

**NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 24, 2007**

**MINUTES**

Members present: Doug Read, Michelle Bonsteel, Dick Maher, Christopher Hunt, Fran LaBranche, Andy Mierins. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

After review of the Growth Management Ordinance Fran LaBranche moved that the Planning Board extend the Ordinance as adopted in 2004. Dick Maher seconded the motion. Andy Mierins commented that the findings of the original ordinance probably should be updated. Fran LaBranche responded that even though there is not much building activity currently, if this ordinance is in place it can be used if building increases dramatically. Doug Read commented that if the town does not renew the Ordinance, it may not be allowed to ask for a moratorium on growth in the future.

Michelle Bonsteel asked if the Board has considered limiting the number of building permits allowed in a year. Christopher Hunt responded that the purpose of this Ordinance is to give the Planning Board the ability to limit the number of building permits if it determines there is a need.

Fran LaBranche amended his motion, seconded by Andy Mierin, to change section 5.13 of the Ordinance to expire in 2010. Motion passed.

Original motion as amended passed unanimously. Extension of the Growth Management Ordinance will be on the March 13, 2007 ballot.

Public hearing opened and closed with no comment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary