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NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2014

Present: Gretchen Wilder, Leif Martinson, Keith Murray, Jared Hebert, Dennis Allen, Peg Shepard

Also Present: Jim Doane, Rose Marie Welch, Kevin Waldron, Bill Wilder, Glenn Smith, Lisa Swancott, Tony Cross, Jane White, Ruth Zax.

Murray/Wilder moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 26, 2013. **Motion passed**, Leif Martinson abstaining.

Vice Chair Leif Martinson recognized Jim Doane who reviewed the budget proposal for the Pines Community Center. Jim discussed the proposed salary reduction for the organization, stating that it will not impact programs. Committee members reviewed the impact of the Pines' scholarship program. Jim updated Committee members on grant efforts.

The Vice Chair recognized Jane White who reviewed the VNA request and programs. Committee members noted that the financials submitted show that the organization plans on making a profit in 2013 and discussed the need for taxpayer support in light of such. In response to questions, Ms. White indicated that VNA may begin to solicit funds through direct mailings which they have not been able to do previously due to their United Way association.

The Vice Chair recognized Tony Cross who reviewed the budget for Park Cemetery. Members advised him to review the amount budgeted for unemployment insurance.

The Vice Chair recognized Ruth Zax who reviewed the programs and budget for Child and Family Services, noting that the requested increase reflects the increase in demand for service.

The Vice Chair recognized Keith Murray, who temporarily relinquished his seat on the Budget Committee to speak as President of the Northfield Economic Development Corporation. Keith reviewed the NEDC budget request and accomplishments of the past year and said that the focus of the next year would be working on the Rt. 140 corridor.

Committee members discussed the upcoming meeting with the proposed technology vendor. It was decided that Keith Murray and Leif Martinson would attend the meeting.

Glenn Smith distributed updated budget worksheets.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Approved by the Northfield Budget Committee on January 16, 2014