

**WARRANT FOR THE TWO HUNDRED FORTY THIRD
NORTHFIELD TOWN MEETING
2023**

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 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects. The polls will be open from 7:00 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.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article 6, Section 6.1 Districts as follows: Increase the number of districts from five to six.

Separate the **Commercial/Industrial Zone** into two zones, a C/I-1 zone and a C/I-2 zone.

To Change the designation of areas of the **C/I-1 Zone** to be: Starting at the entrance ramp to I-93 Southbound, proceed southerly on the westerly side of I-93 ROW, to the Rt. #132 after the underpass of I-93, then southerly along Rt. #132 to the cemetery north side boundary, then 2,000 feet from the center line, northwesterly perpendicular to Rt. #132, hence northeasterly to a point on Old Forrest Rd, said point is 1,000 feet from the centerline of westerly of New Forest Rd., then northerly in a line parallel of New Forest Rd. to Sargent St, then running easterly along Sargent St to the intersection of Park St (Rt. 132), then Southeasterly to the I-93 Southbound Ramp.

And to change the current C/I zone to R2 Zone starting at the intersection of the Boston and Maine Railroad and Sargent St, heading west along the Northerly side of Sargent St to the intersection of Johnson Rd, then Northerly along the easterly side of Johnson Rd to the Boston and Maine Railroad ROW (WR Zone), then Northeasterly along the Boston and Maine Railroad ROW (WR Zone) to intersection of the Boston and Maine Railroad, then Southerly along the Westerly side of the Boston and Maine Railroad to point of beginning (intersection of Sargent St.)

To Change the designation of areas of the **C/I-2 Zone** to be: Areas Southerly of Rt. #140 for a distance of 1,000 feet from the center line of Rte. #140 and Northerly of Shaker Rd. starting at their intersection, and ending at the Town Line. Areas Northerly of Rt. #140 to the town line. To add Uses allowed in Article 7 Table 1, and Dimensional Requirements allowed in Article 7 Table 2.

Conservation Zone: to extend the R-1 Zone 500' from the center line of the road into the Conservation Zone on all Class V or better roads excluding I-93.

R-2 Zone: to redefine the R-2 Zone being West of I-93 and the WR Zone (Richard P Smart Conservation Area) Northerly along the WR Zone (Richard P Smart Conservation Area) boundary to the Boston and Maine Railroad, running Westerly along the South side of the Winnepesaukee River to the East side of Boston and Maine Railroad, and then southerly along the Boston and Maine Railroad to the intersection of Sargent Street, then Easterly along the North side of Sargent St to the intersection of Park St (Rt. 132), then Southeasterly along Park St (Rt. 132) to the I-93 ROW, then Northeasterly along the I-93 ROW to the point of the beginning.

And starting at the intersection of Sargent St and the Boston and Maine Railroad, running Westerly along the North side of Sargent Street to the intersection of Scribner Rd, and running along the North side of Scribner Rd to 500' of Cross Mill Rd, then running Northerly along the 500' set back of Cross Mill Rd to 1,850 feet from Scribner Rd, then Easterly along Southern side of the Boston and Main Railroad ROW to the intersection of the Boston and Maine Railroad, then running Southerly along the West side of the Boston and Maine Railroad to the point of beginning (Sargent St).

R-1 Zone: to extend the R-1 Zone in the Conservation Zone 500' from the center line of all Class V roads or better, excluding I-93. And to change 1. To read **All other areas of Town not defined in other zones.**
This article is recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article 6, Section 6.3 to remove the requirement of needing a Special Exception for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), this change will also be reflected in Article 7 Table 1. *This article is recommended by the Planning Board*

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article 8, Section 8.2 to remove (d) to bring us into compliance with State Law, and to add under (c) Adequacy of, and plans for, sanitary facilities, water supply and road access *to include emergency services.* *This article is recommended by the Planning Board*

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article 12, Section 12.3 as follows:
(c, d) change Business/Industrial to Commercial/Industrial Zones
Add e), Complex Sign Standards to read as follows: Complex signs shall be constructed and placed in accordance with this Ordinance for the purpose of identifying a complex of primary commercial uses. Uses shall be located on a single lot served by a common road or driveway and shall contain two or more separate primary commercial uses or buildings. Sign shall be located on property contained as part of the complex. Sign shall identify the complex and identify, by name and/or logo only, each primary commercial use in the complex. Such sign may not exceed 75 square feet, double sided, but must otherwise meet the requirements of the ordinance. *This article is recommended by the Planning Board*

And on the 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Southwick School, 50 Zion Hill Road, Northfield to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00. This article is being required by HB 1667 (**Majority vote required**)

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town readopt the All-Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit of \$500.00. This article is being required by HB 1667 (**Majority vote required**)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to be added to the Road and Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This article would result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) to fund road and bridge reconstruction and repair projects with Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to come from the Road and Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to come from the Road Repair Revolving Fund and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) to come from Fund Balance No amount to be raised from taxation. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2024. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserves Fund, previously established. This article would result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00) to Lease a 6 Wheel Dump Truck with Wing, Plow, and Sander for the purpose of road maintenance with said funds to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserves Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*

- ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Cemetery Repair Expendable Trust Fund, previously established. This article would result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Computer Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This article would result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purchase or replacement of computer equipment with said funds to come from the Computer Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (30,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article would result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$72,000), for the purpose of purchasing a Police Cruiser, with Forty-Two Thousand Dollars (42,000) to be withdrawn from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and Thirty Thousand Dollars (30,000) to come from the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund. No amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) as the towns portion of a 50% matching grant for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Generator at the Pines Community Center to be used as the Towns Emergency Shelter. This amount would come from Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of replacing the roofs at Town Hall and the Police Station. This amount is to be withdrawn from fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*
- ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Facilities Emergency Repair Trust Fund to The Facilities Repair Trust Fund. This fund will allow saving money each year for capital repairs and or emergency repairs of town buildings as needed. **(2/3 Majority vote required)**
- ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to change a section of Hidden Lane which being approximately 100 feet and extends from Summer Street to the boundary of Interstate 93 from a class V road to a Class VI Road "subject to gates and bars". If approved by voters, this road will remain town owned but not maintained by the town. **(Majority vote required)**
- ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly and disabled tax exemption amounts for qualifying residents who meet the income and asset limits previously adopted in 2009, and all other requirements set by RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:27-b. This change would be effective April 1, 2023 to reflect changes in property values recent assessments as follows. **(Majority vote required)**

Increase	From:	To:
Elderly 65-74	\$75,000	\$150,000
Elderly 75-79	\$80,000	\$162,000
Elderly 80+	\$115,000	\$205,000
Disabled	\$65,000	\$120,000

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Eight Hundred Thirteen Thousand Ninety-One Dollars (\$3,813,092.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles listed above. *This article is recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.*

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit RSA 72:28 and all the Veteran's Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b from \$500 to \$750.00 yearly tax credit. **This is a Petition Article. (Majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 24. Are you in favor of increasing the Northfield Board of Selectmen to Five (5) members? **(Majority ballot vote required). This is a Petition Article.**

ARTICLE 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH

Mark Hubbell, Chairman

Jason Durgin, Vice Chairman

Kevin Waldron, Selectman

A true copy of warrant attests:

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH



Mark Hubbell, Chairman



Jason Durgin, Vice Chairman

Kevin Waldron, Selectman