

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 5 , 2022 6:00 PM

Present: Selectmen Jessica Hatch(arrived 6:20pm), James Phelps, Tracy Shepard
Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett

Appointments Chief Suckling 6pm
Road Agent Cornell to follow

At 6pm Police Chief David Suckling presented a letter of commendation to Sergeant Spencer Marvin for his leadership, dedication, and professionalism. Details are attached. Sergeant Marvin was pinned by his son, Alex Marvin, a police officer in Newport, NH.

Also, in attendance for the ceremony were Sergeant Marvin's family, Chief Mahoney and Officer Hubbard of Andover and Officer LeBlanc of Alexandria.

Checks/Applications/Signatures)

- **Payroll & accounts payable** were signed.
- Jim motioned to adopt the meeting **minutes of 12/29**, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.
- The Board reviewed a Current Use Assessment Review document for the Tulgey Wood properties on New Canada Road(418-002 and 418-003). Jim motioned to sign the document, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0 and the document were signed.
- Jim motioned to nominate Jessica Hatch as the Health Officer, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

Road Agent Cornell

A help wanted ad will be placed in several publications for a Highway Truck Driver/Laborer.

The 08 truck is at Reed Truck Services and is not running, it needs work on the turbo. An ad will be placed on the town website, www.townofdanburynh.com for sealed bids on the truck.

The purchase of a new loader was discussed. Quotes were reviewed. The cost will be between \$170,000 and \$180,000. The Budget Committee is not in favor of buying a loader. Jessica is not in favor of a purchase that size considering the effect the revaluation had on property taxes this year. If the engine fails it will cost about \$26,000 to repair. It was decided to put \$50,000 into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for a future purchase of a loader.

At 7:15 Jim motioned to enter nonpublic session per *RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person s a public employee.*

Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

At 7:23 Jim motioned to return to public session, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

Jim motioned to hire Sharon Wing for office and cleaning help for the Highway Department at \$14/hour. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Martin told the Board that the State Police will be coming to conduct a CDL Driver test. He asked if the drivers from another town would be covered by our town insurance to drive town trucks for the test. Karen will check with Primex.

Old Business

- One quote has been received for a new propane boiler for the Town Hall. Jessica reported that Lenny Ryan of the Budget Committee knows of someone who will submit a bid as well.

New Business

- Health Officer Association dues will be paid from the Executive Dues budget line item.

Selectmen

The Planning Board zoning amendments were reviewed. They will hold a public hearing on January 11 for the Accessory Dwelling Unit amendments, the Home Occupation Cottage Industry Amendments and the 10,000 square foot clarification.

There will also be a hearing on the Citizen’s Petition to Repeal 11.3.13 - *Excavations may be permitted subject to state law and local regulations as contained in the Town of Danbury Land Use Zoning Ordinance*

- These warrant articles were decided upon:
 1. Closure of roads that are essentially driveways. Owners would have to be notified by January 22.
 2. Authority to sell town owned property that is not tax deeded property.
 3. Unanimous votes to allocate the following for capital reserve funds:

Highway Equipment	\$50,000
Bridge Fund	\$25,000
Property Revaluation	\$7,000
Waste Oil Grant	\$2,500
 4. Jessica and Tracy voted to allocate \$50,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve. Jim opposed this allocation.

Jim motioned to adjourn at 8:00, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

FYI/No action needed

- Andover Snowmobile Club notification
- Concord Monitor article – state snowplow driver shortage
- Land use and zoning amendments

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant



Danbury Police Department

23 High Street
Danbury NH 03230
(603) 768-5568

Chief of Police

December 1, 2021

To: Sergeant Spencer Marvin
From: Chief David Suckling
Re: Letter of Commendation

This letter of Commendation is to recognize Sergeant Spencer Marvin's efforts and leadership, with his Dedication & Professionalism.

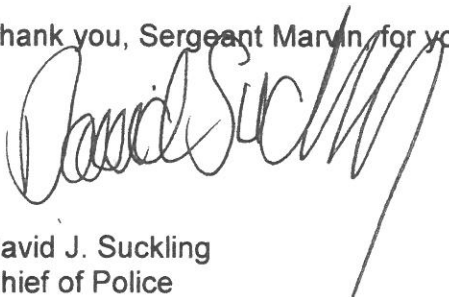
On November 16, 2021 the Danbury Police Department took a report of a utility trailer, stolen out of a front yard on US Route 4. Later that afternoon Sgt Marvin learned that another dump trailer had been stolen from Grafton in a similar time frame.

Believing that the two thefts were possibly related, Sergeant Marvin and Chief Poitras from Grafton Police Department spoke with the owner of the dump trailer. While viewing the video footage, from the Grafton theft, Sergeant Marvin recognized the vehicle that had stolen the dump trailer, having recently seen it during a recent case investigation.

On the morning of November 17, 2021, Sergeant Marvin lead the efforts of officers from Danbury, Grafton, Alexandria, Andover, and the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, that ended at an address in Hill that was recently associated with the vehicle in the video. The stolen dump trailer was in the driveway, still attached to the vehicle in the video. Sgt Marvin interviewed the owner of the vehicle and he confessed to taking both trailers. The Utility trailer, stolen from Danbury, was later recovered in Canaan. One suspect was arrested and charged with both crimes; being charged for two counts of Theft and two counts of Breach of Bail.

Sergeant Marvin's knowledge of his community was instrumental in solving these felony level cases.

Thank you, Sergeant Marvin, for your dedication and leadership.



David J. Suckling
Chief of Police

cc: Danbury Board of Selectmen, Sergeant Marvin, personnel file

Commendation

This award is given to

Sergeant Spencer R. Marvin

for his Leadership, Dedication & Professionalism

December 1, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Suckling", written over a horizontal line.

David J. Suckling, Chief of Police