



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

Bradley A. Ober, Chief

Michael Robinson, Deputy Chief

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Fire Commissioners warrant articles public hearing opened at 7:57pm at the Northfield Town Hall in Northfield, NH. Commissioners present were Pat Clark, Paul Auger, and Tom Gallant. Pat Clark read all the articles.

Article 1: To choose a Fire Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years (Actual voting to be by official ballot on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the annual Town voting sessions in Tilton and Northfield at their respective polling places and times).

Article 2: To accept the reports of the Treasurer and the Fire Commissioners and pass any vote relating thereto. *This article is recommended by the Commissioners.*

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$75,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing Fire, Rescue, EMS Equipment and Ambulance Charges, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Apparatus and Equipment Special Revenue Fund established under RSA 31:95-C (Adopted March 7, 2005). *This article is recommended by the Budget Committee and the Commissioners. Majority vote required.*

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of One Million Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$1,628,502.00) for General District Operations. *This article is recommended by the Budget Committee and the Commissioners. Majority vote required.*

Article 5: To see if the District, in accordance with RSA 33:7, will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6: To see if the Tilton Northfield Fire District voters will vote to NOT require residency as a condition of employment with the Fire District for positions such as Fire Chief, Captain and other fire/emergency personnel positions. *By Petition. Majority vote required.*

Clark asked if there were any petitioners present to speak to this warrant – none present.

Article 7: To see if the voters of the Tilton Northfield Fire and EMS District will vote that all public meetings of the District shall be electronically audio and video recorded and said recordings shall be made available on the District website for viewing by the public. These recordings shall be made in conformance with the NH Right to Know Law. *By Petition. Majority vote required.*

Clark asked if there were any petitioners present to speak to this warrant – none present. Gretchen Wilder is worried that there will not be enough money in the budget to cover the costs of getting this done. Kevin Waldron said it is not to worry about here; it will be brought to the floor at the District Meeting where it will be voted on.

Article 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Apparatus & Equipment Fund from the budget was discussed.

Kevin Waldron wanted to know if the warrant articles were a done deal. If there could be any other added. He would have liked to see the water district hydrants on the warrants. Tom Gallant said that idea was voted down by two of the three Commissioners. Gretchen Wilder's concern is that if the voters vote to cut that line, then what. Kevin Waldron is worried that if the number for that line gets cut at the District Meeting, there is no other place to get that money to pay the bill. Paul Auger said there is no increase in the line item and there have been several new hydrants added. Gretchen Wilder wants to know if we are still flow testing. Chief said there are no annual flow tests since the hydrants have not been changed. Chief does not know the exact number of hydrants that are not "up to code". Tom Gallant assured that we are not being charged for those hydrants that are not working or "up to code".

Public hearing closed at 8:12pm.