



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

Bradley A. Ober, Chief

Michael Robinson, Deputy Chief

Moderator, Kent Finemore, opened the Tilton-Northfield Fire District meeting at 7:06pm at the Winnisquam Regional High School Cafetorium in Tilton, NH. Chief Ober led the pledge of allegiance. Moment of silence for those in the military. Commissioners present were Pat Clark and Paul Auger - Tom Gallant was not present. Budget Committee members present were Donny Stevens, Chair, Peter Fogg, Jane Alden, Tim Satler, George Flanders, David Tracey. Chief Bradley Ober, Treasurer Roland Seymour, and Fire Clerk Katina Lemay were also present. Moderator went over moderator rules.

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).

Result of Article 1 was Patrick Clark was re-elected into the position of Fire Commissioner.

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.*

Motion to move Article 2 to the floor made by Donny Stevens, seconded by Jerry Stevens. No discussion. Voice vote passed.

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(\$75,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing Fire, Rescue, EMS Equipment and Ambulance Charges, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Apparatus and Equipment Special Revenue Fund established under RSA 31:95-C (Adopted March 7, 2005).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.*

Motion to move Article 3 to the floor made by Cindy Reinhart, seconded by Donny Stevens. No discussion. Voice vote passed.

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.*

Motion to move Article 4 to the floor made by Jane Alden, seconded by Donny Stevens. Question asked if there are any pay raises in the budget. Page 130, personal administration, looks like a \$60,000 increase. Donny Stevens responded that this includes the step increase for the fireman. Question as to why this is not a separate article. He would like to see pay raises separated out from the total budget. Patrick Clark stated that there was a 2.5% step and grade raise. There is also an increase in retirement due to the State. Question as to what the lowest pay is. \$16.04 per hour. Donny Stevens would like to make an amendment to this amount to read \$1,628,052, a reduction of \$400. The reason was to make up for the new position not being filled. David Tracey seconded the motion. Vote on the amendment – voice vote passed. Cathy Dawson wants to know why the legal line is up to \$16,000. Patrick Clark says we needed this to cover lawyer fees. Derek Lacourcier asked about retirement figures. Patrick Clark said

