

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of November 3, 2025**

- I. ROLL CALL.** Chair Charles Morse, Board members K. David Maxwell, Lydia Petty, Merry Shernock, and John Stevens. Also present was Town Attorney John Klesch (SP&F Attorneys, P.C.).

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

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

- III. DISCUSSION.** Motion by Board member Petty, seconded by Board member Maxwell, to find that premature general public knowledge of the attorney-client communications will place the town at a substantial disadvantage because an open discussion will lead to release of confidential and privileged attorney-client communications. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion by Board member Petty, seconded by Board member Stevens, to go into executive session, in accordance with 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)], in order to discuss confidential attorney-client communications for the purpose of rendering legal services to the town and invite legal counsel to join some but not all of the discussion. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Town Attorney John Klesch entered the executive session at 6:07 p.m.

Town Attorney John Klesch left the executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Board member Petty, seconded by Board member Stevens, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 8:11 p.m.

Motion by Board member Shernock, seconded by Board member Stevens, that it now becomes policy to Northfield that all F.O.I.A requests also known as public records requests will be made through the administrative assistant Ken McCann by completed form or by email to kennethmccann@northfield.vt.us
Motion passed 5-0-0.

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

- VI. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Board member Maxwell, seconded by Board member Petty, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Morse

Charles L. Morse, Acting Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Select Board regular meeting of November 10, 2025.