

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of January 28, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Melvin Adams, Selectmen Kenneth Johnson, Roger LeClair, Charles Morse, and Gregory Sanders. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Warren Hagy (Board of Listers), and Lynn Sanders.

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **January 14, 2008 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Morse, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #15-08:** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #15-08 in the amount of \$73,191.61. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. **Status Reports: Various Projects**

1. **Accounting System upgrades.** The next phase is Asset Management and it is going to be incorporated into the system; currently, this has been tracked into Excel. It also will incorporate the Town Clerk's system and it will talk to MUNIS, which it doesn't currently.
2. **Asbestos Removal at Old Teen Center.** Selectman Johnson wants to know why we're employing another company to do the permits; this is not the company that we agreed to hire for this project.

VI. **SELECTBOARD**

- a. **Approval of 2008 Town Meeting Warning.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the warning handed out at the meeting. Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to remove Article 10 ("Shall the Town of Northfield increase the percentage of voters required on a petition for reconsideration from five [5] to twenty [20] percent") from the warning and put this matter under "non-binding business." Selectman Johnson is concerned that we don't know enough of the community's feeling on this issue to be able to have twenty percent be the final percentage. Selectman Johnson also feels that this item either needs to be Australian ballot or needs to be under non-binding business. Lynn Sanders is concerned that the article says to change from 5 to 20%, not "UP TO 20%". **Motion to remove Article 10 passed 3-2-0, with Selectmen Adams and Morse voting in opposition. Motion to approve the amended warning passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Vermont Coalition of Municipalities' Resolution.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the resolution as presented. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Selectman Sanders abstaining.**
- c. **Joint Board Meeting: January 30, 2008.** There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building to discuss the Manager's Evaluation.

d. Status Reports: Various Projects

1. Minutes of the budget meetings were included in the packets (as requested).
2. There was a discussion on the changes to the Highway policies, as requested by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. There also was a discussion about Town/Village Merger and Town Charter. The Town Plan needs to be reviewed, as well.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to adjourn.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.