



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Paul Davis
Selectman Judy Williams
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel

Selectman John Carangelo
Mary Shaw, Secretary
Jane Opper, Chilly Chili 5K Race Coordinator

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Patrick O'Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. 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)

- Patrick O'Sullivan, Town Clerk, reminded our Veterans that he is the representative for the Town to answer questions or concerns related to benefits or assistance for Veterans. He is working to add a page to our website as a source of information but in the meantime, please call the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions or concerns. He also spoke about the Historic Preservation Grant and the projects completed with the money received from this grant. He reported that the Clerk's office will be enhancing the land record system going from the Cott System to IQS next month.
- Selectman Goldblatt spoke about the Simply Recycling Program sponsored by the Town beginning this month. Residents should have received a pink bags in the mail to use for curbside collection for clothing, shoes and more. The Town will receive \$20 a ton on the items picked versus costing the Town \$100 ton if brought

to the Transfer Station. The schedule for picking up bags will mirror the recycling bin pick up schedule. Replacement bags will be tied to recycle bins for future use. For more info visit www.simplyrecycling.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Independence Day Concert and Fireworks that took place on July 5th was a tremendous success. The event was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the music, food vendors and fireworks display. The Town of Orange would like to extend its gratitude to the Orange Town News, Connecticut Crushers Baseball Team and the countless volunteers who made the night so enjoyable for all.
- Orange Farmer's Market takes place every Thursday from 3:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at HPCC from now until the end of September.
- Free Summer Concerts in the Gazebo at High Plains will take place on this month on July 18th and 25th from 6:00 P.M. - 8 P.M.
- The Orange Volunteer Fireman's Association Annual Carnival will take place from August 1st thru 4th at the Orange Fairgrounds. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at Town Hall and various other locations in town. Please be sure to purchase ride bracelets in advance online for the carnival. You cannot purchase bracelets at the carnival. For more information go to www.orangevfd.com.
- Rotary Club Lobsterfest will take place on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at HPCC from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rotarycluboforange.org. \$50 per adult and \$7 for the kids menu.
- First Selectman Zeoli is working with Park & Recreation on plans to build a barrier free playground at Fred Wolf Park. 7 acres are being marked for clearing as this plan begins to move forward.
- New Assistant Wetland Official/Assistant Zoning Official position has been filled. First Selectman announce that the Town hired Jack Demirjian as Intern for this combo position for a 6 month period. Jack is Orange resident who studied Environmental Science/Zoning Studies at the University of New Hampshire.

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 12, 2019 were approved.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. 23rd Annual Chilly Chili 5K Run - Jane Opper, Race Coordinator, spoke briefly about the history and highlights of this annual event taking place on January 1, 2020 at High Plains Community Center. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold the 23rd Annual Chilly Chili Run on January 1, 2020 at High Plains Community Center.*
2. Bids for Ceiling Repairs at Turkey Hill School Library and Mary L. Tracy BOE Conference Room - *On motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Dawn Construction Incorporated for ceiling tile replacement and clean up at the MLT Board Office and Turkey Hill School Library in the amount not to exceed \$9,245.00.*
3. Request from the Conservation Commission to Allow Goats to be Used to Control Invasive Vegetation on Town Open Space Property - The Board of Selectmen decided to table this item until the August Board of Selectmen meeting.
4. Request to Hang a Banner on Orange Center Road to Promote the Rotary Lobsterfest - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hang a banner on Orange Center Road the two weeks prior to the Rotary Lobsterfest taking place on August 10, 2019.*
5. Request to Hold a Block Party on Ridgeview Road - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold a block party in the Ridgeview Road neighborhood on August 31, 2019 with a rain date of September 1, 2019.*
6. Board of Selectmen Annual Town Report - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Board of Selectmen 2018-2019 Annual Report.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Capital Planning** - No report.
2. **Pension Board** – No report.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the South Wing Project at HPCC will have a final walk through on Friday, July 12, 2019. After the walk through, First Selectman stated that the South Wing will then be turned over to our staff the following week so items can be moved back into this area. He also stated that it is unsure if Summer Camp will move into this space for the duration of their program. Selectman Goldblatt explained that some of the meeting rooms will have dividers and will they will be installed at later date. The pool locker room project is progressing along. The completion date will be sometime in August. The date the pool itself will open has not been determined. First Selectman Zeoli reiterated that this project did take a little longer than anticipated but when it is completed it will be well worth the wait.
4. **Personnel** – No report.

At 8:12 P.M., Selectman Williams made *a motion to adjourn the regular meeting*. Selectman Carangelo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen