

WARRANT
Special Town Meeting
January 24, 2024
At 6:30 o'clock in the evening at Pioneer Valley Regional School
97 F. Sumner Turner Road
Meeting Started 6:00pm Ended 7:33pm
There were 66 registered Voters in attendance.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from Overlay for the Assessors APPELLATE TAX BOARD costs and all other incidental costs related thereto or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION I move that the Town transfer \$35,000 from the Town Overlay Account to pay for costs associated with the Appellate Tax Board.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to join the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program for Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Inspections and transfer from Free Cash all costs related thereto or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION I move that the Town join the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program for Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Inspections and transfer \$3,000 from Free Cash to pay for all costs related thereto.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to spend \$27,250 from Fiscal Year 2024 Police Department Salaries for the purchase of up to eight Stationary Solar Radar units or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION I move that the Town spend \$27,250 from the Fiscal Year 2024 Police Department Salaries for the purchase of up to eight Stationary Solar Radar units.

VOTE: Passed Majority

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for costs associated with engineering and/or technical assistance for the Sewer Department or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION I move that the Town expend up to \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for costs associated with engineering and/or technical assistance for the Sewer Department.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for costs associated with engineering and/or repairs to the sewer on Highland Avenue or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

MOTION I move that the Town expend up to \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for costs associated with engineering and/or repairs on the sewer on Highland Avenue.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 6 AN ACT INCREASING THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to approve Article 6 as written in the Special Town Meeting Warrant dated January 24, 2024.

- *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, the Board of Sewer Commissioners in the town of Northfield is increased from 3 to 5 members, with the 2 new members to be elected by the voters of the town as provided in section 2. Upon election and qualification, the new commission members shall have the responsibilities and powers of the present Northfield Board of Sewer Commissioners under applicable law, including, but not limited to chapter 41 and chapter 40N of the General Laws.
- SECTION 2. At the next annual town election, the town of Northfield shall hold an election to fill the positions of the 2 vacant members to the sewer commission. Of the 2 vacant positions, 1 shall be elected for a 2-year term and 1 shall be elected for a 3-year term. The terms of office for the 2 new members of the commission shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of the next annual Northfield town election in accordance with the length of the initial terms of office. Upon the expiration of the initial terms of the new positions, each term of each member thereafter elected shall be a 3-year term.
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

VOTE: Passed Unanimous

Amanda M. Lynch

Town Clerk