

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING A SECTION OF CODE &  
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.  
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM OF TOWN HALL**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli	Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt	Mary Shaw, Secretary
Selectman Paul Davis	Joe Tirollo, Tirollo Bus Company
Selectman Judy Williams	Paul Tarbox, Resident
Selectman Ralph Okenquist	Marie Gesler, Strawberry Festival
Concerned Residents/Veterans (see attached)	Pat O'Sullivan, Town Clerk

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TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited followed by the roll call.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was adjourned and the Public Hearing was convened.* All voted in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Amendment of the Section of Code of the Town of Orange - Chapter 350.  
TAXATION - Article VIII Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans,  
Section 350-29-33**

The secretary read the notice of the public hearing and the following Residents/Veterans spoke in support of the amendment:

Gene Haeckel - 202 Wilson Road  
Pat O'Sullivan, Town Clerk - 701 Orange Center Road  
Lou Merritt - 368 Hitching Post Road  
Tom Hurley - 150 Garden Road  
Steve Whitaker - 597 Ridge Road

Paul Tarbox - 1034 Fernbrook Road  
Sylvester Salcedo - 851 Shagbark Drive  
Jody Dietch - 601 Harborview Road

Each of the Selectmen took a moment to thank our Veterans and voiced their support for the amendment.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting was convened.*

### VOTE

**Amendment of the section of Code of the Town of Orange - Chapter 350. TAXATION - Article VIII Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans, Section 350-29-33 -** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board approved the amendment to the section of code of the Town of Orange - Chapter 350 Taxation Article VIII additional property tax exemption for Veterans.* The motion passed 5/0/1. Selectman Zeoli, Goldblatt, Carangelo, Davis and Williams voted aye. Selectman Okenquist abstained.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2 minutes per speaker)

In honor of Black History Month, Pat O’Sullivan, Town Clerk, shared a picture of professional baseball player Jackie Robinson with some notable Connecticut dignitaries taken in 1957. Robinson, a resident of Stamford, would have turned 100 years old this year. According to history, Jackie Robinson played a round of golf at Racebrook Country Club right here in Orange.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thursday, February 14, 2019:** Happy Valentine’s Day to all our residents.
- **Monday, February 18, 2019:** All Town Offices will be closed in observance of President’s Day. The transfer station will remain open.
- **No Plastic Bags in Recycle Bins:** Selectman Goldblatt gave an overview on the importance of not placing plastic bags or wrap in recycle bins. First Selectman Zeoli encouraged residents to bring cardboard to the Transfer Station. The town gets paid for recycled cardboard.
- **Protecting Mailboxes During the Winter Months:** First Selectman Zeoli reminded residents that it is not too late to construct batter boards to protect mailboxes this winter. The Town will not replace mailboxes damaged during snowplowing season.

- **School Consolidation Proposal** - First Selectman Zeoli spoke about the bill Senate President Martin Looney proposed regarding the consolidation of school districts with neighboring towns within our state. He stated that the current Amity Regional District 5 works well and he will defend it to stay as is along with the current Orange Elementary School System.
- **Saturday, April 27, 2019:** The Recycling Committee's next Shredding Day Event will take place on this date at HPCC from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

*On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on January 9, 2019 were approved.*

*On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on January 28, 2019 were approved 4/0/2.* Selectman Williams and Selectman Davis abstained.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to Hang a Banner to Promote the Strawberry Festival** - Marie Gesler, Strawberry Festival Co-Chairperson, requested to hang a banner two weeks prior to the Strawberry Festival to help promote the event. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Strawberry Festival Committee to hang a banner over Orange Center Road two weeks prior to the event.*
2. **Request to Use Open Space at Wright's Farm**

At this point in the meeting, First Selectman Zeoli requested that Item 2 be removed from the agenda and a new item (7a) be added regarding a request to Use Open Space at Ewen Farm.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to remove Item #2 from the agenda.*

*On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to add a new item on the agenda: To consider and act on the request for the use of Open Space at Ewen Farm located near Tyler City Road and Lambert Road as item 7a.*

3. **Tax Abatement Request from Tirollo Bus Company** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Davis, *the Board approved the request from Tirollo Bus Company for the abatement of property taxes*

*for a new school bus.* The motion passed 5/0/1. Selectman Zeoli, Williams, Davis, Okenquist and Goldblatt voted aye, Selectman Carangelo abstained.

4. **Request to Sell a Military Site Affordable House Located on 342 Sybil Street** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, *the Board voted to exercise the right of first refusal and to allow the First Selectman to arrange for a property appraisal for subject property and make an offer not to exceed the maximum re-sale price of \$129,765 for 342 Sybil Street.* The vote passed 4/2/0. Selectman Zeoli, Carangelo, Okenquist, Goldblatt voted aye, Selectman Williams and Davis voted nay.
5. **Request to Approve the Renewal of the License Agreement for the Rental of Farm Fields at Wright's Farm Property owned by the Town of Orange** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm fields at Wright's Farm Property owned by the Town of Orange as adjusted.*
6. **Request to Approve the Renewal of the License Agreement for the Rental of a Farm Field at the Racebrook Tract Property owned by the Town of Orange** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm field at the Racebrook Tract Property owned by the Town of Orange.*
7. **Request to Approve the Renewal of the License Agreement for the Rental of a Farm Field near Meeting House Lane at Fred Wolfe Park** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm field near Meeting House & Peck Lane near Fred Wolfe Park owned by the Town of Orange.* The motion passed 4/2/0. Selectman Zeoli, Carangelo, Williams, Okenquist voted aye, Selectman Davis and Selectman Goldblatt voted nay.
- 7a. **Request to Approve the Renewal of License Agreement for the Rental of Farm Field near Lambert & Tyler City Road** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm field at the Ewen Farm owned by the Town of Orange.*
8. **LOCIP Application for a Project to Replace Boiler #2 at HPCC** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the use of LOCIP funds for the replacement of boiler #2 at High Plains Community Center.*
9. **Dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Budget Referendum** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Referendum as presented.* (see attachment for details on dates)

10. February Tax Refunds Totaling \$4,794.65 - *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$4,794.65.*

### COMMITTEES

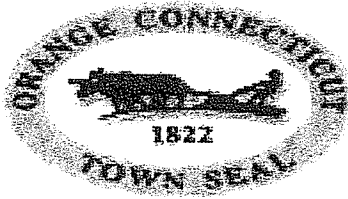
1. Pension Board – Selectman Goldblatt gave no report.
2. Capital Planning – Selectman Okenquist reported that good projects were presented during the budget workshop on 2/1/19 and now we will wait and see what action will be taken by the Board of Finance.
3. Bond Construction Oversight – Selectman Goldblatt reported that the South Wing project at HPCC is on schedule and should tentatively wrap up mid-May. The pool locker room project is scheduled to begin 3/1/19 and will take 4-6 months to complete at which time the pool will be closed. The Derby-Milford Bridge is due to be completed mid-May especially if the weather continues to cooperate.
4. Personnel – Selectman Zeoli reported that the committee will meet to discuss some topics before the March Board of Selectmen meeting.

At 10:24 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.* Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Shaw  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
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Meeting Date: 2.13.19

Please Print Your Name Below

Joan Monaco

MARTIN KIRSTEER

Anthony Monaco

Thomas P. Hurley

Dusia Popel

Michael Cohen

Klante Jalatuska

Stephen Whitker

Marianne Bauer

Carol Stiles Hochman

Edgar Meekel

David Lewis

Tannuou Forsberg

Paul Forbes

Pat Sullivan

Peter MacDonald

Louis Merritt Post 127

Phil Grand 127

SEAN-NICHOL GREEN

Marie Coester

Joe Tirollo

Lynn Wright



2019-2020

Town of Orange

Budget Hearing ~ Amity Referendum ~  
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting -  
Town Meeting ~ Town Referendum

Board of Finance Budget Hearing

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

at 7:30 PM at HPCC Cafeteria

(Has to be not less than 2 weeks before the Annual Town Meeting)

Amity Regional School District No. 5

Operating Budget Referendum

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

6:00 AM - 8:00 PM at HPCC Gym

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting & Annual Town Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:00 PM (date change from 5/8/19)

Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM

HPCC Gym

Town Referendum

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM at HPCC Gym

(Must be held no less than 7 days or no more than  
14 days after the Town Meeting)