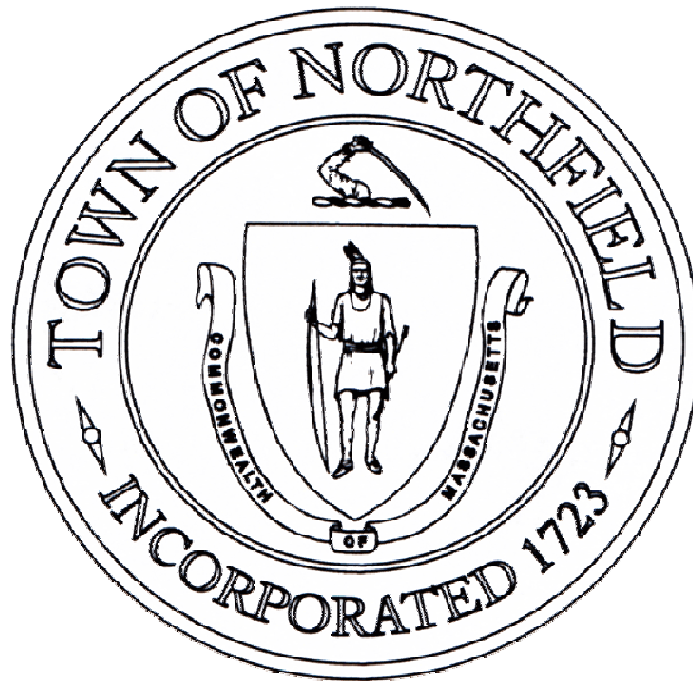


# **TOWN OF NORTHFIELD**

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



## **FISCAL YEAR 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

May 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Pioneer Valley Regional School  
97 F. Sumner Turner Road  
Northfield, Massachusetts

# Annual Town Meeting Warrant

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS

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

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

### **Pioneer Valley Regional School**

on Monday, May 2, 2011 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.), then and there to act on the following:

#### **Article 1. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

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 pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

#### **Article 2. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

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 pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

#### **Article 3. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums from Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funds for a one-ton truck for the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$85,500*

#### **Article 4. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums from FY 2011 funds for the design of repairs to the Northfield Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$5,703*

#### **Article 5. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money from FY 2011 funds for extending electrical service to the Boy Scout House and Senior Pavilion, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$5,000*

#### **Article 6. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money from FY 2011 funds for the purchase of a brush fire truck drive cab and chassis, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$28,500*

**Article 7. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money from Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funds for the purchase of a new fire pump and electric winch, , or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$9,000*

**Article 8. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

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/reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 9. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., a sum or sums of money or other gift for the benefit of the Town or any of its departments, etc., or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 10. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

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 pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 11. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, under M.G.L. Ch. 164 for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities through the Hampshire Council of Governments, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto. If such contracts are approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative service they desire.

**Article 12. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Ch. 41, §23A, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator for a term of one or three years, on such other terms and conditions as the Board sees fit, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 13. (Submitted by citizen petition)**

To see if the Town will petition the Legislature to adopt a special act to provide for the recall of local officials in the Town of Northfield, as follows:

## **AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS 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. Any holder of an elective office in the Town of NORTHFIELD may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of said town as herein provided.

Section 2. One hundred or more registered voters may initiate a recall petition by filing with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer and the office held whose recall is sought and a statement of the grounds of recall. Upon certification by the town clerk, the town clerk shall, within two business days, deliver to the voter first named on such affidavit, a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall. The blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with the town clerk's signature and official seal attached thereto; they shall be dated and addressed to the board of selectmen; shall contain the name of the person whose recall is sought, the office from which recall is sought, the grounds for recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within twenty days following the date of issuance of said petition. Said recall petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the registered voters in said town, and to every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The town clerk shall, within two business days following the date such filing, submit the recall petition to the board of registrars of voters, who shall within five business days after the day of receipt, certify in writing thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters in said town as of the date such affidavit was filed with the town clerk. The board of registrars shall, upon completion of its certification, return the petition to the town clerk.

Section 3. If the petition shall be found and certified by said town clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate thereon to said selectmen without delay, and said selectmen shall forthwith give to said elected officer whose recall is being sought, written notice of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order a recall election to be held not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the date of town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition has been filed; provided however, that if any other town election is to occur within one hundred days after the date of said certificate, the selectmen may, in their discretion postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as herein provided.

Section 4. Any officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed himself, and unless he requests otherwise in writing, said town clerk shall place his name on the official ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to election, unless otherwise provided in this act.

Section 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the recall election. If the recall fails, or if the incumbent is re-elected, he shall continue in the office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If not re-elected in the recall election, he shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of his successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five days after receiving notification of his election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

Section 6. Ballots used in a recall election in said town shall submit the following proposition in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer) (office held)  
Against the recall of (name of officer) (office held)

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter by making a cross mark (X) may vote for either of such propositions. Just above said squares, there shall appear the direction "Vote for one". Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for one" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided.

In case of machine voting or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting, appropriate provisions shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate who received the highest number of votes of the special election to the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the negative, the ballot for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted.

Section 7. No recall petition shall be filed against an officer of said town within six months after he takes office, nor, in the case of an officer subjected to recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after the election at which his recall was submitted to the voters.

Section 8. No person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against that person, shall be appointed to any town office within two years after such removal by recall or resignation.

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**Article 14. (Submitted by the Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will adopt the following as a change to the Zoning By-law, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto:

**11.07 Open Space Residential Design**

For the purpose of promoting the efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features, in accordance with the *Smart Growth* guidelines of the Commonwealth, a subdivision, as defined in

section 2-10 of the *Subdivision Regulations* of Northfield and consistent with the terms of this section and the *Subdivision Regulations*, will be approved by right by the Planning Board.

#### 11.07.01 Open Space Requirement

At least fifty percent (50%) of the land area of the tract shall be permanently protected open space. The open space set aside may not include wetlands, water bodies, floodplains, slopes greater than twenty-five (25%), roadways, land devoted to common facilities such as wells, sanitation facilities, and solar energy generation, or land prohibited from development by legally enforceable restrictions, easements or covenants, or other constraints dictated by the Northfield Protective By-Law, Title 5, the Inland Wetlands Protection Act, and any other relevant law.

#### 11.07.02 Number of Lots

The total number of lots shall not exceed that determined by a yield plan calculation, except that for each additional one percent (1%) of land which is set aside as open space in the tract, in excess of the fifty percent (50%) open space required, up to one percent (1%) more (rounded down) additional dwelling lots shall be allowed. A yield plan calculation is the number of lots that can be placed on potential streets in the subdivision, in conformance with the Northfield Subdivision Regulations and Section 7.01 of this bylaw, without the open space set aside but excluding wetlands, water bodies, floodplains, and slopes greater than twenty-five (25%).

#### 11.07.03 Lot Dimensions

No lot shall have less than 100 feet of frontage on its access road.

No lot shall have less than 150 feet of depth.

No building shall be located less than ten (10) feet from a lot line or less than 25 feet from a public way, approved subdivision road, or any other right-of-way.

#### 11.07.04 Sanitation Requirement

Each lot shall have suitable soils and site for a private septic system and water supply, or access to a municipal sewer system, or access to a common septic system approved by the Board of Health.

Only single family dwellings or duplexes shall be constructed unless there is a municipal sewer connection.

#### 11.07.05 Lot Access

A common drive, as approved by the Planning Board, may serve two or more lots that comply with the lot requirements of Section 11.07.03. In addition, the drive shall conform to Section 7.03.01 except that the subgrade and traveled surface width shall be not less than sixteen (16) feet on any portion of the common drive.

Lots may have access-not-through frontage, so long as such access-not-through frontage provides adequate access for emergency vehicles and safe access for other vehicles entering and exiting the lot, and is in keeping with the considerations of Article IX.

#### 11.07.06 Solar Energy Option

A subdivision that provides, in the form of one or more shared facilities, a minimum of two kilowatts (2KW) of grid-connected photo-voltaic solar energy generation for each residential unit in the subdivision may have up to twenty percent (20%) more (rounded down) additional dwelling lots than provided under Section 11.07.02. A solar energy facility proposal will be reviewed by the Northfield Energy Committee, which will provide its recommendations to the Planning Board. On the basis of this review the Planning Board may require changes/additions to the proposed facility to meet the terms of this section. After construction the Northfield Building Commissioner will be responsible for annually inspecting the condition of any such facility.

#### 11.07.07 Maintenance of Common Facilities

All common facilities of the subdivision, such as wells, sanitation facilities, and solar energy facilities, will be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the property owners within the development; ownership thereof shall pass with property conveyance in perpetuity.

Maintenance of all common facilities shall be permanently assured through an incorporated non-profit homeowner's association, covenant, or other agreement through which each property owner in the development is automatically a member, each has an equal say in determining the affairs of the organization, and each is subject to an equal charge for a share of the maintenance expenses, or through a comparable arrangement satisfactory to the Planning Board. Such land agreement documents shall be submitted with the development plan and shall be subject to approval by the Planning Board and Town Counsel. This organization shall remain under the control of the developer until a majority of the properties are conveyed to a majority of the permanent owners.

Any such covenants or agreements shall provide that in the event that the organization established to own and maintain the common facilities, or any successor organization, fails to maintain the common facilities in reasonable order and condition in accordance with the site analysis/development plan, the Town may, after notice to the organization and public hearing, enter upon such facilities and maintain them in order to preserve the taxable values of the properties within the development. These covenants or agreements shall also provide that the cost of such maintenance by the Town shall be assessed ratably against the properties within the development and shall become a charge on said properties and that such charge shall be paid by the property owners within thirty (30) days after receipt of a statement therefor.

#### 11.07.08 Open Space Use

In general, all land not devoted to dwellings, accessory uses, common facilities, roads, or other development shall be set aside as common land for recreation, conservation, or agricultural uses which preserve the land in essentially its natural condition.

Further subdivision of common open land, except for easements for underground utilities and public recreation, shall be prohibited. Structures or buildings accessory to recreation, conservation, or agricultural uses may be erected but shall not exceed 5% coverage of such common open land.

#### 11.07.09 Open Space Ownership

Such common open land shall be either:

- (a) conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the property owners within the development and the original owner(s); if such a corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with property conveyance in perpetuity;
- (b) conveyed to a non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation or preservation of open space;
- (c) conveyed to the Town of Northfield, at no cost, and be accepted by it for a park or open space use; such conveyance shall be at the option of the Town and shall require the approval of the voters at a Town Meeting.

In cases (a) and (b) above, a restriction enforceable by the Town shall be recorded to ensure that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state and shall not be built for residential use or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadways or any other use. Such restrictions shall further provide for maintenance of the common land in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its function, appearance, cleanliness and proper maintenance of drainage, utilities and the like.

In case (a) above, ownership and maintenance of such open land shall be permanently assured through an incorporated non-profit homeowner's association, covenant, or other land agreement through which each property owner in the development is automatically a member and each is subject to a charge for a share of the maintenance expenses or through a comparable arrangement satisfactory to the Planning Board. Such land agreement documents shall be submitted with the development plan and shall be subject to approval by the Planning Board and Town Counsel. Any such covenant or agreement shall specify that each property owner shall have an equal say in determining the affairs of the organization, that costs shall be assessed equally to each such owner, and that the organization shall remain under the control of the developer until a majority of the properties are conveyed to permanent owners.

Further in cases (a) and (b) above, such covenants or agreements shall provide that in the event that the organization established to own and maintain the common open land or any successor organization fails to maintain the common open land in reasonable order and condition in accordance with the site analysis/development plan, the Town may, after notice to the organization and public hearing, enter upon such land and maintain it in order to preserve the taxable values of the properties within the development and to prevent the common land from becoming a public nuisance.

These covenants or agreements shall also provide that the cost of such maintenance by the Town shall be assessed ratably against the properties within the development and shall become a charge on said properties and that such charge shall be paid by the property owners within thirty (30) days after receipt of a statement therefor.

**Article 15. (Submitted by the Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will adopt the following as a change to the Zoning By-law, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto:

**1-7 FEE SCHEDULE**

- a. Filing fees - \$50.00 per lot on a preliminary plan, \$200.00 per lot on a definitive plan; if no preliminary plan is filed then the fee is \$500.00 per lot on a definitive plan; the filing fee shall be



in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the “Town of Northfield”, or written evidence that said fee has been paid to the Town Clerk.

b. Consulting fees – up to 3% of the gross cost of the road construction, unless the project involves wetlands, then up to 6%.

## 2-14 FLEXIBLE DEVELOPMENT

Flexible Development as described in Section 11.07 of the Northfield Protective Bylaws is the preferred method of development in the Town of Northfield, and approval thereof is granted by right.

## 3-11 DEFINITIVE PLAN – BOARD DECISION

Within ninety (90) days of submission of a Definitive Plan (if a preliminary Plan has not been submitted – 135 days), the Board shall notify the Town Clerk and the applicant by delivery or by registered mail of its action, unless the applicant requests an extension of time and such request is granted by the Board. Failure of the Board to take such action and/or make such notification within the period specified shall be deemed an approval of the plan. The action of the Board with respect to such plan shall be by vote of the majority of the Board.

a. Approval: Approval, or modification and approval, if granted, shall be endorsed on the original drawing of the Definitive Plan by the signatures of a majority of the Board after the twenty (20) days, provided that no notice of appeal has been filed with the Town Clerk, and an acceptable performance guarantee has been provided by the applicant.

b. Disapproval: If the Board disapproves the Definitive Plan it shall state in detail wherein the plan does not conform to the Northfield Subdivision Regulations, or the Subdivision Control Law, or the recommendations of the Board of Health, or Section 11.07 of the Northfield Protective Bylaws, and shall revoke its disapproval and approve a plan which, as amended, conforms to such regulation, law or recommendation.

c. Town Acceptance of Street: Approval of the Definitive Plan does not constitute the laying out or acceptance by the Town of Northfield of streets.

## **Article 16. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto, asking:

that during this final period as the reactor continues to age and minor accidents and radioactive leakages continue to occur (if they do), residents and officials of nearby towns and cities be assured that there will be extra attention to maintenance and repair of all systems associated with the reactor, coupled with heightened inspections, monitoring, and testing to minimize the possibility of a major accident and ensure that people, animals, and the environment are not exposed to any additional risks of breathing, drinking, or otherwise ingesting radioactivity;

that any tendency to delay or cancel needed maintenance and repairs during the reactor’s final months of operation be strenuously resisted, and that if circumstances warrant, Vermont Yankee be shut down permanently before its scheduled retirement date;

that during the decommissioning and site clean-up process, when toxic radioactive components are likely to be shipped from the reactor site to nuclear waste repositories in other states via roads and railways passing through our Town and neighboring towns and cities, local residents as well as local selectboards, city councils, and relevant town and city departments (police, fire, and emergency medical, etc.) be notified in advance so as to provide maximum protection for people, wildlife, and the local environment in the event of a transportation accident;

that all local selectboards and town/city councils be kept informed in a timely way (as happens now regarding “significant events”) of all relevant plans, decisions, and other developments related to Vermont Yankee that might affect our towns and cities during the reactor’s final phase of operation and during the subsequent period of decommissioning and site clean-up, and

that all employees be treated with respect and dignity during the decommissioning and site clean-up processes.

**Article 17. (Submitted by the Finance Committee)**

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 18, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an “override of Proposition 2 ½,” or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 18. (Submitted by the Finance Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2012, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

	APPROP FY2011	REQUESTED FY2012	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
MODERATOR SALARY	51.00	51.00	51.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	30.00	30.00	30.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES	5429.00	5537.00	5537.00
	2011	2012req	2012rec
Chairman	1881.00	1919.00	1919.00
Others	1774.00	1809.00	1809.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	8601.00	8751.00	8751.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	49485.00	49370.00	49370.00
ADMIN ASST EXPENSE	705.00	1275.00	1275.00
SECRETARY SALARY	34900.00	35668.00	35668.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1321.00	1368.00	1368.00
RESERVE FUND	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	24700.00	25761.00	25761.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	315.00	315.00	315.00

ASSESSORS SALARIES				4982.00	5081.00	5081.00
	2011	2012req	2012rec			
chairman	1746.00	1781.00	1781.00			
others	1618.00	1650.00	1650.00			
ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY				34351.00	37826.00	37826.00
ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR				6000.00	6000.00	6000.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE				15605.00	15640.00	15640.00
TREASURER SALARY				11300.00	11785.00	11785.00
TREASURER EXPENSE				3000.00	3500.00	3500.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY				11300.00	11785.00	11785.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE				4700.00	5200.00	5200.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL				9000.00	10000.00	10000.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE				10981.00	10081.00	10081.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE				2300.00	2300.00	2300.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE				1600.00	1382.00	1382.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY				25684.00	26787.00	26787.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE				3330.00	3330.00	3330.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS				6625.00	6625.00	6625.00
CONSERV COMMISSION				1750.00	1938.00	1938.00
PLANNING BOARD				1984.00	2028.00	2028.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD				2949.00	3046.00	3046.00
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE				180.00	836.00	836.00
LAND DAMAGES				1.00	1.00	1.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN				13233.00	13801.00	13801.00
TOWN HALL MAINT				30835.00	33300.00	33300.00
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT				6800.00	7300.00	7300.00
TOWN REPORTS				300.00	300.00	300.00
TOWN CLOCK				150.00	150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>349477.00</b>	<b>363148.00</b>	<b>363148.00</b>

				<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
POLICE WAGES & SALARIES				213087.00	217642.00	217642.00
	2011	2012 req	2012 rec			
F.T. wages	148959.00	149234.00	149234.00			
P.T. wages	18391.00	21908.00	21908.00			
Admin	6367.00	6385.00	6385.00			
holiday	5431.00	5381.00	5381.00			
Cmty Policing		1020.00	1020.00			
Training	3510.00	3082.00	3082.00			
O.T. wages	11000.00	10710.00	10710.00			
Quinn Bill	19429.00	19922.00	19922.00			
POLICE OPER EXPENSE				35735.00	37902.00	37902.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES				4965.00	5064.00	5064.00
FIRE DEPT WAGES				37454.00	39704.00	39704.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP				15950.00	16760.00	16760.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT				8000.00	8000.00	8000.00

INSPECTION FEES	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
HYDRANTS	5460.00	5460.00	5460.00
MAINT FIRE STATION	14250.00	14750.00	14750.00
FIREPONDS/WATERHOLES	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	23816.00	24292.00	24292.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1050.00	1050.00	1050.00
GAS INSPECTION	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
WIRE INSPECTION	5050.00	1550.00	1550.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	400.00	400.00	400.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY	3060.00	3121.00	3121.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1450.00	1450.00	1450.00
TREE DEPT WAGES & EXPENSE	8500.00	9350.00	8925.00
CONSTABLES WAGES	863.00	880.00	880.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30.00	30.00	30.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371621.00</b>	<b>394906.00</b>	<b>394481.00</b>

	<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
ELEM SCHOOL MAINT	0.00	1500.00	1500.00
PVRS-OPER ASSMNT	3415291.62	3511820.90	3511820.90
PVRS-BLDG PROJ ASSESSMENT	367930.89	343980.84	343980.84
PVRS-TCHRS SALARY DEFERRAL	4536.47	4536.47	4536.47
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-OPER ASSMNT	234994.00	252182.00	252182.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-CAPTL ASSMNT	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4022752.98</b>	<b>4114020.21</b>	<b>4114020.21</b>

	<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
HWY SUPT EXPENSE	8200.00	9020.00	8610.00
HIGHWAY & SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	235376.00	244675.00	244675.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	150000.00	165000.00	157500.00
OILING & STONING	60000.00	66000.00	63000.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1200.00	1320.00	1260.00
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	71800.00	78980.00	75390.00
STREET LIGHTS	14650.00	12323.00	12323.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	76500.00	84150.00	80325.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	11000.00	12100.00	11550.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00	1.00	1.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	7705.00	7452.00	7452.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	114470.00	109550.00	109550.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES enterprise fund	1371.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE enterprise fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER DEPT enterprise fund	3252.00	0.00	0.00

COLLECTOR				
SEWER DEPT WAGES	enterprise fund	69555.00	0.00	0.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	enterprise fund	64235.00	0.00	0.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE		11000.00	11000.00	11550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>900315.00</b>	<b>801571.00</b>	<b>783186.00</b>

		<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES		2282.00	2328.00	2328.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE		8498.00	7998.00	7998.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR		3000.00	2000.00	2000.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT		9760.00	10004.00	10004.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES		1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR		2250.00	2295.00	2295.00
COUNCIL ON AGING		28365.00	45282.00	45282.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF		3000.00	24000.00	24000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58655.00</b>	<b>95407.00</b>	<b>95407.00</b>

		<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES		94557.00	98260.00	98260.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP		40328.00	36563.00	36563.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY		575.00	575.00	575.00
RECREATION COMM		5750.00	5750.00	5750.00
REC COMM TRAINING & RECOGNITION		250.00	250.00	250.00
REC PROGRM DIRECTR		3837.00	3914.00	3914.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD		3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		350.00	350.00	350.00
MEMORIAL DAY		1600.00	1600.00	1600.00
ALEXANDER HALL		300.00	300.00	300.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENT		25351.00	25067.00	25067.00
VETERANS DISTRICT		6500.00	6500.00	6500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>182398.00</b>	<b>182129.00</b>	<b>182129.00</b>

		<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
MATURING DEBT- PRIN		41951.63	0.00	0.00
	2011		2012	
sewer(bnds 1/92)	0.00	0.00		
sch (bnds 1/92)	0.00	0.00		

sewer(bnds 7/93)	41951.63	44154.09	to enterprise			
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT				9519.37	0.00	0.00
	2011	2011				
sewer(bnds 1/92)	0.00	0.00				
sch (bnds 1/92)	0.00	0.00				
sewer(bnds 7/93)	9519.37	7316.91	to enterprise			
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT				2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>53471.00</b>	<b>2000.00</b>	<b>2000.00</b>

	<b>APPROP FY2011</b>	<b>REQUESTED FY2012</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>
COUNTY RETIREMENT	128582.00	128242.00	128242.00
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	12600.00	15861.00	15861.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	10706.00	8500.00	8500.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	207787.00	207787.00	207787.00
LIFE INSURANCE	1700.00	1700.00	1700.00
MEDICARE/FICA	14500.00	15000.00	15000.00
OTHER INSURANCE	62552.00	63366.00	63366.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>438427.00</b>	<b>440456.00</b>	<b>440456.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>6377116.98</b>	<b>6393637.21</b>	<b>6374827.21</b>

**Article 19. (Submitted by the Board of Assessors)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 181, §1 of the Acts of 1995, and pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 59, §5, Clause 41C, to authorize the Board of Assessors to implement an annual cost of living adjustment in the annual exemption amount to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto. The amount of the annual adjustment to be based on 100% of the percentage of the preceding years Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Commission of Revenue will advise Assessors each year of the amount of the increase in the CPI for the preceding year.

**Article 20. (Submitted by the Board of Assessors)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 41D, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens under M.G.L. Ch. 59, §5, Clause 41C, by the percentage increase in the U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2011, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 21. (Submitted by the Board of Assessors)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 17D, and adjust an eligibility factor for the property tax exemption for senior citizens in accordance with §51 of Ch. 184 of the Acts of 2002 as follows: by reducing the requisite age for eligibility to age 65 (from 70), or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 22. (Submitted by the Trustees of the Library)**

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 140, §172, to transfer from the “Dog Fund” account a sum or sums of money to supplement the Dickinson Memorial Library operating budget for the purpose of paying a portion of the annual fee to be a member of the regional library system, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$3,500.00*

**Article 23. (Submitted by the Trustees of the Library)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from free cash to purchase materials for the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$4,000*

**Article 24. (Submitted by the Trustees of the Library )**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from free cash for the preservation of records of the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$675*

**Article 25. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

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 a special stabilization fund toward the purchase of a fire truck, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$100,000*

**Article 26. (Submitted by the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee)**

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 install central heating with hot water coils in air ducts and also add central air at all three buildings at the Pioneer Valley Regional School Central Office., or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$22,725.00*

**Article 27. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

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 an audit of the Town’s finances, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$14,000*

**Article 28. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

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 provide for a single axle truck for the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$165,000*

**Article 29. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

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 purchase of a tractor for use by the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$50,000*

**Article 30. (Submitted by the Emergency Services Facility Committee)**

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 conduct a Feasibility Study consisting of, but not limited to, a space needs assessment, site evaluation(s), floor plans, and project cost estimates for the development of a public safety complex to house the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management Director, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$25,000*

**Article 31. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

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 repair of the fire station roof, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$20,000*

**Article 32. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the initial budget for a municipal lighting plant, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$1,000*

**Article 33. (Submitted by the Electronic Communications and Cable TV Advisory Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 164 and in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 34. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

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 a budget for the Agricultural Commission, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$300*

**Article 35. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**



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 preservation of cemetery maps, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$8,590*

**Article 36. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum or sums from FY 2012 Community Preservation estimated revenues for open space purposes; historic preservation; affordable housing; and to appropriate funds for the FY 2012 Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$2200.00 for open space purposes; \$2200.00 for historic preservation; \$2200.00 for affordable housing; \$14,300.00 to the FY 2012 Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve.*

**Article 37. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums \$1100.00 from the FY 2012 Community Preservation Fund revenues for administrative and operating expenses, including legal expenses, of the Northfield Community Preservation Committee, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$1,100*

**Article 38. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for open space purposes a sum or sums from the Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for Open Space for the construction of two trails along the banks of the Connecticut River in East and West Northfield, with \$8,000.00 of this appropriation to serve as funds to be reimbursed by a grant sought from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and with \$2,000.00 of this appropriation to serve as town matching funds for this grant, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto. If the grant is not received, the balance will be reserved for the Community Preservation Fund's open space account.

*Estimated amount requested \$10,000*

**Article 39. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum or sums from the Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for Historical Preservation to complete the Town Survey and Inventory, with funds to be matched by a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto. If the grant is not received, the balance will be reserved for the Community Preservation Fund's historical preservation account.

*Estimated amount requested \$10,000*

**Article 40. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums from the undesignated fund of the Community Preservation Fund for the complete restoration of the Town Hall front steps, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$40,000*

**Article 41. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes a sum or sums from the Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for Historical Preservation for a structural evaluation of the Northfield Town Hall Exterior focusing on preserving the historic integrity of this building, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$5,500*

**Article 42. (Submitted by the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund as shown below, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto:

Wages and Salaries	\$ 22,038
Expenses	64,902
Reserve Fund	5,000
Budgeted Surplus	<u>28,060</u>
Total:	\$ 120,000

and that \$120,000 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$ 120,000
Tax levy	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$ 120,000

**Article 43. (Submitted by the Sewer Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, §53F½ to establish a Sewer Enterprise Fund effective fiscal year 2012, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 44. (Submitted by the Sewer Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto:

SEWER COMM SALARIES	1,398.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	3,317.00
SEWER DEPT WAGES	71,413.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	68,635.00
RESERVE FUND	10,000.00
MATURING DEBT- PRIN	44,154.09
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	7316.91
 TOTAL:	 \$206,234.00

and that \$206,234 be raised from user charges and any other Department receipts from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

**Article 45. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums for sewer expenses for the Town Hall, the Fire Station, and Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

*Estimated amount requested \$3,400*

**Article 46. (Submitted by the Sewer Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the repair of the Sewer Department building roof, whereby to fund said appropriation, The Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Sewer Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow up to an amount not to exceed \$45,000 and to issue bonds and notes therefore in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, §7 or any other enabling authority; or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 47. (Submitted by the Sewer Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the engineering of repairs to the Highland Avenue sewer system, whereby to fund said appropriation, The Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Sewer Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow up to an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and to issue bonds and notes therefore in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, §7 or any other enabling authority; or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 48. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund for the maintenance and operation of the Highway Department's bucket truck per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E ½, for which revenues received from other towns as their share of the cost of ownership and operation of the bucket truck will be deposited into the fund and expended to pay related costs under the direction of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next will be limited to \$2,000.00, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 49. (Submitted by the Finance Committee)**

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 Stabilization Fund/Account, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 50. (Submitted by the Finance Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2012, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

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

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in Northfield on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 12:00 o'clock (noon), then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

- One Board of Selectmen for Three years
- One Board of Assessors for Three years
- One Board of Health for Three years
- Two Board of Library Trustees for Three years
- One Planning Board for Five years
- One Planning Board for Four Years
- Two Recreation Commission for Three years
- One Board of Sewer Commissioner for Three years
- One Tax Collector for Three years
- One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Veteran for Three years
- One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials /Non Veteran for Three years
- One Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials Non Veteran for Two years

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

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall; the U. S. Post Office in Northfield; the Dickinson Memorial Library; the Field Library, Northfield Farms and the V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

A True Copy Attest:

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Richard C. Fleck, Jr., Chair

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Gail Zukowski, Town Clerk

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Kathleen F. Wright

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Date

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Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile

Board of Selectmen

Franklin, SS

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

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Constable of Northfield

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Date