

**Northfield
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Town
Report**

2017





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General Administration**Interim Town Administrator**

Paul Boushell*

Town Administrator

Willie Morales

Town Secretary/Selectboard

Sandra L. Wood

Town Accountant

Deb Mero

Financial Asst.

Caralyn Ballou

Tax Collector/Treasurer

Barbara Brassor

Assessors' Clerk

Bethany Walker

Town Clerk

Daniel Campbell

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Administrative Assistants for Boards/Committees

Bethany Walker-Finance Committee

Vivien Venskowski-ZBA

Bridgette Hammond-Recreation Commission

Caty Kostecki -Board of Health

Patricia Stone- Agricultural Commission

Town Hall Custodian

Tammy Pelletier

*Resigned/Retired/Other

Public Safety**Police Chief**

Robert F. Leighton

Police Sergeant

John T. Richardson*

Officers

Igor Komerzan*

Michael Leslie*

Alexander Pirozhkov

Administrative Asst.

Vivien Venskowski

Katherine Scott

Fire Chief

Floyd "Skip" Dunnell

Asst. Chief

David Quinn, Jr.

EMS Chief

Mark Fortier

Asst. EMS Chief

Randy Wheelock

Building Commissioner

James Hawkins

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Frank Turner

Electrical Inspector

Devin Lockley

Dog Officer

Don Thornton

Public Works**Superintendent of Streets**

Thomas Walker

Foreman

Kevin Steiner

Richard Hamilton

Truck Driver/Laborers

Mike Mankowsky*

Arnold Rose

Tim Richter*

Building Maintenance

Sam Stevens

Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Chapman-Duquette

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Eric Meals, Lead Operator*

Everett Wickline, Asst. Operator

Mitchell Mailloux, Laborer*

John Little, Laborer

Tim Little, Laborer

Community Services**Senior Center Director**

Heather Tower

Outreach Coordinator

Jeanette Tessier

Library Director

Deb Kern

Circulation

Jane Lyle-Jaworski

Programming

Matt Atwood

Circulation Assistant

Kathy O'Shea

Library Custodian

Tim Rogers

Elected Positions

			Term Expires
Board of Assessors			
	Robert	MacEwen	2019
	Alice	Lord	2020
	Bethany	Walker	2018
Board of Health			
	Flora	Sadri	2019
	Thomas	Walker	2019
	Dan	Gray	2020
	David	Balk	2018
	Bob	MacEwen	2018
Board of Library Trustees			
	Margot	Fleck	2019
	Deb	Potee	2019
	Lloyd E.	Parrill	2020
	Jon	McGowan	2020
	Nolan	Kitfield	2018
	Pauline	Borrego	2018
Board of Selectmen			
	Tracy	Rogers	2020
	John G.	Spanbauer	2018
	Julia	Blyth	2019
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials			
	*John G.	Spanbauer	BoS
	Tracy	Rogers	BoS
	Francis	Froment	2019
	Raymond	Zukowski	2019
	Denis	Brennan	2020
	Phil	Watson	2020
	Robert D.	Hall Jr.	2018
Constables			
	David	Brassor	2019
	Fredd	Fuller	2019
	James	O'Shea	2019
	John	Ware	2019
Moderator			
	Nathan	L'Etoile	2018

Planning Board

Margaret	Riordan	2022
Julie	Robinson	2018
Richard	Fitzgerald	2019
Steve	Seredynski	2020
Tammy	Pelletier	2021

PVRS

William	Wahlstrom	2018
Patricia	Shearer	2020
Robin	L'Etoile	2020

Recreation Commission

*Scott	Thayer	2018
Robert	Henry	2020
Theresa	Quinn Tsipenyuk	2019
Matthew	Sheridan	2019
Brian	Winslow	2020

Sewer Commission

Dan	Gray	2019
Tom	Walker	2020
Alex	Meisner	2018

Town Clerk

Daniel	Campbell	2018
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Treasurer

Barbara	Brassor	2018
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Moderator Appointed**Term Expires****Finance Committee**

Lois	Stearns	2018
Bernhard	Porada	2018
Anthony	Matteo	2019
Bonnie	Tucker L'Etoile	2019
Dan	Campbell	2020
Sue	Kaczenski	2020

Franklin County Tech School

Scott	Milton	2018
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Non Partisan Caucus

Susan	Lloyd	2018
Kim	Farmer	2018
Beth	Walker	2018

Selectboard Appointed

Term Expires

Agricultural Commission

William	Ames	2018
Stacy	Bond	2020
William	Llewelyn	2020
Dave	Kalinowski	2018
Alan	Stone	2018
Jerry	Wagener	2019
Robert	Duby	2020

Board of Registrars

Susan	Lloyd	2019
Dan	Campbell	2020
Kim	Farmer	2018
Robin	McKeon	2018

Building Utilization & Planning Committee

Kathleen	Wright	2019
Chad	Glover	2019
Tom	King	2020

Community Park Committee

Julia	Blyth	2020
Kate	Rossiter	2020
Gwen	Trelle	2020
Mindy	Nadolski	2020
Joe	Stacy	2020
Kathleen	Coutu	2020
Robin	Conley	2020

Community Preservation Commission

Finance Committee	Tony	Matteo	2018
Historical Commission	Carol	Lebo	2018
Planning Board	Tammy	Pelletier	2018
Open Space Committee	Robin	Conley	2018
Recreation Commission	Robert	Henry	2018
Selectboard appointee	Rhoda	Yucavitch	2018
Selectboard appointee-Housing	Ted	Thornton	2018
Selectboard appointee	Lara	Dubin	2018
Conservation Commission	Charles	Eiseman	2018

Conservation Commission

Leslie	Powers	2018
Mike	Barry	2019
Charles	Blanker	2020
William	Llewelyn	2020
Charles	Eiseman	2019

Council on Aging

Linda	Hescock	2018
Gina	Froment	2019
Ted	Thornton	2020
Carol	Pike	2018
Gwen	Trelle	2018

Tony	Stavely	2019
Frank	Foster	2018
Suzanne	McGowan	2020
Bill	McGee	2019

Cultural Council

Deb	Potee	2020
Ann	Linge	2018
Robert	Sullivan	2018
Gretchen	Licata	2018
Cynthia	Mead	2018
Mary	Mayshark-Stavely	2019
Jennifer	Goselin	2019
Mandy Lyn	Antes	2019

Election Officers

Linda	Leavis	2018
Nina	Sibley	2018
Kay	Snow	2018
Jessie	Wiggin	2018
Sandra	Campbell	2018
Alice	Fortier	2018
Betty	Gibson	2018
Carol	Holden	2018
Pam	Veith	2018
Bethany	Walker	2018
Al	Stone	2018
Patricia	Stone	2018
Peter	Blake	2018
Joanne	Newton	2018
Jerry	Scott	2018
Bernhard	Porada	2018
Liz	L'Etoile	2018
Diane	Fuller	2018
Bruce	Kahn	2018
Deb	Campbell	2018
Joel	Fowler	2018
Pam	Eldridge	2018
Tom	King	2018
Barbara	King	2018

Electronic Communications & Cable TV Advisory Committee

Brian	Brault	2018
Bruce	Kahn	2018
Jerry	Scott	2018
Homer	Stavely	2019

Emergency Services Facility Committee

Floyd	Dunnell	2019
Tracy	Rogers	BoS
Mark	Fortier	2019

	Tom	Newton	2019
	Rob	Leighton	2019
	Kevin	Gray	2019
	Kevin	Connolly	2019
	Dave	Quinn, JR	2019
	Bernhard	Porada	2019
	Steve	Serendynski	2019
Energy Committee			
	Lynn	Hansell	2020
	John	Cevasco*	
	Judy	Wagner	2018
	Robert	Pasteris*	
	Andrew	Vernon	2018
	Susan	Connor	2018
	Annie	Chappell	2020
	Steve	Roberto	2019
Historical Commission			
	Carol	Lebo	2019
	Lisa	McLoughlin	2019
	Sue	Ross	2020
	Don	Campbell	2020
	Joe	Graveline	2019
	Joan	Stoia	2020
	Robert	Hall	2018
Open Space Committee			
	Joanne	McGee	2019
	Jerry	Wagener	2019
	Julia	Blyth	2020
	Mike	Barry	2018
	Susan	Space	2019
Stewardship Advisory Subcommittee to the Conservation Commission			
	Katherine	Johnson	2018
	Charlie	Blanker	2018
	Nick	Fleck	2018
	Bob	Pasteris	2018
	Andrew	Vernon	2018
	Joanne	McGee	2018
Town Hall Master Plan			
	Stephen	Serendynski	2018
	Jack	Spanbauer	2018
Trust Fund Committee			
	Jeanette	Tessier	2018
	Jessie	Wiggin	2018
	Mary Jane	Porter	2019
	Betty	Gibson	2019
Trustee, Fred W. Wells Will			
	Theodore	Penick	2018

Veteran Graves Officer

Denis	Brennan III	2018
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Zoning Board of Appeals

Al	Dietrich	2022
Shawn	Foster	2018
Erin	Jaworski	2018
Jennifer	Cox	2020
William	Forrest	2018
Tim	Rogers	2021

Schell Bridge Advisory

Jerry	Wagener	2019
Susan	Ross	2019
Jon	McGowan	2019
Tim	Bowen	2019
Barbara	Richardson	2019
Craig	Johnson	2019
Steven	Stoia	2019
Judith	Wagner	2019
Lara	Lashway Chapman	2019

Regional Agreement Revision a.k.a H.E.A.R.T

Tracy	Rogers
Tony	Matteo
Cheryl	George

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash & Investments			
Tax Collector-Petty Cash	30		
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking	(67,173)		
Town Clerk Checking	764		
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep Acct.	392,364		
MMDT-Combined Investment	36,828		
Unibank Tax Receipt Acct	1,047,819		
Easthampton Savings Bank	106,563		
Unibank Investment Acct.	186,651	1,703,846	
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds	123,643	123,643	
Accounts Receivable			
Personal Property Taxes			
Prior years	241		
2015	288		
2016	795		
2017	768	2,092	
Real Estate Taxes			
Prior years	388		
2014	0		
2015	7,048		
2016	21,458		
2017	106,737		
2018	(2,208)	133,423	
Allow for Abate & Exempt			
	(237,200)	(237,200)	(101,685)
Tax Liens	69,209	69,209	
Ch59 Sec2D Spec Assmnt	0	0	
Motor Vehicle Excise	39,739	39,739	
Other Assets			
Tax Foreclosures		26,692	
Prepaid Expenses		282	
		1,861,726	

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Warrants & Accounts Payable		84,365
Accrued Payrolls Payable		13,341
Fees Payable		1,560
Payroll Withholdings		7,698
Other Liabilities		
Unclaimed Checks	6,149	
Bid Bonds	3,941	10,090
Deferred Revenue		
Property Taxes Prior Years	3,722	
Property Taxes 2012	(1,544)	
Property Taxes 2013	(4,003)	
Property Taxes 2014	(12,539)	
Property Taxes 2015	(23,342)	
Property Taxes 2016	(42,484)	
Property Taxes 2017	(19,286)	
Property Taxes 2018	(2,208)	(101,684)
Tax Liens	69,209	
Special Assessments	0	
Motor Vehicle Excise	39,739	
Tax Foreclosures	26,692	135,640
Fund Balance		
Res-Continuing Approps	372,805	
Res-Expenditures	550,000	
Unreserved	787,911	1,710,716

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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(132,312)		
Due from Comm of Mass	884,572		
		752,260	

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	0	
Deferred Revenue	884,572	
Fund Balance	(132,312)	752,260

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

ASSETS

Greenfield Co-op No-Pen Cd	187,158
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(2,447)
CPA Tax Surcharge 2011	(3)
CPA Tax Surcharge 2014	(5)
CPA Tax Surcharge 2015	72
CPA Tax Surcharge 2016	13
CPA Tax Surcharge 2017	234
CPA Tax Surcharge 2018	(3)

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Deferred Revenue	308
Fund Balance-Res Open Space	8,712
Fund Balance-Res Historic Rescorces	5,198
Fund Balance-Res Commty Housing	16,807
Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	75,850
Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approps	2,718
Fund Balance-Undesignated	75,426

185,019

185,019

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TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS

Arts Council Savings	3,805
Cash-due from Genl Fund	28,189

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	0
Accrued Payrolls Payable	0
Fund Balances	
Cultural Council	3,469
Green Community	2
Mass CEC	0
Police Reg Stdy	1,000
Police Vest	(3,204)
EMPG	1,975
Oct 2005 Flood	10,751
COA	0
COA-FCHHC	1,985
Library LIG/MEG	6,224
Pulic Library Fund	474
Title V Septic	2,868
Bd of Hlth-MAPHCO	103
Munic Recycling	2,000
Stormwater Mgmt	4,347
	31,994

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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	58,261
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balances	
Sale of Real Estate	9,969
Sale Low Value Land	98
Sale of Cem Lots-Undesignated	48,194
Sale of Cem Lots- Res for Expenditure	0

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REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS

Recreation Checking	45,631
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	131,424

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv	120
Warrants & Accounts Payable	2,613

Fund Balances

Rec Revolv	36,762
Ladder Gifts	70
Fire Dept Gifts	5,459
Police Gifts	3,612
Drug Forfeiture	111
Restitution	35
Town Hall Landscape	570
Town Clock	59
Town Forest	467
Insurance Settlements	477
Historical Comm Gifts	101
Maint Cem Markers	437
Cemetery Improv.	1,172
Library Gifts	11,241
Misc. Donations	6
EMT Gifts	1,544
Ambulance Donations	215
Bucket Truck Revolv	3,958
Roadside Mower	6,688
COA Gifts	9,122
COA Exercise Prog	3,128
Vt Yankee Training	1,906
Vt Yankee Emer Mgmt	23,477
Cons Comm Wetlands	9,848
Ag Comm Gifts	1
Map Framing Gifts	105
Veterans Memorial	619
Recycling Revolv	53,132
	174,322

177,055

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ASSETS

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	958
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Notes Payable	0
Fund Balance-Brush Mountain Purchase	930
Fund Balance-Ames Conserv Restriction	28

958

958

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ASSETS

ENTERPRISE FUND (Emergency Medical Service)

Cash	205,671
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(120,173)

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued Payrolls Payable	5,166
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Accounts Receivable	94,483		Deferred Revenue	94,483	
			Fund Balance-Res for Expenditure	0	
			Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approp	0	
		179,981	Fund Balance-Undesignated	80,332	179,981
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ASSETS ENTERPRISE FUND (Sewer)

Cash	254,605	
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(51,072)	
A/R Sewer Use Charges	57,591	
Sewer Liens	12,189	
		273,313
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	52	
Deferred Revenue-Sewer Use	57,591	
Deferred Revenue-Sewer Liens	12,189	
Fund Balance-Res for Continuing Approp	0	
Fund Balance-Undesignated	203,481	
		273,313
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ASSETS TRUST FUNDS

M Alexander-Checking	1,564	
M Alexander-Savings & CD	108,123	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	90,019	
T Hurley-Invest Acct	16,787	
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	201,167	
Cash-Due to Genl Fund	(3,373)	
		414,287

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued Payrolls Payable	0	
Fund Balances- Non Expendable		
PC Center Cem	15,638	
Belcher Cem	2,000	
J Cowles Cem	2,000	
C Stearns Cem	500	
F Lane Cem	202	
PC West Nfld Cem	9,927	
Priest, et ux Cem	7,292	
L Holton Cem	101	
PC Nlfd Farms	13,477	
PC Mt Hermon Cem	7,725	
M Callander Cem	500	
PC Pentecost Cem	16,850	
PC So. Mtn. Cem	100	
Bowman Library	78,193	
Belcher Library	9,739	
C Dickinson Library	3,000	
M Montague Library	2,010	
DAR Book Fund	100	
Holton Library	500	
McGowan Library	3,382	
T Hurley Library	15,000	
Charity- Various	21,450	
Surplus Rev- School	1,600	
Belcher Ctr. School	2,000	213,286
Fund Balances-Expendable		
PC Center Cem	1,478	
PC West Nfld Cem	773	
PC Nlfd Farms	996	
PC Mt Hermon Cem	3,644	
PC Pentecost Cem	1,098	
PC So. Mtn. Cem	79	
Bowman Library	11,495	
Belcher Library	1,154	

C Dickinson Library	349		
M Montague Library	770		
DAR Book Fund	145		
Holton Library	94		
Merriman Library	1,758		
E Jackson Library	300		
M Stanley Library	678		
R Giles Library	3,162		
McGowan Library	1,250		
Library Bldg Fund	1,514		
C&P Lawrence Libry	3,290		
T Hurley Library	1,787		
M Alexander Charity	104,156		
L Evans Charity	8,395		
G Morgan Charity	15,118		
R Evans Charity	2,287		
M Starkweather Char	14,842		
E Alexander Charity	13,134		
Surplus Rev- School	678		
Belcher Ctr. School	3,337		
E Jackson- Town	2,222		
W Parker-Mnt Mrkrs	1		
Tercentenary Comm	1,017	201,001	

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ASSETS

STABILIZATION FUND

Investment Acct-Stabilization-General	688,094
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Fire Truck	2,831
Investment Acct-Stabilization-Hwy	781
Cash-Due to Genl Fund	0

691,706

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance- Res for Exp	0
Fund Balance-Undesignated	688,094
Fund Balance-Fire Truck	2,831
Fund Balance-Hwy Backhoe	781

691,706

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ASSETS

AGENCY FUNDS

Cash-Due from General Fund	(33,098)
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(33,098)

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Due to Deputy Collector	12	
Due to State-Firearms Lic	1,525	
Fund Balance- Police Outside Detail	(34,635)	(33,098)

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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS

Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	299,417
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299,417

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Ambulance Notes	249,417	
Sewer Notes	50,000	299,417

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**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2016	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2017
Brush Mountain	\$930.27				\$ 930.27
Ames Conservation Restriction	\$27.50				27.50
	\$ 957.77	-	-	-	\$ 957.77

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND REVENUES, EXPENSES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2016	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2017
Stabilization Fund:					
General	\$ 639,204.97	\$ 5,889.12	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 688,094.09
Fire Truck	2,825.22	5.64			2,830.86
Hwy Backhoe	779.47	1.48			780.95
Cemetery Perpetual Care:					
Non-Expendable	72,687.24	3,625.00	-		76,312.24
Expendable	7,928.70	139.86	-		8,068.56
Library Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	111,924.01		-		111,924.01
Expendable	25,915.00	1,830.32			27,745.32
Other Trust Funds					
Non-Expendable	25,050.00	-	-		25,050.00
Expendable	177,189.37	1,679.13	13,681.35		165,187.15
	\$ 1,063,503.98	\$ 13,170.55	\$ 13,681.35	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 1,105,993.18

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2016	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2017
EMS Ambulance	\$ 59,436.18	\$ 151,631.15	\$ 380,152.32	\$ 249,417.00	\$ 80,332.01
Sewer	\$ 140,158.01	\$ 282,488.42	\$ 242,012.58	\$ 22,847.00	\$ 203,480.85
	\$ 199,594.19	\$ 434,119.57	\$ 622,164.90	\$ 272,264.00	\$ 283,812.86

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2016	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2017
Highway Chapter 90 Grants Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	\$ (356,913.01)	356,913.10	132,312.46		\$ (132,312.37)
Sale of Real Estate	9,969.37				9,969.37
Sale of Low Value Land	98.26				98.26
Sale of Cemetery Lots	43,918.77	4,275.00			48,193.77
Insurance Settlements >20K	-				-
Dog Fund	-				-
Community Preservation Fund					
Reserved for Expenditure	13,926.49		7,408.99	72,050.00	78,567.50
Reserved for Open Space	5,712.00	3,000.00			8,712.00
Reserved for Historic Preservation	3,047.99	3,000.00		(850.00)	5,197.99
Reserved for Community Housing	13,807.00	3,000.00			16,807.00
Undesignated	128,832.33	18,093.99	300.00	(71,200.00)	75,426.32
Grants:					
Green Community	5,590.73	35,937.50	41,526.00		2.23
Mass CEC	(750.00)	139,845.00	139,095.00		-
Police Regional Study	1,000.00				1,000.00
Police Vest	(3,679.26)	2,070.00	1,595.00		(3,204.26)
VY Emergency Mgmt.	18,995.82	8,750.00	4,269.00		23,476.82
EMPG-FY14	4,435.00		2,460.00		1,975.00
Oct 2005 Flood	10,750.82				10,750.82
Stormwater Management	4,346.61				4,346.61
Title V Septic	2,867.97				2,867.97
BOH MAPHCO	103.39				103.39
Munic Recycling	2,000.00				2,000.00
COA Formula Grant	-	6,760.00	6,760.00		-

COA FCHHC Passthrough	1,805.04	1,350.00	1,170.00	1,985.04
Cultural Council	2,348.82	4,407.48	3,286.75	3,469.55
Library LIG/MEG	5,018.73	3,116.82	1,911.24	6,224.31
Public Library Fund	474.06			474.06
Revolving Funds & Gifts				
Town Clock	58.91			58.91
Town Hall Landscaping	569.86			569.86
Town Forest	467.00			467.00
Map Framing	105.00			105.00
Misc. Donations	6.03			6.03
Insurance Settlements	477.89			477.89
FCTS Election	-			-
Cons Comm Wetlands Fees	9,789.20	1,150.00	1,091.20	9,848.00
Ag Comm Gifts	1.45			1.45
Restitution	35.22			35.22
Police Dept Gifts	4,580.37	1,606.50	2,574.97	3,611.90
Drug Forfeiture	111.13			111.13
Ladder Fund	69.91			69.91
Fire Dept Gifts	-	8,457.93	2,998.95	5,458.98
VY Training	2,211.43		305.39	1,906.04
EMT Gifts	3,149.01	670.00	2,275.00	1,544.01
Ambulance Donations	2,579.83		2,365.09	214.74
Bucket Truck Revolving	5,810.04		1,851.71	3,958.33
Roadside Mower	5,699.65	27,030.15	26,041.49	6,688.31
Recycling Revolving	44,907.84	8,224.20		53,132.04
COA Gifts	9,656.23	1,219.00	1,753.61	9,121.62
COA Exercise Program Donations	2,844.22	377.95	94.52	3,127.65
Maint Cemetery Markers	436.50			436.50
Cemetery Improvements	-	1,171.84		1,171.84
Library Gifts	10,741.28	7,939.50	7,439.81	11,240.97
Recreation Revolving	33,363.52	38,923.00	35,524.58	36,761.94
Historical Commission Gifts	56.55	44.00		100.55
Veterans Memorial Gifts	618.51			618.51
	\$ 56,053.51	\$ 687,332.96	\$ 426,410.76	\$ - \$ 316,975.71

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2017

							Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,703,846	236,594	0	460,276	1,109,366	0	3,510,082
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	135,515	308	0	0	0	0	135,823

Excise Taxes	39,739	0	0	0	0	0	39,739
Tax Liens	69,209	0	0	0	0	0	69,209
User Charges	0	0	0	164,263	0	0	164,263
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-237,200	0	0	0	0	0	-237,200
Tax Foreclosures	26,692	0	0	0	0	0	26,692
Prepaid Expenses & Other Receivables	282	0	0	0	0	0	282
Due From/To Other Funds	123,643	83,115	958	-171,245	-36,471	0	0
Due from Other Governments	0	884,572	0	0	0	0	884,572
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	0	0	0	0	0	299,417	299,417
Total Assets	1,861,726	1,204,589	958	453,294	1,072,895	299,417	4,892,879

Liabilities and Fund Equity

Liabilities:

Warrants, Payrolls, & Accounts Payable	99,266	2,613	0	5,218	0	0	107,097
Employee Withholdings	7,698	0	0	0	0	0	7,698
Due to Others	10,090	120	0	0	1,537	0	11,747
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes & Tax Liens	-32,475	308	0	0	0	0	-32,167
Excise Taxes	39,739	0	0	0	0	0	39,739
Other	26,692	884,572		164,263			1,075,527
Bonds/Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	299,417	299,417
Total Liabilities	151,010	887,613	0	169,481	1,537	299,417	1,509,058

Fund Equity:

Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	372,805	2,718	0	0	0	0	375,523
Reserved for Agency Fund					-34,635		-34,635
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	0	0	0	0	213,286	0	213,286
Unreserved:							
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	550,000	75,850	0	0	0	0	625,850
Undesignated	787,911	238,408	958	283,813	892,707	0	2,203,797
Total Fund Equity	1,710,716	316,976	958	283,813	1,071,358	0	3,383,821

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,861,726	1,204,589	958	453,294	1,072,895	299,417	4,892,879
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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND
July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017

Taxes

Personal Property Taxes	634,696
Real Estate Taxes	6,618,090
Tax Liens Redeemed	955
Tax Foreclosures	0
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	5,409
Ch 59,Sec2D- Prorata Taxes	0

Motor Vehicle Excise	365,398	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	0	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	29,096	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	2,940	
Penalty & Int, Other Taxes	0	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	400	7,656,984
Charges for Services		
Transfer Station Stickers, Vouchers	17,641	
Transfer Station Pay to Throw Bags	46,837	
Use of Copy Machine	118	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	157	
Library User Fees-Out of State	560	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps, Mail	181	
Accident Reports	257	
Sch Resource Officer-PVRS Reimb	26,000	
Grave Opening Fees	9,200	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	2,200	
Building Inspection Fees	1,540	
Fire Department Inspections	210	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	3,747	
Cruiser Fee-Police Outside Detail	766	
Board of Appeals Fees	300	
Conservation Commission Fees	0	
Planning Board Fees	180	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	277	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall/School Use Rent	300	
Cell Tower Lease	27,376	137,847
Licenses & Permits		
Alcoholic Bev & Other Licenses	3,224	
Dog Licenses	3,265	
Other Misc Permits	1,083	
F.I.D. & Pistol Permits	2,363	
Building Permits	32,239	
Wiring Permits	6,651	
Gas Permits	1,690	
Plumbing Permits	2,525	
Disposal & Septic Permits	2,470	
Other Bd of Health Permits	1,825	57,335
Fines & Forfeitures		
Court Fines	4,674	
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	13,383	
Non-criminal Dispositions	1,100	
Library Fines	2,010	
Dog Fines	105	
False Alarms	0	
By-law Violation Fines	50	21,322
State & Federal Revenue		
Expanded Polling Hours	1,024	
State Owned Land	45,388	
Abatements- Veterans, Blind, Elderly	17,747	
Veterans Benefits	13,351	
Chapter 70- School Aid	9,265	
School Transportation Reimbursement	567	
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	347,389	
Other Revenue from State	0	
Emerg Mgmt Aid	0	434,731
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest		
Other Misc Revenue	12,559	

Contributions & Donations	0	
Interest on Investments	4,269	16,828
TOTAL REVENUES		8,325,047
Other Financing Sources		
Trsf from Other Special Revenue	0	
Trsf from Stabilization Fund	0	
Trsf from Enterprise Fund	27,153	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		27,153
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		8,352,200

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
FY17 ANALYSIS OF UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL 6/30/16	1,025,521
REVENUES	8,325,047
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	27,153
EXPENDITURES	-8,374,705
OTHER FINANCING USES	-43,000
ENTRIES TO CLOSE PRIOR YR RESERVES	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	750,700
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	0
ENTRIES TO ESTABLISH NEW RESERVES	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	-372,805
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	-550,000
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	0
UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL 6/30/17	787,911

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		TOWN OF NORTHFIELD		Period: July 2016 to June 2017		Balance to	Balance to
Account#	Account Name	Original Budgeted	Adjustments	Revised Budget	Expenditures	FY18	Close
11401	MODERATOR SALARY	55.00	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00	55.00
11410	MODERATOR EXPENSE	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
12201	SELECTMEN SALARIES	6034.00	0.00	6034.00	6034.00	0.00	0.00
12202	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	89900.00	1693.81	91593.81	91593.81	0.00	0.00
12203	SECRETARY SALARY	45225.00	226.00	45451.00	45448.00	0.00	3.00
12210	SELECTMEN EXPENSE	16810.00	-268.55	16541.45	15172.63	0.00	1368.82
12230	TOWN ADMIN EXPENSE	2100.00	-1425.26	674.74	674.74	0.00	0.00
12252	TA CPO TRAINING	1210.00	0.00	1210.00	0.00	1210.00	0.00
13110	FIN COMM EXPENSE	1448.00	0.00	1448.00	760.66	0.00	687.34
13210	RESERVE FUND	42000.00	-19602.38	22397.62	0.00	0.00	22397.62
13501	ACCOUNTANT SALARY	29196.00	146.00	29342.00	29337.12	0.00	4.88
13510	ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	590.00	0.00	590.00	407.97	0.00	182.03
13511	FINANCIAL ASST	3166.00	0.00	3166.00	2135.88	0.00	1030.12
13551	TOWN AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14101	ASSESSORS SALARIES	5541.00	0.00	5541.00	5374.48	0.00	166.52
14102	ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	33846.00	169.00	34015.00	30592.21	0.00	3422.79
14103	ASSESSOR'S PROP INSP	16500.00	0.00	16500.00	16500.00	0.00	0.00
14110	ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13390.00	0.00	13390.00	10212.02	0.00	3177.98

14152	APPRAISAL NFLD MTN PROJ	2200.00	0.00	2200.00	0.00	2200.00	0.00
14250	ASSESSORS REVAL	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00	508.00	0.00
14501	TREASURER SALARY	17856.00	89.00	17945.00	17940.00	0.00	5.00
14510	TREASURER EXPENSE	4500.00	-250.00	4250.00	3780.51	0.00	469.49
14601	TAX COLL SALARY	17856.00	89.00	17945.00	17940.00	0.00	5.00
14610	TAX COLL EXPENSE	6200.00	250.00	6450.00	6439.78	0.00	10.22
15110	TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	20500.00	7500.00	28000.00	21099.96	0.00	6900.04
15510	COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	44500.00	4185.00	48685.00	43498.25	0.00	5186.75
15556	COMPUTER SERVERS	12000.00	0.00	12000.00	8084.90	3915.10	0.00
15810	TAX TITLE	2300.00	0.00	2300.00	1234.56	0.00	1065.44
15910	COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	800.32	0.00	1199.68
16101	TOWN CLERK SALARY	34901.00	175.00	35076.00	35075.56	0.00	0.44
16110	TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	4800.00	0.00	4800.00	2301.46	0.00	2498.54
16210	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	13500.00	0.00	13500.00	9239.29	0.00	4260.71
16250	VOTING EQUIPMENT	970.65	0.00	970.65	0.00	970.65	0.00
17110	CONSERV COMM EXPENSE	3538.00	0.00	3538.00	1760.80	0.00	1777.20
17510	PLANNING BD EXPENSE	4035.00	0.00	4035.00	1046.26	0.00	2988.74
17551	UPDATE ZONING BYLAWS	29324.76	7500.00	36824.76	33566.85	3257.91	0.00
17610	ZBA EXPENSE	3700.00	0.00	3700.00	3694.81	0.00	5.19
17810	OPEN SPACE COMM	1400.00	0.00	1400.00	873.77	0.00	526.23
17901	LAND DAMAGES	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
17910	AG GOMM EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	500.00	377.06	0.00	122.94
17950	MASS APR PROGRAM	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00
17954	CONS & LAND CONSULTANT	492.15	0.00	492.15	0.00	492.15	0.00
19201	TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	16445.00	82.00	16527.00	12954.36	0.00	3572.64
19202	BLDG MAINT PERSON	38813.00	194.00	39007.00	36889.64	0.00	2117.36
19210	TOWN HALL MAINT.	46025.00	0.00	46025.00	40295.50	0.00	5729.50
19211	TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM MAINT	12000.00	0.00	12000.00	11784.79	0.00	215.21
19212	TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2200.00	0.00	2200.00	2074.70	0.00	125.30
19252	TOWN HALL WIRING	235862.30	0.00	235862.30	124077.25	111785.05	0.00
19253	TOWN HALL-PWR WASH/REPOINT	16887.00	0.00	16887.00	16887.00	0.00	0.00
19265	T HALL RENOVATIONS	5169.65	-4584.65	585.00	585.00	0.00	0.00
19267	T HALL PROJECTS 05/07	295.52	-295.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19269	ELEC TO BS & PAVIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19270	T HALL GENERATOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19271	TOWN HALL INTERIOR ASSMNT	3600.00	-3600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19272	TOWN HALL REPAIRS 5/12	7605.58	-7605.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19273	T HALL-SEWER LINING&CANOPY	22740.11	0.00	22740.11	5556.92	17183.19	0.00
19275	TH-HVAC SO BALCONY RM	2000.00	-2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19276	TH-ELEVATOR REPAIR	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	4895.12	15104.88	0.00
19277	TH PHONE SYSTEM	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	20000.00	0.00	0.00
19278	T HALL HVAC NO BALC RM	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	25000.00	0.00	0.00
19279	CUPOLAS FIRE & NES	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	0.00
19280	TOWN BLDGS-MAINT,FURN,REPAIR	0.00	23585.75	23585.75	7068.77	16516.98	0.00
19281	T HALL-WTRPRF EXT WALLS	0.00	8000.00	8000.00	0.00	8000.00	0.00
19510	TOWN REPORTS	600.00	0.00	600.00	105.57	0.00	494.43
19910	TOWN CLOCK	175.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	0.00
19956	FORECLOSED PROPTY MAINT	0.00	9217.38	9217.38	8812.91	404.47	0.00
21001	POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	319204.00	-1052.27	318151.73	304514.73	0.00	13637.00
21010	POLICE OPER EXPENSE	59430.00	2265.27	61695.27	53081.15	0.00	8614.12
21050	POLICE-NEW CRUISER	45000.00	0.00	45000.00	40671.77	0.00	4328.23
21053	POLICE-GUN SAFE	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	4000.00	0.00	0.00
22001	FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5520.00	28.00	5548.00	4925.98	0.00	622.02
22002	FIRE DEPT WAGES	43281.00	216.00	43497.00	36470.66	0.00	7026.34
22010	FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	21500.00	0.00	21500.00	18070.29	0.00	3429.71
22011	FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8500.00	0.00	8500.00	6303.59	0.00	2196.41
22012	FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00
22013	FIRE HYDRANTS	5460.00	0.00	5460.00	5460.00	0.00	0.00
22014	FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	21830.00	0.00	21830.00	13335.06	0.00	8494.94
22015	FIRE PONDS	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	2850.00	0.00	150.00

22056	FIRE TRUCK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22069	FIRE STATION REPAIRS	1195.00	0.00	1195.00	0.00	1195.00	0.00
22070	FIRE STA SITE SURVEY	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00
22071	SCBA TRAINING	2100.00	0.00	2100.00	0.00	2100.00	0.00
22072	ENGINE 2 RUST REPAIR	3247.00	0.00	3247.00	0.00	3247.00	0.00
22073	STA FLOOR/APRON REPAIR	4200.00	0.00	4200.00	0.00	4200.00	0.00
22074	THERMAL IMAGER	8000.00	0.00	8000.00	8000.00	0.00	0.00
24101	BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	26480.00	132.00	26612.00	26611.78	0.00	0.22
24110	BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1250.00	0.00	1250.00	35.52	0.00	1214.48
24210	GAS INSPECTIONS	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	790.00	0.00	1710.00
24310	PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	1755.00	0.00	745.00
24510	WIRE INSPECTION	3080.00	0.00	3080.00	2306.44	0.00	773.56
29110	CIVIL DEFENSE	2800.00	700.00	3500.00	3500.00	0.00	0.00
29201	DOG OFFICER SALARY	3402.00	17.00	3419.00	3418.98	0.00	0.02
29210	DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	2400.00	0.00	2400.00	1774.37	0.00	625.63
29410	TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	9710.50	0.00	289.50
29901	CONSTABLE WAGES	1090.00	0.00	1090.00	748.84	0.00	341.16
29910	CONSTABLE EXPENSE	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
29930	FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
29950	HEPATITIS SHOTS	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	0.00	1856.50	0.00
29953	SAFETY BLDG FACILITIES PLAN	29784.00	0.00	29784.00	45.45	29738.55	0.00
30011	ELEM SCH MAINT	12500.00	0.00	12500.00	941.53	0.00	11558.47
30051	ELEM SCH CARPET	2332.87	0.00	2332.87	0.00	2332.87	0.00
30072	NES-INTERIOR LOCKS	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00
30073	NES KITCHEN VENT	21000.00	0.00	21000.00	21000.00	0.00	0.00
30074	NES WINDOWS	18000.00	0.00	18000.00	17984.00	16.00	0.00
30075	NES-PLAYGRND EQUIP& LNDSCP	0.00	10000.00	10000.00	0.00	10000.00	0.00
31010	PVRS OPER ASSESSMENT	4302137.00	0.00	4302137.00	4302136.60	0.00	0.40
31013	SCH COMM STIPENDS	696.00	0.00	696.00	490.00	0.00	206.00
31053	PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31054	PVRS-CENTRAL OFFICE PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31056	PVRS CAPITAL PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31058	PVRS TECHNOLOGY LN ASSESSMENT	50972.00	0.00	50972.00	50972.00	0.00	0.00
31059	REPAVE PVRS ENTRANCE	12475.00	0.00	12475.00	6965.85	0.00	5509.15
32010	FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	607938.00	0.00	607938.00	607938.00	0.00	0.00
32050	FCTS CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33010	TUITION & TRANSP-OUT OF DIST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42110	HWY SUPT EXPENSE	13000.00	4000.00	17000.00	15441.81	0.00	1558.19
42201	HWY DEPT WAGES	283052.00	23415.00	306467.00	306305.52	0.00	161.48
42210	HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	185375.00	-20500.00	164875.00	148127.87	0.00	16747.13
42211	OIL & STONING	70000.00	0.00	70000.00	70000.00	0.00	0.00
42212	HWY TOOLS	1260.00	0.00	1260.00	1060.42	0.00	199.58
42250	SIDEWALKS	24345.90	0.00	24345.90	0.00	24345.90	0.00
42251	REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	0.00	3615.36	0.00
42252	OLD WENDELL RD	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	0.00	12619.06	0.00
42310	SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75390.00	16062.00	91452.00	90562.97	0.00	889.03
42410	STREET LIGHTS	16000.00	0.00	16000.00	14806.44	0.00	1193.56
42910	MACHINE MAINT	90000.00	0.00	90000.00	84263.33	0.00	5736.67
42911	HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	13050.00	0.00	13050.00	10541.05	0.00	2508.95
42912	HWY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
42950	HWY DEPT TRUCK	686.75	0.00	686.75	0.00	0.00	686.75
42952	SURVEY BOUNDS-TOWN WAYS	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
42958	HWY GARAGE ROOF	11193.75	0.00	11193.75	5500.00	5693.75	0.00
42959	HWY GARAGE MAINT & ENRGY EFF	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00
42964	SAND & SALT SHED	142259.98	0.00	142259.98	132278.58	9981.40	0.00
42966	HWY GARAGE GENERATOR	7500.12	0.00	7500.12	445.56	7054.56	0.00
42967	HWY GARAGE DOORS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42968	DUMP BED-HWY TRK	40000.00	0.00	40000.00	39800.00	0.00	200.00
42969	GATES-SALT SHED & GARAGE YD	0.00	28000.00	28000.00	6432.00	21568.00	0.00
42970	HWY DEPT DUMP TRUCK	0.00	170000.00	170000.00	169650.00	0.00	350.00

42971	MAINT TRUCK W/PLOW	0.00	48000.00	48000.00	48000.00	0.00	0.00
43110	SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	10638.00	0.00	10638.00	10638.00	0.00	0.00
43310	TRANSFER STATION	127521.00	143.00	127664.00	102132.08	0.00	25531.92
43312	TRANSFER STA-BILL OF PR YR	0.00	3090.35	3090.35	3090.35	0.00	0.00
49110	CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	25000.00	-5500.00	19500.00	19500.00	0.00	0.00
49150	CEMETERIES-MAJOR IMPROVMENTS	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00	418.99	0.00
49154	CEMETERY TREE WORK	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
51001	BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2539.00	0.00	2539.00	2539.00	0.00	0.00
51003	SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	400.00	0.00	1100.00
51010	BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8847.00	0.00	8847.00	4740.77	0.00	4106.23
51011	SHARED HEALTH AGENT	11458.00	0.00	11458.00	11429.00	0.00	29.00
51910	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2460.00	10.00	2470.00	2057.00	0.00	413.00
54110	COUNCIL ON AGING	52924.00	255.00	53179.00	50197.86	0.00	2981.14
54152	SENIOR CTR DESIGN	11920.00	0.00	11920.00	0.00	11920.00	0.00
54310	SOLDIERS RELIEF	42000.00	0.00	42000.00	9528.64	0.00	32471.36
61001	D MEM LIB-WAGES & SALARIES	115192.00	-1424.00	113768.00	109002.21	0.00	4765.79
61010	D MEM LIB-EXPENSE	42179.00	2000.00	44179.00	40879.80	0.00	3299.20
61015	NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	625.00	0.00	625.00	625.00	0.00	0.00
61054	LIBRARY CLIMATE CONTROL	2164.35	0.00	2164.35	0.00	2164.35	0.00
61075	LIBR ENERGY SAV MEAS	954.46	0.00	954.46	764.97	189.49	0.00
61081	LIBRY WALKWAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
61082	LIBRY-PAVE LOT	3440.00	0.00	3440.00	3440.00	0.00	0.00
63010	RECREATION COMM	7049.00	0.00	7049.00	7049.00	0.00	0.00
63040	REC COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250.00	0.00	250.00	21.75	0.00	228.25
63050	REC PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4336.00	22.00	4358.00	2186.93	0.00	2171.07
65010	MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	6750.00	0.00	6750.00	2844.95	0.00	3905.05
65050	ATHLETIC FIELD DRAINAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65110	COMMTY PARK COMMITTEE EXP	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
69110	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.99	0.00	0.01
69120	MAINT HISTORICAL MARKERS	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	700.00	0.00	300.00
69210	MEMORIAL DAY	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	1379.50	0.00	620.50
69310	VETERANS MEMORIAL CTE	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	545.00	0.00	455.00
69910	ALEXANDER HALL	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
75210	INT S/T NOTES	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00
82010	STATE ASSESSMENTS	8559.00	0.00	8559.00	6799.00	0.00	1760.00
83010	FRCOG ASSESSMENT	26696.00	0.00	26696.00	26696.00	0.00	0.00
84010	VETERANS DISTRICT	4821.00	0.00	4821.00	4820.12	0.00	0.88
91110	COUNTY RETIREMENT	166517.00	0.00	166517.00	163467.00	0.00	3050.00
91XXX	INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	377820.00	-7500.00	370320.00	304547.26	0.00	65772.74
99610	TRSF TO STABILIZATION	43000.00	0.00	43000.00	43000.00	0.00	0.00
99629	TRSF TO REVOLVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99689	TRSF TO AGENCY FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTALS	8825890.81	296849.35	9122740.16	8417705.01	372805.16	332229.99

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission meets six times a year on the second Tuesday of the month.

The board has seven full-time members. Bill Llewelyn, chairman; Bill Ames, Stacy Bond, Bob Duby, Dave Kalinowski, Al Stone, and Jerry Wagener. The board would like to thank Eugene L'Etoile for his many years of dedication and service.

Currently, we are revising and updating the farm directory which will include parcels under Chapter 61 and 61A.

In August, Bill Llewelyn and Al Stone went to the Ridge Association meeting at Dolben library. They distributed barn brochures to those who had not received one as well as the farm directories. They answered questions about the Board and generally let the summer residents know what the Agricultural Commission has been doing and anticipates doing in the future.

The board is working with the NATABA group to increase awareness of agriculture in Northfield. Different avenues are being discussed.

ASSESSORS

Amount to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$ 10,044,771.10
Cherry Sheet Offsets	4,137.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	5,353.00
Overlay	49,692.72
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 10,103,953.82

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Est. Rec. State	\$ 448,558.00
Est. Rec. Local	1,081,550.00
Rev. Appropriated Specific	864,935 .10
Rev. to Reduce Tax Rate	0.00
Total Receipts & Revenue	\$ 2,395,043.10

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Levy \$ 7,708,910.72

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

CLASS	VALUATION	LEVY
Residential	272,937,929	4,874,671.41
Commercial	17,510,348	312,734.82
Industrial	92,184,600	1,646,416.96
Personal Property	48,997,062	875,087.53
TOTAL	431,629,939	7,708,910.72

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2018: \$17.86 (per thousand of value)

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert MacEwen, Co-Chair
 Alice Lord, Co-Chair
 Bethany Walker, Assessor and Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As we reviewed minutes from all of the Board's meetings over the last year, it became apparent how much town boards and committees work together to accomplish their goals. There are many items the Selectboard voted on that complement the work of other committees, such as electrical aggregation, a new recycling coordinator position at the transfer station, and results of MassDOT's study on designs for replacement of Schell Bridge. Selectman Tracy Rogers has also been working with members of several other Town boards and departments—Bernie Porada, Finance Committee; Skip Dunnell, Dave Quinn, and Kevin Connelly, fire department; Mark Fortier, emergency medical services; Rob Leighton, police department; and Steve Sredynski; Tom Newton and Kevin Gray,—to try to design a new emergency services facility. This is the way a town should work—everyone working together for the good of the people—and the Selectboard is proud to play its part.

In January of 2017, selectmen and finance committee members from the four Pioneer Valley Regional School District towns gathered together to brainstorm ways to put an end to the all too familiar conflict that arises every year because of a lack of resources to support the towns' and District's needs. From that meeting the HEART—Honest Education and Retaining Trust—Committee was born. The Committee is looking at ways to keep the high quality of education we have in our District, while reducing the financial burden on the towns.

Because of the HEART Committee, the Selectboard applied for a Community Compact grant through the Governor's office. A Compact signing ceremony was held at Town Hall in August and included Lt. Governor Polito and Senator Rosenberg. A large portion of that grant will pay for an independent firm to gather and analyze data that will help the HEART Committee make recommendations to the School Committee and the towns on how to create a more sustainable District.

In July, we welcomed our newest town administrator, Willie Morales. Willie had prior experience as a town administrator in Monterey and Sandisfield, MA and was a professional opera singer at one time! We thank Town Secretary Sandra Wood for her steadfast support of the selectmen as we transitioned twice between town administrators in a six month period. Sandra worked way above her job description, kept business going, and helped compile the warrant for our 2017 annual town meeting.

Through a Brownfields grant administered by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the Board hired a contractor to clean up a town-owned parcel on Caldwell Road. All trash, vehicles, and hazardous materials have been cleaned off the surface of that property. Once the ground softens in the spring of 2018, an engineering firm will take soil samples to determine if there were any hazardous materials spills that need to be addressed.

Lastly, the Board wishes to thank member Jack Spanbauer for his many many years of service. Jack has been the face of the Selectboard through thick and thin over five terms, over 16 years, and nine town administrators. His engineering background has been invaluable. The number of hours he spends on town business is innumerable. The Board and Town will face an enormous loss when Jack steps down in May. We will miss his wisdom and experience tremendously and thank him for his dedication and service to the Town of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Rogers
John G. Spanbauer
Julia Blyth

BUILDING UTILIZATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE

During 2017, the following improvements were made to Northfield Elementary School:

- Three rooms were carpeted/tiled, as part of our continuing replacement program,
- Window refurbishment repairs were completed,
- North Building roof was repaired,
- Consultant's assessment of the wiring and related systems was completed.

We were unable to repave the parking lot due to drainage problems that were more extensive than estimated. Accordingly, at Special Town Meeting on December 4, 2017, the Town appropriated \$16,700 for the cost to make necessary drainage repairs. The effort is scheduled for 2018.

In addition the CPA approved and authorized at Town Meeting repairs to the North Building were rescheduled to 2018.

All that we recommend to the Selectboard and Town Meeting is the result of collaboration with the Town Administrator, NES Principal, and PVRSD. Accordingly, we wish to thank Willie Morales, Megan Desmarais, Gail Healy and Tim Brandl for their guidance and assistance.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Wright
Chad Glover

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Northfield Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers.

Current members of the Northfield Cultural Council are Gretchen Licata, Chair; Mandy Lyn Sweet-Antes, Secretary; Cynthia Mead, Treasurer; Jennifer Goselin, Ann Linge, Deborah Potee and Mary Maysark-Stavelly .

In 2017 the Cultural Council helped fund some fantastic events, including the Northfield Council on Aging, Summer Concert Series; a 3D Design & Printing / Robotics Workshop at the Dickinson Memorial Library and a Birds of Prey presentation by Tom Ricardi at the Northfield Elementary School. In total the council awarded 23 grants totaling \$4,606.

In the Fall of 2017 the Northfield Cultural Council received and reviewed 35 grant applications. From those applications the council awarded 26 grants totaling \$4,763 for 2018

This year's grant recipients include;

Davis Bates, Generations of Fun: An Inter-Generational Performance
Northfield Elementary School PTO: Springfield Museums on the Go, It's Electric!
Deerfield Valley Art Association, Inc: American Art of the 20th Century
Julie Stepanek: Learn Ukulele with Julie
Carolyn Baskowski: Field trip to Lowell Historical National Park
Dickinson Memorial Library: Supernatural Evening

For a complete list of grant recipients, visit <http://www.mass-culture.org/Northfield>.

Residents interested in joining the council can fill out a Citizens Interest Form at the Town Hall.

The Northfield Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall of 2018. Guidelines and complete information on the Northfield Cultural Council, visit www.mass-culture.org/Northfield . Email gretlicata@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS

A number of years ago the ceiling and walls of the Trustees and Upstairs Sitting Rooms began to show some serious effects of age. Because the rooms boasted the original 120-year-old paint, a gallon of Benjamin Moore would not have been the best solution. After researching the best options, the Trustees hired the Williamstown Conservation Center for the project. Funded through a private donation, WCC worked to conserve the Trustee's Room. This isn't to say the room looks exactly as it did in 1897, but the original casein-based paint has been cleaned so in the morning sunlight you can see the ombre style with the colors changing from gold to lavender. The ceiling stencil has been restored. And there are no cracks in the plaster. As part of the project the consultants examined other historic aspects of the building. Their observations included warnings about the deteriorating state of the 16 stained glass windows and cracks in the wood pillars. In the upcoming years the Trustees will embark on a campaign to protect and further preserve the library.

Unusual maintenance issues this year included a leak in the attic, corrected by Marvin Smart. This led to the need for renting a lift so the gutters could be cleaned and the overhanging branches trimmed. The front window had to be replaced after it was vandalized with a BB gun.

Courtesy of a Franklin Regional Council of Governments grant a new bike rack was installed on the front lawn. Jerry Wagener donated a perfect, long skinny table – one he made – for the local history room. The restrooms finally have baby-changing stations and the old chairs in the meeting room were replaced with new, more comfortable seating. The baby-changing station and mesh seating were purchased by the Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library through a donation from the Tortuga Foundation.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

While the library was as busy as ever there was a 5.7% decrease in circulation of books, DVDs and audios. The interest in ebooks, eaudios and streaming DVDs remained strong while interest in borrowing magazines increased. This year the library endeavored to expand its offerings for Northfield residents. Ancestry.com, available for use in the library, offers genealogical and historical information from census, military, church, vital, court, land and probate records. In July the library began offering a Verizon mobile hotspot for patrons to borrow. The hotspot makes Internet service possible anywhere there is a cellphone signal.

Programming continued to be one of the library's strengths. Weekly story hours, sponsored by the PVRS CFCE grant from the Mass Dept. of Early Education welcomed new families throughout the year. The knitting group continued weekly through the late fall. Each of our four monthly book groups have found their particular niche. The groups read everything from classics, poetry and well-written, interesting-to-talk-about fiction to books dealing with current environmental issues.

Expanding our world view programs were presented by travelers to Cuba, and scholars of Islam and Russia. Pi(e) Day has become a great way to dispel mid-winter blahs. Some of There was a whole host of children's programs. Some of the most popular included: 3D Printing, a Rubik's cube how-to, a magic show, building rockets and making slime.

The museum pass program, supported by the Friends of the Dickinson Memorial Library, continued with passes to Historic Deerfield, Mass MOCA, Eric Carle and Springfield Museums. Donated passes included Brattleboro Museum of Art and Culture, The Clark and 2 Mass Parks passes.

Whether someone was seeking a quiet respite or craved company Northfield residents continued to find the Dickinson Memorial Library a welcoming place to visit in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Library Trustees: Jon McGowan, Chair, Margot Fleck, Nolan Kitfield, Paulina Borrego, Lloyd Parrill, Deb Potee and Library Director, Deb Kern

LIBRARY STAFF

Deb Kern, Director
Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Circulation
Matt Atwood, Programming
Kathy O'Shea
Tim & Tracey Rogers

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jon McGowan, Chair
Paulina Borrego
Margot Fleck
Nolan Kitfield
Lloyd Parrill
Deb Potee

BY THE NUMBERS (FY17)

COLLECTION

Books: 14,278

DVDs: 2,827

Audios: 1,327

Magazine Subscriptions: 49

Museum Passes: 10

Kindle: 2

HotSpot: 1

CIRCULATION

Books: 27,962

DVD: 14,520

Audios: 3,612

Hours open: 1,562

Number of items borrowed per open hour: 29.5

Digital Circulation: 3,585 (Ebooks, Streaming audios & DVDs)

Other libraries

Items Borrowed: 9,004

Items Sent to: 2,992

Attendance: 23,405

Programs & Attendance

Adult: 103/1,072

Children: 94/2,033

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

It is a privilege to provide my thirteenth report to the town as your Emergency Medical Services Chief. 2017 proved to be another exciting year as the department continues to improve its service to the citizens and visitors of our community. For the 2017 calendar year, we answered 260 calls (down from 316 in 2016) while transporting 168 patients (down from 177).

This reduction in call volume and overall billable transports has resulted in a reduced revenue projection for fiscal 2019. This projection utilizing prior year's actual performance is then used as the basis for creating the next fiscal year's budget. For fiscal 2019, based on this reduced revenue projection, reductions in the EMS enterprise budget were made to offset this potential reduction in revenue. As in years past, even with the reduction in the EMS budget, we have not asked for any money from taxation for the purposes of running the day to day operations of the ambulance service.

Although, the Town shall be funding the second payment of the capital purchase of our new ambulance as voted at the 2016 town meeting. Again we thank the taxpayers for supporting this much needed purchase. In April of 2017 we took delivery of the new Ford F550 Horton ambulance. This truck has provided a safe and effective platform for providing care and transport to the citizens of this community. As our primary piece of equipment, its reliability and safety features are paramount in the ability of this service to provide the best possible care.

As the expectations of your EMS department is to always be self sufficient, we are always looking for ways to increase our revenue while at the same time doing so in a safe, and sustainable manner. As Northfield EMS's service area is currently confined to the borders of Northfield, this also limits our opportunity for financial growth. Relying solely on volunteers to provide 24 hour a day 7 day a week services will not be sustainable forever. Most members are fatigued from the demands of life, work and family and then also being on call during off hours. A proposal is being evaluated to expand the EMS enterprise to beyond the borders of the Town of Northfield. This would generate additional revenue for the enterprise fund. With this added revenue, we would be better able to secure consistent staffing all hours of the day and for all communities involved while at the same time creating additional funds for future capital purchases.

In closing, I again must thank the efforts of each and every member of the department. I would also thank the member's family who understand the need for a missed meal, a missed family event or the lack of sleep followed by a long day at a full time job. Being awakened by the pager in the middle of the night to assist our neighbors in need is a trait not found in just anyone. Most don't realize the sacrifices that are made by our dedicated staff until they are in need of our services. This community is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers that provide Northfield with its own ambulance service. The community should be grateful that the members of Northfield EMS and their families continue to make these sacrifices to help their neighbors in need, all in the spirit of community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fortier

EMS Chief

ENERGY COMMITTEE

As of March 2018, the Energy Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. Visitors are always welcome to discuss personal, local and global energy issues.

Our mission statement: The Northfield Energy Committee is working on behalf of the Town to help stabilize energy costs, lower the Town's carbon emissions, and reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy sources. We accomplish this by promoting energy conservation through education, energy efficient design and construction techniques, and the use of renewable energy.

The Committee performs its work under the guidance of the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008. This law requires the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs to establish a statewide limit on greenhouse gas emissions of between 10% and 25% below 1990 levels for 2020 – on the way toward an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050.

Northfield was designated a "Green Community" by The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) in the summer of 2012 after meeting five required criteria. This entitled the town to a grant of \$143,750 to use for approved energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in an attempt to reduce municipal energy consumption by 20% after 5 years.

We have expended the monies from the initial Green Communities Grant and have made tremendous progress towards this 20% goal primarily through energy efficiency upgrades and strategies at the Town Hall, Dickinson Memorial Library, the wastewater treatment facility, and street lighting.

Municipal vehicles are exempt from the Green Communities fuel-efficiency mandate since they fall under the category of heavy equipment, police cruisers, and emergency response, however, it is worth noting that that our town vehicles use approximately 50% of the overall energy use in Northfield. That said, we understand that it is difficult to reduce vehicle usage without impacting roadway and emergency services.

What's next?

This has been a year of transition and looking ahead for the Northfield Energy Committee. In December 2017 Bob Pasteris, who had served as Chair of the Energy Committee for many years and with great leadership to the Town and our Green Communities projects, resigned from the committee to focus on other very exciting parts of his life. Susan O'Connor and Lynn Hansell stepped forward to take over as co-chairs of

the Energy Committee. John Cevasco is also no longer serving on The Energy Committee. We are happily in the process of adding two new members to the committee; Andrew Vernon and Judy Wagner.

PVRSD Schools

Beginning in the spring of 2017, the Northfield Energy Committee turned its attention to applying for the next round of Green Communities Competitive Grants from DOER and to focus our efforts on improving energy efficiency at Northfield Elementary School and Pioneer Valley Regional School. Since we are part of a regional school district and share the costs (and benefits of energy savings) with Bernardston, Warwick, and Leyden, this work required that we collaborate with the Energy Committees from those towns as well. Leyden is not a Green Community and does not have an energy committee, but Warwick and Bernardston do. In the spring of 2017 we began discussions and planning with Bernardston and Warwick in collaboration with the UMass Clean Energy Extension (CEE) and Tim Brandl, who is the Facilities Manager at PVRSD.

With this group, we agreed upon the following Priority Strategies and Guiding Principles:

1. Implement conservation, improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.
2. Utilize renewable energy sources.
3. Select approaches that lead to a healthy environment, taking into account air quality and noise levels and occupant comfort.
4. Engage the school community in a collaborative effort by gathering their input, involving them in decision-making, and in creating curriculum opportunities for children and youth.
5. Build buy-in for the project among public officials and the broader public through information sharing, community meetings, and press coverage.
6. Tap expertise of DOER and Clean Energy Extension and other resources

In June 2017, the CEE staff conducted a thorough walkthrough of BES, NES, PVRSD, and WCS to create a Municipal Energy Analysis Report and to help us target areas of most need in these schools. Among other things, it showed that PVRSD is the building that uses the most energy overall in the district, and NES uses the most energy per square foot. These schools represent priorities for the Northfield Energy Committee since our town absorbs roughly 50% of the cost of operating the schools in our district and has a lot to gain by making improvements there.

Though the Bernardston Energy Committee is very interested in working on the schools in the future, they are a new Green Community and their priority is to complete the work they set out to do with their initial grant on their municipal buildings. They are looking to 2020 to join us on the effort with the schools.

Tim Brandl arranged to have the engineering firm, Energy Conservation, Inc. (ECI) conduct a more thorough study of PVRSD, NES and WCS. That audit was conducted in January 2018. We have received that audit and have met on February 13, 2018 to discuss how best to move forward. Ben Weil of CEE attended that meeting and provided valuable input. We have combined the information from the Municipal Energy Analysis Report from CEE and the audit from ECI and decided on the following initial projects to include in our 2018 Competitive Grant application which is due on March 9.

NES – Insulation and air sealing of attics, weather stripping of exterior doors, and installing de-stratification fans. In future grants we may be looking to replace the boiler (perhaps with a pellet boiler) and/or the motors and/or drives for the heating system. We would also like to address the lighting system at NES after Phase I of the current electrical work being performed in the building is complete. We are looking to 2020 for grant funding for lighting, boiler, motors, and drives.

PVRSD – Air sealing the roof-wall junctures and the ceiling-wall junctures, inspect and air seal 52 roof-top fans, update weather-stripping of the exterior doors, and install de-stratification fans. The Warwick Energy Committee will also be including these items in their competitive grant application in order to share the cost with Northfield.

Dickinson Memorial Library

The Northfield Energy Committee has been very interested in improving the HVAC system at the Dickinson Memorial Library. The Town retained Bowman Engineering, Inc. to conduct an audit of the library. Members of the Energy Committee participated with Tom Bowman on a walkthrough of the Library in December 2017. The completed audit was sent to us in early February 2018. The audit considered the energy savings and payback period for converting the current steam heating system to hot water or purchasing a new boiler which would use either oil, LPT, or wood pellet fuel. The audit showed that the high cost, limited savings, and long payback period for any of these options make them ineligible for a DOER Competitive Grant.

That said, we will be including plans in our competitive grant application to install window inserts to effectively insulate several of the windows, especially in the office.

Other Projects Completed or in the Works

“Cow Power” – In late 2017, the Northfield Energy Committee worked with the Select Board first to consider and then to agree to participation in a gas digester project with the Hampshire Council of Governments. Through this arrangement, a percentage of the electricity to be used in our municipal buildings will come through net metering of electricity produced from agricultural and consumer waste using anaerobic digestion at farms within the region. The Select Board voted to approve this project in December 2017.

Electrical Aggregation - We are also currently exploring the possibility of participating in a Franklin County Project on electric aggregation that would provide town residents with the chance to opt into net metering of electricity produced from renewable energy sources. The

Select Board heard a presentation by Bob Dean of Franklin Regional County of Governments (FRCOG) on December 12, 2017. We will continue to work on this effort by providing educational forums about electric aggregation for town residents and are working on submitting a warrant article at Town Meeting in May 2018.

The Energy Committee would like to thank the Town Administrator, Select Board, and other town employees who have been, and still are involved with these projects. There is an important human aspect to making energy efficiency projects a success. Energy efficiency and conservation strategies can net significant results. We look forward to continuing to work together in this next phase of our committee's efforts to further the cause of increasing energy efficiency and reducing Northfield's reliance on fossil fuels.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan O'Connor, Co-Chair
Lynn Hansell, Co-Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Northfield Fire Dept. responded to 148 emergencies during the last year. The emergency calls break down as follows:

Structure Fire	1	
Fire Alarms	33	
	Thomas Aquinas College	10
	Redemption Christian Academy	12
	Others	11
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	4	
Carbon Monoxide Emergencies	2	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20	
Vehicle Fires	1	
Mutual Aid	20	
Power Lines	25	
Storm Damage	4	
Chimney Fires	1	
Electrical Fires	2	
Oven Fires	1	
Brush Fires	4	
Illegal Burning	5	
Railroad Tie Fires	2	
Water-Broken Pipes	2	
Smoke Investigations	3	
LP Gas Emergencies	2	
Hazardous Materials	4	
Assist EMT's	3	
Water Rescues	4	
Public Service Calls	4	
Task Force Deployment-Conway, MA	1	

If there is one word that sums up this last year it would be tragedy. Your firefighters were the first mutual aid department to arrive at the fatal fire in Warwick of a mother and her 3 children. In the 12 months preceding that, Northfield firefighters were at the fatal fire in Orange, the fatal fire in Erving both involving children. It shouldn't happen anywhere. It shouldn't happen in Franklin County. Smoke detectors save lives. Install them. Test them. And have your own home fire drills, because it can happen anywhere. It did happen in Franklin County. It can happen here! Protect your loved ones and yourself.

Tragedy struck the fire department again when we lost one of our own in a tragic accident. Nathan Hutchinson was an active firefighter, an active National Guardsman and worked locally doing carpentry. Nathan started as a Jr. Firefighter in Northfield, moved to Hatfield for a short time and returned to Northfield to become a Northfield Firefighter. He was helping assist the current Jr. Firefighter program. He was always there to lend a helping hand any hour of the day or night. He is sorely missed.

As you can see by the list above, the Northfield Fire Dept. responded to a wide array of incidents. We cut off a fire in huge piles of railroad ties in an area with no hydrants coordinating the help of 10 other fire departments. Only about 20 % of the continuous pile of ties burned. The rest were promptly removed. We performed 2 water rescues, one for a male subject with 2 broken legs from a rope swing on the river near Munn's Ferry and in a separate incident a young female with a broken wrist from an incident on the river near Schell Bridge.

The Northfield Fire Dept. responded as a part of a task force to the tornado that hit the Town of Conway, MA. We assisted with incident management as well as helping to gain access to victims trapped by trees and debris.

Your firefighters are diverse, dedicated, disciplined, and devoted to protecting our community. I want to thank them all for the job they do as well as the assistance I get from other boards, departments and committees.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Emergency Services Building Committee in striving to design and build a Public Safety Complex that is functional and cost effective.

Sincerely,

F. M. "Skip" Dunnell III, Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

TREES

Several trees were removed all around town due to disease or damage. Several Hemlock trees were diseased, after dying off they must be removed. The power company removed many trees to clear for power lines which in turn saves the town money on removal. The roadside mower has helped immensely with the removal and maintenance of brush. Keeping the brush and tree lines clear helps sunlight and airflow get to the road which helps maintain better road conditions.

CEMETERIES

We are very thankful to South Mountain Lawn Care for their six years of service providing the town with mowing maintenance and clean-up of the local cemeteries. The bid this year was awarded to Snow and Son's. They have been doing a great job as well. There were approximately 23 burials and approximately 15 lots sold over the past year. Tree and brush maintenance were performed. Piles of dirt were cleaned up and seeded. In addition, this year many stones were marked out and set. Several bushes that were over grown were also removed. Just as a reminder to read your deeds to gain a clear understanding that planting trees and bushes are prohibited.

ROADS

After a long winter with an abundance of ice and snow, a lot of clean-up was required. Repair of intersections, lawns and street sweeping was performed in early spring. Catch basins were cleaned and line jetted discharges cleaned in order to provide proper flow. Street signs were repaired or replaced as needed. We are trying to keep up with the new sign reflectivity rules. Several culverts were replaced and a headwall was repaired. Multiple dirt roads received new gravel, grading, raking and spraying for compaction. Winter equipment was cleaned up, serviced and repaired, put away ready for next year. This year our large project was Route 142; a 2 mile long project focused on paving, drainage repair, brush removal and guardrail installation. We also rebuilt Gerrish Road and Adams Road at the same time. Road lines were painted as well. Re-grading of dirt was prepped for the upcoming winter was completed. Leaves were blown and culverts were flushed in the fall months. The Highway Department also assists on odds and ends jobs for the town buildings to help save money (town hall flag, elementary school drainage, etc.). I would like to thank the citizens of Northfield for their trying to work on all aspects of the town and alerting us to the problems and needs of the town that we may not see. Thank you to Michael Mankowski for eight years of service and dedication to the town of Northfield, to Tim Richter and to summer help Lisa Ward. Many thanks to Kevin, Sam, Arnie, Rick and Roadside mower, Chris, for many being able to work through all of the many unexpected things that came up throughout the year.

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Walker

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2017 was busy and rewarding in many ways.

Membership changed during the year: Don Campbell joined March 1, completing our membership. There were fifteen meetings during the year, each with a quorum.

In 1972, the voters of Northfield established the Northfield Historical Commission (as set forth in Title VII, Chapter 40, sec. 8D of the Massachusetts General Laws) as the local agency responsible for ensuring that the identification and preservation of the distinctive and important historical and cultural assets of the Town are considered in community planning & development decisions.

The educational highlight of the year was the Day of History's Mid-17th Century Abenaki Encampment held on June 11th at the Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center. More than 150 visitors attended this informative and festive event.

The Commission initiated more regular contributions to the Town Newsletter and has received good coverage in the Greenfield Recorder and other local newspapers.

Commissioners interacted with the Community Preservation Committee, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Stewardship Committee of the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee on issues of joint interest. Presentations were made at the April 8th State of the Town Dinner and the November 1st meeting of Boards, Committees and Selectmen.

The Commission continues its contacts with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, receiving more historical information and investigating possible grants. We also monitor the progress of MA H2929: *There is hereby established a special commission on evaluating*

the archaeological, geological, and fossil record resources and artifacts of the Connecticut River Valley, protecting those located on public property and enhancing the education of the public on all aspects of these resources. Several Commissioners continue to work with Mount Grace re: Gunnery Sergeant Jeffrey S. Ames Nature Trail at Alderbrook Meadows.

Association with the Tribes and Historical Commissions Statewide Working Group included a daylong conference on June 17 and research and preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding dealing with the protection of stone landscapes.

Ongoing concentrations include planning for an upgrade of the NHC Archaeology Policy to Bylaw, procuring a sign for the Boy Scout House identifying it as the First Fire House in Northfield, investigating an application for Certified Government status, formulating a plan for the restoration of Center Cemetery including a tribute to Marie Ferre, working with the Northfield Area Tourism And Business Association and other townspeople in search of a site for a Visitors Center as well as appointing a committee to discuss the maintenance of historic signs in town and the inclusion of more information on indigenous history.

The Commissioners extend their thanks to Town Administrator Willie Morales for sharing his wisdom, experience, and time with us.

Carol D. Lebo, Chair

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee (OSC) met nine times during 2017, two of which were public forums (March and December) with DCR regarding the trails on the 1300 acres of DCR property above the Ridge. In addition to its own meetings, the Open Space Committee continues to have representatives on the Agricultural Commission, the Community Park Committee, the Community Preservation Committee, and the Stewardship subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, and to coordinate closely with all four of these other town committees.

In March Amanda Lewis of DCR lead a discussion on the trails above the Ridge, with emphasis on which of the trails to maintain and improve. Notices of this forum were widely distributed, especially among those known to be interested in trails, and about 20 people from the community, other than OSC members, came and participated, providing good input to Amanda and DCR.

In December Amanda led another discussion, this one focused on the naming of the trails. Between March and December a great deal of work was done on the trails, of which there are three main ones, with various minor connecting routes. One trail (blazed red) is an out-back trail to the Notch Mountain Summit, and is named the "Notch Mountain Trail". An outer loop trail (blazed yellow) was named the "Richardson Loop" in honor of the original trail system builders, Sam and Barbara Richardson. An inner loop (blazed blue) was named the "Old Orchard Loop". There are two trailheads, each with a kiosk, one on Birnam Road and one on School Street.

OSC members have been quite active in volunteering to help with the wheel-chair accessible trail being built along the beaver pond east of route 63. (Mount Grace owns the property between the pond and route 63; Bill and Nancy Ames donated this property to Mount Grace in 2016.) Lane Construction kindly donated the construction of the actual trail; that's taken much longer than expected because the trail had to be built on top of the ground with no excavation (Native American historic site concerns). OSC members have helped with the finishing touches of the trail, and are involved in the planning of the signs and viewing platform scheduled to be installed this coming spring.

The Community Park Committee is still interested in the NMH property adjoining the river between the boat ramp and Schell Bridge. The OSC has been helping in negotiations with NMH, but it is a problematic situation because of the landfill on the slope between the upper and lower sections of that property.

In September the OSC finalized its list of Chapter 61 priorities, to be consulted when the town is faced with a right-of-first-refusal Chapter 61 purchase decision.

At the October meeting of the OSC Sarah Wells of Mount Grace met with the committee to discuss the Forest Legacy program and Landscape Partnership program for preserving large tracts of land. Primary focus was on a roughly 500-acre area west of the Town Forest and Brush Mountain. The OSC will be looking further at this issue in 2018.

John Lepore was selected as the recipient of the 2016 Community Stewardship Award, largely for his work on the Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRS) stewardship plan. Subsequently the OSC met with John and reviewed the PVRS stewardship plan; as a follow-up the OSC sent a letter to officials at PVRS, pointing out the high quality of the report and potential long-term benefits of its implementation. Andrew Vernon was selected as the 2017 recipient based on his work on the Stewardship Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, his membership on the Energy Committee, being president of GNWA, and his annual CR stewardship monitoring of the Town Forest property.

OSC member Jerry Wagener obtained data for Chapter 61 tax revenue per acre for forest land in 2016 and the corresponding revenue (in lieu of taxes) from the state for state-owned forest land. The results were of interest to the OSC: \$1.05/acre (east of the river) or \$1.48/acre (west of the river) for Chapter 61 woodland, and \$16.27/acre for state-owned woodland.

Respectfully submitted by the 2017 members of the Open Space Committee:

Michael Barry, Julia Blythe, Robin Conley, Bill Copeland, Rich Fitzgerald, Joanne McGee, Susan Space, Jerrold Wagener

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Northfield Police Department recognizes that establishing trust between law enforcement and the people they protect and serve is essential to the stability of our community, the integrity of our criminal justice system, and the safe and effective delivery of policing

services. In a recent study conducted by a task force empowered by President Barrack Obama, several best practices and recommendations of law enforcement were identified in an effort to promote effective crime reduction, while building public trust. The task force recommendations were organized around six main topic areas or “pillars” which included: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Officer Training and Education, and Officer Safety and Wellness.

Entering 2017, the Northfield Police Department committed itself to taking a hard look at these recommendations and implementing them where possible. It is my pleasure to provide you this annual report, which will be organized along the six “pillars” identified by the President’s Task force.

Pillar I - Building Trust and Legitimacy:

This pillar suggests that people are more likely to obey the law when they believe that those who are enforcing it have legitimate authority to do so. The public confers legitimacy only on those whom they believe are acting transparently and in procedurally just ways. The Northfield Police Department took affirmative steps to address these recommendations by:

- Updating all of our department policies and procedures, which focuses on protection of individual rights.
- Making all Department policies and procedures available to the public upon request and in accordance with public records laws. Policies and procedures may be requested anonymously to the Town Clerk, who will gather the document and disseminate it within 10 days. A policy request link was added to the [Town of Northfield](#) website, and the department’s *Use of Force* policy was uploaded for immediate access.
- Our department is fortunate to provide law enforcement services to such a small, tight-knit community. Our officers are often known by first name, which contributes to a sense of trust and legitimacy.

This pillar also recommends that the police should proactively promote public trust by initiating positive non-enforcement activities. Below is a sample of the positive community events, our officers have had the opportunity to participate in:

- *Breast Cancer Awareness Coin Drop*: Lead by Officer Cowan, this event was coordinated to benefit a national breast cancer awareness organization, dedicated to prevent and treat breast cancer. Officers collected donations at the intersection of 10 & 63, wore pink badges, and displayed a pink ribbon on their police cruisers.
- *Northfield Elementary School (NES) Pumpkin Palooza*: Parents and children created 365 best jack-o-lanterns which were on display in front of NES. School Resource Officer (SRO) Cummings and Chief Leighton assisted the kids in safely carving the pumpkins.
- *Memorial Day Parade*: The Northfield Police Department has been leading the Memorial Day parade for the past 20+ years. This is a very special day where we can honor our military veterans within our community, and thank them for their service. Each year, the majority of the department assists in diverting traffic around Main Street in order to ensure that the parade and ceremonies receive minimum interruption.
- *NES Summer Playground Demonstration*: Our department coordinated and participated in a demonstration of the Massachusetts State Police Mounted Unit. During this event, the children learned about the use of horses in law enforcement, and were provided riding demonstrations. Trooper Newton and Trooper Doiron answered questions, and gave the kids an opportunity to pet the horses.
- *PVRS Homecoming* – Our SRO participated in the dunking booth at the high school during the homecoming activities. The students enjoyed trying to “dunk a cop” and this was a nice introduction of Officer Cummings to the school district.

Pillar II - Policy and Oversight:

Pillar II recommends that law enforcement agencies should have clear and comprehensive policies, establish interagency collaboration, and promote regional training. To take steps to address these recommendations, the Northfield Police Department, as noted above, revised all of its operating policies and procedures, participated in regional training programs, and assisted other law enforcement agencies 190 times over the course of the year. Although we were able to revise our policies and procedures, direct supervision is often a challenge, given that we often only have one officer on duty. To manage this, supervisors review incident reports, review log activities, conduct follow-up investigations, and request feedback from the community members on a daily basis.

Pillar III - Technology and Social Media:

Pillar III supports using social media and other technologies to engage and educate the community, as long as such communications are used in a manner that protects individual rights and privacy. In an effort to improve transparency and community involvement, our department stepped up its social media presence by regularly publishing crime activity, community policing activities, and other relevant information. In addition, the Northfield Police Department entered into an agreement with the other municipal police departments in Franklin County to share a common *Records Management* and *Computer Aided Dispatch Program*. Through this program, our department will be able to access data from other towns, recognize crime trends, and more effectively conduct investigations. This initiative will improve data collection, record keeping and transparency among cooperating agencies.

Pillar IV - Community Policing and Crime Reduction:

Pillar IV emphasizes working with community stakeholders to improve the overall safety of the community through crime prevention and detection. In 2017, the Northfield Police Department continued our long standing efforts to promote safety and crime reduction through the following community policing initiatives:

- *PVRS School Resource Program*: During the academic year, a full-time officer was assigned to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. This officer is tasked with supporting the academic mission of the school district by providing protection, enforcing laws and school policies, conducting investigations, enforcing truancy issues, and building partnerships with the school community to include students, parents, teachers, support agencies, and other staff. In 2017, this position was filled by Officer Komerzan and Officer Cummings.

- NES Summer Playground Bike Safety Day: During this event, our officers and community volunteers provided over 65 bike inspections, repairs, and adjustments. The riders were provided basic rider safety information to include the importance of wearing a helmet. The NPD provided traffic control, lead the bike parade, and set up a bicycle safety obstacle course on the playground.
- PVRS Crash Prevention Demonstration: Coordinated by SRO Igor Komerzan, in collaboration with *In Control Crash Prevention*, this event was designed to raise awareness of a car's speed, stopping distance, and a driver's ability to maneuver a car in emergency situations. The cars were operated by professional instructors, with the students riding in the passenger seats. Along with being a fun event, it served as a great learning opportunity for our young drivers.
- Northfield Elementary School Fun Run: Officers provided traffic control to elementary school runners and encouraged children to participate in events that promote wellness. Our hope is to provide children with healthy avenues and keep them from using drugs and alcohol.
- Northfield PTO Bingo Night: During this fundraiser, Officers were given the opportunity to interact with parents, children, and community members, and also served as "guest bingo callers".
- Northfield Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt: It is tradition in Northfield that the police chief escorts the Easter bunny to NES for the annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt. The event was well attended by dozens of children who filled their bags with Easter eggs.

Pillar V - Officer Training and Education:

This pillar recognizes that the scope of law enforcement continues to expand, and the need for effective training has become critical. This year, the Town hired and sponsored Michael Leslie to attend the full-time recruit police academy at the Massachusetts State Police academy in New Braintree. This is a rigorous six month training program, which provides instruction in all areas of law enforcement. Unfortunately, shortly after this officer's graduation from the academy, he was selected by the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) to serve the Commonwealth as a state trooper and subsequently ended his employment with the Town. This is a situation in which many municipalities across the state find themselves in each time the MSP conducts a selection process. Although this creates a significant setback for the Town, we recognize the significance of this opportunity where officers must make difficult choices that are in the best interest for themselves and their families. We wish Trooper Leslie success in his career and we hope he will become a State law enforcement resource for us in the future.

All other officers of the Northfield Police Department participate in annual in-service training each year which provides instruction in legal updates, firearms, first aid & CPR, active shooter/hostile intruder, etc. Officers attend specialized training as needed, and as opportunities arise.

Pillar VI - Officer Safety and Wellness:

Pillar VI recognizes that the wellness and safety of law enforcement officers is critical not only for the officers, but for their colleagues, their agency, and to the public. In 2017, our department once again utilized the State and Federal bullet proof vest grant program to provide all officers with bullet proof vests. In addition, the department also upgraded our long-arm firearms to ensure that officers have safe firearms that are accurate and won't malfunction when needed.

Our department recognizes that the demand for overtime coverage and on-call services at night is a significant source of officer stress and fatigue. In an effort to address this concern, the department hired additional part-time reserve officers who contribute to minimizing the workload of the full time officers.

Task Force Recommendations in Summary:

We recognize that fully implementing the Task Force for 21st Century Policing recommendations is a long term commitment that will take several years to accomplish to the degree that we are capable. Moving forward, we will continue to utilize this report as a resource, and will seek more ways to become the most effective agency possible. The task force is available online at <https://ric-zai-inc.com/Publications/cops-p311-pub.pdf>.

Budget:

The department's budget in the fiscal year 2017 provided for sufficient shift coverage, training, extra patrols, and other operating costs. Funding for our full-time school resource officer position is provided in part from the department budget, and in part by the PVRS school district. The following is a breakdown of our funding in relation to past years:

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Town Appropriations	330,157	378,634	391,013
Capital Expenses	6,000	49,000	5,600
Bullet Proof Vest Grant	0	4,140	n/a
<i>Total</i>	<i>336,157</i>	<i>431,774</i>	<i>396,613</i>

Calls for Service:

This year the department recorded 1,248 calls for service through the Shelburne Control Regional Dispatch Center. Although calls for service from Shelburne control decreased this year from 2015 and 2016, the department documented 17,062 police services which represents a 24% increase since 2015; such services include officer initiated activities, and reports made directly to the department. The following is a general breakdown of police calls and activities:

	2015	2016	2017
Alarm	76	88	66

Animals Complaint	56	80	15
Assist Other Agency	242	265	190
Assist Person	335	352	258
General Service	5,315	6,444	5,734
House / Building Check	6,697	8,518	10,046
Medical Assist	164	155	137
Motor Vehicle Complaint	635	547	583
Other 911 Calls	39	52	28
Suspicious Activity	36	35	49
Disturbance	63	62	40
Follow-up Investigations	298	304	224
Court Duties	181	150	139
Harassment	20	11	15
<i>Total Dispatched Calls for Service</i>	<i>1,310</i>	<i>1,358</i>	<i>1,248</i>
<i>Total Police Services</i>	<i>14,157</i>	<i>17,062</i>	<i>17,524</i>

Investigations:

Due to the hard work and dedication of our officers, 106 criminal cases were successfully closed and their offenders were prosecuted. The following information accurately reflects the number of investigations conducted in the past three years:

	2015	2016	2017
Assault	2	7	4
Breaking & Entering / Burglary	17	5	10
Disorderly Conduct	1	4	1
Disturbance	16	14	8
Drug Violations	28	27	9
Family Offenses	7	6	15
Fraud	7	5	5
Intimation / Threats/ Harassment	7	11	27
Larceny	31	25	8
Liquor Law Violations	29	20	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	49	62	52
Motor Vehicle Offenses	82	84	63
Sexual Offenses	2	5	2
Stolen Vehicle	1	0	0
Trespass/Unwanted Person	8	15	4
Vandalism	21	20	31
Weapons Violations	n/a	3	0
Other Offenses	47	75	95
<i>Total</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>351</i>
<i>Total Arrests / Criminal Complaints</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>106</i>

Traffic Enforcement

Highway safety remains an on-going concern for our department and Northfield residents. To deter traffic violations and protect the safety of travellers and pedestrians, we deployed a radar speed monitoring trailer throughout town, monitored the crosswalks on Main Street and conducted radar enforcement. The department enforced 1,372 motor vehicle violations this year in an attempt to make our roads safer. The following demonstrates department traffic enforcement activities:

	2015	2016	2017
Citation Arrests	65	42	70
Criminal Complaint Citation	94	101	107
Civil Citations	428	328	244
Citation Warnings	570	829	953
<i>Total Citations</i>	<i>1,157</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,374</i>
<i>Total Citation Fines</i>	<i>41,930</i>	<i>37,900</i>	<i>28,925</i>

Resources for Support:

The Northfield Police Department is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week for assistance by calling the Shelburne Control Dispatch Center at 413-625-8200. The Massachusetts State Police Shelburne Barracks, whom can also be reached by calling Shelburne control, also provides law enforcement support to the Town of Northfield when needed. The Northwestern District Attorney's Office (NWDA) provides Northfield citizens with valuable support to include victim resources, crime prevention, substance abuse treatment resources, etc. The NWDA may be contacted at 413-774-3186 and found on the web at <http://northwesternda.org/prevention>.

Goals for 2018

- Recruit an experienced police sergeant who will adopt the department’s commitment to community policing, professionalism, and excellence in law enforcement.
- Continue to advocate and work in collaboration with other Town public safety departments to plan for a potential public safety facility.
- Provide full-time academy training to our full time patrolman.

Final Thoughts

Police work is teamwork; we could not have accomplished any of this without the ongoing support of the Northfield community. We strongly value our partnership with the community and look forward to the challenges and opportunities of a new year. The community is encouraged to stay safe and always remain vigilant of criminal activity!

Sincerely,

Chief Robert Leighton

Chief Robert Leighton
 police@northfieldma.gov

SCHELL BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Northfield Town Schell Bridge Advisory Committee was created to advise the town throughout the design and construction process for the replacement of Schell Bridge. The committee will serve as liaison with Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and through them work with MA Department of Transportation and its design and engineering consultants (WSP). Our State Senator, Stan Rosenberg has been championing this project and helped secure the special state and federal funding for “alternative transportation” that will make the multi-million dollar project a reality. Representative Mark has also been actively supportive of this effort. The ultimate goal is to build a handsome bicycle and pedestrian bridge that will draw users from near and far to enjoy beautiful Northfield, reconnecting the parts of our town across the river and offering views and links that have not been available for decades. Because the bridge itself will be owned by the State Department of Conservation and Recreation, the town will be spared long-term maintenance costs.

The nine members of the committee are: Tim Bowen, Laura Lashway Chapman, Craig Johnson, Jon McGowan, Barb Richardson, Sue Ross, Steve Stoaia, Jerry Wagener, and Judy Wagner. Our members bring perspectives as business owners, engineers, abutter, bicycle enthusiast, Historic Commission member, and city planner. Some of us have been in town for decades and some for just a few years. Several members have also been part of Friends of Schell Bridge, a separate non-profit community organization formed in 2004 to promote the bridge. Eventually after long and persistent efforts to advocate for protection of the bridge, when studies showed the extent of deterioration of bridge structures (it was closed in 1985), the option of full replacement was discussed. The costs of restoration by that time had become prohibitive (by some estimates more than twice as expensive). When funding and official state approval were in place it was time for a formal town committee to support the new phases of work. Construction is scheduled for 2021.

Since our founding in January of 2017 (each of us volunteered and then was appointed by the Select Board), we have met nearly monthly to discuss ways to engage the community and to review the technical issues of the project. Once the consultants to Mass DOT (design engineering firm WSP) reviewed options for constructing such a long bridge (over 350 feet across the river), they provided eight different possible structure types. In early June the Schell Bridge Advisory Committee helped reach out to neighbors and an energetic crowd of 75 people attended the meeting in the elementary school. The meeting provided an opportunity for residents to select their favorite designs and express their questions, concerns and reasons for their choices. In addition, after the meeting the committee collected on-line comments from another 50 people and delivered them verbatim to Mass DOT.

The three options selected based on those comments clearly reflect the opinions gathered at the meeting and on-line. Mass DOT is currently working on more detailed engineering design and cost estimates to help finalize a design choice. The next meeting with MA DOT and our elected officials is scheduled for May 22, 2018. The public is invited.

The Schell Bridge Advisory Committee sees its primary role as engaging town residents through the entire process, ensuring that all voices are heard and that the historic importance of the bridge is reflected in the replacement structure. We also look forward to working with other town committees on related efforts such as parks, open space, safety and recreation. All of our meetings are open to the public and are posted on the town web site. We are optimistic that this new bridge will be an enduring and valuable asset for our town, supporting tourism, recreation, local quality of life and local businesses.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Wagner, Chair

SENIOR CENTER/COUNCIL ON AGING

Highlights

Each year brings new and exciting adventures. Come join us!

Our summer concert series held in the Stanley Wickey Pavilion brings many out on a balmy Saturday evening. This year, FirePond returned with their wonderful folksy music, The Doug Hewitt Group, which includes our very own Alex Misner, gave us a toe-tapping evening of jazz, and The Farley Five, a group of retired professionals sharing their love of music which included old time favorites and just plain fun. This was advertised on our summer bookmark, distributed around town.

This year we continued offering a sneak peek at the Silverthorne Theater productions. They brought previews of their plays here which included a reading and lots of discussion about the play, the times and great background information, all to give us better understanding and more enjoyment of the play. They were presented at our Thursday Café, preceding the matinee, and group discounts were offered as well. All who came went on to enjoy the plays very much. This was also advertised on our summer bookmark.

“This is Your Town” monthly Friday breakfasts have had another successful year. We learned about the new Zoning by-laws, heard a wonderful accounting of Timothy Swan’s composing history complete with recent recordings of some of his pieces, had a group remembrance of the Inn as lots of folks had worked there, learned about patents that had Northfield roots, took a look at the Hurricane of ’38 and learned about the development of West Northfield. We had a steady group of about 30 that came each month for a home cooked breakfast and information. The breakfast is set up, prepared and cleaned up by a great group of volunteers and is self-funded.

Our lunch time travel program on one Thursday a month has taken us Cuba, Turkey, Cambodia, South Africa, and Columbia this past year. Each presenter has shared the history, culture and politics of the area. We have a steady group of about 20 each month.

Generations of Fun has returned to the Kindergarteners from NES for an hour of sharing with our wonderful group of about five seniors. We spend time each month talking, working on a fun project and sharing a snack. About 14 children happily and noisily walk down to the Senior Center to spend some time with their “senior”. Those who have been involved over the years enjoy seeing the kids outside of the group and being called “my senior friend”.

Steve Henderson returned this spring with “The Haverston Mills Town Meeting”. All the characters were there as they discussed a difficult issue. We enjoyed lots of laughs as the troop of seniors shared their acting flare!

We had another successful collaboration with Liberty Tax which will continue. This allows simple tax returns to be done at the center; we have sign ups and gather preliminary information for our tax preparer. In many cases, the senior had their refund before they received the copies of the return the following week. Everyone involved greatly appreciated being able to have their taxes done locally and with efficiency. Those who were eligible were also able to apply for the Circuit Breaker, a state program. We look forward to a long term relationship.

New this year, you may have seen us in the Memorial Day Parade sharing our enthusiasm for having reached whatever age we are at! We showed that we are not afraid to “Age Out Loud”! Everyone had a great time, so look for us again...

We had a successful collaboration with the Boy Scouts of Troop 9 who cheerfully distributed buckets (courtesy of Kim at Mim’s) of sand to the 20 seniors who signed up. You may have seen a great article in the Recorder about it.

Also new this year was Senior Night at the Creamy! Tim had a great brass band for us to enjoy and all you had to do for an extra treat was answer a simple question, proving you were of a certain age. Look for this again next year and come enjoy!

This spring, the COA Legislative Committee invited Paul Mark to come talk about the budget process. He entertained lots of questions and we learned a great deal. Paul graciously gave us quite a bit of his time for this.

Our regular music program features the Tuesday appearance of the ROMEOs, Betsey Llewelyn who has been providing lunch time tunes on many Mondays and Thursdays, and visits from Shirley Thompson, Steve Damon and Chris Worth. They keep us singing and creating a warm and welcoming lunch time.

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, which honored 64 volunteers, was a hoppin’ place this year. Entertained by Bobby C, we ate, talked and sang along to his wonderful selections. Judging by the smiles and laughter, a good time was had by all.

The senior picnic brings everyone! This year 60 folks came out for our annual picnic. The simple picnic fare, great space and comradery make for a delightful afternoon in the pavilion. Our guest chefs: D.A. David Sullivan, Sheriff Chris Donelon, Registrar John Merrigan, Rep. Paul Mark, and Sen. Stanley Rosenberg cooked the burgers and dogs. Once again, the sheriff gathered us together to sing before he left.

The annual Lobster Bake was back! 32 lobster and clam lovers came out for a great evening in the Stanley Wickey Pavilion. The weather was perfect and the company even better.

The annual PVRs Senior Thanksgiving concert and feast is a much anticipated event. Everyone enjoys the entertainment and the food, as well as mingling with the students.

Our annual Christmas decorating and dinner brings a large crowd to the Senior Center every year, as we deck the halls, creating a festive space.

Our annual Centerpiece creating event brings more and more people each year! We made lovely holiday centerpieces under the able guidance of Kathryn, of Kathryn's Florist. For a minimum cost, she brings the greens, flowers, decorations and the base. Our group picture at the end is getting very crowded!

This year we added a new evening gathering. The Table meets monthly to share in the journey of living without one's spouse. The participants represent having lost their spouse from 2-30 years ago. All find the comradery over a pot luck meal valuable, as they renegotiate the world.

The Caregivers support group which is an ongoing group, serves those who are caring for someone-generally a spouse or parent, many of whom have some form of dementia. The members share their struggles, joys and tips so all feel they are not alone.

Overview

The van ridership is fairly steady. Medical trips continue to be the bulk of our usage with shopping and other trips close behind. As our meal site numbers decline with our aging population, fewer are using the van to get here. However, the van is being used more to come to the center for other activities.

We have had some wonderful articles in the Recorder this year I hope you have read. They highlight many of our programs in and out of the center and dreams for the future.

In our activities area, we have more folks enjoying our card games of Bridge, Hand and Foot and our latest, Pitch. Based on the laughter, all are having a good time. Our programming continues to be varied and targeting the needs of the community. We have had good attendance at them all. We have a steady and steadily increasing clientele for our foot clinic; though not as many for our blood pressure clinic (many have their own cuffs at home). Our nurse keeps on top of the foot needs, suggesting further treatment as needed. Her ready ear encourages more conversation as medical needs are discussed. Yoga and Healthy Bones and Body classes continue to grow, helping more people keep agile, safe from falls and relaxed. My email contact and phone contact with families continues to increase as families begin to look to us for information. Our presence on NextDoor, our web page on the town website, our monthly newsletter and our page in the town newsletter keep the towns' seniors aware of our programs.

Look for our postcard and flyers around town that highlight our activities, letting everyone know who we and what's happening at the Senior Center. Our wonderful collaborations with the schools, the Creamy and the library continue to be a great way to remind all that the Senior Center is an engaging place to be. And remember, you don't have to be a senior to come to most of our events, and they are either free or ask a small donation.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report July 2016 through June 2017

REAL ESTATE

2018	Collected	-2207.53
2017	Balance	-10016.58
	Comitted	6661293.17

	Refund	20484.01	
	Collected		6515316.07
	Abated		49707.44
	UnCollected		106737.09
2016	Balance	108721.60	
	Refund	657.84	
	Collected		74653.84
	Abated		657.84
	Tax Title		12610.29
	Uncollected		21457.47
2015	Balance	49354.01	
	Collected		28869.02
	Tax Title		12039.22
2014	Balance	24793.74	
	Collected		12754.52
	Tax Title		12039.22
2013	Balance	10326.98	
	Collected		6065.62
	Tax Title		4261.36
2012	Balance	1614.12	
	Collected		46.22
	Tax Title		1567.90
2011	Balance	175.96	
	Adjustment		-25.00
	Uncollected		200.96
2010	Balance	113.91	
	Adjustment		-25.00
	Uncollected		138.91
2009	Balance	11.84	
	Adjustment		-35.88
	Uncollected		47.72

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

2018	Collected	-2.57	
2017	Balance	-2.48	
	Comitted	22078.02	
	Refund	142.66	
	Collected		21566.63
	Abated		417.27
	Uncollected		234.30
2016	Balance	183.02	
	Refund	3.29	
	Collected		147.99
	Abated		3.29
	Tax Title		22.30

		Uncollected		12.73
2015	Balance		159.08	
		Collected		62.33
		Tax Title		24.48
		Uncollected		72.27
2014	Balance		36.19	
		Collected		17.79
		Tax Title		18.40
2013	Balance		133.15	
		Collected		131.38
		Tax Title		1.77
2012	Balance		102.98	
		Collected		101.88
		Tax Title		1.10
2011	Balance		-3.20	
		Uncollected		-3.20
PERSONAL PROPERTY				
2017	Comitted		638075.21	
	Refund		10.72	
		Abated		14.31
		Collected		637303.36
		Uncollected		768.26
2016	Balance		1147.80	
		Collected		353.05
		Uncollected		794.75
2015	Balance		540.56	
		Collected		253.08
		Uncollected		287.48
2014	Balance		475.21	
		Collected		234.44
		Uncollected		240.77
2011	Balance		0.70	
		Uncollected		0.70
MOTOR VEHICLE				
2017	Comitted		347994.27	
	Refund		1761.86	
		Collected		316553.84
		Abated		6105.38
		Uncollected		27096.91
2016	Balance		21889.14	
	Comitted		33255.62	
	Refund		3352.56	

		Abated	4130.58	
		Collected	50539.22	
		Uncollected	3827.52	
2015	Balance		4465.32	
		Collected		2216.67
		Uncollected		2248.65
2014	Balance		1562.43	
		Collected		346.67
		Uncollected		1215.76
2013	Balance		2102.61	
		Collected		31.25
		Uncollected		2071.36
2012	Balance		1997.75	
		Collected		139.06
		Uncollected		1858.69
2011	Balance		1036.83	
		Uncollected		1036.83
2010	Balance		969.90	
		Collected		138.75
		Uncollected		831.15
2009	Balance		63.75	
		Uncollected		63.75
2008	Re-Comitt		173.75	
		Collected		173.75
2007	Balance		-10.00	
	Re-Comitt		260.00	
		Collected		260.00
		Uncollected		-10.00
2006	Balance		-16.26	
		Uncollected		-16.26
2003	Balance		-56.62	
		Uncollected		-56.62
1998	Balance		28.64	
		Uncollected		28.64
1996	Balance		-31.47	
		Uncollected		-31.47
1994	Balance		-267.00	
		Uncollected		-267.00
1990	Balance		35.99	
		Uncollected		35.99

1989	Balance		-194.74	
		Uncollected		-194.74
SEWER USE				
	Balance		58091.75	
	Comitted		256096.60	
	Refunds		253.50	
		Collected		241933.98
		Leins to RE		14917.34
		Uncollected		57590.53
	RE Lein Balance		22229.91	
	Comitted		14917.34	
		Collected		26100.28
		Tax Title		924.52
		Uncollected		10122.45
	Comitted Interest Balance		4560.46	
	Comitted		3176.29	
		Collected		5512.15
		Tax Title		202.79
		Uncollected		2021.81
	Comitted fees		70.00	
	Comitted		70.00	
		Collected		85.00
		Tax Title		10.00
		Uncollected		45.00
TAX TITLE				
	Balance		39631.79	
	Leins		57269.08	
		Redeemed/Payments		1000.00
		Town owned		26691.83
		Balance		69209.04

Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara J. Brassor
 Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE
Section 121
NON PARTISAN CAUCUS
Northfield, Massachusetts
February 21, 2017
6:30 p.m.

The Town of Northfield Non Partisan Caucus will be held on Tuesday,
 February 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northfield Town Hall for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted on at the May 2, 2017
 Annual Election for the following town offices:

One	Board of Selectmen	3 year term
One	Board of Assessors	3 year term
One	Board of Assessors	1 year term
One	Board of Health	3 year term
Two	Board of Library Trustee	3 year term
One	Planning Board	5 year term
Two	Recreation Commission	3 year term
One	Sewer Commissioner	3 year term
One	Tax Collector	3 year term
One	Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials Veteran	3 year term
One	Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials Non Veteran	3 year term

The Town Clerk will call the Non Partisan Caucus to order shall preside until a chairman is chosen.

John Spanbauer Chair

Date

Tracy A. Rogers

Julia A. Blyth

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Attest: _____

Daniel R. Campbell

Town Clerk

MAY BE REMOVED AFTER February 22, 2017

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

Date

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2017

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 first day of May, 2017 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 1, 2017, 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 x112.

**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 2018.

We are pleased to be able to recommend funding of some of the Capital requests of our various Departments as well as to recommend funding to repair and maintain our Town buildings. We continue to operate with the 5-year Capital Plan that is updated annually. Requests are addressed as Articles on the Warrant. Each year we start in December to meet individually with our Department Heads and Chairs of the Boards and Committees to give them an opportunity to present and explain their needs for the ensuing year. We find all of these individuals to be very insightful as to their responsibilities, both to the group that they represent and to the Town as a whole. A prime concern is always the effect spending has on our Tax Rate.

Along with our Accountant, Debbie Mero, we determine as best we can at this point in time, what money we will have available. The Selectboard prioritizes the capital requests and we allocate the funds available as far as they will go. As a result, we can make recommendations for spending that we feel serve the best interests of the Town. We are including a 2% cost of living increase in wages and stipends. Other increases in wages reflect Step Increases as shown in the Town's Pay Plan.

For many years now, we have operated with very little savings which are represented by the "Stabilization Account." When we started receiving taxes on the campus property, we made the decision not to expend that money for the Town's operating expenses. Rather, we have used them to catch up on some much-needed Capital items as well as to make improvements to our infrastructure. With the possibility now of that property becoming tax exempt again, we feel we need to recommend saving as much as can this year in our Stabilization Account to provide for future contingencies. Funding for our recommendations comes from the appropriation of available funds and from Free Cash, which is derived from unexpended, appropriated funds from the prior year.

We are not recommending the full assessment of money requested by our PVRS District School Committee. We have given this a great deal of thought, and given the fact that the District enrollment has been decreasing dramatically for the past several years, we feel there should be more of a decrease in their Operating Budget.

We serve as your representatives in determining what spending is necessary while trying to ensure a reasonable tax rate 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 of our Recommendations. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Northfield Finance Committee,

Lois M. Stearns, Chairman
Daniel R. Campbell, Vice-Chairman
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile
Chadwick Glover

Anthony Matteo
Bernhard Porada

Bethany Walker, Secretary

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY2017	FY2018 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FY2018
EXPENDITURES			
Total Appropriations	8,730,988		
Omnibus		8,148,490	7,984,746
STM 12/5/16		339,676	339,676
Special Articles-Current FY- General Fund		16,062.00	16062.00
Special Articles-New FY- General Fund		1,152,198.00	1,152,198.00
ATM Special Articles-Enterprise Funds		446,239	446,239
ATM Special Articles-CPA Funds		75,850	75,850
Reserved for CPA Fund		30,000	30,000
Cherry Sheet Charges	8,559	5,353	5,353
Cherry Sheet Offsets	4,021	4,137	4,137
Overlay	177,014	50,000	50,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	8,920,582	10,268,005.10	10,104,261.10
REVENUES			
Cherry Sheet Receipts	437,693	436,789	436,789
Local Est. Receipts	487,500	514,000	514,000
<i>(Actual FY16 \$569k w/o non-recurring)</i>			
Estimated Revenue-CPA	30,000	30,000	30,000
Free Cash FY17 articles		16,062.00	16,062.00
Free Cash FY18 articles (7/1/16 bal \$568,193)	241,000	550,000	550,000
Surplus Overlay (STM articles)	-	280,787	280,787
Surplus Overlay (balance \$57,627)	-	-	-
Stabilization	-	-	-
CPA Funds (STM articles)	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds (STM articles)	-	40,803	40,803
Enterprise Funds	373,056	388,897	388,897
Enterprise Funds-Transfer to General for indirect	32,000	32,000	32,000
CPA Funds	11,300	75,850	75,850
Other Avail Funds (STM articles)	-	18,086	18,086

Other Avail Funds (ATM articles) 9,000

TOTAL EST RECEIPTS &			
AVAILABLE FUNDS	1,621,549	2,383,274.10	2,383,274.10
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	7,299,033	7,884,731.00	7,720,987
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY 2 1/2 = \$186,854	7,474,155	7,858,009	7,858,009
AMT UNDER MAXIMUM LEVY	175,122	-	137,022
OVERRIDE	-	26,722	-
OVERRIDE OR EXCLUSIONS REQUIRED	-	-	-
TAX RATE	16.45	17.31	16.95
TAX RATE AT LEVY LIMIT	16.84	17.25	17.25
TOTAL VALUATION	\$ 443,710,184	\$ 455,408,521	\$ 455,408,521

Note: Information for FY18 is a projection based on estimates. Based on assumptions contained in this model, approximately \$455,408 represents \$1 per thousand on the tax rate.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 1, 2017

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 that the town waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following Articles.

Motion by: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

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

Requested by the Selectboard

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

Motion: I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees

Motion By: Tracy Rogers

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum or sums of money to be added to the FY17 Snow Removal Expense, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This article appears every year and is a vehicle to transfer money into the snow removal line of the budget in the event that it was in deficit due to the severity of the winter.

The Finance Committee recommends passage of this Article in the amount of \$16,062.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$16,062 to the 2017 Snow and Ice Budget to cover a deficit created by a harsh winter of 2016 - 2017

Motion By: Julia Blyth

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4: 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 this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90 type construction improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment, further 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: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5: 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 this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town Authorize the Selectboard to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant applications.

Motion by Tracy Rogers

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

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 2018 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 recommended proposal from the Finance Committee and that additional money exceeds the levy limit then a special override vote would be needed to raise taxes to cover the added expenditure(s).

The Finance Committee recommends this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town approve that upon exceeding the levy, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 7, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters on an “override of Proposition 2 ½.”

Motion by: Lois Stearns

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 7: 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 2018, 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 take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

FISCAL 2018 OMNIBUS BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY17 Appropriation	FY18 Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
MODERATOR SALARY	55	57	57
MODERATOR EXPENSE	10	10	10
SELECTMEN SALARIES	6,034	6,215	6,215
<i>(Chair \$2,092; Member \$1,971)</i>			
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	89,900	92,597	92,597
SECRETARY SALARY	45,225	47,639	47,639
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	16,810	17,060	17,060
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	2,100	2,100	2,100
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1,448	1,511	1,511
RESERVE FUND	42,000	45,000	45,000
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	29,196	30,048	30,048
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	590	600	600
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT	3,166	3,261	3,261
ASSESSORS SALARIES	5,541	5,707	5,707
<i>(Chair \$1,941; Member \$1,800)</i>			
ASSESSORS CLERK WAGES	33,846	34,646	34,646
ASSESSORS PROPERTY INSPECTOR	16,500	16,500	16,500
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	13,390	13,495	13,495
TREASURER SALARY	17,856	18,755	18,755
TREASURER EXPENSE	4,500	4,500	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	17,856	18,755	18,755
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	6,200	6,200	6,200
TOWN LEGAL EXPENSE	20,500	22,500	22,500
COMPUTER SUPPLY & SERVICE	44,500	43,000	43,000
TAX TITLE	2,300	2,300	2,300
COPY MACHINE SUPPLY/SERVICE	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOWN CLERK SALARY	34,901	35,955	35,955
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	4,800	4,600	4,600
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	13,500	10,750	10,750
CONSERVATION COMM EXPENSE	3,538	3,616	3,616
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	4,035	3,955	3,955
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE	3,700	4,034	4,034

OPEN SPACE COMM	1,400	1,400	1,400
LAND DAMAGES	1	1	1
AG COMM EXPENSE	500	500	500
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN WAGES	16,445	16,938	16,938
BLDG MAINT PERSON	38,813	37,402	37,402
TOWN HALL MAINT.	46,025	49,500	49,500
TOWN BLDG ELEVATOR & ALARM	12,000	10,000	10,000
TOWN BLDG SEWER USE	2,200	2,200	2,200
TOWN REPORTS	600	600	600
TOWN CLOCK	175	175	175
TOTAL	604,156	616,082	616,082

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE SALARIES & WAGES	319,204	336,122	336,122
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	59,430	60,491	60,491
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	5,520	5,686	5,686
FIRE DEPT WAGES	43,281	44,579	44,579
FIRE DEPT OPER EXPENSE	21,500	22,887	22,887
FIRE DEPT HOSE & EQUIP	8,500	9,000	9,000
FIRE DEPT INSPECTION FEES	3,000	3,000	3,000
FIRE HYDRANTS	5,460	5,460	5,460
FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	21,830	19,800	19,800
FIRE PONDS	3,000	3,000	3,000
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	26,480	27,274	27,274
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1,250	1,250	1,250
GAS INSPECTIONS	2,500	2,500	2,500
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	2,500	2,500	2,500
WIRE INSPECTION	3,080	3,080	3,080
CIVIL DEFENSE	2,800	4,000	4,000
DOG OFFICER SALARY	3,402	3,504	3,504
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	2,400	2,400	2,400
TREE DEPT EXPENSE	10,000	10,000	10,000
CONSTABLE WAGES	1,090	1,123	1,123
CONSTABLE EXPENSE	30	300	300
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1	1	1

TOTAL	546,258	567,957	567,957
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EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE	12,500	12,500	12,500
SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS	696	717	717
<i>(Chair \$293; Member \$212)</i>			
PVRS ASSESSMENT	4,302,137	4,465,881	4,302,137
PVRS TECHNOLOGY LN	50,972	52,010	52,010
FCTS OPER ASSESSMENT	607,938	569,124	569,124
FCTX CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	0	0	0
TOTAL	4,974,243	5,100,232	4,936,488

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EXPENSE	13,000	17,400	17,400
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	283,052	293,653	293,653
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILS	185,375	185,375	185,375
OIL & STONING	70,000	70,000	70,000
HIGHWAYS TOOLS	1,260	1,260	1,260
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	75,390	75,390	75,390
STREET LIGHTS	16,000	15,500	15,500
MACHINE MAINT	90,000	100,000	100,000
HIGHWAY GARAGE MAINT	13,050	13,050	13,050
HIGHWAY BOUNDS,SURVEYS,LISTS	1	1	1
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	10,638	11,196	11,196
TRANSFER STATION	127,521	130,531	130,531
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	25,000	30,000	30,000
TOTAL	910,287	943,356	943,356

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2,539	2,615	2,615
SEPTIC INSPECTION FEES	1,500	1,500	1,500
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	8,847	9,346	9,346
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	11,458	11,658	11,658
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	2,460	2,527	2,527
COUNCIL ON AGING	52,924	55,394	55,394
SOLDIERS RELIEF	42,000	42,000	42,000
TOTAL	121,728	125,040	125,040

CULTURE, RECREATION, OTHER

DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	115,192	120,350	120,350
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSE	42,179	41,535	41,535
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	625	650	650
RECREATION COMM	7,049	7,116	7,116
RECREATION COMM VOLUNTEER REC	250	250	250
RECREATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4,336	4,567	4,567
MAINT. ATHLETIC FIELD	6,750	6,750	6,750
COMMUNITY PARK COMM EXPENSE	450	450	450
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500
MAINTENANCE HISTORIC MARKDERS	0	1,000	1,000
MEMORIAL DAY	2,000	2,000	2,000
VETERANS MEMORIAL CTE	1,000	1,000	1,000
ALEXANDER HALL	300	300	300
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	26,696	27,301	27,301
VETERANS DISTRICT	4,821	6,172	6,172
TOTAL	212,148	219,941	219,941

DEBT SERVICE

INTEREST ON SHORT-TERM NOTES	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	2,000	2,000	2,000

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT

COUNTY RETIREMENT	166,517	175,262	175,262
INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	377,820	398,620	398,620
TOTAL	544,377	573,852	573,852
GRAND TOTAL	7,915,157	8,148,490	7,984,746

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

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 the amounts listed in the "Finance Committee Recommends" column (third column).

Motion: I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2018 and raise and appropriate \$7,984,746 for such salaries, the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of Article 7 in the Warrant for the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting

Motion by: Lois Stearns

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

NOTES: MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO AMEND THE PVRS ASSESSMENT TO \$4,465,689. SECONDED. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT, SECONDED. PASSED.

PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 8: 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	\$83,427
Expenses	\$80,377
Reserve Fund	\$3,000
Budgeted Surplus	\$0
Maturing Debt Principal	\$49,884
Interest	\$7,458
TOTAL	\$224,146

and that \$224,146 be raised as follows:

Department Receipts	\$166,804
Tax Levy	\$57,342
TOTAL	\$224,146

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. It also includes \$57,342 to pay the note for the purchase of the new ambulance approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2016.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$166,804 from the FY18 Revenues of the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund and further to raise and appropriate \$57,342 to pay the note for the purchase of the new ambulance approved at the Annual Town Meeting May, 2016, and to operate the Emergency Medical Services department of the Town for FY18, as authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2, as set forth in Article 8

Motion By: Julia Blyth

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, s. 38H(b), or any other enabling legislation, for taxes attributable to the 1,168 Megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric facility, principal place of business at 99 Millers Falls Rd and consisting of 116 parcels, on such terms and conditions and for a term of years as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, and take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement; or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article requests that Town Meeting vote to authorize the Selectboard to negotiate future PILOT programs if the need arises for such a program(s) in the future

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, s. 38H(b), or any other enabling legislation, for taxes attributable to the 1,168 Megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric facility, principal place of business at 99 Millers Falls Rd and consisting of 116 parcels, on such terms and conditions and for a term of years as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, and take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 59, s. 38H(b) or any other enabling authority, approve, ratify and confirm the May 12, 2016, Tax Valuation Agreement ("Payment in Lieu of Taxes") for real and personal property taxes attributable to a 1.168 megawatt pumped-storage, hydroelectric energy facility on property owned and operated by First Light Hydrogenating Co. consisting of 116 parcels *under the terms and conditions outlined in the said agreement attached to this warrant as Appendix 3*; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary or appropriate to administer and implement said agreement; or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article is housekeeping in nature as it requests that Town Meeting ratify the agreement made May 12, 2016, between First Light and the Town of Northfield

Motion: I move that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 59, s. 38H(b) or any other enabling authority to approve, ratify and confirm the May 12, 2016, Tax Valuation Agreement ("Payment in Lieu of Taxes") for real and personal property taxes attributable to a 1,168 megawatt pumped-storage, hydroelectric energy facility on property owned and operated by First Light Hydrogenerating Co. consisting of 116 parcels under the terms and conditions outlined in the said agreement attached to this warrant as Appendix 3; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary or appropriate to administer and implement said agreement

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a Gas Detector, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article requests \$4,500 to be expended for a replacement gas detector for the Fire Department.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,500 for the purchase of a gas detector to be utilized by the Fire Department

Motion By: Tracy Rogers

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

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	\$1,571
Sewer Dept. Collector	\$3,724
Sewer Dept. Wages	\$91,953
Oper. & Maint. Sewer Plant	\$84,270
Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Maturing Debt - Principal	\$30,000
Maturing Debt - Interest	\$575
TOTAL:	\$222,093

and that \$222,093 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$222,093
Tax levy	-0-
TOTAL:	\$222,093

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 that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$222,093. from the FY18 Revenues of the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Sewer department for FY 18 as authorized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53F1/2 as set forth in Article 12 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion By: Eric Meals

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, file for grant(s) and/or match funds provided in grants, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be expended by the Sewer Commission for the purpose of producing a twenty-year plan for the Wastewater Plant and system and an Inflow & Infiltration Phase I Evaluation Project or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

This article requests the borrowing of \$115,000 to be appropriated to conduct a twenty-year forecast study of the Wastewater system and an “Inflow & Infiltration Evaluation which is required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The principal and interest on this borrowing will be paid by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$115,000 For the purpose of producing a report relating to a 20 year plan for the wastewater plant along with an inflow and infiltration evaluation, and to fund said appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard and the Board of Sewer Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow \$115,000, and to issue Bonds and/or notes in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44 Section 7 or any other enabling authority and further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and that the Board of Selectmen and the Sewer Commission be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Motion By: Eric Meals

Vote Required: 2/3rds

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the 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 the total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1st next will be limited to \$2,000; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Selectboard

This Article seeks to renew the revolving fund for the operation of the bucket truck. State law requires this type of fund to be re-authorized by Town Meeting every year. Several towns share the truck and each town makes a contribution to the fund for its operation and maintenance.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to re-authorize the revolving fund for the maintenance and operation of the Highway Department Bucket Truck per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 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 \$2000.

Motion By: Julia Blyth

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to replace, repair, and to bring to code a portion of the electrical wiring in the Town Hall, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article seeks to fund Phase III of the re-wiring of Town Hall. Last year, money was appropriated for Phase II, which included replacing and updating of the original wiring in Town Hall which was installed in the late '20's and is now a safety concern. Phase II has been completed and the Town needs to continue the physical implementation. After the completion of this final phase, the electrical system at the Town Hall will be up to code.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000 to be expended by the Selectboard, in order to complete Phase III of the electrical work at Town Hall.

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations of the Town Zoning Revision Committee by replacing the Protective Regulations By-Law, adopted in 1987 with the Northfield Protective Zoning By-Law 2017, a copy of which is available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Administrator's Office, or online at www.northfieldma.gov, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by Selectboard

This Article requests the adoption of a global revision of the protective zoning regulation. The need to update the Town's protective regulations was identified in the Town Master Plan. The re-write address areas of concern that conflict with current state laws and updates the zoning rules and regulations. This is the culmination of a multi-year process first identified in 2012 as part of the Master Plan. Two advertised public hearings have been held along with numerous outreach meetings. Public comments and suggestions were incorporated where appropriate.

Motion: I move that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by replacing the Protective Regulations By-Law, adopted in 1987 with the Northfield Protective Zoning By-Law 2017.

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: 2/3rds

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 17: 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 be expended by the Town Clerk to codify the 2017 Northfield Zoning By-Law as adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 1, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

The Town needs a properly codified, searchable document, maintained on the website for Zoning reference.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$11,500.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$11,500 to be expended by the Town Clerk for all related costs to codify the Town's Zoning By-Laws.

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Selectboard for the removal of trash and other items of solid waste from a Town acquired parcel of land located at 314 Caldwell Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article requests funds to begin the clean-up of a parcel of land acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and identified by the Department of Environmental Protection as an illegal solid waste disposal site.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000, to be expended by the Selectboard in order to begin the cleanup of the parcel of land located at 314 Caldwell Road.

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to make repairs to the Town Hall parking lot drainage, located at 69 Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article requests funds be appropriated and expended to rectify the drainage problems at Town Hall, to prevent parking lot and building flooding and to prevent the asphalt pavement from rupturing due to continuing water damage.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to be expended by the Selectboard, in order to repair drainage issues at the Town Hall Parking lot, located at 69 Main Street

Motion By: Tracy Rogers

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be expended to purchase a truck and plow to be utilized by the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto

Requested by the Selectboard

This Article requests funds to be appropriated for a truck with plow package to be utilized by the Highway Department. This truck will replace an older vehicle in the fleet as identified for replacement under the capital plan

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$170,000. The appropriation would be from taxation (raise & appropriate) and from available free cash.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48, 000 and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$122,000 for a total of \$170,000 to be expended by the Highway Department in order to purchase a truck with a plow system.

Motion By: Julia Blyth

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase and install a new compactor to be utilized at the Transfer Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

This Article requests funds to replace and update an existing, aging compactor with more efficient equipment. The current compactor is requiring excessive service and maintenance and has reached the end of its useful life.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount of \$35,000.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be expended by the Board of Health, to purchase and install a new compactor to be used at the Transfer Station.

Motion By: Bob MacEwen

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E½ for the receipts related to the Town's recycling program and expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, to be under the authority of the Board of Health, and not to exceed \$60,000 in expenditures in Fiscal Year 2018; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

This Article re-authorizes the revolving fund for the Recycling Program. Under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, this type of revolving fund must be reauthorized annually.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to re-authorize the Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 for operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling program funded through the receipts related to the Town's solid waste and recycling programs to be under the authority of the Board of Health and not to exceed \$60,000 in expenditures in Fiscal Year 2018.

Motion By: Bob MacEwen

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 23: 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 of money for projects at the Northfield Elementary School as set forth as follows;

Item Description	Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Carpeting/Flooring	9,000	9,000
Window Refurbishment, Repair, Replace	18,000	18,000
North Building Roof	10,000	10,000
Wiring Upgrade	15,000	15,000
Parking lot	60,000	60,000
Total	\$112,000	\$112,000

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 capital upkeep, maintenance, as is the responsibility of the ownership of the Elementary School.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amounts requested.

Motion: I move that the sum of \$112,000 be transferred from Free Cash, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen in order to fund various projects at the Northfield Elementary School as printed in the warrant.

Motion By: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 24: 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;

Item Description	Request	Finance Committee Recommends
Gutters:		
Gym Entrance	6,250	6,250
Back of building over cafeteria/mechanical rooms	10,920	10,920
Carpet/Flooring Replacement		
3 classrooms-carpet tile product with installation	3,000	3,000
Library carpet tile product with installation	17,535	17,535
Total	<u>\$37,705</u>	<u>\$37,705</u>
Northfield’s Share (50.92%)		<u>\$19,198</u>

or take any action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Pioneer Regional School

District Committee

This Article requests several projects that are related to the upkeep and maintenance of the Pioneer Valley Regional School building.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amounts requested.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,198 to be expended by the Pioneer Regional School District, in order to fund Northfield’s share of District’s Capital projects for FY18 as printed in the warrant.

Motion By: Pat Shearer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$1,500 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$3,000) for open space purposes; 10% (\$3,000) for historic preservation; 10% (\$3,000) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$19,500 to the FY 2018 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 which 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 in the amounts requested.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to reserve from FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$1,500 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$3,000) for open space purposes; 10% (\$3,000) for historic preservation; 10% (\$3,000) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$19,500 to the FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve

Motion By: Tony Matteo

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY18 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to make repairs and improvements to the entrance to the north building of the Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article request funds to repair and preserve the historically important entrance of the north building of the Elementary School.

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount requested.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$75,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account to make repairs and improvements to the entrance to the north building of the Elementary School.

Motion By: Tony Matteo

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes the sum of \$850 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY18 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to catalogue and preserve historical documents housed in the Dickinson Memorial Library or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article request would assist in the preservation of historically significant documents stored at the Library

The Finance Committee recommends in favor of this Article in the amount requested.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historic preservation purposes, the sum of \$850.00 from the Community Preservation fund Balance for Historic Preservation, so the ongoing preservation of documents at the library may continue

Motion By: Tony Matteo

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 28: 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 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 Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$500,000.00. 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 that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be deposited into the Towns' Stabilization fund.

Motion By: Tracy Rogers

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

NOTES: MOTION AMENDED THE AMOUNT FROM \$500,000 TO \$336,448

PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to acknowledge the following Declaration:

Be it known, that the Town of Northfield is a compassionate community whose residents respect the rights, dignity, and integrity of its citizens and visitors. As a welcoming community, we celebrate diversity, honor privacy and safety, and affirm and promote equality for all.

And furthermore, to instruct the Town Clerk to send a copy of this Declaration to our Senators and Representatives in Congress and in the Massachusetts Legislature; the Governor of the Commonwealth; and to be posted at Town buildings and on the Town website.

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

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Motion By: Jennifer Tufts

Motion: I move to accept the article as printed in the warrant

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

NOTES: MOTION TO AMEND, SECONDED. MOTION FAILED

PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 30: 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 2016 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 2017 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town,

or take any other action thereon or in relation 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 the Appendix of this document.

Motion by: Jack Spanbauer

Vote Required: Majority

PASS/FAIL

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Warrant for the Annual Town Election
In the 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 2, 2017 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 member of the Board of Selectmen for a Three year term
- One member of the Board of Assessors for a Three year term
- One member of the Board of Assessors for a One year term
- One member of the Board of Health for a Three year term
- Two members of the Board of Library Trustees for Three year terms
- One member of the Planning Board for a Five year term
- Two members of the Recreation Commission for Three year terms
- One member of the Sewer Commission for a Three year term
- One member of the Sewer Commission for a One year term
- One member of the Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials (veteran) for a Three year term
- One member of the Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials (non-veteran) for a Three year term

The polls will open at 12:00 o'clock (noon) and close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by positing 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 said voting.

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 foresaid.

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John G. Spanbauer, Chairman

Attest:

Tracy A. Rogers

Daniel R. Campbell, Town Clerk

Julia A. Blyth

Date

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 V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before date hereof, as within directed.

 Constable of Northfield

 Date

MAY REMOVE AFTER MAY 2, 2017

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 2016 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 2017 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Agricultural Commission	David Brassor
Assessors	Tom Shearer
Board of Health	Tom Walker
Board of Selectmen	Jed Proujansky
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials	Charles Handren
Community Park Committee	Suzanne Handren; Laura Kaye
Community Preservation Committee	Suzanne Handren, Jessie Wiggin, Eleanor Goodman
Council on Aging	Irene Jurkowski, Leona Labor, Lloyd Parrill, Genevieve Clark
Highway Department	Andrew Boyden
Historical Commission	Jessie Wiggin, Joel Fowler
Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan	Tom Walker, Rob Leighton
Open Space Committee	Leslie Powers
Planning Board	Sara Monette, secretary
Police Dept	Adam Paicos
Recreation Commission	Jeremy Underwood, Suzanne Handren, John Faille
Sewer Commission	Tom Walker, Raymond Zukowski
Stewardship Advisory Committee	Julia Blyth
Town Administrator	Brian S. Noble
Town Hall Master Plan	Tom Walker
Trust Fund Committee	Andrea Dale
Veterans' Graves Officer	Edward Doolittle
Zoning Board of Appeals	Ed Shearer

TAX VALUATION AGREEMENT

THIS TAX VALUATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the 12th day of May 2016, by and between the Town of Northfield, a municipal corporation and body politic of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having its offices at 69 Main Street, Northfield, Massachusetts (the "Town"), and FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, a Connecticut corporation having its principal place of business at 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, Massachusetts ("FirstLight"). The Town and FirstLight may be collectively referred to hereafter as the Parties.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, FirstLight owns a 1,168 megawatt pumped-storage hydroelectric plant (the "Facility"), which is partially located on land owned by FirstLight in the Town;

WHEREAS, the real and personal property owned by FirstLight in the Town is subject to local property taxation.

WHEREAS, valuation of property associated with an electric power generation plant for local tax purposes poses unique difficulties and involves complex procedures that must be implemented by the Town on an annual basis;

WHEREAS, FirstLight has filed petitions with the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board disputing the assessment of its property in the Town in fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2015 (the "ATB Appeals");

WHEREAS, FirstLight has filed abatement applications with the Town disputing the assessment of its property in fiscal 2016 (the "Abatement Applications");

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to resolve the ATB Appeals and Abatement Applications and set forth their understanding regarding the valuation of all real and personal property owned by FirstLight in the Town for property tax purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants of each to the other contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Property to be Taxed. The property owned by FirstLight which shall be taxed subject to the terms of this Agreement is described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto (the "Subject Property"). The Subject Property includes all of First Light's real and personal property located in the Town and shall also include any material additions, improvements or other changes to the Subject Property which occur after the execution of this Agreement, but shall not include any costs associated with normal repairs to or maintenance of the Facility. This Agreement covers all real and personal property taxation charges, not including however, the Community Preservation Act charges.
2. Term. This Agreement shall govern the taxation of the Subject Property for fiscal year 2017 through, and including, fiscal year 2019, unless otherwise provided herein. This Agreement may sooner terminate: (i) pursuant to Section 6 herein, or (ii) by written notice from FirstLight in the event the Parties are unable to resolve any dispute pursuant to Section 15 of this Agreement, provided such notice is delivered within thirty (30) days after the mediation has concluded. Upon termination, the Town shall assess the Subject Property at its full and fair cash value.
3. Assessed Valuation of the Subject Property. The Parties agree that the full and fair cash value of the Subject Property shall be Eighty-Seven Million, Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety dollars. (\$87,683,990) for each of the fiscal years included in the term of this Agreement. This \$87,683,990 is comprised of \$85,000,000 (Eighty-Five Million) for Real Property and 2,683,990 (Two Million, Six Hundred Eighty Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety dollars) for Personal Property (Personal Property figure is based on the state tax form 2, more commonly known as the Form of List, for FY17 reported by FirstLight's authorized tax agent, Duff & Phelps, LLC and will remain the figure for the duration for the Tax Agreement.) For purposes of this Agreement, each fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and shall end on June 30 the following calendar year.
4. Annual Certifications. FirstLight shall submit to the Town no later than March 1 preceding the beginning of each fiscal year covered by this Agreement, an annual certification which lists its personal property and describes any material additions, improvements or retirements that have occurred since its last annual certification in accordance with G.L.c. 59, §29. In each annual certification, FirstLight shall designate a representative who is available to answer any questions that the Town may have regarding the information that was provided or omitted on such annual certification.

5. Reopeners.

- a. If, during the period of this Agreement, the Facility either is (i) prevented from operation for a period of six consecutive months due to any reason, or (ii) is taken out of service permanently, FirstLight and the Town will meet to discuss the effect of such action on the valuation of the following tax year. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on this issue, despite their best efforts, the Town and FirstLight shall have the right to address the issue pursuant to Section 15 of this Agreement.
- b. In the event of a material change to the Facility (excluding any normal repair and maintenance or installation of pollution control equipment), that would change the capacity of the plant by at least 100 megawatts (MW), and thereby could change the valuation of the Facility by reasons other than described in subsection (a) above, the Town and FirstLight will meet to review and discuss whether any changes will be warranted for that Fiscal Year. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on this issue, despite their best efforts, the Town and FirstLight shall have the right to address the issue pursuant to Section 15 of this Agreement.
- c. The deadlines for sending a Party a request for an adjustment for either of the above adjustments to be effective for a fiscal year covered by this Agreement are as follows: April 1, 2016 to be effective for fiscal year 2017, April 1, 2017 to be effective for fiscal year 2018, and April 1, 2018 to be effective for fiscal year 2019. The deadline for reaching final agreement on an adjustment is July 1 of each year.

6. Amount and Timing of Payments; Failure to Make Timely Payments; Right to Cure. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 hereof, the total amount of taxes to be paid by FirstLight in any fiscal year shall equal the valuation for said fiscal year multiplied by the unified tax classification rate currently in effect in the Town. Payments due under this Agreement shall be billed in accordance with G.L. c. 60,§3. FirstLight shall make payment within the time period specified on the relevant Town semi-annual real and/or personal property tax bill; provided, however that the Town must issue each semi-annual bill to FirstLight in a manner consistent with the Town's issuance of semi-annual bills to other taxpayers. If the due date for any payment is not a Business Day (a day in which major banks in Boston, Massachusetts are open for business, excluding any Saturday and Sunday), the due date for payment shall be the following Business Day. FirstLight's failure to make any payment required under this Agreement by the applicable due date shall not constitute a breach of the Agreement, provided such failure (i) is remedied within two (2) Business Days after FirstLight's receipt of written notice from the Town, or (ii) is the subject of a good faith dispute, or (iii) resulted from events, acts, or circumstances outside FirstLight's control such as extreme weather events, acts of god, war, or similar uncontrollable events. Except as provided for in this Paragraph 6, the Town, based on FirstLight's breach of the Agreement by its failure to make payment, can immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to FirstLight. Interest shall accrue on all late payments in accordance with G.L. c. 59,§57.

7. Change in Tax Classification System. In the event the Town elects to modify its tax classification rate by adopting more than one use classification, the Subject Property shall be taxed at the applicable tax rate for commercial/industrial real property and the applicable tax rate for personal property.

8. Representations and Warranties of FirstLight. FirstLight hereby makes the following representations and warranties to the Town:

- a. FirstLight is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Connecticut and has the full authority to carry on its business as it is now being conducted.
- b. FirstLight has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the execution and delivery of this Agreement.
- c. To the best of FirstLight's knowledge, none of the documents or information furnished by or on behalf of FirstLight to the Town in connection with negotiation and execution of this Agreement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
- d. The person executing this Agreement on behalf of FirstLight has the full power and authority to bind it to each and every provision of this Agreement.
- e. In the event of a dispute over any term or provision of this Agreement, FirstLight waives any defense or claim that this Agreement is unenforceable as a matter of law.
- f. FirstLight is the sole owner of the Subject Property.
- g. The description of the Subject Property set forth in Exhibit A is accurate.

9. Representations and Warranties of the Town. The Town hereby makes the following representations and warranties to FirstLight:
- The Town is a municipal corporation and body politic of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - The Town has taken all necessary action to authorize and approve the execution and delivery of this Agreement.
 - The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Town have the full power and authority to bind it to each and every provision of this Agreement.
 - In the event of a dispute over any term or provision of this Agreement, the Town waives any defense or claim that this Agreement is unenforceable as a matter of law.
10. ATB Appeals, Abatement Applications and Future Abatements. Upon the full execution of this Agreement, FirstLight shall withdraw the ATB Appeals and the pending Abatement Applications. For so long as this Agreement remains in effect, FirstLight agrees that it will not seek an abatement or reduction of the amounts due to the Town hereunder and waives all such rights to the fullest extent permitted by law. FirstLight may only challenge valuation adjustments on a forward basis pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement; i.e. should FirstLight fail to make a timely request for a reopener pursuant to Section 5, its right to challenge a valuation adjustment for that fiscal year is permanently and irrevocably waived.
11. Notices. All notices, demands, requests, consents or other communications required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the individuals and addresses set forth below. Notices hereunder shall be deemed properly served: (i) by hand delivery, on the day and at the time on which delivered to the intended recipient at the address set forth in this Agreement; (ii) if sent by mail, on the third business day after the day on which deposited in the United States certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the intended recipient at its address set forth in this Agreement; or (iii) if by Federal Express or other reputable express mail service, on the next business day after delivery to such express mail service, addressed to the intended recipient at its address set forth in this Agreement. Notices may also be transmitted by electronic mail, provided that any notice transmitted solely by electronic mail which is not confirmed as received by the receiving Party shall be followed up by personal delivery or overnight delivery-within forty-eight (48) hours. Either Party may change its address and contact person for the purposes of this Section 11 by giving notice thereof in the manner required herein.

If to the Town:

Board of Assessors Office

With a copy to:

Northfield Town Hall

Brian S. Noble, Town Administrator

69 Main Street

Northfield Town Hall

Northfield, MA 01360

69 Main Street

Northfield, MA 01360

If to FirstLight:

FirstLight Hydro Generating Company

With a copy to:

99 Millers Falls Road

Sydney Free, Tax Director

Northfield, MA 01360

GDF SUEZ Energy North America, Inc.

1990 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1900

Houston, TX 77056

12. Entire Agreement; Construction with Other Agreements. Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement, along with the Exhibits attached hereto, constitute the entire and complete agreement of the Parties with respect to the taxation by the Town of the Subject Property, exclusive of all prior understandings, arrangements and commitments, all of which, whether oral or written, having been merged herein, except for contemporaneous or subsequent written understandings, arrangements, or commitments signed by the Parties intended to be bound thereby.

13. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties to this Agreement and any successor or assignee acquiring an interest hereunder, provided however, that in the event FirstLight sells or conveys a portion of the Site (as such term is defined in Exhibit A attached hereto) that is not used in connection with the generation of electric power at the Facility, such portion of the Site shall be released from the terms of this Agreement and the value of Subject Property shall be adjusted as provided in Section 5 hereof.
14. Applicable Law. The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall govern the validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement.
15. Dispute Resolution. Unless otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement (including, but not limited to, Section 5), the dispute resolution procedures of this Section 15 shall be the exclusive mechanism to resolve disputes arising under this Agreement. The Parties agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to resolve any dispute(s) that may arise regarding this Agreement. Any dispute that arises under or with respect to this Agreement that cannot be resolved shall in the first instance be the subject of informal negotiations between the Parties. The dispute shall be considered to have arisen when one Party sends the other Party a written notice of dispute. The period for informal negotiations shall be fourteen (14) days from receipt of the written notice of dispute unless such time period is modified by written agreement of the Parties involved in the dispute. After one Party sends the other Party a written notice of dispute, the Parties shall enter into agreement tolling any applicable statute of limitations or repose for a mutually agreeable period of time, as allowed by law, which at a minimum will allow the Parties sufficient time to complete the dispute resolution process established in this paragraph. In the event that the Parties cannot resolve a dispute by informal negotiations, the Parties involved in the dispute agree to submit the dispute to mediation. Within fourteen (14) days following the expiration of the time period for informal negotiations, the Parties involved in the dispute shall propose and agree upon a neutral and otherwise qualified mediator. In the event that the Parties fail to agree upon a mediator, the Parties shall request that the American Arbitration Association, Boston, Massachusetts, appoint a mediator. In the event that despite the good faith efforts of both Parties, the Parties are unable to appoint a mediator to commence the mediation within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the time period for informal negotiations, the aggrieved Party may commence judicial action as set forth below. The period for mediation shall commence upon the appointment of the mediator and shall not exceed thirty (30) days, unless such time period is modified by written agreement of the Parties involved in the dispute. The decision to continue mediation shall be in the sole discretion of each Party involved in the dispute. The Parties will bear their own costs of the mediation. In the event that the Parties cannot resolve a dispute by informal negotiations or mediation or seek injunctive or equitable relief as set forth below, venue for any judicial proceeding shall be any state or federal court in Massachusetts of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, injunctive or equitable relief may be sought without resorting to dispute resolution to prevent irreparable harm that would be caused by a breach of this Agreement. In any judicial action, the Parties waive their rights to a jury trial and each party shall be responsible for their own costs and fees, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees arising from the civil action.
16. Amendments. No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective until reduced to writing and executed and delivered by both Parties.
17. Severability; Reformation. In case any one or more of the provisions (or parts of a provision) contained in this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held by any governmental authority; agency or court of competent jurisdiction, to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision (or part of a provision) of this Agreement; and this Agreement shall, to the fullest extent lawful, be reformed and construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision (or part of a provision) had never been contained herein, and such provision (or part) reformed so that it will be valid, legal and enforceable to the maximum extent possible. In the event that any governmental authority, agency or court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any key provision(s) in this Agreement, the Parties agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to negotiate in good faith a new tax valuation agreement which shall attempt to the maximum extent possible to achieve the intent and the objectives of the Parties as set forth in this Agreement.
18. Headings. The descriptive headings of the sections in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.
19. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by the Parties hereto and will become binding upon the Parties at such time as the signatories hereto have signed each counterpart of this Agreement. All counterparts executed shall constitute one Agreement binding all Parties hereto, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the original or same counterpart.
20. Waiver. No waiver by either Party hereto of any one or more defaults by the other Party in the performance of any provision of this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any future default, whether of like or different character. No failure on the part of either Party hereto to complain of any action or non-action on the part of the other Party, no matter how long the same may continue, shall be deemed to be a waiver of any right hereunder by the Party so failing. A waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall only be effective if made in writing and signed by the Party who is making such waiver.

21. Joint Work Product. This Agreement shall be considered the work product of both Parties, and, therefore, no rule of strict construction shall be applied against the other Party hereto.

FirstLight Hydro Generating Company

Town of Northfield, Massachusetts

By: /s/ _____

By: /s/ _____

Printed Name and Date: Stefaan Sercu, VP, 5/12/16

Printed Name and Date: Brian S. Noble, TA, 5/12/16

EXHIBIT A

Description of Subject Property

As used herein, the term "Subject Property" shall include all of the following real and personal property, whether currently existing or-acquired during the term of this Agreement, owned by FirstLight or any affiliate thereof located on the Site (defined below):

- 1.1 approximately 836 acres of land located in Northfield, Massachusetts, as more particularly described on Exhibit B attached hereto (the "Site");
- 1.2 any and all structures and buildings constructed or to be constructed on the Site, including but not limited to, the existing buildings and structures located on the Site;
- 1.3 any and all equipment, machinery or facilities used in or related to the production of electricity, and ancillary and appurtenant facilities, fixtures, and personal property related thereto, located at the Site or used in connection with the generation or transmission of electric power from the Site, including but not limited to, oil storage, docking facilities, natural gas and electric lines but specifically excluding the Solar Panels located on parcel 73- C1
- 1.4 any and all fuel, supplies, inventories, materials, spare parts and other consumable property located at the Site used in or related to the production of electricity; and
- 1.5 any and all other personal property located at the Site and owned by FirstLight, including but not limited to, vehicles, office furniture and equipment.

The Parties acknowledge that the definition of Subject Property does not include any property not owned by FirstLight or an affiliate, or pollution control equipment, which is exempt from local property taxation; provided that in the event such pollution control equipment is in the future subject to local taxation, it shall be deemed to be part of the Subject Property.

Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

#	Purpose	Department	Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Enterprise	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other	CPA
1	Waive Reading	Selectboard							
2	Receive Reports	Selectboard							
3	Snow & Ice Deficit	Highway	16,062	16,062			16,062		
4	Accept Chapter 90	Highway							
5	Apply for Grants	Selectboard							
6	Prop 2 1/2 Override	Finance Comm							
7	Omnibus	Finance Comm	8,148,490	7,984,746		7,984,746			
8	EMS Enterprise	EMS	224,146	224,146	166,804	57,342			
9	Authorize BoS PILOT Approval	Selectboard							
10	BoS Authorization Vote	Selectboard							
11	Fire Department Gas Detector	Selectboard	4,500	4,500			4,500		
12	Sewer Enterprise	Sewer	222,093	222,093	222,093				
13	Wastewater Evaluation(s)	Sewer	115,000	115,000				115,000	
14	Bucket Truck Revolving Fund	Highway							
15	Town Hall Wiring	Selectboard	100,000	100,000			100,000		
16	Protective Regulations By-Law	Planning Board							
17	Zoning Codification	Town Clerk	11,500	11,500			11,500		
18	314 Caldwell Rd Clean up	Selectboard	100,000	100,000			100,000		
19	TH Drainage & Parking lot	Selectboard	100,000	100,000			100,000		
20	Replace Highway Truck	Highway	170,000	170,000		48,000	122,000		
21	Transfer Station Compactor	Board of Health	35,000	35,000		35,000			
22	Recycle Revolving	Board of Health							
23	NES Carpeting /Flooring	Selectboard	9,000	9,000			9,000		
23	NES Windows	Selectboard	18,000	18,000			18,000		
23	North Building Roof	Selectboard	10,000	10,000			10,000		
23	NES Wiring Upgrade	Selectboard	15,000	15,000			15,000		
23	NES Parking Lot	Selectboard	60,000	60,000			60,000		
24	PVRS Capital Projects	Selectboard	19,198	19,198		19,198			
25	CPA Funds Allocation	CPA	30,000	30,000					30,000
26	CPA- NES North Entrance	CPA	75,000	75,000					75,000
27	CPA- Library Historic Docs	CPA	850	850					850
28	Stabilization	Selectboard	500,000	500,000		500,000			
29	Welcoming Community Resolution	Citizen's Petition							
30	Resolution of Gratitude	Selectboard							
	Total		\$9,983,839	\$9,820,095	\$388,897	\$8,644,286	\$566,062	\$115,000	\$105,850

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 2, 2017 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
One	Board of Assessors	1 year term
One	Board of Health	3 year term
Two	Board of Library Trustee	3 year term
One	Planning Board	5 year term
Two	Recreation Commission	3 year term
One	Sewer Commissioner	3 year term
One	Sewer Commissioner	1 year term
One	Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials Veteran	3 year term
One	Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials Non Veteran	3 year term

John Spanbauer Chair

Date

Tracy A. Rogers

Julia A. Blyth

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Attest: _____

Daniel R. Campbell
Town Clerk

MAY BE REMOVED AFTER May 2, 2017

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

Date



Annual Town Election
Northfield, Massachusetts
Tuesday May 2, 2017

At the time and place called by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 12:00 Noon. A total of One Hundred Forty-Seven (147) ballots were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectman
Three year term
Vote for One

Tracy A. Rogers	138
Write -In	1
Blanks	8

Board of Assessors
Three year term
Vote for One

Alice B. Lord	142
Write-In	0
Blanks	5

Board of Assessors
One year term
Vote for One

Bethany R. Walker	142
Write-In	0
Blanks	5

Board of Health
Three year Term
Vote for One

Dan A. Gray	109
Write-In	2
Blanks	36

Board of Library Trustees
Three year term
Vote for Two

Lloyd E. Parrill	126
Jon G. McGowan	124
Robert D. Hall Jr	23
Write-In	0
Blanks	21

Planning Board
Five year term
Vote for One

Tammy L. Pelletier	67
Julie Robinson	67
Write-In	0
Blank	13

Recreation Commission

Three year term
Vote for Two

Robert T. Henry	127
Brian C. Winslow	119
Write-In	0
Blanks	48

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials
Veteran
Three year term
Vote for One

Denis J. Brennan III	138
Write-In	0
Blanks	9

Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials
Non-Veteran
Three year term
Vote for One

Philip N. Watson	137
Write-In	0
Blanks	10

Sewer Commissioner
Three year term
Vote for One

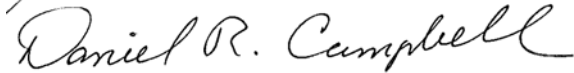
Write-In Tom Walker	7
Blanks	130
All Other	10

Sewer Commissioner
One year term
Vote for One

Write-In- Alex Meisner	2
Blanks	137
All Others	8

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Attest



Daniel R. Campbell

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2017

BIRTHS

14

DEATHS

24

MARRIAGES

22

DOG LICENCES

MALE / FEMALE

90

SPAYED / NEUTERED

459

KENNEL (LESS THAN 10 DOGS)

4

KENNEL (MORE THAN 10 DOGS)

4

CIVIC DISPOSITION VIOLATIONS (M.G.L 94 § 32L)

8

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSFER STICKERS SOLD 2016

846

TREASURER

Treasurers Report - July 2016 through June 2017

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	0.00	
Deposits in transit	18430.80	
Outstanding Checks	85603.68	
Balance per checkbook		-67172.88

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	36867.89	
UniBank	227832.48	
Greenfield Co-operative	539236.25	
Easthampton Savings Bank	106603.56	
UniBank (taxes)	555929.18	
UniBank (Town Clerk)	819.35	
TOTAL		1467288.71

INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	236.69	
UniBank	323.88	
UniBank (taxes)	780.25	
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	2367.83	
Easthampton Savings Bank	<u>464.50</u>	
TOTAL		4173.15

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance	639204.97	
Interest earned	5889.12	
Transfer from General	43000.00	
Paymnets per warrant		0.00
Balance		688094.09

STABILIZATION INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		688094.09
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ARTS COUNCIL

Balance	3353.32	
Receipts	4400.00	
Interest earned	7.48	
Payments per warrant		3955.75
Balance		3805.05

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		3805.05
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NORTHFIELD EMS

Balance	100484.13	
Receipts	151198.90	
Interest earned	554.01	

Payments		46565.70
Balance		205671.34
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook Balance		205671.34
RECREATION COMMISSION		
Balance	37780.23	
Receipts	39123.00	
Payments per warrant		31272.60
Balance		45630.63
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance per statement	46028.49	
Deposit in transit	0.00	
Outstanding checks	397.86	
Balance per checkbook		45630.63
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND		
Balance	173475.72	
Receipts	26762.42	
Interest Earned	535.52	
Payments		13615.56
Balance		187158.10
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		187158.10
SEWER ENTERPRISE		
Balance	178270.29	
Receipts	331888.37	
Interest	853.55	
Payments		256407.20
Balance		254605.01
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance		254605.01
FIRE DEPT. STABILIZATION		
Balance	2825.22	
Interest	5.64	
Deposits	0.00	
Payments per warrant		0.00
Balance		2830.86
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance		2830.86
HIGHWAY BACKHOE		
Balance	779.47	
Interest	1.48	
Deposit	0.00	

Payments per warrant	0.00
Balance	780.95

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance	780.95
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TRUST FUNDS	Balance 6/30/2016	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance 6/30/2017
LIBRARY						
C.Ina Merriman	1997.45	3.26				2000.71
Belcher Funds	10875.25	17.82				10893.07
Chas. Dickinson	3283.77	5.39				3289.16
Maude Montague	2774.87	4.54				2779.41
Marina Stanley	676.50	1.13				677.63
Richard G. Holton	592.73	0.99				593.72
Nfld. Chap. DAR	182.81	0.28				183.09
Ethel Jackson	300.03	0.50				300.53
Paul Bowman	88641.74	1400.69				90042.43
Giles Mem. Fund	3157.16	5.17				3162.33
McGowan Mem. Fund	5061.05	8.27				5069.32
Dickinson Lib.Build.	2592.86	4.26				2597.12
Lawrence Trust	3284.67	5.39				3290.06
Thomas J. Hurley	16414.33	372.63				16786.96
CHARITY						
Starkweather	35094.97	49.90			12302.95	22841.93
George Morgan	18087.90	29.65				18117.55
Elisha Alexander	16526.94	27.08				16554.02
Lottie Evans	9379.86	15.36				9395.22
Roselle Evans	2782.48	4.54				2787.02
SCHOOL						
Belcher Center	3733.06	6.09				3739.15
Surplus Rev. Fund	2274.37	3.72				2278.09
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS						
Willis K. Parker	0.58	0.00				0.58
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET						
Ethel Jackson	2218.55	3.64				2222.19
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND						
Gfld Savings	71244.47	1104.88				72349.35
Gfld Co-operative	1948.37			432.61	1378.40	1002.58
Gfld Co-operative	36311.29			432.61		36311.29
CEMETERIES						
Center	22277.50	36.51				22314.01
West Nfld.	18603.89	30.85		Brault	250.00	18884.74
Pentecost	16595.36	29.27		Thompson	125.00	
				Kellogg	750.00	
				McGraw	250.00	
				Goodwin	250.00	
				Severance	500.00	
				Funkhouser	125.00	18624.63

Nfld. Farms	14711.80	24.40	Johnson	125.00	
			Perkins	250.00	15111.20
Mt. Hermon	11246.05	18.55	Holton/Eberhardt	1000.00	12264.60
So. Mountain	178.92	0.28			179.20
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE					
UniBank	1015.47	1.66			1017.13

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor
Treasurer

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five regular members and three alternate members. They are appointed for 5-year alternating terms and are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets on Thursday evenings as needed for business meetings and public hearings. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector. The Board has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts.

In 2017 the ZBA had another busy year. The board held 14 meetings: 5 business meetings, and 3 public hearings plus 6 continuations.

Special Permits

Samuel Browning Jr. 20 Orange Road, Northfield, MA to build a 60 ft x 120ft structure for the purpose of equipment storage and an office at Millers Falls Road, Northfield, MA 01360 (Assessors Map Parcel ID 43 A6) (Granted).

Heath Cummings 697 Old Wendell Road, Northfield, MA to demolish existing building, excavation of a full basement for the construction of new one story building (35' x 50' height 13' approximately 1,450sq. ft) at 77 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360 (Assessors Map Parcel ID 23A-C15) on property owned by Kathleen Crochier, 33 Warwick Road, Northfield, MA 01360 (Granted).

The Community Bible Church of 16 Old Elm Way, Northfield, MA to construct a church on a non-conforming lot at 24 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360 (Assessors Map Parcel ID 30-F2, 30-F2.1) Upon receipt of proof establishing that the Community Bible Church is a religious denomination, it was determined that CBC is exempt from the local dimensional requirement pursuant to General Law Chapter 40A, section 3 as upheld by the findings.

Other Business:

Participated in Bylaw update discussions

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cox, Chair
Erin Jaworski, Clerk
Shawn Foster, Member
Albert Dietrich, Member
Timothy Rogers, Alt. Member
William Forrest, Alt. Member
Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant

SCHOOLS

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RUTH MILLER, SUPERINTENDENT

Pioneer Valley Regional School District went through some very challenging times in the past year, resulting from the downturn in the economy and reduction of financial resources. As the Superintendent I was responsible for making the difficult decisions necessary to control costs while at the same time provide a robust academic program for all students K-12.

The good news is that we have continued to provide a second to none music program K-12. Our students consistently excel in all areas as a collective group and individually. Our elementary students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and understand how to work collectively with their peers as well as perform district wide. The educational value of this program cannot be measured by dollars and cents. It can be measured by intellectual growth in our students.

Pioneer also provides opportunities for all students. Advance Placement classes at the high school, Special Olympics in the elementary schools, dual enrollment to Greenfield Community College, theater, arts, clubs and sports. These programs are essential to a high function school district. They allow the students to apply what they are learning in the classroom, become leaders, work in a team and gain the much needed confidence as they grow and mature into wonderful young adults.

Northfield Elementary School, Pearl Rhodes Elementary School and Pioneer Valley Regional School all had new leaders. Each of these principals started their work by implementing an entry plan. These plans allowed them to engage with community members, teachers, parents and students in an effort to understand the unique culture of each school. Over the course of the years, there has been significant growth and culture changes that support the necessary academic growth for all students.

The district budget was challenging in 2017. As student enrollment continued to decline, finding ways to support all teachers and creating a budget that was responsible proved to be very difficult. It became clear that we were over staffed at Pioneer and had to do a reduction of force (RIF). This was very difficult and effected elementary schools and Pioneer. Twelve teachers were affected by the RIF and there were a few teachers who moved to other districts. It was a very difficult time for everyone, but was necessary based on our financial situation.

The School Lunch Program continues to have a deficit, now at \$225,000. Our Elementary Schools provides the food for both NES and WCS. Adjustments were made in staffing to reduce the costs of running the program. This will be an ongoing problem until we are able to budget for this expense in the budget.

The difficult work was done in 2017 to right size the district. We now need to continue to focus on providing the best possible education of our students. Academically we are a strong district, managing our money will be challenging over the next few years if enrollments continue to decline.

Overall the district's financial position in FY17 was stabilized. The budget came in with a small surplus. Moving forward the School Committee has committed to supporting and advancing programming for students while at the same time being fiscally responsible to the towns they serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Miller, Superintendent

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Principal's Report

Last year was a challenging one for the Pioneer Valley Regional School. Students, staff, and a new administrative team worked to create new, productive working relationships to support student learning. I and our new Assistant Principal, Jennifer Albert Perry, worked very hard to bring instructional and managerial practice in line with Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines. We experienced a very difficult budget process in which the town and the School Committee asked us to bring Pioneer's spending in line with the enrollment decline of 150 students Pioneer had experienced in the prior five years. During those five years Pioneer had not made any adjustments to staffing or expenditures to keep pace with enrollment changes. As a result we lost about 25% of our instructional staff. We are grateful for all the contributions these educators made to Pioneer, and they will be missed.

Despite these challenges, through careful planning and creative thinking most of Pioneer's courses, programming and opportunities for students have remained intact, and we have been able to offer new opportunities for students.

In 2016-17 we piloted on-line learning opportunities. These new opportunities allowed students who had failed courses to make up credits through a different style of learning to keep them on track for graduation. Online learning opportunities also expanded course offering beyond what Pioneer could ever offer with our current staff. Students were able to study languages we do not offer such as German and Chinese, and advanced courses in health science.

We also worked closely with junior and senior students to make some revisions to the supports that help students complete their Portfolio graduation requirement, and to the senior exhibition requirement. Students had approached me with a request to make the senior exhibition more flexible and personally meaningful and I was happy to work with them to bring this about. As a result of the changes we made more than 50% of the junior class entered their senior year with the portfolio requirements completed, compared to the 0% who entered senior year in fall 2016 with this requirement completed.

We piloted a new middle school schedule for 7th grade, based on teacher requests, to increase time on learning and provide more flexible scheduling for student support. The pilot received high marks from teachers and will inform future adjustments to our middle school program.

Performance of our 10th graders on the state MCAS exams continued to be strong in English and science. The percent of Pioneer students that scored at the proficient or advanced levels outpaced the state by 9% in English language arts, and an impressive 16% in science. Tenth grade math scores continued a three-year trend of declining performance, falling to 2% below the state average. Changes made for the 2017-18 school year should reverse this trend.

Our performing arts programs continued to flourish in the 2016-17 school year. The Pioneer drama program's Spring musical, *Rent*, was the most challenging production they ever mounted. It was selected through strong student interest and advocacy, with the support of families and faculty.

The physical facility at Pioneer also saw some significant improvements, with the help of students and community partners. Our library received new carpeting. The Franklin County Sheriff's department provided the labor to help us repaint our hallways. Students from our Envirothon club and our environmental science classes created new gardens focused on local species and pollinators.

Last year was marked by expanding opportunities for our students, new opportunities for student leadership and self-advocacy, and a more individualized approach to meeting each students' needs. We hope to continue these efforts as we take Pioneer forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Bacon
Principal

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Report

What a difference a year can make! It has been a pleasure growing into the role of the Northfield Elementary School principal. My second year here has allowed me to come to know, more personally, the individuals that make up this fabulous school community. I have enjoyed the process of building relationships with the staff, students and families of NES and feel that I have been welcomed into this community.

Our enrollment has remained somewhat steady recently. We welcomed in 183 students on August 31, 2016 and ended the year with 188 students. We graduated 35 sixth graders in June, most of whom moved up to Pioneer. This fall we started the year with 187 students.

Coordinated efforts continue so that the Northfield Elementary School building is well maintained. The facilities staff, myself, and the town administrator meet throughout the year to review and plan for projects that need to be completed in order to maintain a safe and well-functioning building. The Franklin County House of Corrections volunteered their service to paint several hallways and stairwells during April vacation. Carpets were replaced in three classrooms over the summer and windows were repaired in the North building. Unfortunately, the parking lot repaving was put on hold when drainage issues were discovered but both will be addressed this coming summer along with many other necessary projects.

Our NES PTO continues to amaze me with their steadfast efforts to support the school, the students, and their families. They acquired necessary funding from the town to replace two swing sets that were well over 40 years old and coordinated volunteers to assemble and install our new swing sets this fall. The students have enjoyed having more swings available to them during recess. In addition, our PTO provides some support for classroom supplies, funding to offset the cost of field trips, financial support for special class projects, and organizes numerous events throughout the year. Our PTO is a vital part of our school community!

Speaking of community, in February we began implementing monthly All School Meetings. This is a time when the entire school comes together to celebrate the learning and achievements that are taking place on a day to day basis. Sometimes these include guest speakers, such as for Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, but most often they include classrooms sharing various aspects of their learning: a song, poetry, snippets of their writing, science demonstrations, etc. Regardless of the content, these gathering are always lead by 6th grade volunteers who get to serve in leadership roles. This is an important part of building positive school culture for all.

Our teachers have engaged in various professional development over the past year with specific emphasis on developing updated science curriculum while incorporating STEAM (Science Technology Engineering, Arts and Math) activities. In addition, we have been working toward establishing consistent writing assessments to better inform teaching and support individual student needs. We have also acquired updated Second Step curriculum which is being used school wide to address Social Emotional Learning and Bullying Prevention.

During 2017 we said good-bye to several staff members due to retirements, reductions and restructuring within the district. Linda Chapin (long time librarian), Susan Wright, (Technology Integration Specialist), and Claire Maguire (kitchen staff) all retired in June 2017. Due to reductions and restructuring we lost Hope Phelan (art teacher) and Emily Arena (fifth grade teacher). New to our staff this year, we welcomed Corrina Stokes as librarian, Hillary Ferro as our new art teacher who came to us from Pioneer, and Elizabeth Aekus who filled an unanticipated teaching position due to an increase in enrollment over the summer. In addition, we have a few new faces as part of our instructional assistant staff. It's been a pleasure working together as a team!

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Desmarais, Principal

SPED

This is my second year as the Administrator of Special Education for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are currently providing one hundred and fifty six (156) students between the ages of three (3) and twenty-two (22) with special education services. Students who receive special education services have an identified disability which impacts their ability to make effective educational progress. Each student with special needs has an individualized education program designed to meet that student's unique needs.

In the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, we make a concerted effort to serve students with special needs in our local schools whenever possible. Towards that effort, we have started some new programs both to ensure that students will be more successful as they start their education, be able to stay in their own schools and move more easily into the mainstream classroom. We provide integrated preschool programs so that students with disabilities have many opportunities to interact with their peers. We also started an elementary level separate program to enable students to stay in their local school system with the ultimate goal of moving back into classes with their peers. In addition, we have an essential skills program that will be extended up to the middle school level. Because we have skilled special educators, and because we have commendable cooperation from classroom teachers, support staff, and principals, we have been very successful in providing high quality, cost effective programs for disabled students within our local schools. We will continue that effort as we move forward into next year. We have a small number of students placed outside the School District in specialized programs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Maguire, M.Ed., CAGS
Administrator of Special Education

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Masters - Education Administration – Westfield State College

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

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Sues'Anne Jason

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Richard J. Martin

Superintendent

2017 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2017 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2017 was 446 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	27	Erving	29	Montague	76	Sunderland	10
Buckland	7	Gill	10	New Salem	3	Warwick	10
Colrain	17	Greenfield	97	Northfield	30	Wendell	9
Conway	9	Heath	13	Orange	63	Whately	9
Deerfield	14	Leyden	7	Shelburne	6		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 112 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2017. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. FCTS has maintained Level 2 Accountability status for the last four years. Our overall Progress and Performance Index (PPI) moved from 17% in 2012 (Level III) to 31% in 2014 (Level II) and have maintained Level II status ever since, with nearly 30% growth each year. Additionally, the district met the goals set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

Franklin County Technical School has distributed high school diplomas to more than 97% of its students with nearly 70% joining the regional workforce and 30% moving on to post-secondary education or armed services. The FCTS dropout rate is significantly below the state average.

On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond authorization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the bond will begin to impact member towns in FY19. FCTS now has state-of-the-art exterior energy efficient doors and windows, new parking lot paving and lights, track, basketball courts and a new silicone roof coating. In addition, FCTS has added new interior doors and handles to bring us into ADA compliance. FCTS administration and teachers were instrumental in utilizing vocational students to support electrical, plumbing, and landscaping associated with the projects. Students were digging trenches to lay conduit for lighting, running heavy equipment to support installation of parking lot lights, providing landscaping for courtyards, removing shrubs, trees, and replanting vegetation, which have saved the district an estimated \$100,000.

Franklin County Technical School’s technical programs have been busy with community-based projects that are used as learning opportunities. Every year the shop programs, with instructors and students, embrace the authentic work that is done in the communities. These activities engage students in a way that builds skills and pride on work sites. Project work is treated as an immersive activity, with guidance and professional direction by instructors. Due to the instructional nature of the work, duration of a project may increase, but costs associated with a project to our cities and towns are significantly decreased. Students from Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Landscaping/Horticulture, Auto Technology, Welding and Collision Repair are involved in repair and upgrading activities on campus that save FCTS money as compared to associated costs with hiring contractors. What follows are some examples of the ways in which we serve our communities: Annually, FCTS faculty, staff and students donate to food drives for needy families and organizations throughout Franklin County. This year, responding to the immense needs as a result of the hurricane that damaged Puerto Rico, students and staff participated in money drives and supplies for the island residents. Our Culinary Arts program again participated in the “Senior Safety Expo” at the Sheutzen Verien in Gill. This event, run by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, focused on safety for our senior citizens. Seniors throughout Franklin County, and beyond, attend the event. Culinary also prepares soups for the Hope & Olive “Soup and Games” night that benefits various local organizations.

Our Pre-Employment or (PEP) program provides specialized instruction and training for students with disabilities, donates to the Dakin Animal Shelter and Ronald McDonald House.

In Greenfield, Carpentry students continue to build cabins at Camp Keewanee. They also built the new athletic storage building for Greenfield High School. The Electrical program continues to annually provide electrical and other setup activities for the Relay for Life, and they are assisting Habitat for Humanity with the electrical wiring for the house being built on Smith Street. The Landscaping/Horticulture program has worked on the Greenfield Veterans' Memorial Field, provided irrigation consultation for Lunt's Field, and the students and instructors have been going to Adult Day Health Services to work on floral design with the clients. Health Technology is very active in Greenfield, with students conducting clinical and community service work at GVNA Adult Day Health, Arbors Assisted Living Facility, NELCWIT/GVNA, Recovery Project, and Buckley Nursing Facility.

In Turners Falls & Millers Falls, the Landscaping/Horticulture program has worked on the Newt Guilbault fields to rework infields, conducted streetscape planting refurbishing and is now growing naturalized plants for the airport. Students also participate in the Source to Sea cleanup. The tree nursery is doing well, with the trees developing until their eventual planting in Turners/Montague and Greenfield.

In Shelburne, Landscaping/Horticulture does an annual clean-up of Hill Cemetery. Plumbing/Heating students installed AC units into St. Josephs; and in a joint project, the Landscaping program, Collision & Repair Program and Welding program are all working on the removal, repair, refurbishing and reinstallation of the Bridge of Flowers ornate collection boxes.

In Erving, Landscaping/Horticulture has an ongoing hardscaping project for the Riverfront Park. The FCTS house building project is taking place on Central Street in Erving. This project is building skills for carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping students, and is adding a nice home to the community.

An assortment of activities in other communities took place that included the rebuilding of a sign for the Pine Notch Cemetery in Deerfield, building winserts for the Sunderland Town Energy Committee, greenhouse help for Charlemont-Hawlemont School, installing drip edge for the Charlemont town halls cleanup and pruning for the North Cemetery in Leyden, along with replacing their wishing well.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2017

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski;

Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-Vacancy; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown;

Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark Leonard, Mark M. Maloney;

Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson;

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Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter

COUNTY REPORTS

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Mary A. Stokarski

Elected Member

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM 2016

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 530 retirees, 51 beneficiaries, 987 active employees, and 557 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). We contract with an independent auditor to do a full audit of our system each year. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and, combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2016, we are 75% funded at 28 years (70%) into the 40 year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: www.FRRSMA.com.

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our State oversight commission, PERAC. The full PERAC report can be read on the “Finances” page of our website.

	CY 2016	CY 2015	CY 2014
<u>Balances</u>			
Cash	927,926	1,027,504	1,370,581
Investments	124,166,637	115,356,788	118,166,255
Receivables	333,708	448,896	523,687
Payables	1,622,175	1,376,958	81,595
Annuity Savings (members)	28,830,926	28,029,622	26,866,304
Retirement Reserves	98,219,520	90,180,524	93,275,814
<u>Revenues</u>			
Member's contributions	3,671,628	3,513,770	3,270,926
Towns, Schools, Agencies	5,875,582	5,645,116	5,418,158
Retirement Cost Sharing	460,054	472,213	466,031
Miscellaneous Revenue	9,928	20,122	19,414
Investment Income (net)	10,744,197	1,259,131	9,063,675
<u>Expenses</u>			
Retirement Benefits	9,113,301	8,432,951	7,980,270
Operating Expenses	498,301	469,365	403,803
Investment Expenses	703,498	687,629	720,626
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,289,229	2,884,282	3,028,026
Refunds to Members	316,759	368,098	372,232
<u>Investment Performance</u>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.36%	8.34%	8.59%
10 years	6.17%	6.57%	7.25%
5 years	10.20%	8.49%	11.39%
Current Year	9.16%	1.11%	8.42%
<u>Demographics</u>			
	01/01/2016	01/01/2014	01/01/2012
Members' Average Age	48.30	48.30	49.00
Members' Average Service	10.50	10.50	10.90
Members' Average Salary	35,966.00	33,249.00	32,333.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.30	72.10	72.10
Retirees' Average Pension	15,274.00	14,164.00	12,931.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	58.00	56.40	n/a
Disabled Members' Average Pension	26,353.00	26,052.00	n/a

Dale Kowacki

Executive Director

Franklin Regional Retirement System

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2017 shows an increase in the amount of recycling tonnage compared to 2016. District residents recycled almost 1,800 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.

In 2017, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 56 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 576 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2017. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 360 households participated in this event. 52% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$84,400 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

We continued to bale wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our second year of this recycling program. We manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

MA Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

THE FRED WELLS WILL TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2017/18 are \$204,664 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2015/2016 that was reallocated to the Scholarship Fund.)

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 245 applications and approved 230 students to receive \$177,680. This amount includes the two \$1,000 scholarships in memory of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Three (3) programs were approved totaling \$17,600:

Community Action-WIC Program	\$5,000.00
Lifepath: Meals on Wheels	\$5,600.00
NELCWIT	\$7000.00

AGRICULTURE:

Three programs were approved totaling \$10,234:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$5,977.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$3,561.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$696.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Penick

Trustee (Northfield)

