

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MAINE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2021-2022
ALSO
THE WARRANT

Northfield Selectmen's Report for 2021 – 2022

Dear Northfield Residents,

The Town of Northfield was certainly challenged during the FY 2021 – 2022. We Selectmen couldn't accomplish what we do without the hard work from our Town Staff. A big thanks goes out to our Town Clerk, our Planning Board members, our Treasurer, Tax Collector, CEO, and our Appeals Board members. My personal thanks to all the members of our Town Staff. Job well done! Additionally, thanks to all the volunteers that helped during last years and this year's Election.

Low Taxes: We all worked hard to keep taxes low during this unprecedented time in our country, state and town. We reduced taxes from \$10.40 per thousand last year, down to \$8.40 per thousand for 2022. The selectmen are committed to making sure Northfield Residents have more money in their pockets. Small local government and budgets that benefit the residents of Northfield we believe is key to managing our small town.

Cell Tower update: I wanted to update you on the towns effort to have a cell tower within Northfield. In June 2021, the town entered into an agreement with Wireless Realty Advisors (WRA) to advertise and seek companies that would be interested in installing a Cell Tower on a specific town owed property, just down the hill from our Town Office. To date there has been little to no movement from WRA. Fast forward to March 2022 the town received a call from Rising Tide Towers LLC. They have secured rights thru a private land owner to install a tower. The property is located on the Eastern Ridge Road across from Abby Ln. In addition to cell coverage, Broadband may be available for town residents. Permit has been approved by our Planning Board. Rising Tide Towers relates they may have a tower up by end of summer, but no hard date is set yet. I will share more as I get details.

College Scholarships for Northfield Seniors: Northfield Scholarship Committee Lis Patryn, Abby Frutchey, Ann Gosselin and Katie Presley have revamped our College Scholarship Fund for Northfield graduates that are continuing on to college. This will put more money in the pocket of our

graduating HS kids. For instance, instead of splitting \$1,000 between all graduating kids, under the new agreement, each graduate will receive \$1,000 a piece if going on to college. Job well done everyone!

Illegal Dumping: I wanted to let all Northfield Residents know there has been illegal dumping going on within the town. Black Cow Meadow Rd seems to be a dumping ground for people that don't want to go to Marion Station, instead they dump their trash, metal, tires, cars, etc out on Black Cow Meadow Rd. We are working with the owners of those properties to help them get them cleaned up. Additionally, our local Game Wardens and Forest Rangers have been contacted to be on the look out for illegal dumping. More to follow! I ask all residents if you see illegal dumping, please report it to a town official.

Bldg Permits: Just as a reminder, after effective date of our Northfield Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, no person shall WITHOUT first obtaining a permit, engage in any activity or use of land or structure requiring a permit in the district in which such activity or use would occur; or expand, change, or replace an existing use or structure; or renew a discontinued nonconforming use. A person which is issued a permit pursuant to this Ordinance shall have a copy of the permit on site while the work authorized by the permit is performed.

Residents input on the future of Northfield's small town: We have 152 registered voters in our town and less than 50 voted in our last two elections. Additionally, the last two Annual Town Hall Meetings, we had less than 12 participate, and that's including our Town Staff. So what can we read from this, maybe town residents are happy with what we are doing as Town Officials or they want nothing to do with Town Issues and just want to be left alone. Either one I'm OK with, but I just wanted to allow your voices to be heard.

The next Annual Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 30 June 2022 @7PM, where you can have a say and vote on your town officials and Warrants created.

Selectmen meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of every month at 6PM, the Planning Board meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6PM. If you want to attend the meetings with input or concerns then contact the Selectmen or Planning Board and get on the schedule prior to the meeting. This will allow us time to gather information prior to the meeting.

Respectfully,

Gregory C. Morgan
Chairman, Northfield Selectmen's Board

TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECT BOARD

Greg Morgan (2023)

Ann Grange (2022)

Tom Manship (2024)

TOWN CLERK

Amanda Manship (2024)

TREASURER

Victoria Boone (2023)

TAX COLLECTOR

Naida Pennell (2023)

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS (Appointed)

Sandra Clifton

Jane Foss

ASSESSOR (Appointed)

J. Douglas Guy III

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR (Appointed)

Catherine Ryanquint

TOWN FORESTRY WARDEN(Appointed)

John Thompson

Richard Lamasney

ROAD COMMISSIONER(Appointed)

Terry Hayward

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER(Appointed)

Washington County Territories

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Appointed)

James Bradley

PLUMBING INSPECTOR (Appointed)

James Bradley

PLANNING BOARD

Michael Anderson (2024)

Alex Currier (2022)

Brian Frutchey (2023)

Tom McCurdy (2022)

Kevin Millay (2023)

BOARD OF APPEALS (Appointed)

Sherri Fraser

Sam Whitney

Dena Mazur

Brent Carter

Bill Burke

HEALTH OFFICER (Appointed)

Amy Zipperer

TOWN ATTORNEY (Appointed)

Rudman Winchell Law Firm

LICENSE AGENTS (Appointed)

Sandra Clifton

Jane Foss

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Scott K. Porter

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rebecca Hennessey (2022)

Sandra Anderson (2024)

Abby Frutchey (2023)

**EXPENDITURES TO May 31, 2022
BY ACCOUNT NAME**

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$44,000.00
Balance Forward	0.00
Total Available	\$44,000.00

Salaries

Select Board

Greg Morgan (Chair)	\$1,500.00
Ann Grange	1,200.00
Tom Manship	1,200.00

Planning Board

Thomas McCurdy (Chair)	900.00
Michael Anderson	700.00
Alex Currier	700.00
Brian Frutchey	700.00
Kevin Millay	700.00

CEO James Bradley \$6,000.00

LPI James Bradley 400.00

Treasurer

Victoria Boone \$5,000.00

Tax Collector

Naida Pennell \$2,500.00

Town Clerk

Amanda Manship \$2,500.00

Registrar of Voters

Amanda Manship 500.00

Total \$24,500.00

Social Security & Medicare contributions for the above \$1,874.25

Elections

November 2021

Amanda Manship (Clerk)	
Amanda Manship (Registrar)	142.76
Ann Grange (Warden)	139.73
Naida Pennell	85.05
Abby Frutchey	51.64
Roger Rivard	88.09
Julie Morgan	45.56
Total	\$552.83

Expense Administrative Salaries		\$26,927.08
Balance Administration		\$17,072.92
All other Administrative Expenses:		\$11,300.09
(Not limited to and including: Postage, Insurance, Copying, Advertising, Dues, Registry Expenses, Office Supplies, Forms and Equipment)		
Balance 5/31/2022	5,147.83	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022:		\$0.00

ASSESSOR

Appropriation	\$7,200.00	
Balance Forward	0.00	
Total Available	\$7,200.00	
Assessor Expenses		\$6,600.00
Balance 5/31/2022:	\$600.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

TOWN BUILDING

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$2,500.00	
Town Hall Expenses		\$1,528.94
Balance 05/31/2022:	\$971.06	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$10,000.00	
Fire Protection Expense		\$7,000.00
From General Fund to Cover Fire Expense	5,566.88	
Fire Expense Mutual Aide		8,566.88
Balance 05/31/2022:	0.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

AMBULANCE

Appropriation	\$1,640.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$1,640.00	
Ambulance Expense		\$1,690.50
From General Fund to Cover Over Expense	50.50	
Balance 05/31/2022:	0.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

WASTE DISPOSAL

Appropriation	\$25,000.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$25,000.00	
Waste Disposal Expense		\$20,427.00
Balance 05/31/2022:	\$4,573.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$1,000.00	
Animal Control Expense		\$541.14
Balance 05/31/2022:	\$458.86	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$5,000.00	
Town Roads Expense		\$3,177.50
Balance 05/31/2022:	\$1,822.50	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022 **		\$0.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$65,000.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$65,000.00	
Snow Removal Expense		\$59,115.81
Balance 05/31/2022:	\$5,884.19	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022 **		\$0.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$850.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$850.00	
Cemeteries Expense		\$850.00
Balance 05/31/2022	\$0.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

PLUMBING (permits) EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$500.00	
Plumbing Expense		\$0.00
Balance 05/31/2022	\$500.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$1,000.00	
General Assistance Expense		\$0.00
Balance 05/31/2022	\$1,000.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

911

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$200.00	
911 Expense		\$0.00
Balance 05/31/2022:	\$200.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

FY Year Appropriation Above Categories:	\$163,890.00	
Total Expensed as of 05/31/2022:		\$142,029.19
Estimated Payouts for June:		3,989.84
Estimated Balance of Appropriation Unused:		\$17,870.97
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		0.00

WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$88,567.00	
Balance Forward		
Total Available	\$88,567.00	
Washington County Tax Expense		\$88,567.00
Balance	\$0.00	
Balance Lapsed 06/30/2022		\$0.00

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & RESEARCH FUND

Appropriation	\$0.00	
Balance Forward	\$2,200.00	
Total Available	\$2,200.00	
Fund Expense		\$0.00
Balance	\$2,200.00	

ROAD IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND

Appropriation **	\$0.00	
Adjusted LRAP Funds (Restricted State Funds)	\$2,572.00	
Balance Forward	\$2,572.00	
Total Available	\$2,572.00	
Fund Expense		\$0.00
Balance	\$2,572.00	

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND

Appropriation (Annual)	\$10,000.00	
Balance Forward	4,282.44	
Total Available	\$14,282.44	
Fund Expense (<i>Fire Expenses and Ambulance</i>)		\$5,617.38
Balance	\$8,665.06	

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (Town Hall)

Appropriation	\$0.00	
Balance Forward	\$5,000.00	
Total Available	\$5,000.00	
Fund Expense		\$0.00
Balance	\$5,000.00	

TREE REMOVAL RESERVE FUND

Balance Forward	\$0.00	
Total Available	0.00	
Fund Expense		\$0.00
Balance	\$0.00	

RESERVE FUNDS	\$18,437.06	
Reserve for 2022 County Tax	\$94,512.00	
Education Reserve	\$10,000.00	
Total Reserve Funds	<u>\$122,949.06</u>	

BANK ACCOUNTS (as of 05/31/2022)

	<u>Restricted/Reserved</u>	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Municipal Checking (<i>operating account</i>)		\$222,533.89
Municipal Savings (<i>reserves accounts above</i>)	\$122,949.06	596.29
Josephine Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund (R)	\$46,439.40	
Municipal 48 month CD (Reserves) (R)	\$64,871.19	
Civil Defense Fund Savings (R)	\$784.60	
Soldiers' Memorial Fund Savings (R)	\$290.92	
Money Market Account (<i>operating reserves</i>)		\$37,507.87
Share Savings (<i>unallocated</i>)		\$140,183.46
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Subtotal Restricted & Reserve Funds	\$235,335.17	
<i>Subtotal Unallocated Reserves</i>		\$140,183.46
Operating Funds Available		\$260,638.05

(R) = Restricted

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 31, 2022

RECEIPTS

Excise Taxes		\$52,679.15
State of Maine		
Education (Intergovernmental)	\$5,553.56	
DOT Urban/Rural Initiative (LRAP) <i>*(R) restricted funds</i>	\$2,572.00*	
Revenue Sharing	\$10,257.58	
Tree Growth	\$18,720.37	
Homestead Exemption	\$9,290.00	
Veterans' Exemption	\$84.00	
Misc. Receipts (R)	\$7,401.70	
Treasurer of State Total Receipts		\$53,879.21
Real Estate Tax Lien payments	\$13,231.52	
Interest and Fees	\$1,429.62	
Total Lien Receipts		\$14,661.14
2020 Real Estate Taxes	\$11,387.14	
2020 Interest and Fees		472.21
2021 Real Estate Taxes	\$359,611.67	
2021 Interest and Fees		\$122.77
Taxes paid in advance (2022)	\$2,265.60	
Adjustments (Refunded overpayment of taxes)		(2,246.92)
TOTAL RE Taxes, Interest & Fees Received		\$371,606.77
Permits & Clerk Fees	\$1,264.00	
TOTAL TREASURER RECEIPTS		\$494,090.27
Less: WARRANTS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN		
As of May 31, 2022		(\$450,404.02)
Less: Restricted Funds *R		(9,973.70)
Net Balance to Unallocated Reserves		\$33,712.55

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FY 2021/2022 AS OF May 31, 2022

FY 2021/22 Collections

Fees & Interest	2020		472.21
Fees & Interest	2021		122.77
Property Taxes	2020	\$11,387.14	
	2021	\$359,611.67	
Taxes Paid in Advance (2022)		2,259.90	
Adjustments (<i>Overpayment refunded to Taxpayer</i>)			(2,246.92)
Other			
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		\$371,606.77	
2021 Property Tax Committed		\$377,774.04	
Abatements			0.00
Supplementals			0.00
Credits carried from previous year			(318.55)
Total 2021 Property Tax to be collected		\$377,455.49	
Amount Collected			(359,611.67)
Adjustments (<i>Overpayment refunded to Taxpayer</i>)			2,246.92
Adjusted Collections total			(357,744.06)
2021 Taxes Outstanding	05/31/2022	\$20,090.74	

**Delinquent Property Taxpayers
As of May 31, 2022
REVISED**

Property Owner(s)	2021 Taxes Due
Binnington, Steven	\$189.84
Brennan, Paul	\$300.60
Burns, Dawn	\$142.80
Buzzell, Truman	\$770.28
Calor, Aaron	\$277.20
Chessa, Susan	\$376.32
Chin, Gregory & Stephanie	\$103.32
Currier, Alexander	\$2,121.84
DiMare, Virginia Devises of	\$803.04
Durling, Glen	\$264.60
Durling, Glen	\$84.00
Gardner, Darren	\$1,045.80
Gardner, Leslie & Sonja	\$616.56
Gardner, Leslie	\$908.04
Giarratano, Tina	\$165.48
Gray Jr, Philip	\$301.56
Guptill, Eric	\$83.16
Guptill, Eric	\$296.52
Hammond, William	\$289.80
Ingram Trustees	\$588.00
Kilton, Seth	\$1,231.44
King, Tomas & Lisa	\$567.84
Kuhns, Donald	\$301.56
Langdon, Melinda	\$109.20
Levine, Stephen	\$166.32
Levine, Stephen	\$157.08
Levine, Stephen	\$162.12
MacLeod, Robert	\$1,142.40
Magee, Gary	\$1,086.96
Ogilvie, Jeanel	\$2,373.00
Pristine Properties LLC (FL Putnam Securities Company	\$16.10
Pulsifer, Svenson	\$2.00
Ricigliano, Ian	\$1,030.68
Rosalie Roach Revocable Trust	\$189.00
Rosalie Roach Revocable Trust	\$194.88
Saccone, Martin & Helen	\$206.64
Schencks, Kirby	\$1.26
Scott, Daniel	\$121.80
St. Cyr, Lia	\$477.96
Thompson, Frances	\$298.20
Whitney, Peter	\$750.12
Wright, Jeff	\$1,260.84
York, Keith & Denise	\$182.28
Total	\$21,758.44

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 30, 2022

State of Maine

TO: Julie A. Morgan, Resident of the Town of Northfield

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn each of the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield as are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Thursday, the thirtieth day of June 2022 at 7:00PM, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

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

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| (1) | Select Board member | (3 Year Term) |
| (2) | Planning Board members | (3 Year Term) |
| (2) | School Committee member | (3 Year Term) |
| | General Assistance Administrator | (1 Year Term) |
| | Health Officer | (1 Year Term) |
| | Road Commissioner | (1 Year Term) |

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following categories (listed amounts are recommendations from the Select Board):

A. Town Roads	\$8,000.00
B. Snow Removal (Plow/Sand/Salt)	\$68,000.00
C. Administration	\$44,000.00
D. Assessor	\$7,200.00
E. Town Buildings	\$2,500.00
F. Waste Disposal (Includes pick up)	\$25,000.00
G. Fire Protection	\$15,000.00
H. Ambulance Contract	\$1,700.00
I. Animal Control	\$1,000.00
J. General Assistance	\$1,000.00
K. Cemeteries	\$850.00
L. Plumbing Inspections	\$500.00
M. 911 Account	\$200.00
Total:	\$174,950.00

As to ARTICLE 3, the Board of Selectmen recommend the total of \$52,679 be appropriated from Excise Tax receipts and of the balance, \$80,000 be taken from the unallocated reserves \$42,271 to be raised and appropriated for the accounts listed in ARTICLE 3. *(Increase of \$12,060 from last year due to increasing fuel costs [Town Roads and Plow/Sand allocation] and increased Fire Protection appropriation.)*

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? *(Amount of last year's contract \$1,723 with estimated 2% increase budgeted)*

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 rate 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 Quit Claim Deed for such property when appropriate.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the 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.

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?

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 Administration account listed in Article 3. *(No increase in total appropriation required at this time).*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to add \$10,000 to the General Fund from Unallocated Reserves to cover unbudgeted increases in capital expenses? *(Past two years have had large fire protection expenses that were paid from the General Fund reserves. This does not RAISE money, only moves funds from an unallocated reserve account to make funds available.)*

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. (The Road Improvement Reserve Fund was*

To: The Northfield Selectmen, the Northfield School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield.

When I wrote the Northfield Annual Report last year it was my hope that our schools would be back to normal, but as we all know now, with Fall came an increase in covid cases which caused school closures here and across the State. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but we have high hopes for the 22/23 school year.

The students that live in the Town of Northfield have school choice preK-12. Northfield students attend the Rose M. Gaffney School, Elm Street School, Washington Academy and Machias Memorial High School. AOS 96 is comprised of seven elementary schools and one high school. If any citizens have questions about AOS 96 schools, please contact the Building Principal. As Superintendent of Schools, I am responsible for the students in eleven area towns.

The proposed 2022/2023 school budget is \$359,459.00, which reflects an increase of \$17,902.00 compared to last year. This increase is primarily due to higher secondary tuition and transportation costs. Even though expenditures have increased, the tax commitment will remain the same by using \$56,601.04 in fund balance.

Each year it is a pleasure to work with the Northfield School Committee. Rebecca Hennessey, Abby Frutchey and Sandi Anderson are very supportive and always have the best interest of students in mind when they make decisions.

I also thank the Northfield Selectmen for their steadfast support of the Northfield School Department.

I welcome the citizens of Northfield to stop by my office anytime with questions or concerns. Thank you for your support of the Northfield School Department.

Scott K. Porter
Superintendent of Schools
AOS 96
Machias Bay Area School System

depleted last year (FY 20/21) on Eastern Ridge Road paving. This is not "raising" funds, only moving unused balances to the FUND which is used for major road repair projects.)

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.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate amounts for any or all of the following: (Amounts listed are past contributions totaling \$514.00).

Downeast Community Partners (Matching funds)	\$114.00
American Red Cross	\$100.00
Machias Area Little League	\$200.00
Porter Memorial Library	\$100.00

ARTICLES FOR TOWN OF NORTHFIELD 2022/2023 SCHOOL BUDGET

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

ARTICLES 19 THROUGH 20 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

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?

Explanation: 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 is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 20: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$77,788.09 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$77,788.09 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee **recommends \$77,788.09** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$77,788.09: The Northfield School Department budget is over the Essential Programs and Services model in system administration, and the difference between the elementary and secondary tuition rates and the EPS tuition rates. In addition, the Essential Programs and Services model does not fully fund co-curricular activities and the model has not been fully funded by the State.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local 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 that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 21 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$359,459.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from 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, 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 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

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 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town appropriate \$850.00 for adult education and raise \$850.00 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 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town appropriate \$410.00 for adult basic education and raise \$410.00 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.

Given under our hands this 17th day of June 2022 Northfield, Maine

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

/s/ Gregory Morgan, Chair

/s/ Thomas Manship

/s/ Ann Grange

CERTIFIED: A true copy of the “Warrant for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Northfield.”

RESIDENT’S RETURN

I have this day posted a certified true copy of the Warrant for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting at the Northfield Town Hall, the same being a public and conspicuous place within the said Town of Northfield, on June 17, 2022, which date is at least seven days prior to said meeting.

/s/ Julie A. Morgan

Resident of Northfield