

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M.  
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Selectman Paul Davis

Town Counsel Vincent Marino  
Mary Shaw, Secretary  
John Cifarelli, Finance Director  
Bob Sigler, Strawberry Festival

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited followed by the roll call.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(2 minutes per person)

- Selectman Carangelo congratulated the Amity Regional High School Wrestling Team who won the Southern Connecticut Conference Championship. He wished them well as they advance to the New England and State Tournaments.
- Selectman Goldblatt reminded residents about the upcoming Shredding Day taking place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at HPCC from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- Mary Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, gave a brief website update and reminded residents to take a moment to sign up for Town website alerts.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **Wednesday, February 14, 2018:** Happy Valentine's Day to all our residents.
- **Monday, February 19, 2018:** All Town Offices will be closed in observance of President's Day. The transfer station will remain open.
- **Tuesday, February 20th - February 23rd:** The MSW hopper will be closed at the Transfer Station. There will be other containers to accommodate homeowners as they bring their trash to the Transfer Station.
- **Miscommunication Regarding the Purchase of the New Firetruck:** First Selectman Zeoli wanted to clear up any miscommunication that may exist since the last Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the new firetruck. The Town of Orange is NOT purchasing or backing the purchase of the new firetruck. The action the Board of Selectmen took during the January meeting was to adopt a resolution that is required by Internal Revenue service due to the OVFD non-profit status.
- **Finer House on Turkey Hill Road:** A contractor has come forward who is interested in this house. They would like to dismantle it and use it as part of remodel or addition to an existing house most likely not in Orange.
- **2018 Living Treasure Award Nominations:** The Orange Senior Center will be accepting nominations for the 2018 Living Treasure Awards until March 2, 2018. Forms are available at Community Services, the First Selectman's Office or on our town website. The ceremony will take place on May 4, 2018.
- **Reminder:** The Town received a letter from the UI asking for our assistance to let residents and businesses know that attaching foreign objects to utility poles is prohibited and subject to a fine of \$50 for each offense.
- **The Noodle House:** A ribbon cutting took place yesterday at this new restaurant located on the Post Road. This new establishment is owned by an Orange Family and First Selectman Zeoli wished them much success.
- **Town Bicentennial Celebration:** First Selectman Zeoli announced that it is time to start planning the Town Bicentennial Celebration that will take place in 2022.

- **In Memoriam:** Mary Jewell and Lisa Zarny who passed away this past month. Both terrific residents who served the Town over the years. Resident Trevor Davis passed away as well. Selectman Goldblatt noted that he never missed a Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremony and donated over 300 pints of blood to the American Red Cross during his life time.

### **MINUTES**

*On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Public Hearing Regarding a Massage Establishment Permit, Public Hearing on the Proposed Financing by the Orange Volunteer Fire Association and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen approved the minutes from the January 10, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request to Hang a Banner to Promote the Strawberry Festival** – Bob Sigler, Strawberry Festival Committee, requested to hang a banner to promote the Orange Congregational Church Strawberry Festival being held on June 9, 2018 (rain date June 10, 2018) at the Orange Fairgrounds. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hang a banner across Orange Center Road beginning May 29, 2018 and to be removed June 11, 2018 to help promote the Strawberry Festival.*
2. **Bid Recommendation for the Replacement of Bridge No. 04099 Derby Milford Road over Wepawaug River** - First Selectman Zeoli gave an overview on how the potential state funds and timing would affect this project. *On a motion* made Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to award the bid from NJR for the Derby Milford Road Bridge Project at the bid price of \$2,270,677.80 pending the release of the state funds.*
3. **Dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Budget Referendum** - The following motions were made concerning dates for the Annual Town Meeting, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Referendum:
  - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at High Plains Community Center at 7:30 P.M.*
  - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to hold a Special*

***Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at High Plains Community Center at 7:00 P.M.***

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved to hold the Town Budget Referendum on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at High Plains Community Center from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.***
  
- 4. **Health Insurance Waiver for One Employee** - ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the Health Insurance waiver for one employee.***
  
- 5. **February Tax Refunds** – ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the February Tax Refunds totaling \$18,845.53.***

**COMMITTEES**

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt gave no report.
2. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported the Committee has completed their task for the year. The last Committee meeting took place on January 26, 2018. Selectman Okenquist thanked them for their work. Thirteen FY2019 Capital Improvement Projects totaling \$976,000 were presented to the Board of Finance Workshop on February 2, 2018. The Committee prioritized the projects and it is now up to the Board of Finance and First Selectman Zeoli to decide what will be included in the FY2019 Operating Budget.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the Case Memorial Library repair project is tidying up. The Turkey Hill School ADA requirements project specs came in and the cost is just under one million dollars. The Derby-Milford Road Bridge project was already discussed during this meeting so no further report was given. The Committee recently had an on-site meeting at HPCC regarding the South Wing Renovation and Pool Locker Room Projects. Selectman Goldblatt gave some insight on what to expect once this long term project gets underway.
4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli reported that the Committee met on February 12, 2018 and there will be discussion during Executive Session related to Personnel.

At 8:24 P.M., Selectman Okenquist ***made a motion to close the Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session and invited Finance Director John Cifarelli to join them.*** Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. Land Discussion**
- 2. Potential Appraisal Discussion**
- 3. Personnel Discussion**

At 9:20 P.M., Selectman Williams *made a motion to close the Executive Session and convene into the Regular Meeting.* Selectman Goldblatt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**VOTE**

- 1. Land Issue - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to hire an appraiser to view the parcels discussed during Executive Session for an amount not to exceed \$5000.***
- 2. Personnel - The follow motions were made regarding Personnel matters:**

*On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to seek the hiring of a Director of Information Technology under job description guidelines as presented to the Personnel Committee and during Executive Session to start as determined by Finance Director.*

*On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to make a position for a Building Department Official to be no greater than 24 hours a week with a salary range of \$18 - \$24 per hour.*

*On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved salary increases for Park & Recreation staff as recommended in Executive Session effective February 18, 2018.* Please see attachments for details.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board adjourned at 9:20 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Shaw  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen