



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman Paul Davis  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Ann Denny, Secretary

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Amity Superintendent  
Theresa Lumas, Amity Director of Finance  
Ernie Goodwin, Amity Athletic Director  
Cindy Ruggeri, Conservation Commission  
Jack Demirijian, Assistant Wetlands/Zoning  
Enforcement Officer  
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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)

- Selectman Goldblatt thanked residents on behalf of the recycling committee for participating in the pink bag program to recycle textiles, please continue to put them out on your recycling day. He reported the theft of some bags, so if you notice you have not been left a replacement bag and you need another you may contact him or the Public Works Department. Also, shredding day is on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 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 CT Mattress Council will be collecting mattresses. If you cannot get one there the Orange Lions Club will be picking up mattresses for a donation of \$10 to the Lions Club, you may contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906 to schedule a pick up.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **In Memoriam:** Anne Davis, Carmela Apuzzo, and Anna Caccavale.
- **Yom Kippur:** Wednesday October 9th
- **Columbus Day:** Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> and **Veteran's Day:** Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>: All Town Offices will be closed but the Transfer Station will be open, and children go to school on Veteran's Day.
- **Government Day:** Amity Middle School students will be participating in Government Day on Wednesday October 16th.
- **Debates:** Two debates left between the two candidates for First Selectman this month, one is on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Or Shalom and the other is Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Grassy Hill C.C. sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. All are welcome.
- **Funtober:** At the Fairgrounds Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -3:00 P.M. with a rain date of Sunday the 27th. Trunk or Treat, Costume Parade, food, photo booth, games and crafts for more info call 203-891-4790.
- **Daylight Savings Ends:** Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> so set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday.
- **Election Day:** Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> voting hours are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All three Districts, the 114<sup>th</sup>, 117<sup>th</sup>, and 119<sup>th</sup> are voting at High Plains Community Center.
- **Mosquito/EEE Virus Concerns:** Emails have been received from the following organizations; Orange Little League has cancelled outdoor activities after 5:30 p.m. until dawn, Orange Soccer is cancelling night practices, Park & Rec is ending all outdoor activities at 5:30 p.m., Amity has stopped play outdoors after 6:30 p.m., and the Land Trust and Orange Conservation Commission have both cancelled outdoor walks. Please take precautions when outdoors and use spray.

MINUTES

- Selectman Williams asked for clarification on page 3 under **Old Business** that the Conservation Commission will be paying for the goats, adding; *The cost of the goats would be about \$140.00 per week paid for by the Conservation Commission as a trial program.*

*On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on September 11, 2019 with the correction noted above.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Explanation of Proposed Amity Bond – Dr. Jennifer Byars, Amity Superintendent; Theresa Lumas Amity Director of Finance; Ernie Goodwin Athletic Director were in attendance. Dr. Byars gave a power point presentation on the Amity School District Bond Referendum. The referendum is December 4, 2019, all voting will be at High Plains from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Amity will be paying for the cost of the referendum. There will be 2 Questions, Question 1 relates to Building Facilities in the amount of \$3,194,300. Question 2 relates to Athletic Facilities in the amount of \$3,538,000. If approved renovations to the athletic fields would begin the day after graduation and be ready for the fall of 2020.
2. To Consider and act on the request to hold the 2019 Platt Tech 5k Road Race and Fun Walk  
*On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold the 2019 Platt Tech 5K Road Race and Fun Walk on November 3, 2019.*
3. To consider the proposed changes to Chapter 294 Parks and Recreation Article IV Passive Open Space §294-12 Prohibited Activities and refer to Public Hearing  
Cynthia Ruggeri, Chairperson Orange Conservation Commission asked for a change in wording to the current ordinance to specify usage restricted to Town Designated trails from May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the motion to bring to a public hearing at the regularly scheduled November Board of Selectman meeting.*

4. **Congregation Or Shalom request to use the HPCC Parking Lot on Sunday November 17, 2019**  
Edina Oestreicher, chair of the Congregation Or Shalom Adult Education Committee gave an overview of their annual Krisallnacht Commemoration and made a request for parking at the High Plains Community Center due to increased attendance and concerns for safety. They will be providing parking attendants, a shuttle bus, and security. First Selectman Zeoli asked that they park on the asphalt if it's raining and to please provide the town with a certificate of insurance naming the Town as additional insured. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request for Congregation Or Shalom to use High Plains Community Center for parking.*
5. **Bid for Fred Wolfe Park Grubbing and Clearing** – Jack Demirijian, Assistant Wetlands/Zoning Enforcement Officer had 16 companies attend the walk thru and 5 bids were received. After checking references he recommends the low bidder Total Landscape & Tree Service with a base bid price of \$42,400 to clear 8+ acres for a barrier free playground, access road and future use at Fred Wolfe Park. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Total Landscape & Tree Service for Fred Wolfe Park Grubbing and Clearing.*
6. **Bids for Snowplowing Services for 2019-2020 Season** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer, reviewed the list of recommended bidders for Snow Plowing Services for the 2019 – 2020 Winter Season. The Town likes to get 7 trucks and only 3 bids were received. After discussion *a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the list of recommended bidders as presented and authorizes Mr. Foyer to obtain up to four more contractors, and not to exceed the low bidder price of \$250 per hour.*
7. **Bid for Clark Building roof removal and replacement** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer, stated that 4 bids were received. Shoreline Restoration LLC of East Haven has good references, and he recommends awarding the bid to them as the low bidder at \$28,224. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Shoreline Restoration LLC of East Haven for the Clark Building roof removal and replacement.*
8. **Bid for Fairground Buildings roof overlay** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer, stated that 7 bids were received. AVT Construction of Meriden has good references, and he recommends awarding the bid to them as the low bidder at \$29,444. These roofs are being paid for by the Orange Country Fair Committee. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved AVT Construction of Meriden for the Museum and Exhibition Building roof overlays.*

9. **Tax Refunds for the Month of October:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$8,122.97 for the month of October.*
10. **To create a 19 hour a week custodial position** - First Selectman Zeoli stated there was no personnel meeting, but there is a need to hire an additional part time custodian to help with overages in part time employee hours. After discussion, *a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the board approved an 18 hour per week floating custodial position.*

At this point in the meeting First Selectman Zeoli asked to add an item to the agenda to create a 15 hour per week position at the transfer station to fill a vacancy. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the board approved adding to the agenda discussion of creating a 15 hour per week attendant at the transfer station.*

11. **To create a 15 hour a week transfer station attendant position** - First Selectman Zeoli stated that there is a need to hire an additional 15 hour per week attendant for the transfer station. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the board approved a 15 hour per week transfer station attendant position, receiving the same rate of pay as the other part time attendants.*

### **COMMITTEES**

1. **Capital Planning** - Selectman Okenquist had nothing to report.
2. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had nothing to report.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt reported that they are working on the last few punch list items for the pool and south wing. There have been some concerns with the pool that they are addressing as they come along.
4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli had nothing to report.

At 8:59 P.M., Selectman Williams made *a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.* Selectman Okenquist seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Denny  
Acting Secretary to the Board of Selectmen