



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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Patrick B. Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli	Mary Shaw, Secretary
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt	Jeff Cap, ConnJam Committee Member
Selectman Paul Davis	Sharon Ewen, Conservation Commission
Selectman Judy Williams	John Saraci, Resident
Selectman Ralph Okenquist	Phyllis Gwatkin, Friends of the Library
John Cifarelli, Finance Director	

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and a moment of silence to remember 9/11, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

- Selectman Goldblatt reminded residents of the upcoming shredding day on Saturday October 19th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at High Plains Community Center. This is a free event sponsored by the Rotary Club for all Orange residents. In addition, the Lions Club will be picking up mattresses for a donation of \$10 to the Orange Lions Club, you may contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906 to schedule a pick up. Extra pink bags for the Simply Recycling Program are available at the Public Works office in Town Hall, they will also be at the Orange Country Fair and the shredding day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **HPCC Renovation Project:** The south wing renovations are complete, the pool is now open and new membership cards are needed. Please see the Town website for hours and schedules.
- **Thursday, September 12, 2019:** Election Debate will take place at HPCC at 7:00 P.M. hosted by the Orange Times Newspaper.
- **Friday, September 20th, Saturday, September 21st & Sunday, September 22nd:** The Orange Country Fair will take place at the fairgrounds. On Friday night, when exhibits are being dropped off, the truck pull will take place and the Satellite Food Tent will be open for business. Saturday and Sunday the fair opens at 8:00 A.M. Adults are \$8.00, Senior Citizens (65 and older) \$5.00, Children under 15 are free as well as persons with disabilities.
- **18th Annual Orange Senior Health & Safety Fair:** This free event will take place on Friday September 27, 2019 from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon at High Plains Community Center. Refreshments, raffle, information, products, and giveaways. Sponsored by Coldwell Banker, Orange Visiting Nurses Association, Maplewood of Orange and the Orange Senior Center. For more information call Dennis Marsh at (203) 891-4788.
- **Farmer's Market:** The Farmer's Market is tomorrow, September 12, 2019, from 3:30 – 7:00 P.M. at HPCC, there will be no Farmer's Market next week the 19th because of the fair, and the last one will be September 26th.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, ***the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on August 14, 2019 with the following corrections:*** Selectman Ralph Okenquist should be added to those present on page 1 and under Minutes, on page 2, the motion should read ***“On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt (not Okenquist), ***the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectman on July 10, 2019*** adding that the motion passed 5/0/1. Selectman Zeoli, Williams, Goldblatt, Davis, and Carangelo voted aye and Selectman Okenquist abstained.

The motion to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes with corrections noted above passed 5/0/1. Selectman Zeoli, Okenquist, Williams, Goldblatt and Davis voted aye and Selectman Carangelo abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from the Conservation Commission: Sharon Ewen, Vice President of the Conservation Commission, presented information on Goatscaping, with John Saraci of 121 Tyler City Road. There were questions raised by the Board as to how the goats would be contained and the safety of the goats if left unattended. There were also concerns over the fecal matter left and the possibility of worms. The cost of the goats would be about \$140.00 per week. First Selectman Zeoli explained that spring would be the best time to implement this if they chose to proceed. *On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved a pilot program to the Conservation Commission to allow goats to control invasive vegetation on Town open space property based on insurance and the approval of a contract, and that the Conservation Commission should provide a follow up report.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Connecticut Yankee Council Request to use HPCC for ConnJam 2021** – Jeff Cap, 311 Lambert Road, ConnJam 2021 Committee, gave an overview of this event that takes place every three years and requested to use all the grounds around the building, back fields, woods, parking area under the power lines, rooms inside the building and pool throughout the weekend. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Connecticut Yankee Council to use HPCC for the 2021 ConnJam event scheduled for May 14, 15 and 16, 2021.*
2. **Request from Friends of the Library to Conduct a Fundraiser at Case Memorial Library:** Phyllis Gwatkin, President of Friends of the Library, gave an overview of the Friends of the Library and how they support the library. They proposed a two day miniature golf fundraiser that would take place on April 3 and 4, 2020. Friday night would be an adult party and Saturday would be a family fun day. Funds raised would be used to replace the meeting room chairs which would cost \$15,000. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to allow the miniature golf fundraiser to take place at the library pending all appropriate permits are obtained.*
3. **Orange Lions Club Request for Thanksgiving Dinner at HPCC** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental and custodial fees for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 2019 at High Plains Community Center.*

4. **Issuance and Sale of Town of Orange General Obligation Refunding Bonds:** Finance Director John Cifarelli explained he was contacted by our bond advisor that we have an opportunity to refund (or refinance) up to \$5,000,000 in bonds that we have outstanding, he believes from the Hubbell Property. We could save \$200,000 to \$250,000 in interest after fees over the remaining life of the bond. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Resolution with respect to the authorization, Issuance and sale of not exceeding \$5,000,000 Town of Orange General Obligation Refunding Bonds.*
5. **Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021:** The calendar was reviewed and a request was made by Selectman Goldblatt to change the April 8th meeting to April 1, 2020, the first Wednesday of the month, in observance of Passover. The Board also decided to hold the November meeting on the 18th (third Wednesday of the month) because of the conflict with Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th. The meeting time was changed from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M beginning with the first meeting on January 8, 2020. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the 2020-2021 Selectman Meeting schedule as amended.*
6. **Request to Authorize the First Selectman to Execute the State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to authorize First Selectman Zeoli, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, to execute the State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement.*
7. **Tax Refunds for the Month of September:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$14,573.53 for the month of September.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Capital Planning** - Selectman Okenquist reported that all letters went out seeking inputs for capital improvement projects for FY2021 and are due back by November 15, 2019.
2. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt stated that the Pension Board did meet last month but he also reported the Board had meetings with their advisor who watches the funds and actuary, Milliman, for the yearly evaluation. Selectman Goldblatt shared detailed information regarding these two meetings but summarized his report by stating that pension funds are in good shape.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the renovations to the South Wing of the Community Center and the pool locker rooms are complete except for a small punch list. Everything is open. First Selectman Zeoli shared that the Town is out to bid for a land clearing project at Fred Wolfe Park and about 15 contractors attended the mandatory walk thru that

took place today. Friday there will be a walk thru for the roofs on the fair buildings and the Clark building.

4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli reported that the Committee did not meet this past month but tentative agreements have been made with two of the four unions which contracts expire this year. A possible date has been set for negotiations on another agreement so progress is being made regarding union contracts.

At 8:38 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the regular meeting*. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Shaw", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Shaw
Acting Secretary to the Board of Selectmen