

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BUDGET MEETING #1
Minutes of November 30, 2009**

- I. **ROLL CALL.** Chair Kenneth Johnson, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Kenneth Goslant (late), Charles Morse, and Gregory Sanders. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Accounting Manager Laurie Baroffio, Libby Hambleton, and Kathleen Lott (*Northfield News*).

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None**

- III. **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The purpose of the meeting was to begin reviewing the Town General and Town Highway budget for the ensuing year.

Before the discussion of the proposed budgets, the Board dealt with a separate matter. Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to proceed with legal action against Jamie Demasi for violation of the Highway Access Ordinance. Selectman Adams recused himself from this matter as he resides on the road in question. **Motion passed 3-0-1, with Selectman Adams abstaining.**

Selectman Goslant joined the meeting at this time.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District: This item was put on hold until the Board has more information.

Board of Listers: The consensus of the Board members is to ask the Listers to meet with them to discuss their budget.

Police Department: Selectman Sanders suggested that one (1) officer be cut from the budget. There has been an unfilled position for quite some time so the impact on the department would not be extreme. All agreed to this.

Ambulance Service: Manager Allard explained her new proposal to compensate the volunteers for responding to emergency calls. The new system will be put in place by January 1, 2010.

Zoning Administrator: The Board asked Manager Allard to define that position and consider a new title and/or job description.

Brown Public Library: The Board asked for actual budget figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Management will secure that information.

- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items.** None.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT.** Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanci Allard

Nanci Allard, Acting Clerk

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