



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022  
TOWN HALL  
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM  
6:30 P.M.**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
Selectman PJ Shanley  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel

Ann Denny, Secretary  
John Cifarelli, Finance Director  
Jamie Vincent, Fire Marshal  
Dr. Lawrence Messina, Land Trust President  
Jeanne Consiglio, Land Trust Treasurer  
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer  
Gary Giroux, P.E., Cardinal Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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)

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Farmer’s Market – Every Thursday from 3:30 – 7:00 PM at HPCC.
- The Land Trust is sponsoring a falcon demonstration on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at HPCC
- Crafters & Blacksmith demonstration at the Stone-Otis House Aug 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> as well as an open Farms Day on August 28th.
- Orange Country Fair September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- Town offices and the transfer station will be closed September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER  
BOB BRINTON  
TOWN ENGINEER

## MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***the Board approved the minutes of the July 13, 2022 Public Hearing for establishing a new ordinance regarding the Orange Town Code Chapter 350 Taxation Regarding Authorization to waive Property Taxes of \$5.00 or Less and Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 5-0-1, Selectman Okenquist abstained.***

At 6:35 P.M. Selectman Shanley ***made a motion*** to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Williams ***seconded the motion***. All voted in favor. Attorney Marino, Finance Director John Cifarelli, Fire Marshal Jamie Vincent, Land Trust President Dr. Lawrence Messina, and Land Trust Treasurer Jeanne Consiglio were invited to join the Executive Session for their respective items being discussed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Discussion of stipends for Emergency Management Director and Assistant Emergency Management Director**
2. **Discussion of possible land purchase**
3. **Discussion of pay rates for non-union Town of Orange employees**

***The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:20 P.M.***

## VOTE

1. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved stipends for the Emergency Management Director and Assistant Emergency Management Director as recommended and discussed in executive session.***
2. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the land purchase as discussed in executive session.***
3. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the health insurance co-pay rates and pay rates for non-union Town of Orange employees with changes as recommended by the Finance Director in executive session, and will be effective with the September 2, 2022 payroll.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **This item was withdrawn from the agenda**
  
2. **Bid for gym floor replacement at High Plains Community Center** – Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the only bid received and recommends Dynamic Sports Construction, Inc. of Leander Texas in the amount of \$50,098. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board conditionally approved awarding the bid for replacing the gym floor at High Plains Community Center to Dynamic Sports Construction, Inc. of Leander, Texas for \$50,098 pending information on the warranty.*
  
3. **Review of Engineering Reports** – Gary Giroux, P.E. Sr. Project Manager presented the review of the engineering reports done by Cardinal Engineering on the three areas of flooding. The report reviewed the two storms that occurred in 2021 and showed damage to the effected properties. The report recommended replacing existing drainage with box culverts to help alleviate the flooding. Mr. Brinton will start the process to bid the two box culverts needed for Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane. This will start the process to know the actual costs of replacing the culverts and determine where the money will come from. The Town may have to bond for the money.

At 8:44 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting.* Selectman Carangelo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Denny  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen