



# Northfield News



August 2023

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Due to staffing, Amnesty Tickets will not be available for distribution the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>.



## New Opportunities

If you are interested in becoming a committee member and are a resident of Northfield, please send an email with your name, address and why you would like to be a part of this Committee to: **Town Administrator - Ken Robichaud @ [townadmin@northfieldnh.gov](mailto:townadmin@northfieldnh.gov) by August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

### ELECTRIC AGGREGATION COMMITTEE

The Northfield Board of Selectmen are interested in establishing a committee of seven (7) residents to bring lower electric rates to the residents of Northfield.

At their July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting the Selectmen were joined by Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire a not-for-profit coalition of 33 Towns, cities, and Counties in New Hampshire. The Coalitions mission is "To foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals".

By using the memberships aggregate megawatt hours (MWH), they are able to obtain lower pricing on electricity, which will save each home in Northfield.

The committee will organize, meet, and establish implementation processes, prepare an Electric Aggregation Plan, hold two public hearings, and help the Selectboard bring this to Town Meeting in 2024 for a full vote of the Town. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire will help guide you throughout the entire process.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Northfield Board of Selectmen are looking for (3) three residents to be appointed to the (CIP) Capital Improvement Program Committee. The Capital Improvement Program Committee is a committee made up of 3 residents from the Town, 1 member from the Budget Committee, 1 member from the Planning Board, and 1 Member from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and 1 member from the Selectboard.

The overall purpose of a CIP Committee is to help the community make good planning choices for the future based on goals and resources. In doing so, the CIP integrates many other facets of local government. The CIP Committee is tied to the goals of the master plan, as it puts the operating budget and the capital budget into perspective. A good CIP program plan is based on existing fixed asset inventory and presents a replacement and renewal schedule that makes sense for the budget and for the taxpayer.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Northfield Board of Selectmen are interested in establishing a committee of (7) residents to study, research, and review the many possibilities of building a new Police Station, DPW Garage, and Town Hall. This could be one building, two buildings or three buildings. This Committee will evaluate and review the many possibilities of a building based on the needs of the Town Departments. Once the committee has gathered all of the information, they will bring this information back to the Selectboard at a public meeting.

Police Chief Michael Hutchinson at this week's Selectboard meeting, asked the Selectmen to authorize a "Building Committee" as he stated "the Police Station has passed it's useful life of 30 years" we as a Town need to look at this ASAP.

The Selectboard has established a time frame of (1) one year for this Committee to do its due diligence, gather the information and present the findings to the Board of Selectmen by this time next Summer. The Committee will meet as needed and will have access to the Department Heads for support when needed.

## T-N Rotary Club

It's that time of year again! The "Golden Ticket"! This is your chance to possibly win \$10,000 dollars! Tickets are available NOW from any of the Tilton-Northfield Rotary members. \$100 per ticket. You'll have a 1 in 200 chance of winning! Message us or contact a Tilton-Northfield Rotary member today to purchase your ticket. These tickets don't hang around long so you better hurry and get in on this opportunity while it last! Thank you and good luck! Drawing will be held on November 15, 2023.



# Listening Session

With Northfield Selectman, Ross Cunningham

Northfield residents are invited to come and talk about pressings issues, concerns, or just chat.

Location: Hall Memorial Library, 18 Park St, Northfield  
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Dates: August 26, 2023



**The Fire Station Building Committee still has 1 open seat for a Tilton resident.**

**If you are interested in joining, please email a letter of interest to the Board of Commissioners at [info@tnfd.org](mailto:info@tnfd.org)**

The TNFD Fire Commissioners' charge to the Building Committee is to recommend to the Commissioners a shovel-ready plan that can be voted on at the 2024 District Meeting for a fire station that meets the District's current needs.

Loureiro Construction has completed a Design-Build Phase I Program Evaluation, which is available for viewing at [www.tnfd.org](http://www.tnfd.org). Loureiro Construction is currently working on a space needs study for the department, evaluating the Park Street & Sanborn Road properties, and will be delivering a report to the Building Committee & Fire Commissioners with options for a fire station.

TNFD Fire Station Building Committee members:

Paul Blaisdell, Chairman  
Nate Langione  
Dennis Manning  
Lisa Martin  
Kevin Waldron  
Tim Sattler, Commissioners Representative  
Derek Farrell, Career Representative  
Matt Auger, Call Representative  
Chief Sitar, Committee Advisor, non-voting member

- Fire Station Building Committee meeting: 8/14/23 at 5:30 pm at Tilton Police Department.
- Fire Commissioners meeting: 8/8/23 at 5:30 pm at Tilton Police Department.

# Public Work Dept

**CULVERTS:** This is a reminder that driveway culvert maintenance and repairs are the property owner's responsibility. If your culvert is in need of replacement, contract the Public Works Dept at 286-4490, we will visit your property and give you the size you will need and the direction in replacing it. At that time, you have the option to purchase a culvert from the Town at our cost. At this time the crew does not have any time available to install the culvert for you. When we are caught up on our road projects, we may be able to fit a few in before winter.



**ROADSIDE DRAINAGE...**With all this rain the road crew have been hard at work trying to keep the roadside drainage system clear of water buildup and tree limbs. While maintaining your yard, please remember to clean out your driveway culvert, and please help us by not placing tree limbs, leaves, trash etc., in the roadside drainage system. When water can't drain away from the road we get washouts, cracking, potholes and pavement failure.

Leaves and brush may be brought to the Transfer Station during normal business hours. Please see attendant before disposing.



## ROAD WORK PROJECTS

Sarah Ln, Silver Ln and Megan Drive drainage project is expected to begin first or second week of Aug. Expect delays as the roads will be down to one lane and closed for short periods of time while they install cross culverts. Please plan ahead for traveling.

## RAILROAD CROSSING

The State DOT will begin their railroad crossing repair project . Crossings include intersections at Sargent St, Forrest Rd and Granite St.

## TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER:

**Pay-As-You-Throw** – Effective August 15, 2023, you will no longer need to purchase bags from the Town in order to bring your excess trash to the Transfer Station. You will now be able to bring your own bag, any size (tied) and pay a flat fee of \$5.00 per bag, cash or check only.



**Commercial/Industrial** – Our local Northfield businesses will now be able to utilize the Transfer Station/Recycling Center effective immediately for **RECYCLING ONLY**. Visit Town Hall (see Stephanie) with proof of business (mail, inspection certificate, insurance policy or certificate, etc), additionally a letter from the owner, CEO or company president allowing the employee to pick up the use permit. Once received we will issue a plaque to be displayed on your dashboard which will allow you access to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

**Transfer Station / Recycling Center Hours are Tuesday and Saturday 8:00am – 3:00pm**



# Police Department



The Northfield Police Department continues to thank the citizens of Northfield for their support. The Mission of the Northfield Police Department is to protect the lives, property, and the rights of all members of the community. Our community will recognize that we are all one team throughout transparency, accountability, and our actions.

## JULY 2023:

### **CALL FOR SERVICES: 648**

During the Month of July, the Northfield Police received 648 Calls for Service. This would include all the calls received and logged by the department. These calls would include, **Motor Vehicle Stops, Suspicious Vehicles, Unwanted Subject, Domestic Disturbances, Juvenile Related Incidents, Noise Complaints, Animal Complaints, Alarms(residential), Vin Verification, Criminal Mischief, Protective Custody, Paperwork Service, Theft reports, Assist Outside Agencies, Citizen Assist, Neighbor Disputes, Motor Vehicle Complaints, Building Checks, Motor Vehicle stops, Motor Vehicle Lockouts, Sexual Assault, Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Wanted Subject.**

### **ARRESTS: 12**

The Northfield Police Department had 12 Arrest for the Month of July including:

**Violation of Restraining Order x2, Arrest on A Warrant x4, Possession of Drugs/Narcotics, Resisting Arrest/Detention, Arrest of a Juvenile (gun related), Involuntary Emergency Admission, Protective Custody, and a Bench Warrant.**

### **INVESTIGATION:**

**Include Sexual Assault(Rape), Theft by Deception, Simple Assault( Physical Contact), Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Assisted an Outside Agency, Disturbance, Juvenile related incidents, and Wire Tap incident.**

The Police Department would like to thank Officer Anna Doherty and wish her the best of luck in her new chapter. Officer Doherty came to the Northfield Police Department in June of 2021 with no police experience and a degree in Criminal Justice. In the past two years, Officer Doherty has made great strides as an officer. Officer Doherty has set goals for herself to continue her education in law enforcement in getting her masters. Officer Doherty had played a major role in teaching L.E.A.D (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) to our 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Southwick School. I feel Officer Doherty will continue to excel in her new chapter.

The Northfield Police Department would like to recognize Patrol Sergeant Allysia Burton to the team. Allysia has worked with the Hampton Police Department, Henniker Police Department, Franklin Police Department, and the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. Sergeant Burton comes with many values that will play a major role within our department. Sergeant Burton has a master's degree in criminal justice and extensive training with Juveniles. The department is very excited to have Sergeant Burton on our team.



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# Parks Commission

The Parks Commission continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursday each month. We meet at the Town Hall at 5:30pm, all are welcome to attend.

## Projects

### ANNOUNCING BOOTH CONSTRUCTION at Pines Park

The next project the Parks Commission will be working on is the announcing booth / concession stand at Pines Park. We will be constructing a 10x12 structure with the announcing booth on the top floor and the concession stand on the bottom. This will be great for future town events, including Old Home Day.

## FUNDRAISER

What a great prize, for yourself or start thinking about a great Christmas gift. We are raffling a custom Cornhole Board with standard bags. \$10 only 150 tickets being sold.

The boards will be customized by you and made by Kustom Woodz, LLC. You choose the design, and work with Kustom Woodz directly.



Check them out on Facebook. If you are interested in tickets, please contact any of our Parks Commissioners.



# Northfield Economic Development Corporation

Proud supporters of the Northfield business community and economic development

**THANK YOU, Franklin Savings Bank, for awarding us a \$5,000 grant to be used toward revitalizing the Northfield Parks. It's grants and donations like these the help us reach our community goals.**

## JOB FAIR – SEPTEMBER 2023

We are looking for Northfield businesses to participate at our second Job Fair in September 2023. Our first job fair this spring was a great success, and we want to continue assisting you in finding the right person for your job openings. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Giovannucci at [sgiovannucci@northfieldnh.gov](mailto:sgiovannucci@northfieldnh.gov)

Become a member of the NEDC, and help support Northfield's future.

Work with us to help support and expand our business community making it a great place to work. You don't need to look far to start a career, Northfield has many companies large and small looking for great employees and community members. **Save the gas, and work close to home.**

Help in beautifying Northfield, by cleaning up streets, planting flowers, and maintaining signs and fencing, making it a great place to live.

And assist us in working with our local Parks Commission and Foothills Foundation to support, expand and maintain our recreational development, making it a great place to play.

NEDC is a 501C-3 organization, we meet quarterly at the Northfield Town Hall, and we'd love to have your support and ideas. You do not need to be a Northfield resident to join, applications can be found on the Town's website [www.northfieldnh.org](http://www.northfieldnh.org) or call Stephanie at Town Hall (603) 286-7039 or [sgiovannucci@northfieldnh.gov](mailto:sgiovannucci@northfieldnh.gov)





### Unveils New Adaptive Playground

Spaulding Academy & Family Services recently held the grand opening of its state-of-the-art adaptive playground. This momentous occasion was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Lakes Region Chamber, marking a significant milestone for inclusive play opportunities in New England. Event attendees enjoyed fresh tacos and treats from food trucks, interacted with local fire departments who brought their trucks, savored lemonade from a student-run lemonade stand, received face painting, and more.

The new adaptive playground at Spaulding Academy & Family Services is one of the largest in the region with over 10,300 square feet of play area. With careful consideration and expertise from Spaulding occupational therapists, physical therapists, teachers, residential staff, and facilities team, the entire Spaulding Family worked together with our partners Miracle Recreation and Pettinelli & Associates to build a playground that would be inclusive and fun for everyone.



“We are thrilled to unveil our new adaptive playground, which embodies the critical work we do at Spaulding Academy & Family Services,” said Todd Emmons, President & CEO of Spaulding Academy & Family Services. “We firmly believe that every child deserves a childhood, and with this playground, a child in a wheelchair can roll across the surface, access the swing set, and ride on a spinner. All children can challenge their motor skills, balance, and upper body strength in an inviting and inclusive space that will positively impact the lives of countless children and families for years to come.”



“I have been eagerly anticipating this day for a very long time,” said Michael Ventura, Board Chair of Spaulding Academy & Family Services. “It is disheartening to think that some children are unable fully participate on a traditional playground. That is why we have put in extensive work, planning, and patience to create a playground that is custom made to cater to the unique needs of the children at Spaulding. This playground is a testament to our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and ensuring that every child can experience the joy of play.”

To learn more about the Spaulding Academy & Family Services new adaptive playground, visit <https://www.spauldingservices.org/play>.

### Field Day

Spaulding Academy & Family Services recently held its annual Field Day event. I’ve attached a couple of photos for your consideration, along with a caption below. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you!

Sunshine, fun, and unforgettable memories as Spaulding Academy students take the plunge, dunking their beloved teachers and staff during an exhilarating day of joy and laughter during Field Day on the Spaulding Academy & Family Services campus. For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit [SpauldingServices.org](http://SpauldingServices.org). Courtesy Photos.



# Conservation Corner

## PROTECT WILD RABBITS BY HANDLING PET RABBITS APPROPRIATELY

Article by: NH Fish & Game, Heidi Holman

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV2) was first detected in the 1980s and made its way to the United States in 2018. RHDV2 can affect both wild and domestic rabbits. Improper care and handling of pets can result in further spread of this disease. New Hampshire Fish and Game is asking the public to take precautions against transmitting this virus further and potentially bringing it to the state.

RHDV2 can result in very high mortality rates for the animals infected, which is especially concerning for our state endangered rabbit, the New England cottontail. Symptoms include fever, signs of hemorrhages or bleeding, loss of appetite, seizures or uncoordinated movements, breathing difficulty, and lethargy.

New Hampshire Fish and Game staff and agency partners have been working hard to conserve the New England cottontail for the past decade. Over one thousand acres of habitat have been created by private landowners and on public lands. Hundreds of captive-bred rabbits have been released in the region, including some very successful outcomes in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.

“Despite all of these efforts,” said Heidi Holman, a Nongame Biologist at NH Fish and Game, “if we are not vigilant, the arrival of RHDV2 to our state could undo all of this great work as well as have an impact on other rabbit species.”

To protect our native rabbits and the snowshoe hare, people are asked to:

- Keep all domestic rabbits in confined areas where they cannot interact with wild rabbits.
- When purchasing new rabbits, source them locally to prevent importation of the disease to our state (to see an interactive map of infected locations in the United States visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/maps/animal-health/rhd>).
- Follow proper techniques when caring for domestic rabbits, including cleaning and sanitizing equipment, clothes, and shoes worn while working with them.
- Do not handle wild rabbits in order to prevent potentially infecting them.

For more information about RHDV2, visit the Northeast Wildlife Disease Cooperative website at <https://www.northeastwildlife.org/disease/rabbit-hemorrhagic-disease>.







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| 6<br><i>Savannah<br/>Hartwell Concert<br/>Series @ Tilton<br/>School 6-8pm</i>  | 7<br><b>Planning Board</b><br>7:00pm @ Town<br>Hall              | 8<br><b>Selectboard</b><br>5:00pm @ Town<br>Hall<br><br><b>Fire<br/>Commissioner</b><br>5:30pm @ Tilton<br>PD | 9         | 10<br><b>Parks<br/>Commission</b><br>5:30pm @<br>Town Hall | 11<br>ZBA<br>Applications<br>Due by 5pm            | 12       |
| 13<br><i>Savannah<br/>Hartwell Concert<br/>Series @ Tilton<br/>School 6-8pm</i> | 14<br><b>Fire Station<br/>Bldg Comm</b><br>5:30pm @ Tilton<br>PD | 15  | 16        | 17<br><b>Raven<br/>Foundation</b><br>5:30pm @ HML          | 18   | 19       |
| 20<br><i>Savannah<br/>Hartwell Concert<br/>Series @ Tilton<br/>School 6-8pm</i> | 21   | 22<br><b>Selectboard</b><br>5:00pm @ Town<br>Hall   | 23        | 24<br><b>Parks<br/>Commission</b><br>5:30pm @<br>Town Hall | 25<br>Planning Board<br>Applications<br>Due by 5pm | 26       |
| 27<br><i>Savannah<br/>Hartwell Concert<br/>Series @ Tilton<br/>School 6</i>     | 28<br><b>Zoning Board</b><br>7pm @ Town<br>Hall                  | 29  | 30        | 31   |  |          |

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# AUGUST 2023

## AT HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NORTHFIELD-TILTON, NH

### PET PROFILE ✨


This month's Featured Pet(s): Frida and Diego the cats!


Frida and Diego are 3 year old rescue siblings that are so closely bonded that they had to stay together! They love to hunt and chase anything smaller than themselves (lizards, mice, etc.)! They are absolute snugglebugs and can't resist their treats.





### SUMMER READING & SPECIAL STUFF

August is the final month for Summer Reading, so if you've missed out so far, make sure to stop on by! Programs, raffles, prizes- did we mention a Bookopoly sign up comes with a free bumper sticker? ;)

 **D&D Club! (Thurs August 3 & 24, 5-8pm)** Hail travelers! Join our fabulous DM Miss Janel for thrilling tabletop adventures! Pre-made characters and resources available for new players. This program is for people 13+.


 **Craft Fair (Saturday Aug 12, 9am-2pm)** Browse the wares of local artists and artisans on the library lawn and find something special!

 **Chapter Storytime with Nash (Tues August 15 at 3:30pm)** Join us in the Teen Zone for an all ages chapter book storytime with the ever-charming Nash the Golden Retriever!


 **Big Old Book Sale (Friday Aug 18, 8:30am-6pm)** So many books, so little time! Shop for new-to-you treasures at bargain bin prices, all day.



 **Family Storytime (Mon & Sat at 10:30am)** Join Storytime Steve for fun stories and a related craft or activity!






 **Growing Goodness (Saturdays, 11am-2pm)** Tend to the library garden and learn the basics of gardening through hands-on activities and education!

 **Niles the Whale (Thurs August 10 at 2:30)** Niles the giant inflatable whale returns to Hall Memorial Library! Don't miss him!

 **Growing Crystal (Weds August 16 at Noon)** Create your own colorful crystals and watch them grow over the next two weeks at the library!

 **Wildlife Encounter (Mon August 21 at 1pm)** Meet some of our wilder friends!








-  **Gaming Club (Wednesdays at 3pm)** Hang out in the Teen Zone and play some Switch games!
-  **Craft: Pet Toys (Tues August 1 at 1pm)** Help us make pet toys to donate to the local shelter!
-  **Water Bucket Game (Tues August 8 at 1pm)** Who will win? Who will get drenched?
-  **Craft: Quilted Kindness Hearts (Tues August 15 at 1pm)** Join us for a little sewing project!
-  **End of Summer Reading Party! (Tues August 22 at 1pm)** All good things must come to an end- so why not have a good time with it?



-  **Chess Club (Mondays 3-5pm)** All ages and skill levels!
-  **Quilting Group (Fridays 10am-2pm)** Bring your own materials and sewing machine.
-  **Knitting Group (Tuesdays 2pm-4pm)** Stitch, *please!* (We mean it, come stitch with us and other knitters- it'll be fun!)
-  **Craft Night (Tuesdays at 6pm)** Come together with other crafters to do your thing! Whether you're into fiber arts, sketching, sewing, Cricut, or just want to hang out, meet us at 6PM weekly on Tuesdays!
-  **Board Games for Idiots (Thursdays at 6pm)** All kinds of board games for all kinds of skill levels! From Monopoly to Warhammer 40k, beginners are welcome!
-  **Summer Paint Night (Tuesday Aug 8 at 6pm)** Join us for some cool sips and a community-themed painting class!
-  **Bigfoot Experience (Tuesday Aug 29 at 2pm)** Join expert Mike Familant as he shares his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid!



-  **Nooner's Book Club (Tues Aug 15 at Noon)** Reading *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.
-  **Tilton Senior Center Book Club (Weds Aug 16 at 12:15pm)** Reading *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson.
-  **Books & Brews (Weds Aug 23 at 3:30pm)** Reading *Everything we Didn't Say* by Nicole Baart. \*at Kettlehead Brewing Company
-  **Crime Junkies (Fri Aug 25 at 4pm)** Reading *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.
-  **Cook Book Club (Mon Aug 28 at 1pm)** This month's cook book pick: *The New England Open House Cookbook* by Sarah Leah Chase.



# TWIN RIVERS Food Pantry

2 Central Street, Unit C  
Franklin, NH 03235-1176  
Info.twinrivers@gmail.com  
(603) 934-2662

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**WHEELS FOR MEALS**  
CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, August 19 10am-2pm**  
Franklin Hannaford Parking Lot – 952 Central Street, Franklin NH

*All Proceeds To Benefit*  
 **TWIN RIVERS**  
Food Pantry

*Premier Sponsors*

Twin Rivers Food Pantry is scheduling the **4th Annual “Wheels for Meals” Car Show Fundraiser** for Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10am-2pm, at the Franklin Hannaford, 952 Central Street in Franklin. Car parking at the event starts at 9:00am. Come and enjoy this awesome event!

The event is free and open to the public. Entrance fee for show cars is \$10.00. At the event, a raffle of prizes from generous area businesses, a 50/50 raffle, and food sales provides vital funding for the Pantry’s mission to provide healthy food and nutrition resources to neighbors in need. We are grateful to our Premier Sponsors, Benson Auto, Hannaford, Mix 94.1 FM and Watts Water Technologies, Inc. and all the other area businesses that are supporting this event with sponsorships and donations of raffle items!

The Pantry provides nonperishable food items, fresh produce, frozen meat, dairy items, baked goods, and personal hygiene items to residents in need in Franklin, Tilton, Northfield, Hill, Andover and a number of other surrounding communities. We currently serve 125+ households each week. Service hours are 9-11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 5-7pm on Wednesdays. The Pantry is located in the lower level of 2 Central Street in Franklin. The entrance is off the parking lot behind the building.

Always appreciated (and always needed!) are Volunteers, plastic or paper grocery bags, fresh garden produce, eggs, and nonperishable food items. Check our website, [twinriversfoodpantry.org](http://twinriversfoodpantry.org), call (603) 934-2662 or email [info.twinrivers@gmail.com](mailto:info.twinrivers@gmail.com) for more information.

# Volunteer Northfield

**SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY HELP SHAPE NORTHFIELD'S FUTURE**

If interested in additional information or signing up to be on a committee please submit a letter of interest to Town Administrator Ken Robichaud at [townadmin@northfieldnh.org](mailto:townadmin@northfieldnh.org), you must be a Northfield resident. Visit [www.northfieldnh.org](http://www.northfieldnh.org) to look for openings on each committee, while you are there check out the other boards and committees we have.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Members of Northfield's Budget Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator, with the exception of the three members representing the Selectboard, Northfield Sewer District and Highlands Village District, which are appointed by their respective Boards. The job of the Budget Committee is to review the budgetary recommendations of the governing body and adjust those recommendations as they feel is appropriate for the betterment of the town. It is the Budget Committee's recommendation that you are presented with and asked to vote on at Town Meeting each year. The Budget Committee meets on select Thursday evenings from November through February. The committee is made up of 6 full members and 1 Selectmen's representative.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** The CIP Committee develops the annual plan through which the Town proposes purchase of major pieces of equipment and major improvements to town assets such as roads, buildings and parks. This is done as part of the annual budget process, and is presented to the voters at the annual meeting every March. The Committee consists of 7 members, 3 of whom are appointed from the public at large. The remaining members represent the Planning Board, ZBA, Budget Committee and Selectboard. The committee is made up of 3 public members, 1 Selectmen's representative, 1 member from the Budget Committee, 1 member from the Zoning Board, and 1 member from the Planning Board.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** meet each month on the third Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The Commission's duties are to oversee the usage, maintenance, and properties owned by the Town purchased under conservation. These properties include the conservation areas of Knowles Pond, Richard P Smart, Sotir and Granite Mills. The commission is made up of 5 full members and 2 alternates.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** is a corporation that services Northfield to bring businesses to our community, improved recreation and branding. They are a 501C3 so they can get grants, and donations to help us improve Northfield. (do not need to be a Northfield resident, currently seeking members)

**PLANNING BOARD:** meet each month the first Monday at 7:00pm here at Town Hall. The Planning Board has a variety of duties under state statutes. The Board is responsible for developing and updating Northfield's master plan, adopting subdivision, site plan review and driveways regulations, developing and proposing zoning ordinance amendments to Northfield's voters and implementing local ordinances through site plan review. The board is made up of a total of 10 members, 6 full member, 1 Selectmen's representative, and 3 alternates.

**UPPER MERRIMACK LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** members meet once a month on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, from 7-9 p.m. Meeting sites rotate among the towns of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield. Representatives review permit applications, learn from environmental presenters, draft and manage a corridor management plan, and work to improve conservation related to wetlands, groundwater and shorelands. Join UMLAC and make an impact for clean water and safe habitats. The committee is made up from representative from each town listed above, the Town of Northfield can have up to 4 representatives. You can learn more at: [merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee](http://merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee) and [merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/get-involved](http://merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/get-involved).

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** is given broad powers under New Hampshire state statutes. The ZBA is empowered to grant variances to the zoning ordinance under certain circumstances. It can also overrule a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer, and grant 'equitable waivers', or after-the-fact approvals of layout or dimensional requirement violations that have occurred unknowingly. The ZBA meets on the 4th Monday of each month as needed, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The board is made up of 5 full members and 3 alternates.