

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of November 13, 2015**

- I. **ROLL CALL.** Chair John Quinn III, Select Board members Lynn Doney, Matthew Gadbois, Kenneth W. Goslant, and K. David Maxwell. Also present was Town Manager Jeff Schulz.

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

III. **DISCUSSION**

- a. **Continuation of Adjourned pre-termination Hearing re: Police Chief James Dziobek.** Chair Quinn stated that this hearing is a continuation of an adjourned pre-termination hearing regarding the Police Chief, James Dziobek from November 10. Chair Quinn stated that the Board will be going into executive session to deliberate this issue. Cindy Spaulding, a Northfield resident stated that this hearing was improperly warned as the agenda does not cite the correct statute in regards to the executive session. The Board discussed this issue and stated that they wanted to follow proper procedures and suggested calling the Town Attorney for clarification. Manager Schulz contacted the Town Attorney, Robert Halpert, and then reported to the Board. Schulz stated that Attorney Halpert determined that the meeting was properly warned and it was ok to proceed with the hearing.

- IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion** by Select Board member Maxwell, seconded by Select Board member Gadbois to go into Executive Session in accordance with 1 VSA 313 (a)(1), in order to discuss a personnel matter. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

Motion by Select Board member Lynn Doney, seconded by Select Board member Goslant to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

Motion by Select Board member Dave Maxwell, second by Select Board member Matt Gadbois to: accept the findings and conclusions as drafted by the Town Attorney; authorize the Chair John Quinn to sign the findings and conclusions; retain Chief James Dziobek as the Northfield Police Chief; and release the findings to the public. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

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

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT. Motion** by Select Board member Gadbois, seconded by Select Board member Doney to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Schulz

Jeff Schulz, Acting Clerk

These minutes were approved at the regular Select Board meeting of November 24, 2015.