

**WARRANT FOR THE TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH  
NORTHFIELD TOWN MEETING 2009**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Pines Community Center, Dearborn Road, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine at 10:00 in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers, Tilton-Northfield Fire District Officers and Winnisquam Regional School District Officers for the ensuing year.

And on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Pines Community Center, Dearborn Road, Northfield to act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be deposited in the SAR (State Aid Reconstruction Projects) Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of making improvements to Bean Hill Road. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (Majority vote is required for adoption).

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two (2) year lease/purchase agreement for the replacement of a 1990 8 yard International 4900 Truck in the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 as the first year's payment. The total cost of this equipment is \$115,047. This lease/purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Majority vote required for adoption)

**Passed  
As Amended**

Amended to "Shall not exceed \$120,000"

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to replace a 2002 Ford Expedition 4x4 in the Police Department and to raise and appropriate \$27,900 for this purpose. (Majority vote is required for adoption).

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to replace a police cruiser in the Police Department and to raise and appropriate \$25,669 for this purpose. (Majority vote is required for adoption).

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for repair of retaining walls and other stabilization work for the Island, such funds to be used as a local match to a Hazard Mitigation Grant. This is a special, non lapsing warrant article and the funds shall not lapse until the entire project is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever is sooner. Total project cost is \$220,000; Northfield's portion of the local match is anticipated to be \$13,500, with the remaining funds to be requested in 2010. This appropriation is contingent upon the Town of Tilton raising and appropriating the same amount. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend approval of this article. (Majority vote is required for adoption).

**Tabled**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate \$900 to increase the Selectmen's annual compensation by \$300 per Selectman.

**Failed**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the income limit for an elderly exemption (RSA72:39-b) effective April 1, 2009 to reflect increases in Social Security benefit payments awarded since the limits were last modified in 2005 as follows:

**Passed**

	Increase From:	To:
Single Persons	\$28,500	\$31,800
Married Couple (combined income)	\$38,500	\$43,000

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the exemption amounts for elderly and disabled residents meeting the established income limit effective April 1, 2009 to reflect changes in property values reflected in recent assessments as follows:

**Passed**

	Increase From:	To:
Elderly 65-74	\$50,000	\$ 75,000
Elderly 75-79	\$60,000	\$ 80,000
Elderly 80+	\$90,000	\$115,000
Disabled	\$50,000	\$ 65,000

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$3,303,041 for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles listed above. (Majority vote required).

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town shall vote to elect members of the Budget Committee, commencing with election to staggered terms in March 2010 pursuant to RSA 32:15III and to authorize the Moderator to appoint budget committee members to serve until the annual meeting of March 2010, pursuant to RSA 32:15III.

**Tabled**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and relinquish all interest therein a 0.058 mile Class V Road known as Old Rt. 3B, located off of Concord Road. (Majority vote required for adoption.)

**Passed**

Given under our hands and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nine.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH Glen Brown, Chair; Debra Shepard; Stephen Bluhm

A true copy of warrant attest:

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH Glen Brown, Chair; Debra Shepard; Stephen Bluhm