

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2022

Present: Selectmen Jessica Hatch, Tracy Shepard, Ruby Hill
Also present: David Suckling

Per **RSA 91-A:2, III(b)** Chairman Jessica Hatch called an emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 on 3/9/2022.

Chairperson Hatch explained that the emergency meeting is needed because as of 3/8/2022 the Town of Danbury no longer has a police chief. In 2021 the Town voted to have an appointed rather than elected Police Chief, effective after town meeting 2022. Because of this Chief Suckling's term expired on 3/8/2022.

Jessica made a motion to hire David Suckling as an appointed police chief for the Town of Danbury in the interim until the town can hire one. Tracy seconded the motion.

Discussion

David Suckling stated that he has very little faith that the town will find someone to fill the position in the short term. He is not willing to take on the position indefinitely.

Jessica asked if he could continue doing the hours he has now until April 30.
Dave said that sounds fair.

Jessica rescinded her original motion.

Jessica motioned to hire David Suckling as an appointed police chief until April 30. Motion was seconded by Ruby and passed unanimously.

Jessica motioned to pay Chief Suckling \$30/hour for the interim chief position. Motion was seconded by Ruby. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Suckling was sworn in by Jessica Hatch.

The procedure for requesting a recount of the votes for the joint police department was discussed. The warrant article failed in Danbury by 8 votes.

Ruby asked if all the absentee ballots had been received. The answer was not know.

Jessica motioned to adjourn the emergency meeting at 6:17pm, seconded by Ruby and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant, from recording provided by Selectmen.