

MINUTES FOR THE TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH NORTHFIELD TOWN MEETING 2014

Polls were opened at the Pines Community Center, Dearborn Road, on the 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Scott McGuffin. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. with 321 votes cast.

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

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

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| Moderator: 2 Years | Scott McGuffin | 295 |
| Selectman: 3 Years | Wayne Crowley | 272 |
| | Brian Brown..... | 43 |
| Supervisor of the Checklist: 6 Years | Margaret LaBrecque | 292 |
| Town Clerk / Tax Collector: 3 Years | Cindy Caveney..... | 307 |
| Trustee of Trust Funds: 3 Years | Position to be appointed | |

T-N FIRE DISTRICT

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| Fire Commissioner: 3 Years | Paul Auger | 580 |
| Fire Commissioner: 1 Year | Les S. Doe cal | 557 |
| Moderator: 2 Years | Kent R Finemore..... | 612 |

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

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| Moderator: 1 Year | Kent Finemore | 677 |
| School Board (Northfield): 3 Years | Tom Fulweiler | 368 |
| | Jon P Cilley..... | 366 |
| School Board (Sanbornton): 3 Years | Sean Goodwin..... | 700 |
| School Board (Tilton): 3 Years | Kevin Washburn | 677 |
| Budget Committee (Northfield): 3 Years | Top Write In: Jon Cilley | 12 |
| Budget Committee (Sanbornton): 3 Years | Dana Nute | 669 |
| Budget Committee (Tilton): 2 Years | Jane Alden | 675 |
| Budget Committee (Tilton): 3 Years | Wayne Brock | 640 |

The 2014 Town Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on the 15th day of March, in the year of our lord two thousand and fourteen at the Pines Community Center, Dearborn Road, Northfield, by Moderator Scott McGuffin to act upon the following subjects. The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to honor those serving in the military, then read Article 1 and results of the election for Town and School District Offices.

- ARTICLE 2** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing Highway and Sanitation Department equipment as needed. *This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Article 2 was moved by Scott Hilliard, seconded by William Wilder.

Ed Weingartner, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee spoke to the Article. Chmn Weingartner stated this is a continuation of \$75,000 requested annually to replace highway equipment as needed. The long term plan is to not get behind in our equipment needs. Brian Constant inquired about the current balance in the fund. Kevin Waldron responded \$40,692. **ARTICLE PASSED**

- ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to replace a 1947 roadside sweeper with funding to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Article was moved by George Corliss, Jr., seconded by Wesley DeSousa.

Selectman Peg Shepard explained this is to replace the old sweeper that needs to be replaced. The new one can go on either skidsteer and will help with ditching, winter sand, and shoulder backing. It is not bad money for a really good piece of equipment that can do a lot of work.

Catherine Ferreira asked if the \$6,000 is coming from the \$75,000 we just put in the fund, not an additional amount? Dennis Allen of the Budget Committee confirmed that is correct.

David Court asked if this is the total cost, which was confirmed as correct. **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00) to replace a 2001 Ford F450 one ton dump truck with plow and wing with funding to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Article was moved by Kevin Waldron, seconded by Leif Martinson.

Catherine Ferreira asked how much will be left in the account after we deduct the \$6,000 (Art.3) and \$96,000. Peg Shepard said we are spending \$102,000, leaving \$13,000 after the sweeper and truck are purchased to start next year. Catherine followed up asking if this will cover us the rest of the year for emergencies. Peg answered no, this is the balance just for this fund. **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE 5 To see if the town will vote to establish a Sandogardy Pond Road State Aid Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:1 for the purpose of providing local match needed for funding the reconstruction of Sandogardy Pond Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to be deposited in this fund. (Majority vote required) *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval of this article.*

Article was moved by Wesley DeSousa, seconded by Leif Martinson.

Lee French asked if this is the whole road from Route 132 to the Canterbury line. Peg Shepard said yes, from the beginning to the start of Intervale Road. Lee said there is a couple of runoff areas that cause problems and asked if those will be addressed. Ed Weingartner said we are just establishing the fund at this time. We understand state funds may be available in 2018. There is a possibility the state aid formula may change, so instead of the town paying one-third, we may only have to pay 20%, we are still looking into that. In the future an engineering study will be done that will be looking at drainage and making recommendations. Lee asked since the state owns the road now, is there any discussion with the state about repairing the current damage on the road.

Kevin Waldron said there is no discussion on a partial fix.

Lee asked if the Road Agent or someone could contact the state to ask them to do some repairs.

Peg Shepard said we can ask them to do an assessment of the damage.

Arnold Graton asked if the road will be turned over to the town after the reconstruction.

Peg confirmed that is the case. **ARTICLE PASSED.**

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Forty One Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$241,400.00) to the Road Reconstruction Fund for the purpose of funding major road reconstruction projects as needed. *This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Article was moved by Leif Martinson, seconded by Bob Southworth

Ed Weingartner said the CIP committee requested this amount based on work started last year and continuing. Funds need to be added to continue work and repairs ongoing on town roads.

Leif asked for the current balance in the fund, Peg Shepard responded \$171,917.63.

Arnold Graton asked what the difference is between this Article 6 and Article 7.

Kevin Waldron explained that this article puts money into the account, and Article 7 authorizes spending from the account. Catherine Ferreira asked if this includes culverts.

Ed stated this is only putting money into the fund. We talk about money coming out of the fund in the next article. Catherine said that is why she asked, to see if the maintenance includes culverts.

Ed said perhaps Johnny (Highway Superintendent) would be better to answer this. Culverts are included to the extent necessary for reconstruction. Catherine said she is trying to get a definite answer. She said we have a town ordinance that states all culverts belong to the property owner of right-of-way. If this is including culverts, then if the people are responsible for their culverts, why are we paying to have culverts repaired? You've got an ordinance that says we as

property owners in our right-of-way are responsible for maintenance and replacement, so if this is including this you're telling people who have a culvert that they are paying for their culvert twice.

Moderator McGuffin said he was allowing some latitude here, this is really an Article 7 discussion, but it may have an effect on peoples' interest in approving Article 6, so he will allow this information to be shared at this point.

Peg Shepard explained when we do a total road reconstruction it does include cross culverts because we have to make sure the drainage is up to par if we're going to reconstruct the road.

It doesn't include a culvert that has been in place at a residence for years and then goes, that is their responsibility to replace it. It only makes sense to replace culverts when you reconstruct a road to make sure the drainage is going to be good so the road doesn't get compromised.

Catherine stated that is not what the ordinance says. The Moderator ruled Catherine out of order as this is really an Article 7 question and further discussion on specifics of the work should come under Article 7. Christina Cann asked if Shaw Road is included in this Article.

The Moderator said we can talk more about this when we consider Article 7. **ARTICLE 6 PASSED**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$347,623.00) to fund road and bridge reconstruction and repair projects with funding to come from the Road Reconstruction Fund. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2015. *This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

The Article was moved by Glen Brown, seconded by Bob Southworth.

Christina Cann asked what is planned for Shaw Road and how much money is designated for that.

Ed Weingartner gave a review of what is planned for this particular year. They plan to do both the paved and unpaved sections of Rand Road, 500 feet of Shaw Road 16 ft wide. They are recommending work on Cannon Bridge. The pavement on the bridge is coming up exposing the deck. When last reviewed the bridge was still in pretty good condition. Right now the Bridge Aid Program is well into the 2022-2024 time period. There is a lot of time to get the bridge into the program. They recommend that work be done on the bridge to extend its service life and to defer the long term maintenance cost. As for other projects, there was a lot of work done last year estimating the cost of what it would take to repair the roads. This year we want to expand the work and really talk about what it would take to get the roads in "like new" condition. They recommend shimming projects on several roads: Bay Hill Road, Shaker Road, Bean Hill Road, and Knowles Pond in order to extend the service life. The Committee will need one to two more years to present a comprehensive plan and to make recommendations. All roads in town have taken a beating this year.

David Court asked for clarification as to the culvert issue. Was advised residents are responsible for their driveway culverts. Greg Hill asked if Jared Hebert could explain the purpose of shimming. Jared said he is not in favor of shimming. In his opinion it is money not well spent and a waste of asphalt. He is in favor of raising the money to fix correctly, not shimming roads that are too far gone. Kevin Waldron said this list was developed in good faith. It is up to the Board to determine how funds are ultimately spent and projects are carried out. Things can change, depending upon conditions. Greg Hill asked if he did not anticipate spending the money for shimming. Kevin responded the money can be used for other needed repairs, so something on the list may not get done. Catherine Ferreira asked why they say that culverts done when a road is reconstructed are not charged to the property owner. The ordinance states the property owner is totally responsible for maintenance and repair of their right-of-way culvert, so if one is damaged during reconstruction it is the responsibility of the homeowner to repair. In the budget for reconstruction they already paid for that culvert, so are we 100% responsible, or are we paying taxes to have it repaired? People are being taxed twice for their culvert.

Peg Shepard explained the ordinance says the homeowner is responsible for their culvert. That does not include a road reconstruction project. The ordinance talks about driveway culverts. They must be included in a full reconstruction to be sure they are constructed correctly.

Mary Lee asked for an explanation of shimming. Jared Hebert explained shimming is taking a thin layer of asphalt to fill in deficiencies to give a nice top coat that does not last. Sid Barton asked how many on the Budget Committee agree with Jared. Leif Martinson said he disagreed that there is no benefit to it. It is temporary, but can prevent further damage until funds are available for full repair, but agreed we are better off doing a full reconstruction if possible. Ed Weingartner said a shim can take out some of the potholes and large dips to help keep the budget down. We estimate costs in the \$20 Million range for all roads in town. In order to keep the tax rate low and make progress, we have to sit down as a committee and figure out what these costs are. Consider it asset management. We must evaluate the roads every year and adjust priorities accordingly.

Keith Murray pointed out there is a difference of about \$100,000 between the amounts listed as projects this year and the amount being requested. Ed explained the total includes the balance already in the fund, the amount requested, and a highway block grant of \$104,400. **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE 8

To see if the town will vote to establish a Facilities Emergency Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:1-c for the purpose of funding emergency maintenance and repair projects as may be needed to ensure the operation and continued use of town facilities, to appoint the Selectmen as agents of such fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be deposited in this fund with funding coming from the town Unreserved Fund Balance. (Majority vote required) *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval of this article.*

Article was moved by Kevin Waldron, seconded by Scott Hilliard.

Lisa Swancott asked what they anticipated the total fund balance to be for holding until needed.

Kevin Waldron said they would like to get it up to about \$20,000. Joseph Kehr asked what sort of projects this money would be used for. Kevin explained two air conditioning units failed in 2013 that did not get replaced. Both the Police Department and Town Hall heating units are pushing 20 years old. If they should fail there would be no effect on the budget if this fund is available. **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE 9

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 Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$32,900.00) for this purpose. *This Article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Article moved by Chief John Raffaelly, seconded by George Corliss, Jr.

Chief Raffaelly explained this was to replace a 2009 vehicle with 105,000 miles on it and that is rusting out. The price includes all equipment and ready for the road. Jon Cilley asked what our current fleet consists of. Chief said we have the Chief's car which is a 2009, Vehicle #11, a 2012, a 2013, a 4x4 and the motorcycle. **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Three Dollars (\$1,064,453.00) for the purpose of municipally managing a NH Department of Transportation Grant to construct Phase IIa of the Winnipesaukee River Multi Purpose Trail in Northfield and Tilton. The project has no impact on the tax rate, it is completely offset by Eight Hundred Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$851,562) from NHDOT and Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$212,891) in donations. (Majority vote required)

Article was moved by Eliza Conde, seconded by Glen Brown

Eliza Conde requested permission from the assembly for Rick Silverberg, a non-resident and President of the Winnipesaukee River Trail Association (WRTA), to be allowed to speak to the article. Permission was granted. Mr. Silverberg said he appreciated the working relationship the town has had with the WRTA since 2004. The Winnipesaukee River Bridge is the missing portion of the trail that needs to be completed. It will bring the trail from Surrette Park down Elm and Granite Streets, then across the Winnipesaukee River on land owned by the Conservation Commission, crossing over the river to land owned by the Tilton Conservation Commission. We need to raise \$212,000 for our portion of the match, we have raised \$128,000 toward that, and need to raise the rest. Completing the bridge will allow the next portion of the trail to be completed.

This brings us closer to the vision of having this trail go all the way from Franklin to Meredith.

Groups in Belmont, Laconia and Meredith are all working on their sections of the trail. This will be a great resource for the entire region. We are already connecting the trail along the northern line from Penacook to Danbury on the old railroad line. We would also be interested in working with the town to develop a park on the conservation land, to be called "Granite Mills Park". This would be similar to work we have done with the Tilton Conservation Commission and with Franklin on Trestle View Park. The Moderator pointed out that Belmont passed a similar article.

Kevin Waldron wanted to point out that this project is not free to the town. First, we pay the Town Administrator's salary and he is the Administrator of the fund; secondly, not all funds have been raised by the WRTA. If they fail to raise the funds, the town is on the hook. At this time they are \$84,000 short. Lisa Swancott noted the article says it won't affect the tax rate. And asked if the money has to be spent if the WRTA does not raise the funds?

Glenn Smith advised that this is a reimbursement program. If we pass this today and tell the state we are ready to go forward. The state has committed the money (80%). When work is done, the bills are paid. An engineering study has been completed. Once we move forward we can't stop the process. Rick said over the life of the project the WRTA has raised over \$500,000 in the past. WRTA has applied for about \$20,000 in grants and expect to receive them, but do not have in hand at this time. He also stated the WRTA is willing to write a check to the town in advance to cover their portion of the construction bills as they come in. Don Stevens asked if there could be an amendment to the article so the money won't come out of town funds. Kevin Waldron agreed the group has a stellar record. He submitted an amendment to the article to protect the town's interest.

Amendment #1 read as follows:

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Three Dollars (\$1,064,453.00) for the purpose of municipally managing a NH Department of Transportation Grant to construct Phase IIa of the Winnipesaukee River Multi Purpose Trail in Northfield and Tilton. The project has no impact on the tax rate, it is completely offset by Eight Hundred Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$851,562) from NHDOT and Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$212,891) in donations, which shall be guaranteed by the Winnipesaukee River Trail Association, through the posting of a Bond, a Letter of Credit from a lending institution registered with the New Hampshire Banking Department, or other surety acceptable to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town."

(Majority vote required)

Amendment #1 was seconded by Bob Ivon.

Eliza Conde said she was not sure the Association would have the ability to provide a bond.

Rick Silverberg said they had looked into that and it is not a bondable item but they could procure a loan to cover costs which the WRTA would have to pay it back.

David Court asked if we approve the project and it moves forward, what is the time period in paying this back. Rick said the project is already approved to move forward by the state. With town approval, they give the engineers an order to proceed with design details, go out to bid, and hope to start construction next September. All money needs to be in-hand by next spring.

Peter Currier asked what happens if final costs come in higher. Rick said they have built in a 15% contingency fund. In addition, money had been set aside to purchase land, however it was purchased by the Tilton Conservation Commission, so that \$8,000 can be moved to another line item. Wesley DeSousa asked for Rick's opinion on the Amendment. Rick said he thought they can deal with the amendment. They have worked on this for seventeen years and plan to see it through.

Amendment was withdrawn by Kevin Waldron, with approval of Bob Ivon, who seconded it.

Kevin Waldron submitted a new Amendment #1, again seconded by Bob Ivon, as follows:

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Three Dollars (\$1,064,453.00) for the purpose of municipally managing a NH Department of Transportation Grant to construct Phase IIa of the Winnipesaukee River Multi-Purpose Trail in Northfield and Tilton. The project has no impact on the tax rate, it is completely offset by Eight Hundred Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$851,562) from NHDOT and Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$212,891) in donations, which shall be guaranteed by the Winnipesaukee River Trail Association by loans or from other sources." (Majority vote required)

Leif Martinson stated that if this passes, it will not affect the tax rate.

Rick Silverberg said the new amendment still fit within their parameters.

Dan Durgin asked how much of the trail is on the old railroad bed, and whether they have considered pulling up the old railroad tracks that run along the trail for the scrap value. Rick said they are exploring recycling track on the Franklin side of the trail. The line from Concord to Meredith is still an active rail line at this time.

AMENDMENT #1 PASSED.

ARTICLE 10 AS AMENDED PASSED.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty four thousand seven hundred ninety six dollars and six cents (\$54,796.06) for the purpose of paying the capital recovery costs imposed on the Northfield Sewer District by the state of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services –

Winnipesaukee River Basin Project for the 2014 budget year. *This Article is not recommended by the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Article was moved by Eliza Conde, seconded by Glen Brown.

Joe DeMello pointed out page 20 of the town report and said the sewer system is a basic need. He pointed out all town buildings utilize the water/sewer systems. Users pay a quarterly tax. As a town, per the Clean Water Act passed by Congress, the town is responsible, along with other towns, for the Winnipesaukee River Basin System, and that he approved this system.

Leif Martinson explained the reason this article is on the warrant. About four years ago, the Budget Committee received an increased bill for capital costs. Our previous cost was \$6,000-\$8,000 per year on a thirty-year bond. With no warning, our new bill presented through DES was \$27,000, and was not something the budget committee felt was reasonable, nor something the entire town should cover. Only about 350 homes of the 2,000 or so homes in Northfield are connected to the system.

The State sued the town over lack of the payment. As a result of a settlement, the Sewer District was allowed to place this article on the warrant. He noted that for those not on the town sewer system, when their private septic systems fail, the homeowners are responsible for the capital improvement cost of those repairs, not the town. Kevin Waldron said the reason this is on the warrant is that it was a legal obligation to do so. We are under no obligation to fund it.

Don Stevens said the town joined the WRB project in the 1970's. We never voted to get out of the basin project. He said we cannot just stop paying the bill. Peg Shepard said we have fulfilled our thirty-year commitment. Kevin said we never voted to get out, this is not getting us out of the project. Joe DeMello said Don is right, in the 1970's we did vote to join the project. We had no choice due to the Clean Water Act. We accepted funds from Federal and State, there is no getting out of it. We get taxed based on usage, and by the Town for the system itself.

Moderator Scott McGuffin clarified that we are not voting to get out of the project.

Glen Brown said that clean water benefits everyone. 87-88% of the District budget is set up by the Winnipesaukee River Basin project. We have no choice. We all benefit from the clean water and we are not working together. The Northfield Economic Development Committee wants to talk to the district about the sewer line on Route 140.

Lisa Swancott said we do pay for the sewer for all our buildings. For those building, as a user, we will get a bigger bill as a result of these charges. This is taxation without representation. We don't get a vote if we are not on the system. We do not get to vote to elect sewer district officers. She stated she opposes this. Nancy Court asked since we paid \$6,000 per year for thirty years, was there any explanation for the massive jump? Leif Martinson answered they said there were improvements being done, maintenance, etc. that have to be passed on to the users of the system.

There were new bonds. He believed current members of the budget committee are willing to consider paying for some of the costs going forward, but not this amount with no warning. Some towns have continued to pay, and other towns have made the whole town the district. Glen Brown agreed in other towns the district is the whole town. Treatment costs have risen, the district did not expect this increase either.

Kevin Waldron said it is important to note the town has a settlement. The Sewer District has agreed going forward to pay this money. Meredith & Gilford only bill the users connected to the system. Don Stevens said we need to do it the right way, don't just stop paying the bill. **ARTICLE WAS DEFEATED.**

Motion was made by Keith Murray to protect the vote. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of three million seventy eight thousand nine hundred fifty six dollars (\$3,078,956.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles listed above. (Majority vote required)

Article was moved by Leif Martinson, seconded by Keith Murray.

Catherine Ferreira asked how the earlier votes on the Winnipesaukee Trail and Article 11 affected the final budget. Leif Martinson responded this number represents all budget items before special warrant articles. The expenditure for Winnipesaukee River Trail is offset by a matching revenue line elsewhere in the budget. Glen Smith said the operating budget is up about 1%, and most of the increase is in capital items that we voted on earlier. **ARTICLE PASSED.**

ARTICLE 13 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Greg Hill asked everyone to attend the School District meeting next week. He said that meeting is the only means we have to voice our opinion on educational issues. Northfield pays 50% of the school budget and are we not getting value for our

tax dollars. The school budget has doubled in the last ten or twelve years, yet we are not seeing any improvement in our school rankings. He thinks it is time to question unfunded mandates, as many other towns have done.

Ken Gorrell pointed out that more than half of what we pay for the school district comes from State funds. He is concerned that if those funds are lost, it would be a huge burden for the taxpayers to bear. We need a large turnout at the School meeting to seek some solutions.

Dave Court said the school district has many deep, complex issues. There are substantial questions regarding cost and benefit of programs that we need to analyze. We need to go beyond just saying no.

Leif Martinson reminded everyone all the Town Selectmen, School Board, Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Committee meetings are public. You are encouraged to attend and give input during the year.

Bill Dawson encouraged everyone to volunteer for our town committees. The Moderator pointed out there are sign-up sheets available. Fred Shepard added the Old Home Day Committee also needs volunteers.

Jon Cilley said people need to go to the meetings. Come and ask questions to effect change.

Kent Finemore said we have many great volunteers on our boards and committees and also who work on our elections.
The Moderator

Moderator Scott McGuffin recognized nine years of service by Steve Bluhm as a Selectman.

During this time Steve has shown an exceptional dedication to the Town of Northfield. If you ever worked with him, you know that he is a hardworking dedicated individual and a person who pays strong attention to details. He is not afraid to get his hands dirty and deserves a ton of credit.

For that we acknowledge his service.

The Moderator also took a moment to recognize the contributions of Polly Fife to our community. Polly has devoted countless hours to community activities which have had a positive impact. She has served as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 2005 and as a Trustee of Trust Funds since 2009. We thank her for all she has done.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Kent Finemore.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy L. Caveney
Town Clerk/Tax Collector