



Board of Selectmen Meeting – April 14, 2021

Town of Orange, Connecticut

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 2021 to: jzeoli@orange-ct.gov

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present on-line:

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

Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Dan Lynch, Park & Rec Director
Sue Mauro, Silverbrook Estates
Paul Mongillo, IT Director
Carl Russell, Orange Rotary
Cathy Bradley, Prindle Hill Construction
Frank Bradley, Prindle Hill Construction
Chris Kelly, OGAT

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli, followed by introductions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

No emails were received for Public Participation.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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2021 APR 15 PM 12:00
Michael S. O'Connell
TOWN CLERK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt announced shredding day was very successful the truck was full by 11:30 with 15,290 lbs. The next collection will be in October. The mattress collection was also very successful, 65 mattresses were collected, and the truck was filled, and a few people had to be turned away. The Orange Country Fair also did a food drive for the Orange Food Pantry and would like to do it again at the next shredding day.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- In Memorium: Kim Callahan, Father Bernard, Stan Rudowitz and Dan Meisenheimer.
- Wednesday April 21, 2021 Board of Finance Budget Hearing will take place at 7:00 PM in the HPCC Gymnasium. The Proposed Town Budget is on the website and in the Town Clerk's office for review.
- Wednesday, May 5, 2021: Amity Regional School District No. 5 Operating Budget Referendum will take place at HPCC from 6 AM – 8 PM
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021: Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place at 7:00 PM followed by the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM in the HPCC Gymnasium.
- Thursday, May 20, 2021: Town Referendum will take place from 6 AM until 8 PM at HPCC.
- April is DONATE LIFE MONTH please consider becoming an organ donor.
- Memorial Day Parade Committee is going ahead with plans for the ceremony and parade, which will be on Sunday May 30th. The ceremony, which will be socially distanced will start at 10:30 and a parade to follow. The honorees for the 2021 Memorial Day Parade are as follows: Dr. Norman Marieb – Grand Marshal, Kevin Hadlock – Chief of Staff, and Louis Eagle – Honored Veteran.
- The Fourth of July fireworks will be delayed until Labor Day weekend. The Fireman's Carnival and The Orange Country Fair are in planning.

MINUTES

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 March 10, 2021.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to Approve the Contracts for Funding of Services at Silverbrook Estates** – Sue Mauro, Administrator of Silverbrook Estates, explained the following contracts for Silverbrook:

- a. Congregate and Rental Assistance Subsidies
- b. Two Year Contract DOH Management Plan with Elderly Housing Management
- c. Two Year Contract Housing Management Agreement with Elderly Housing Management
- d. Two Year Security Contract with Orion Protective Services Inc.

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the contracts for funding of services at Silverbrook Estates as presented.*

Selectman Carangelo joined the meeting at this point 7:35 p.m.

2. **Request to approve the bid for Town Wide Copier Replacement** – Paul Mongillo, IT Director presented the results of the RFP and explained the differences from the current lease to the one in the proposal for the next five years. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to award BBI Technology of Milford the bid for Town Wide Copier Replacement for a 5-year lease not to exceed \$98,040.00.*
3. **& 3a Request to approve the bid for Fred Wolfe Park Practice Field Grading and Seeding and Stone Wall Removal using LoCIP funds-** Town Engineer Robert Brinton explained the scope of the work to be done and presented the bids received. Ciola Excavation indicated on their bid they would include installing an underground sprinkler irrigation system in the practice field. Mr. Brinton recommends Ciola Excavation for the Practice Field Grading and Seeding and Stone Wall Removal using LoCIP funds. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to award Ciola Excavation the bid for Fred Wolfe Park Practice Field Grading and Seeding and Stone Wall Removal in the amount of \$51,300.00 using LoCIP funds.*
4. **Request to approve the bid for Tennis Court Replacement at High Plains Community Center using LoCIP funds-** Town Engineer Robert Brinton presented the three bids received and recommended awarding the bid to RS Site and Sports to install post-tensioned concrete tennis courts with a 25-year structural warranty in the base amount of \$148,000.00 using LoCIP funds. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to award RS Site and Sports the bid for post-tensioned concrete Tennis Court Replacement at High Plains Community Center with a 25 year structural warranty in the base amount of \$148,000.00 in LoCIP funds.*

5. **Request to Approve the Renewal of the License Agreement for the Rental of Farm Fields at Wright's Farm Property owned by the Town of Orange** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm fields at Wright's Farm Property owned by the Town of Orange for a period of two years for \$545.00 per year to Joseph Moncheski.*
6. **Request to Approve the Renewal of the License Agreement for the Rental of a Farm Field at the Racebrook Tract Property owned by the Town of Orange** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm field at the Racebrook Tract Property owned by the Town of Orange for a period of two years for \$200.00 per year to Field View Farm.*
7. **Request to Approve the Renewal of the License Agreement for the Rental of a Farm Field near Meeting House Lane at Fred Wolfe Park** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm field near Meeting House & Peck Lane near Fred Wolfe Park owned by the Town of Orange for a period of two years for \$375.00 per year to Field View Farm.*
8. **Request to Approve the Renewal of License Agreement for the Rental of Farm Field near Lambert & Tyler City Road** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to renew the license agreement for the rental of farm field at the Ewen Farm owned by the Town of Orange for a period of two years for \$275.00 per year to Stephen Bspuda.*
9. **Waving the Right of First Refusal for 351 Sybil Street** – First Selectman Zeoli explained the resident at 351 Sybil Street passed away in 2018, all taxes are up to date and the resident's granddaughter would like to purchase the home from the estate. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to wave the Right of First Refusal for 351 Sybil Street.*
10. **9th Annual Rotary Club of Orange Thanksgiving Day 5K and 2 Mile Walk waive the rental fee for HPCC gym/cafeteria and to Hang a Banner over Orange Center Road** – Carl Russell of the Rotary Club asked for permission to hold the Annual Rotary Thanksgiving Day 5K and 2 Mile Walk, and to waive the rental fee for HPCC gym and cafeteria, and to hang a banner over Orange Center Road. *On a motion* made by Selectman Novicki, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold the 9th Annual Rotary Club of Orange Thanksgiving Day 5K and 2 Mile Walk, waive the rental fee for HPCC gym/cafeteria, and to hang a banner over Orange Center Road two weeks prior to the event.*

11. **Request to Place 2017 Unpaid Taxes on Suspense List** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to place 2017 unpaid taxes in the amount of \$57,985.81 on the Suspense List.*
12. **Request to Approve the Firefighter Abatements on the 2020 Grand List** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Firefighter Abatements on the 2020 Grand List.*
13. **Tax Refunds for the month of April**- *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$16,495.19 for the month of April.*
14. **To Consider and Act on the Volunteer Fire Department Lease & Option Agreement/Public Hearing at May BOS Meeting** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board will hold a Public Hearing next month for the lease/purchase of a fire truck.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the next meeting is a joint meeting on May 17th with the Board of Finance.
2. **Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the last meeting of the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID was 04.09.21. Covid cases are stable. Three weeks ago there were 36 cases, two weeks ago 22 cases and last week 13-20 cases. Cases in the over 65 age group are going down, most cases are in the 20 year old age group, and 10-20 age group. Symptoms are not as severe, and the recovery rate is over 99%. The Orange vaccine clinics are running well and approximately 40% of the ages eligible have been vaccinated, and 85% of those over 65 have been vaccinated. 176 vaccines were done last week. You can register on the Town website, there is an online scheduling tool. They will have to see if the recall of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will create a supply issue. The clinics will move to the cafeteria when summer camp begins.
3. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli reported the committee met yesterday to discuss the needs of the Health Department. The Town has not received any Federal COVID money.

At 8:38 p.m. Selectman Okenquist *made a motion*, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried to close Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Discussion of potential litigation settlement** - This item is removed from the agenda at this time. Attorney Marino received notification that the Plaintiff has died in the case, he is waiting on word from the court.
2. **Discussion of License Agreement for Orange Community Nursery School**

Close Executive Session and convene into the Regular Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

VOTE

No votes were taken.

At 9:20 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen