



Board of Selectmen Meeting – May 13, 2020

# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

**NOTICE: In accordance with Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7B Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely with no in-person attendance. The meeting will be broadcast on the following:**

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- Orange Public Access Live Streaming – Via the internet  
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### UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present on- line:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
 Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
 Selectman Margaret Novicki  
 Selectman Judy Williams  
 Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
 Selectman John Carangelo  
 Ann Denny, Secretary

Chris Kelly, OGAT  
 Josh Cloutier, IT  
 Vincent Marino, Town Counsel  
 John Cifarelli, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli, followed by the roll call.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt announced Simple Recycling has discontinued service to the Town of Orange permanently, clothing in good condition can be donated to other places such as Goodwill. Shredding Day rescheduled to Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> for paper and documents. There will also be mattress collection and Orange Community Women will be collecting small household items and clothing.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memoriam: Vito DeVito, Richard Wright, Halina Slawsky, and Jennie Kliger

- Town buildings are still closed but will be reopening for some business on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call first before coming to see what the rules and regulations are, one rule will be you have to wear a mask.
- The Proposed budget for 2020-2021 is on the website for residents to examine, any question or comments can be emailed to [jCIFarelli@orange-ct.gov](mailto:jcifarelli@orange-ct.gov), call or send a letter and they will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for answers and read into the record at the Public Hearing on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Finance will be holding the Public Hearing on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a special Board of Finance Meeting to adopt the budget and set the mil rate.
- As Selectmen Goldblatt stated Simple Recycling has ended. Also, at this time you cannot bring paint or tires to the transfer station. The vendors for these recyclables are currently not picking up. Lakin has not responded to phone calls to come pick up the tires, and the state has suspended the Paint Care program due to COVID-19. The Goodwill trailer is also closed but you may donate at the store.
- Thank you to the Metzger family at Signarama for donating the banner that was hung at High Plains: *Orange a Community Together Even When Apart*. Two banners have been ordered from Signarama that will say Orange Congratulates all of our graduates 2020.
- Thank you to Picadilly Tailor, Jeffrey Weber and the Novicki brothers, and Linda Zeng- United Chinese Americans for all the masks that have been donated to the First Selectman's office.
- The Following town events have been cancelled due to COVID-19: Relay for Life-you can go online and donate on the BOW Relay for Life website, Race Brook School Food Truck Festival, Memorial Day Parade, Orange Expo, Orange Congregational Church Strawberry Festival, Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks, Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, and at this point Park & Rec Summer Camp. The Orange Country Fair is still being planned at this time, but it is too early to tell if it will be cancelled. The raffle for the carnival cannot be done through the mail, but they are trying to figure out how they can still do it at some point in August. Summer camp guidelines are coming out Friday and Dan Lynch is monitoring it to see if something changes that would make it possible, but right now it is cancelled because there is normally between 150-180 children per session and the state is only allowing 30. Traveling Teens absolutely cannot happen.

- The Farmer’s Market will begin the last Thursday in June with guidance provided by the state and the Department of Agriculture. It is going to be challenging but they are going to try and do it.
- Congratulations to the Garden Club of Orange on their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, their celebration showcase had to be cancelled. In recognition of Arbor Day, the club with the help of the Highway Department and Park & Rec replaced the overgrown shrubs on the south end side of the town hall under the First Selectman’s windows with Mountain Laurel and Skimmia.

### MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Novicki, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Public Hearing amending section of the code of the Town of Orange to repeal Chapter 204 Dance Halls and other public entertainment and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on April 1, 2020.*
- *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on April 23, 2020.*

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to determine whether an in-person town meeting and referendum can be held in a way that significantly reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7 - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Novicki and unanimously carried, *the Board approved that there is no way an in-person town meeting and referendum can be held at this time in a way that significantly reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7.*
2. Request to cancel the town meeting scheduled for May 13, 2020 in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7 - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to cancel the town meeting scheduled for May 13, 2020 in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7.*

3. **Request to cancel the referendum scheduled for May 20, 2020 in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to cancel the referendum scheduled for May 20, 2020 in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7.*
4. **Request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute a Resolution of Board of Selectmen in accordance with Executive Order NO. 7I, Section 13** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute a Resolution of Board of Selectmen in accordance with Executive Order NO. 7I, Section 13.*
5. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 10, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 10, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy.*
6. **Request to increase Police Special Duty Rates** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to increase Police Special Duty Rates as presented by the finance Director as of July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2022.*
7. **Request from the Finance Director to enter into an agreement with Lockton as the Town of Orange Health Insurance Consultant** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to enter into an agreement with Lockton as the Town of Orange Health Insurance Consultant.*
8. **Request to approve the Firefighter Fighter Tax Abatements on the 2019 Grand List** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Firefighter Tax Abatements on the 2019 Grand List.*
9. **Request to approve the sale of the Leeboy 1000 paving machine** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the sale of the Leeboy 1000 paving machine.*

## COMMITTEES

**Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.

**Emergency Management** – Selectman Novicki shared some of the points that she has been sending to the board after the weekly virtual Friday meetings of the Emergency Management Subcommittee. The main issue that will have to be addressed is the town entering the first phase of reopening on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Establishments that can reopen on that date are listed on the state of Connecticut website. Economic Development Corporation is doing outreach to the business community. They have sent letters to businesses to get current contact information and to let them know the reopening guidelines and help them to get PPE if they need it. Businesses need to have a reopening plan and guidelines must be followed, it is still unclear who is going to “police” the compliance of those rules and regulations. CBIA (Connecticut Business and Industry Association) funded a PPE program for businesses, and Emergency Management distributed PPE to 34 businesses in town. PPE is going to stop coming from the state and every town is going to need to develop their own supply chain if we continue to need it. The town’s clergy has met and continues to meet to discuss when and how the houses of worship can reopen in a safe manner with guidance from the health department. The most important thing right now is getting out clear communications as the town slowly reopens. We need residents and businesses to cooperate, and this will help diminish complaints and questions.

**Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli had no report, they did not meet this month.

At 8:00 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Denny  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen