

**NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 19, 2010**

MINUTES

Members present: Fran LaBranche, Wayne Crowley, Todd Ryan, Michelle Bonsteel and Dick Maher.

Public hearing: To consider the re-adoption of the Growth Management Ordinance originally adopted March 9, 2004.

Fran LaBranche stated that the ordinance should be continued because of the difficulty and costs of the original implementation. Although growth is not an issue at this time, this ordinance gives the Planning Board the ability to control growth if needed. Michelle Bonsteel added that she supported the ordinance originally, but the Planning Board has an obligation to follow through with planning. She added that the Groundwater Protection Ordinance has been adopted giving some protection to the town. Members discussed the need for a vision for the town, the pros and cons of planning a “village district” and the value of keeping the growth ordinance. After review of RSA 674:22 & 23 it was decided to allow the voters to determine whether the Growth Ordinance should remain in place. Wayne Crowley moved, seconded by Fran LaBranche to place the re-adoption of the Growth Management Ordinance originally adopted on March 9, 2004 and continued on March 13, 2007 on the March 9, 2010 warrant. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary