



Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 13, 2021

Town of Orange, Connecticut

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING

NOTICE: In accordance with Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7B Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely with no In-person attendance. The meeting will still be broadcast live on OGAT Optimum channel 79 and Frontier channel 6063 and streamed on YouTube and OGAT on the following links:

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Any comments for public participation or an agenda item must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 13, 2021 to: jzeoli@orange-ct.gov

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present on-line:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Selectman Judy Williams
Ann Denny, Secretary

David Zabel, Town Counsel
John Cifarelli, Finance Director
Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Chris Kelly, OGAT

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli, followed by introductions.

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Michael G. Williams
TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

No emails were received for Public Participation. Selectman Goldblatt read a statement condemning the actions that happened in Washington D.C. last week. Selectmen Novicki seconded the statement made by Selectman Goldblatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- In Memorium: Ray O'Connor
- Monday January 18, 2021 Town offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but the Transfer Station will be open.
- Wishing Fred Kendrick a happy retirement and welcome to Valerie Spinaci who was sworn in on January 6th as the new Republican Registrar of Voters.
- As the Town receives information from the State it will be posted on the website. Covid-19 vaccines are currently being given to Police, Fire, and Public Works personnel if they chose to get vaccinated.
- Referendum for potential Racebrook Country Club property purchase is Tuesday February 16, 2021 at High Plains Community Center from noon to 8 p.m., absentee ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Information has been sent to the press today and a letter is being sent to all residents.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Novicki, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on December 09, 2020.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider and act on the request to authorize the Director of Finance to submit a claim to the State Office of Policy & management from the Town of Orange for the Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Program for the Claim Period July 1 – December 30, 2020** -John Cifarelli, Finance Director explained that he needed to certify with the legislative governing body ten items he was submitting for a grant in the amount of \$97,395. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved authorizing the Director of Finance to submit a claim to the State Office of Policy & management from the Town of Orange for the Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Program for the Claim Period July 1 – December 30, 2020*

2. **Bid for Town Hall and Library cleaning services** -Robert Brinton, Town Engineer reviewed the list of ten bids received and recommends awarding the bid for the Town Hall cleaning to Uncle Sam's Contractors and the bid for library cleaning to Champion Maintenance & Construction. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding the Town Hall cleaning to Uncle Sam's Contractors for the monthly amount of \$1,212.13 for general cleaning and the bid for library cleaning to Champion Maintenance & Construction for the monthly amount of \$2,111.00 for general cleaning for the contract that will be in effect until June 30, 2022.*
3. **Consider and act on Bond Resolutions**- First Selectman Zeoli stated there is no action to take they are not complete yet, when they are ready a special Selectmen's meeting will be held.
4. **To consider and act on the request to continue the Town of Orange Resolution signed April 23, 2020 Deferment Program Pursuant to Executive Order NO 7S, Section 6 (a) in accordance with Executive Order NO. 9R Section 1 Suspension and Modification of Tax Deadlines and Collection Efforts for Tax Bills That Become Due and Payable on January 1, 2021** – First Selectman Zeoli stated the Tax Collector would like official action by the Board of Selectmen to continue the Deferment Program that was voted on April 23, 2020. This will allow taxpayers that completed the taxpayer attestation form when the program began to continue with requesting a deferment. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to continue the Town of Orange Resolution signed April 23, 2020 Deferment Program Pursuant to Executive Order NO 7S, Section 6 (a) in accordance with Executive Order NO. 9R Section 1 Suspension and Modification of Tax Deadlines and Collection Efforts for Tax Bills That Become Due and Payable on January 1, 2021.*
5. **Tax Refunds for the month of January**- *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$7,896.13 for the month of January.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
2. **Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the last meeting of the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID was 01.06.21. There were 532 cases in 2020 and 13 deaths. There are 220 active cases and the age groups of 41-50 and 51-60 represent 36% of total cases. November and December represented about 64% of the entire cases for the year, and from January first to the sixth there were 16 cases, 6 of which were children under 10. Vaccine distribution is the next urgent issue, they are dealing with a few obstacles. The Town is expecting a first shipment of 300 doses and a minimum of

300 per week in the next month. Phase 1b vaccinations will start next week and will include teachers, frontline essential workers and people 75 and over. The OVNA will have to devise an orderly distribution system possibly alphabetical. Information will have to be sent to residents and an interactive webpage for people to sign up needs to be created. It will be a tight operation to make sure no doses are wasted. Dr. Mohammed would like to do three clinics a week. The Board of Health members who are clinicians will be able to help with the vaccine clinics. This will be an ongoing yearly vaccine like the flu vaccine.

3. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported that the committee has met two times and the last meeting is tomorrow to finalize the ranking list for the Board of Finance. There were 23 projects totaling 1.3 million dollars.
4. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt reported they have not met. Bob Brinton has construction costs for the dehumidification system at the pool for the next bond proposal.
5. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli had no report.

At 8:06 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