members write their vote on a slip of paper and is done when secrecy is desired.

More Motions:

A motion to lay on the table: This motion is used to lay something aside temporarily to take care of more urgent matters. It should not be used to prevent debate or to kill a question. Members can “take from the table” a motion for reconsideration. This must happen by the end of the town meeting.

A motion to indefinitely postpone: This is a parliamentary strategy. It allows members to dispose of a motion without making a decision for or against. This is useful in case of a badly chosen main motion for which either a “yes” or “no” vote would have undesirable consequences.

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 2017 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 2018 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Agricultural Commission	Eugene L'Etoile
Community Park Committee	Cynthia Mead
Council on Aging	Rhoda Yucavitch, Gail Bedard
Cultural Council	Ruthanne Paulsen
Election Officer	Barbara Brassor, David Brassor
EMS	Todd Czernich, Cameron Kennedy, Joanne Newton, Carolyn Taylor, Carolyn Warger-Czernich
Energy Committee	John Cevasco, Robert Pasteris
Finance Committee	Chadwick Glover
Fire Department	Nate Hutchinson, Michael Grover, Allan Shedd, Rory Shippa
Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory	Robert Duby, Robert English, Lisa McLoughlin, Howard Perrea, Joan Deely
Highway Dept	Michael Mankowsky, Tim Richter
Open Space Committee	Susan Ross, Kate Rossiter
Planning Board	Guy Gilbert
Police Dept	John Richardson
Recreation Commission	Scott Thayer
Sewer Commission	Paul Prest
Town Administrator	Paul Boushell, Interim
Zoning Revision Committee	Rich Fitzgerald, Jack Spanbauer, Joan Stoia, Erin Jaworski, Kathy Wright

TOWNSPEOPLE OF NORTHFIELD
MAY, 2018

APPENDIX 3: Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

ART #	Purpose	Department	Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds					Departmental Revolving Fund Authorization (Memo Only)
					Enterprise	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other Available Funds	CPC	
1	Waive Reading	Selectboard								
2	Receive Reports	Selectboard								
3	Accept Chapter 90	Highway								
4	Apply Grants	Selectboard								
5	Prior Year Bill	Selectboard	115	115			115			
6	2 1/2 Override	Finance								
7	Omnibus	Finance	8,474,559	8,474,599		8,474,559				
8	PVRS Cap. Projects	PVRS	10,872	10,872		10,872				
9	PVRS Lunch deficit	PVRS	44,406	44,406		44,406				
10	Change Town Meeting	CoA								
11	EMS Enterprise	EMS	207,285	207,285	151,434	55,851				
12	Sewer Enterprise	Sewer	251,937	251,937	251,937					
13	Revolving Funds	Selectboard								102,000
14	Transfer funds to Summer playground	Recreation	10,000	10,000				10,000		
15	Police Cruiser	Police	48,000	48,000			48,000			
16	Police Radios	Police	9,000	9,000		9,000				
17	Emergency Facility Next Phase	ESFC	68,825	68,825		68,825				
18	Ladder truck	Fire	350,000	350,000			350,000			
19	NES Maintenance	Selectboard	146,000	146,000		146,000				
20	Land Acquisition	Selectboard								
21	Adopt MGL C32Bss20- OPEB	Selectboard								
22	OPEB Trust fund	Selectboard	131,427	131,427			131,427			
23	OPEB study	Selectboard	900	900			900			
24	Financial Audit	Selectboard	23,000	23,000		23,000				
25	Accept MGL C41 ss 111M	Selectboard								
26	Accept MGL C41 ss 111N	Selectboard								
27	Chief Dunnell Legislative Protection	Selectboard								
28	Transfer Stn Maint. Appropriation	Bd of Health	5,290	5,290				5,290		
29	Veterans residency requirements	Bd of Assessors								
30	Photovoltaic PILOT	Bd of Assessors								
31	Community Preservation Fund	Comm. Pres.	25,000	25,000					25,000	
32	Historic Preservation Plaque	Comm. Pres.	950	950					950	
33	Historic Preservation –Town Hall	Comm. Pres.	25,000	25,000					25,000	
34	Playground Structure @ NES	Comm. Pres.	30,000	30,000					30,000	
35	Community Preservation surcharge	Comm. Pres.								
36	Conservation Commission Forester	ConsCom	4,000	4,000		4,000				
37	Electric Aggregation	Energy Comm								
38	Stabilization fund	Selectboard	200,000	200,000		200,000				
39	Indigenous Peoples Day	Citizen Petition								
40	Amend sec. 1 of PVRS District Agreement	Citizen Petition								
41	Resolution	Selectboard								
	Total		10,066,566	10,066,566	403,371	9,036,513	530,442	15,290	80,950	102,000

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 _____ day of April 2018.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tracy A. Rogers, Chair

Attest:

John G. Spanbauer

Daniel Campbell, Town Clerk

Julia A. Blyth

Date

Franklin, SS

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Constable of Northfield

Date

MAY REMOVE AFTER MAY 8, 2018

