



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING SECTION OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
ORANGE CHAPTER 294, PARKS AND RECREATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.  
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

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TOWN CLERK

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman Paul Davis  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel  
Ann Denny, Secretary

Margaret Novicki, Selectman Elect  
Robert McCorkle, Conservation Commission  
Cindy Ruggeri, Conservation Commission  
Keith Anderson  
Cathy Anderson  
Jim Leahy  
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer

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.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m..*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Amending the Code of the Town of Orange – Chapter 294. Parks and Recreation –  
Article IV Passive Open Space, Section 294-12, Subsection D.**

The Acting Secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Cindy Ruggeri, 500 Golf Road, chair of the Conservation Commission brought this before the Board of Selectmen asking for the charter wording to be changed to clarify that bicycling at Racebrook Tract is only permitted on Town-designated trails from May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Bicyclists who ride off the Town-designated trails at

Racebrook Tract will be subject to a \$100 fine for each violation (294-14). The fine already exists.

Robert McCorkle, 846 Brookside Drive, Conservation Commission member is asking for the same change.

After discussion, the board members decided there would be no vote tonight and that for now the Conservation Commission should go back to the Park & Rec Commission to change the rule of where biking is and is not allowed on the Racebrook Tract. The Conservation Commission should get more signage made stating where the bicyclists are allowed. It was decided that the ordinance 294-12 Prohibited activities be revised in its entirety at a later date.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m..*

### VOTE

No action taken

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

- Selectman Carangelo thanked Paul Davis for his service, and the voters who came out in the last election, he is honored to serve for another 2 years.
- Selectman Okenquist thanked the voters, there was over 50% turnout. Special thanks to the registrars, and all those who helped make things run smoothly with everyone voting in one place.
- Selectman Davis noted there was one minor issue with the voting situation with exiting traffic, he is concerned in the presidential election.
- Selectman Goldblatt stated voting did go smoothly. He also thanked residents for a successful shredding day, the next one is April 25<sup>th</sup>. The plastic bag shed was destroyed in the last wind storm at the transfer station.
- Selectman Williams thanked everyone for exercising their right to vote.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- First Selectman Zeoli thanked everyone who put their confidence in him for another two years. He thanked Selectman Davis for his service and looks forward to working with his replacement Margaret Novicki. There are some areas to look at and problems to resolve before the presidential election but the new location worked out well.

- **In Memoriam:** Patricia O’Sullivan Lucey, Pat O’Sullivan’s aunt
- **Sunday, November 24, 2019:** Interfaith Service for the Town of Orange will take place at St. Barbara’s Church at 7:00 p.m.
- **Recycling Schedule for Week of November 25<sup>th</sup>:** Tuesday and Wednesday are the same. Thursday is on Friday and Friday is on Saturday. Make sure bins are out by 6 a.m.
- **Thursday, November 28, 2019 – Thanksgiving Day** - Town offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving to all our residents.
- **Thursday, November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day)** – The Rotary Club will be hosting the Annual Turkey Trot 5K and 2-mile walk will take place at HPCC beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- **Friday, November 29, 2019 – Day after Thanksgiving** - Town offices will be closed but the Transfer Station will be open 8:00 - 4:30.
- **Sunday, December 1, 2019 – Lion’s Club Thanksgiving Dinner** - Dinner will be served at noon at the Community Center. All are welcome who might not have family or friends with them on the holiday. Call the Community Center at 203-891-4788 to make a reservation.
- **Sunday, December 1, 2019 – Tree Lighting Ceremony** - The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festivities will take place from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – Amity Referendum** – 2 Questions Voting at High Plains Community Center from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **New Senior living project on Indian River Road**
- **Swearing in ceremony of all newly elected officials is Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at High Plains Community Center all are welcome**
- **Albert Rapini** He was featured in a story on the front page of the Register on Veterans Day. He will be 100 this Friday, Happy Birthday and congratulations on this milestone.

### MINUTES

*On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on October 2, 2019.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. To consider and act on a bid recommendation for MS4 Stormwater Permit Compliance Services: Bob Brinton, Town Engineer recommends Weston and Sampson for MS4 Stormwater Permit Compliance Services. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the board approved Weston and Sampson for MS4 Stormwater Permit Compliance Services for task 1, 2, & 3 in the amount of \$48,200.*
2. To consider and act on the request to hold the Cinco K de Mayo Road Race, waive the rental fee for HPCC gym/cafeteria and hang a banner on Orange Center Road: *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams *the Board unanimously approved the request to hold the Cinco K de Mayo Road Race on May 2, 2020, waiver of rental fees for HPCC and to hang a banner across Orange Center Road two weeks prior to help promote the Cinco K de Mayo event.*
3. To consider and act on the request to hold an Orange School 5K Road Race and Fun Run May 30, 2020: First Selectman Zeoli stated this item was removed from the agenda. The applicant is not ready at this time.
4. To consider and act on the request to approve the Tax Refunds for the month of November in the amount of \$36,973.69: *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$36,973.69 for the month of November.*

## COMMITTEES

1. Capital Planning - Selectman Okenquist reported 2 departments have replied to the Capital Planning request, so things are in good shape.
2. Pension Board – Selectman Goldblatt said Pension board meets next Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m..
3. Bond Construction Oversight Committee – Selectman Goldblatt reported that they are wrapping up invoices and working on a few punch list items.
4. Personnel – First Selectman Zeoli had nothing to report. UPSEU contracts will be discussed in executive session.

First Selectman Zeoli invited Selectman elect Margaret Novicki to stay for Executive Session.

At 8:51 p.m. Selectman Goldblatt *made a motion*, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried to close Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Agreement Between the Town of Orange and UPSEU Local 424-Unit 73 Orange Supervisors
2. Agreement Between the Town of Orange and UPSEU Local 424-Unit 21 Orange Town Hall Employees

Executive Session closed and convene into the Regular Meeting at 9:16 p.m..

VOTE

1. Agreement Between the Town of Orange and UPSEU Local 424-Unit 73 Orange Supervisors : *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the board approved the 7-1-19 to 6-30-22 proposed labor agreement between the Town and the Supervisors Union.*
2. To consider and act on the Agreement Between the Town of Orange and UPSEU Local 424-Unit 21 Orange Town Hall Employees: *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the board approved the 7-1-19 to 6-30-22 proposed labor agreement between the Town and the Orange Town Hall Employees Union as presented with clerical corrections that need to be fixed.*

At 9:18 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.* Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ann Denny  
Acting Secretary to the Board of Selectmen