



**Northwood Board of Selectmen
Minutes of December 15, 2015**

Chairman Timothy Jandebaur called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Selectman Timothy Jandebaur, Selectman Scott Bryer, Selectman Rick Wolf, and Town Administrator Joseph Gunter.

Selectman Jandebaur stated that the meeting tonight is to accept the resignation of the road agent. Mr. Gunter stated that the road agent is an elected position. He stated that he recently met with the road agent relative to the highway department, managing staff, and the upcoming winter plowing structure. After discussions, the road agent verbally resigned, handed over the keys, refused to submit a letter of resignation, and declined the invite to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Gunter stated as this is an elected position he contacted town counsel who suggested that the board meet tonight to address this matter.

Selectman Bryer made a motion, second by Selectman Wolf, to accept the verbal resignation of the road agent provided on December 16, 2015, effective immediately. Motion carried; 3/0.

Selectman Jandebaur suggested the board think about the options and wait until next Tuesday's meeting to make a decision. Selectman Bryer stated that the board has presented a warrant article relative to the road agent position; however, if the article passes it will not be in effect until the following year. He asked if the position really needs to be filled immediately as the elections are only a few months away.

Selectman Jandebaur stated that the town needs someone in charge of this department. Discussion ensued as to the staff of the department. Selectman Jandebaur noted that the board may have to make someone the acting road agent for a period of time, which will require additional hours.

Selectman Wolf stated that if someone is the acting road agent they need to be made aware that it is only temporary as someone could run for the elected position.

Further discussion was held regarding the election laws and elected positions as compared to appointments. Other options were discussed relative to filling the vacant road agent position as well as combing the elected road agent position with a highway laborer position. Discussion was continued to December 22, 2015 meeting.

Adjournment

Selectman Bryer motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Selectman Wolf seconded. Motion carried; 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Fellows-Weaver
Board Secretary