



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022
TOWN HALL
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Selectman Judy Williams

Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Mary Shaw, Town Clerk/Acting Secretary
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
James Vincent, Fire Marshal
John Cifarelli, Director of Finance

Absent: Selectman PJ Shanley

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 following residents collectively spoke during Public Participation regarding the soccer fields at Fred Wolf Park. The common theme of their concerns included the need for additional fields, safety concerns regarding parking, entrances and exits of park and the amount of traffic on the roads that are close in proximity of the park. Discussion included the new playground planned at this location, existing leases for growing corn on this parcel of land and possibly re-considering overall plan developed back in 2013 for a recreational complex at this location. Thoughts were shared about forming a committee as well.

- Erika & Peter Higgins - 303 Drummond Road
- Kaury Kucera – 850 Tall Timber Road
- Don Hawk – 521 Ridge Road
- Larysa Persano – 637 S. Greenbrier Road
- Jeffrey Smith – 393 Grassy Hill Road

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- Andrew Jorge – 602 East Slope Drive
- Tom & Peggy Pisano – 523 Fairway Road
- Jomo Nichols - 358 Hitching Post Drive

Selectman Goldblatt gave a Bicentennial Committee update and reported on the Shredding Day Event that took place on October 8th. He announced the date of the next one which will be 4/22/23. He continued sharing some important information for voters regarding Election Day taking place on November 8th and concluded with words of gratitude for those who participated in the Republicans vs Democrats Kickball Game Fundraiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Marion Chatterton and Liv Holland

- Great job by the Democratic and Republican Town Committees on their kickball game to benefit the fuel bank they raised \$2,457.50.
- FunTober at the Fairgrounds – Saturday October 22, 2022, with a rain date of Sunday, October 23, 2022 – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. HPCC Fairgrounds
- Workday at Wepawaug Conservation Area Saturday October 22nd from 9:00 to noon. Orange Conservation Commission is hosting a trail cleanup day at the Wepawaug Conservation area on Mapledale Road. Please consider helping beautify Orange's open spaces. Wear long pants, work gloves and waterproof footwear and bring a rake or pruners if you have them.
- Tour De Faith: The Congregations of Orange Collaborative invites you to tour two houses of worship in Orange. On Saturday October 29th you can tour Congregation or Shalom (203-799-2341) and Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (203-795-1347). Please contact the houses of worship to register for the tours.
- Daylight Savings ends November 6th remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.
- Election Day: Tuesday November 8th is election day. All voting is at High Plains Community Center. Absentee ballots available in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Bicentennial Quilt Raffle: A replica of the quilt made for the Bicentennial is being raffled. Tickets are available now in the First Selectman's office with a suggested donation of \$2 or 3 for \$5, all proceeds benefiting the Orange Fuel Bank and the winning ticket will be drawn at the Holiday Festival on Sunday December 4th

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 7, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointment of Amy Tirollo to the Amity Board of Education to Fill a Vacancy to November 30, 2023** – ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the appointment of Amy Tirollo to the Amity Board of Education to fill the vacancy to 11.30.23.***
2. **Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for 2023** - The calendar was reviewed as presented. Selectman Goldblatt requested to change the date of the March meeting from 8th to the 1st of the month. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the 2023 Selectmen Meeting schedule as amended.***
3. **5-Year Community Improvement Program** – ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the 5-Year Community Improvement Program as presented.***
4. **Bid for Snow Plowing Services** - Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the list of bids received. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved awarding one truck to each contractor as presented for snow plowing services for the 2022-2023 season.***
5. **Tax Refunds for the Month of October:** ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$20,151.15 for the month of October.***

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt – No Report
2. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported the Committee has not received any requests to date.

At 8:38 P.M. Selectman Williams *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Goldblatt *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor. Attorney Vincent Marino, Director of Finance John Cifarelli and Fire Marshal James Vincent were invited to join the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Personnel

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:12 P.M.

VOTE

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the creation of a part time Assistant Building Official position as discussed in executive session.*

At 9:14 P.M., Selectman Williams made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Goldblatt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw
Acting BOS Secretary