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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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

Mary Shaw, Secretary
Mary Welander, Resident
Carla Birmingham, Resident
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Don Foyer, Highway Crew Chief

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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)

- The members of the Board of Selectmen acknowledged the departure of Mary Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen. Her last day will be August 30, 2019 before she begins to work at the Orange Board of Education Office on September 3, 2019.
- Selectman Goldblatt spoke about the Simply Recycling Program and the pick-up schedule for pink bags. He reminded residents that the bags don't get picked up at the exact same time as recycling bins, but some time on the same day. He thanked residents for participating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **2019 Firemen's Carnival:** Selectman Zeoli stated that the carnival was a big success this year. He thanked Don Foyer for all his hard work with this event. The largest raffle prize went to our own Joan Cretella, Director of Community Services.
- **Farmer's Market:** The Farmer's Market takes place every Thursday from 3:30 – 7:00 P.M. at HPCC until the end of September.
- **Thursday, August 22, 2019:** The last Summer Concert will take place in the Gazebo at HPCC 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. The Vybrations is the band scheduled to perform. They are a 60's Rock Band. Rain date is August 29th.
- **Monday, September 2, 2019:** All Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
- **Thursday, September 12, 2019:** Election Debate will take place at HPCC at 7:00 P.M. hosted by the Orange Times Newspaper.
- **Saturday, September 21st & Sunday, September 22nd:** The Orange Country Fair will take place at the fairgrounds. Fair Books are available at Town Hall, Library and various farm stands in Orange.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, ***the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on July 10, 2019 were approved.***

At this point during the meeting, First Selectman Zeoli asked to add the minutes from a Special Board of Selectmen meeting that took place on August 6, 2019 to the agenda.

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to add the 8.6.19 minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen for review under Minutes.***

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, ***the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on August 6, 2019 were approved.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to Approve the Nonprofit Organization Resolution:** First Selectman Zeoli explained the need for the resolution as it relates to work of the Town Treasurer. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Nonprofit Organization Resolution as presented.*

2. **Bid Recommendation for the Replacement of Boiler #2 at High Plains Community Center:** Town Engineer Bob Brinton gave an overview of the bids submitted for the replacement of the Boiler #2 at HPCC. After much discussion, Selectman Goldblatt *made a motion* to reject the bids, seconded by Selectman Williams. *All voted in favor.*

3. **Bid Recommendation for the Replacement of a 150 kW Generator at the Orange Police Station:** Town Engineer Bob Brinton recommended the low bidder, R & C Electric LLC of Bristol, for the replacement of the generator at the Orange Police Department for the total amount of \$99,760. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the recommended bidder R & C Electric LLC for the replacement of the generator at the Orange Police Department using the \$75,000 allocated in the 2017 bond proceeds but contingent upon the Board of Finance approving the funds needed for the balance of the project.*

4. **Bid Recommendation for the Purchase of a 6 wheel, 48,000 lb. GVW Dump Truck for the Public Works Department:** Town Engineer Bob Brinton recommended awarding the bid to Gabrielle Truck Sales of Milford for a Mack engine and chassis and dump body built by New England Truck Equipment of Wallingford. Highway Crew Chief Don Foyer stated the reasons his crew agrees with this recommendation. First Selectman Zeoli was not in favor of the recommendation and was seeking change other than purchasing another Mack. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board approved recommendation made by the Town Engineer for the purchase of a Mack engine and chassis from Gabrielle Truck Sales and dump body built by New England Truck Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$185,000.* The motion passed 4/1/0. Selectmen Williams, Goldblatt, Okenquist and Davis voted aye, First Selectman Zeoli voted nay.

5. **Closing Out Contract with New England Infrastructure, Inc:** First Selectman Zeoli gave an overview on the delays related to the Derby-Milford Bridge Replacement project that lead to the contractor looking for additional fees for the completion of the project from the Town. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to close out the contract with New England Infrastructure and pay the negotiated amount of \$65,000 for the completion of this project.*

6. **Enacting a Fee for the Disposal of Demolition and Building Materials at the Transfer Station:** First Selectman Zeoli explained the rising cost for disposing demolition and building materials being brought to the Transfer Station and the need to explore the concept of enacting a fee for all users. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the concept of charging a fee for the disposal of demolition and building materials at the Transfer Station.*

7. **Reconsideration of Voting Location:** First Selectman Zeoli outlined the reasons why he thought the Board should reconsider a single voting location for the Town at High Plains Community Center. The pros and cons of this idea were discussed at length. The suggestion was made to try it for one year and re-evaluate how it went after the election. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board voted to approve a single voting location for all three districts at HPCC for the 2019 municipal election.* The motion passed 4/1/0. Selectmen Zeoli, Williams, Davis, Okenquist voted aye and Selectman Goldblatt voted nay.

8. **Fred Wolfe Park Land Clearing:** First Selectman Zeoli gave some background and history on Fred Wolfe Park. He outlined reasons why land clearing is needed for a barrier free playground that will be built in this location and the need for an emergency access road off Oakview Road as part of the overall project. Resident Carla Birmingham was invited to the table to view maps prepared to better explain the wetlands in this area and to address her concerns with this project. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board accepted the recommendation to clear land at Fred Wolfe Park in accordance with maps provided at the meeting.*

9. **Tax Refunds for the Month of August:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$6,415.04 for the month of August.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Capital Planning** - Selectman Okenquist reported that letters will soon be going out seeking inputs for capital improvement projects for FY2021.
2. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported that the Pension Board will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, August 15, 2019.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt reported that the South Wing Renovation Project is done and should be occupied this week. The pool locker room project is working on the final punch list and hopefully the pool and locker rooms will be opening back up mid-September if all goes as planned.
4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli reported that the Personnel Committee had a meeting on August 7, 2019 to discuss pay rates and insurance co-pays for non-union salary and hourly positions/job duty reallocations which will be presented during Executive Session.

At 9:10 P.M. Selectman Williams *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Davis *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Discussion of Pay Rates and Insurance Co-pays for Non-union Salary and Hourly Positions/Job Duty Reallocations**

On a motion made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting convened at 9:28 P.M.*

VOTE

- **Pay Rates and Insurance Co-pays for Non-union Salary and Hourly Positions/Job Duty Reallocations** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the recommended pay rates and insurance co-pays for non-union salary and hourly positions and job duty reallocations as presented* (see attachment).

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At 9:30 P.M., Selectman Williams *made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting*. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen