

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 16, 2020 6:30 pm

**Members Present:** Jessica Hatch, Chair  
Lyn England  
James Phelps

Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett

**Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:30pm and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the default budget.**

The Board reviewed the default budget that was presented. By law, the default budget includes the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget.

Questions arose as to whether the increase in the solid waste contract could be included in the default budget for this year. Legislation was passed in 2019 that clarified what contracts can be included in the default budget. The Board of Selectmen entered into the new contract in November 2019 with Waste Management that took effect 1/1/2020. However only contracts that have been approved by vote of the legislative body can be included in the default budget.

The only change made in the default budget from last year's operating budget is in the long term debt and interest for the loans that have been paid off. This creates a default budget decrease in the amount of \$124,786.

Jim motioned to approve the default budget as presented in the amount of \$1,231,180. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

Andy Phelps stopped into the meeting to inform the Selectmen about a neighbor who is burning material that is sending unpleasant odors into the air that are causing Mr. Phelps respiratory distress. This happened last year as well. The neighbor discontinued the practice after Officer Marvin spoke to him about it. Mr. Phelps will let Chief Suckling know about the issue and his concerns.

At 6:50 Jim motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lyn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on January 22, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant.