

**Special Town Meeting
Town of Northfield
September 27, 2010
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Nathan L'Etoile at 7:02 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Moderator Nathan L'Etoile led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The "Rules of Debate" were read by the Moderator. One hundred and three registered voters were present to vote on the following articles.

Article 1. Passed/ Paper Ballot Yes - 56 No - 44 Blank - 1

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,698.00 for Police Department salaries and wages and \$7,302.00 for Police Department expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010.

**Motion: For a Paper Ballot Passed / Hand Vote
Declared Majority by Moderator**

Motion: To amend the Article:

Move that the town vote to raise and appropriate \$7698.00 for the sole purpose of a third police officer's salary and or wages, and that these monies cannot be added to the amount currently budgeted for patrolman as stated in the 2010 Warrant for Annual Meeting of \$34,942.00 until the position of patrolman (defined as "police officer" in the current *Town of Northfield's Personnel Policy revised 2007*) and as graded in the Town of Northfield Compensation Plan revised 9-19-2007, has been advertized in at least two local papers for a minimum of two weeks as an opening for a police officer, interviews conducted and it has been determined by a majority of the Selectboard that no person is willing to work for the current budgeted amount (\$34,942.00) for the position of police officer.

**Motion: Paper Ballot for Amendment
Failed / Show of Hands
Yes – 31 No -- 42**

**Amendment: Failed / Show of Hands
Declared Majority by Moderator**

**Motion: To Move the Article Passed / Show of Hands
Declared Majority by Moderator**

Article 2. Passed / Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to purchase a photocopier for Town Hall.

Article 3. Passed / Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to amend Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting, held May 3, 2010, as follows, *(please note that words to be deleted are crossed out and words to be added are underlined)*:

to reserve for future appropriation ~~ten per cent (10%) \$2,160.00~~ of the ~~annual~~ Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for open space purposes, ~~ten per cent (10%) \$2,160.00~~ of the ~~annual~~ Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for historic resources purposes, and ~~ten per cent (10%) \$2,160.00~~ of the ~~annual~~ Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community housing purposes.

Article 4. Passed / Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,080.00 of the Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for administrative purposes.

Article 5. Passed / Unanimous Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Emergency Medical Services Fiscal Year 2011 revenues to pay for operating expenses related to acting as a primary ambulance transport organization.

There being no further business to come before the Town the Moderator Nathan L'Etoile dissolved the Special Town Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Registered Voters -- 2105

Votes Cast -- 103

Voter Turnout -- 5%

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk