



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

Michael Robinson, Interim Chief

Timothy Joubert, Interim Deputy Chief

Commissioner's Warrant Article Public Hearing

Paul Auger opened the Warrant Article Public Hearing at 7:50pm on February 10, 2014.

Fire Commissioners present were Paul Auger, Chairperson and Patrick Clark. Les Dolecal was not present.

Mr. Clark read through all the warrant articles and gave a brief description of each.

Article 1: To choose a Fire Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years (Actual voting to be by official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the annual Town voting sessions in Tilton and Northfield at their respective polling places and times). *Paul Auger is the only person running for this position.*

Article 2: To choose a Fire Commissioner for the ensuing year (Actual voting to be by official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the annual Town voting sessions in Tilton and Northfield at their respective polling places and times). *Les Dolecal is the only person running for this position.*

Article 3: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing two (2) years (Actual voting to be by official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the annual Town voting sessions in Tilton and Northfield at their respective polling places and times). *Kent Finemore is the only person running for this position.*

Article 4: 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 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$78,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing Fire, Rescue, EMS Equipment and Ambulance Charges, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Apparatus and Equipment Special Revenue Fund established under RSA 31:95-C (Adopted March 7, 2005).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 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of One Million Seven Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$1,701,709.00) for General District Operations. *This article is recommended by the Budget Committee and the Commissioners. Majority vote required.*

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to be withdrawn from the Unexpended Fund Balance. *This article is recommended by the Budget Committee and the Commissioners. Majority vote required. This article is to start a fund to*

either do renovations to the Center Street station or to build a new station. The idea is to add to this fund over the next three years.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to amend the purpose of the Apparatus Replacement and Equipment Fund to expenditures for the purposes of Apparatus and Equipment Replacement and construction costs of either a new facility or addition to a current facility. *This article is recommended by the Commissioners. Two-thirds (2/3) majority vote required.* \$70,000-\$100,000 is what they are looking to possibly take out of this fund. The law requires getting permission from the public first and then moving money into the fund next year. Apparatus & Equipment fund would then include a Building Fund. Money will stay in the Apparatus & Equipment fund. Donny Stevens wants to know why you can't move money from the A&E fund and move into the Building Fund as it stands now. Can it be done with a warrant article? Commissioners will check into this.

Article 9: To see if the voters of the Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS District will vote to have the Board of Commissioners initiate the process to have the annual dispatch fees from the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid billed to the District rather than to each of the Towns of Tilton and Northfield individually. *Majority vote required. This article is advisory only.* Basically this article is administration. Instead of both towns paying these bills, they are proposing that the fire district pay the bill. Next step would be for the towns to add a warrant to their town meeting for approval of the same. Donny Stevens clarified that it was first set up by Belknap County. Towns paid through county tax. Because Northfield is not in Belknap County, things got set up this way. Right now, the towns pay approximately \$34,000 (Northfield) and \$32,000 (Tilton). If the fire district takes over this bill, the total will be split 60/40. Tilton's bill will increase and Northfield's bill will decrease. George Flanders feels this is something that should be petitioned by the town's people to the dispatch center because their rates are so high.

Article 10: 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 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Auger and seconded by Patrick Clark. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.