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Last week, the Dudley Board of Selectmen were alerted to the fact that while off-duty, the Dudley Highway Superintendent had posted at least one racially charged comment in response to an online CNN debate surrounding the violence in Charlottesville, NC. Upon discovering the posts, Superintendent Dan Gion was informed that he was immediately placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation. On Monday night, the findings of the investigation conducted by Town Administrator Greg Balukonis were presented to Selectmen in executive session, with a recommendation for disciplinary action. During that meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to suspend Mr. Gion for one week without pay, to require Mr. Gion to attend diversity/sensitivity training and to make Gion's televised apology part of the permanent record.

The Dudley Board of Selectmen is honored to represent each and every member of the community free of any negative bias toward a person's race, religion, sex or orientation. Whether an individual is acting in an official capacity or off-duty, as representatives of the Town of Dudley, each and every town employee, appointed, volunteer, represented by a union, or an employee at will should expect that there will be a significant consequence for actions to the contrary.