

Town of Northfield
Annual Town Meeting
2021-2022
June 30th, 2022

The town meeting commenced at 7:01pm on June 30th, 2022. There were 15 attendees for this year's meeting. Greetings were made and the group proceeded with the following Articles.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator. Kevin Millay nominated Brian Frutcheby which was seconded by Ann Grange. **13 Yes and 0 Opposed** votes were given for Brian Frutcheby to preside as moderator for the meeting.

A motion was made by the moderator to start the meeting with the school budget articles 14-24. Motion was granted to start the meeting with these articles.

A motion was made for articles 14-19 and 21-24 to be lumped together in one vote. The motion was granted.

Article 2: To elect all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year or for the term specified:

Select Board Member - **12 votes yes 0 opposed** to reelect Ann Grange.
(2) Planning Board Members - **12 votes yes 0 opposed** to reelect Tom McCurdy, **13 votes yes 0 opposed** to reelect Alex Currier.

School Committee member (A typo was made in the warrant, it was written that two positions were open however only one school committee member position was up for reelection.) **13 votes Yes 0 Opposed** to reelect Rebecca Hennessey.

Article 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following categories:

Town Roads \$8,000
Snow Removal (plow/sand/salt) \$68,000
Administration \$44,000
Assessor \$7,200
Town Buildings \$2,500
Waste Disposal (Includes Pick Up) \$25,000
Fire Protection \$15,000
Ambulance Contract \$1,700
Animal Control \$1,000
General Assistance \$1,000
Cemeteries \$850
Plumbing Inspections \$500

911 Account \$200

13 Votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 4: Shall the Town of Northfield continue to subcontract the collection of Excise Taxes to the Town of Machias at the cost of approximately \$1,757 per annum for the ensuing year?

13 votes yes 0 Opposed

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on delinquent taxes after the annual March 15 due date, and if they vote to do so, to set the rate of interest of 4%. (The maximum allowed by the state is currently 4% per annum.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute a Quitclaim Deed for such property when appropriate.

13 votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 7: To see if the Town will vogue to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow when necessary, up to and not exceeding \$20,000 upon the faith and credit of the Town, during the municipal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in anticipation of and to be paid from the amount collected from taxes of the said municipal year, and if the Town votes to do so, to authorize the Treasurer to execute the Promissory Note of the Town for the amount so borrowed.

13 votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 8: Shall the Selectmen be authorized to exceed the property tax levy limit for the municipal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?

13 votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a stipend to be paid to the members of the Board of Appeals to be paid as follows: \$100 per member per meeting and \$150 for Board Chair. Total minimum annual payout would be \$550 (for annual meeting by statute) and maximum will be \$2,750. This will be paid from the Admin Account listed in Article 3.

There was some discussion regarding this article, some felt that this amount was too much.

12 votes Yes 1 Opposed

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to add \$10,000 to the General Fund from Unallocated Reserves to cover unbudgeted increase in capital expenses?

13 votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to allocate *unused money* from Town Roads and Snow Removal from this past FY to the Road Improvement Reserve Fund? Unused Snow Removal and Town Roads is currently \$7,706.69

13 votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise funds in the amount of \$5,000 to be added to the Capital Projects Fund (created by vote last year) to be used solely for the Town Hall building improvements.

13 votes Yes 0 Opposed

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate amount for any or all of the following:

Downeast Community Partners (matching funds) \$114
American Red Cross \$100
Machias Area Little League \$200
Porter Memorial Library \$100

13 Votes Yes 0 Opposed

Articles for Town of Northfield
School Budget 2022/2023

Please use the Town Report as a reference to explanations of Articles.

School Articles were discussed by Scott Porter. Articles will be reported as written in the Town Report but were voted on as a whole.

Article 14: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$272,515.00 for the Regular Instruction?

Article 15: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$24,620.00 for Special Education?

Article 16: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$17,080.00 for System Administration?

Article 17: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$40,244.00 for Transportation and Buses?

Article 18: Shall the town be authorized to expend \$5,000.00 for All Other Expenditures?

Article 19: Shall the Town appropriate \$228,219.87 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise \$219,679.14 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine REvised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688?

Article 20: (written ballot required) A typo was found in this article in which the **Recommended** amount was written as \$77,788.09. Mr. Porter stated that this written amount was incorrect and the actual recommended amount was \$71,788.09. A motion was made to accept the article as written with the correction in the recommended amount.

Shall the Town raise, and appropriate \$71,788.09 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$71,788.09 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

Votes were cast and then counted by Abby Frutchey and Dianne Crockett.

14 yes 0 opposed

Article 21: Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$359,459.00 for the FY beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-k to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools?

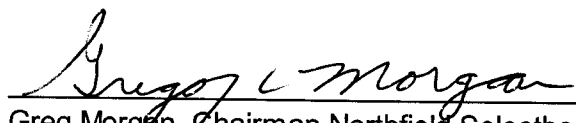
Article 22: Shall the Town be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Article 23: Shall the Town appropriate \$850 for adult education and raise \$850 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Article 24: Shall the Town appropriate \$410 for adult basic education and raise \$410 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult basic education program.

13 votes Yes and 0 opposed for Articles 14-19 and 20-24

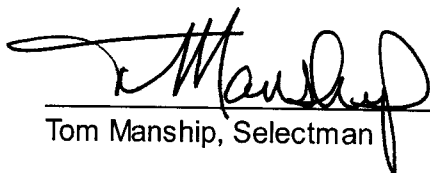
We, the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield, certify that we have reviewed and affirm this to be a true and accurate record of the Town Meeting of June 30, 2022.



Greg Morgan, Chairman Northfield Selectboard



Ann Grange, Selectman



Tom Manship, Selectman

Amanda Manship, Clerk