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**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PLANNING SESSION RETREAT**

**MEETING OF  
MAY 9, 2008**

9 The Board of Selectmen held a planning session and retreat on Friday, May 9, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.  
10 at the law office of Selectman Elizabeth A. Roth, Debruyckere, Roth & Associates, 231 Sutton  
11 Street, Suite 18, North Andover, Massachusetts.

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13 **PRESENT:** Chairman Elizabeth A. Roth, Vice-Chairman Arthur E. Barnes, Secretary Michael J.  
14 Lyons, Selectman Everett P. McBride, Selectman Patrick Hargreaves and Town Manager Mr.  
15 Jonathan B. Sistare.

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17 **CALL TO ORDER**

18 Chairman Roth began by calling the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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20 The Board of Selectmen discussed their top priorities and goals for the upcoming year and the  
21 future. Topics for discussion included:

- 22 • Road and Bridges (unanimous among all Selectmen)
- 23 • Drainage and flooding issues (secondary only to roads and bridges)
- 24 • Police and town buildings funding
- 25 • Unions, Raises, and Compression Issues
- 26 • Recycling (more concerted public relations effort, curb-side pickup.)
- 27 • Website enhancement (electronic face of community)
- 28 • Economic Development (“Gateway to NH”, emphasize “Rock” good and bad.)

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30 The Board also discussed the 2009 Budget including holding separate meetings to cover services  
31 and possible/likely cuts in services.

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33 **MOTION: by Selectman Lyons**

34 *To adjourn the meeting*

35 **SECOND: by Selectman McBride**

36 **VOTE: 5-0-0**

37 The motion carried unanimously.

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39 The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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41 Notes/Minutes Taken by: Jonathan B. Sistare, Town Manager

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43 Approved: Board of Selectmen

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45 Date: May 19, 2008