

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of July 15, 2025**

- I. ROLL CALL.** Chair Charles Morse, Board members K. David Maxwell (absent), Lydia Petty, Merry Shernock, and John Stevens. Also present were Sara Helfant (Northfield Police Department) and Deb Batista (New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA)).

Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED):** None.

III. DISCUSSION

- a. Grievance Hearing.** Chair Morse welcomed those present and said this grievance hearing was a first for some of them. He then confirmed that all parties had been provided the same information and Town Manager Jeff Schulz had provided Ms. Batista with the data she requested on Police Department hours.

- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion by Board member Shernock, seconded by Board member Stevens, to go into executive session, in accordance with 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)], in order to discuss a personnel matter with Sara Helfant and Deb Batista present. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 5:04 p.m.

Motion by Board member Stevens, seconded by Board member Shernock, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 5:45 p.m.

- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (UNSCHEDULED).** There was none.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Board member Stevens, seconded by Board member Shernock, to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Morse

Charles L. Morse, Acting Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Select Board regular meeting of July 22, 2025.