



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021
TOWN HALL
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Judy Williams

Ann Denny, Secretary
Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Jane Opper, Amity Teen Center President
John Cifarelli, Finance Director

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)

- Janet Lyngdal of 596 S. Greenbrier Drive handed out an article for the Selectmen to review. She is disappointed that there is no master plan for the playground being followed. She also feels gates will not be enough to protect the park and that cameras are needed.
- Tom Pisano of 523 Fairwood Road researched information about the access to the park from little Peck Lane and anyone who wants to see it, may contact him.
- Deedee Lebov 660 Broadview Road feels the playground project should be under the Park & Rec Commission with input from parents and educators.
- Kevin Finch and family of 75 Farm Hill Road along with the Criscuolo, Provost, and Lyle families spoke to ask for consideration to use space at High Plains Community Center for the SARAH program. SARAH Inc. is an organization that helps special needs children and will be expanding to Orange. These families have children who will be aging out of the school program starting next month. The children introduced themselves to the Board. The families have submitted copies of letters that were sent to the Selectmen to be filed with the minutes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt announced the date of the next shredding day and mattress recycling will be on Saturday October 9, 2021 from 9-12 at High Plains Community Center. Robert Fodero will be posthumously honored when he is inducted into the CT Veteran's Hall of Fame in Hartford on July 29th. Congratulations to Orange resident Patrick Winkel who was drafted in MLB by the Minnesota Twins this week.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Nancy Schpero

- Congratulations again to Pat Winkel on being drafted what a great accomplishment.
- The storm last week brought flooding to many parts of Town due to the amount of rain received in such a short period of time.
- The Fireman's Carnival is back August 5th through 8th. Raffle tickets are available at the town hall and various other locations in town. If you are going to purchase a wristband for your child, please go to www.orangevfd.com before the carnival to purchase them, you can not buy them the day of the carnival.
- Labor Day Concert and Fireworks on Sunday September 5th with a rain date of September 6th, Ronstadt Review is the concert.
- Please save the date for Friday October 8th for a retirement dinner at Race Brook Country Club honoring Town Clerk Patrick O'Sullivan. Tickets will be available soon by contacting the First Selectman's Office.

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Novicki, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Assistance Program Application and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 9, 2021.*
- *On a motion* made by Selectman Novicki, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 29, 2021, with the correction of the motion being seconded by Selectman Goldblatt not Selectman Novicki.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to approve bid recommendation for Fire and Intrusion Alarm Inspection, Maintenance, Monitoring, and Repair** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented information on the bids received and recommends the low bidder American Total Protection LLC. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to award American Total Protection LLC the 4-year bid for Fire and Intrusion Alarm Inspection, Maintenance, Monitoring, and Repair for \$6,133.00 per year.*

2. **Request to approve bid recommendation for Sidewalk and Masonry Repairs at Town Buildings** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented information on the bids received and recommends the low bidder Reliable Excavating Company, Inc. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to award Reliable Excavating Company, Inc the bid for sidewalk and masonry repairs at Town Buildings for \$80,324.50.*
3. Item 3 was withdrawn from the agenda
4. **Vending License for September 5, 2021 Fireworks Show** – Howard Dragonoff, of Action Enterprises requested a vending license to sell novelties during the fireworks show on September 5, 2021. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Howard Dragonoff's request for a vending license to sell novelties during the Fireworks Show on September 5, 2021*
5. **24th Annual Chilly Chili 5K Run** – Jane Opper, Race Coordinator, spoke briefly about how the race will run after COVID, they are waiting to see the guidelines that they will have to follow in January. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold the 24th Annual Chilly Chili Run on January 1, 2022 at High Plains Community Center.*
6. **Request to Hang a Banner on Orange Center Road to Promote the Rotary Lobsterfest** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hang a banner on Orange Center Road to promote the Rotary Lobsterfest taking place on August 14, 2021.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
2. **Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the Subcommittee on COVID is no longer holding its bi-weekly meetings, they just meet at the regularly scheduled Emergency Management meetings. The last meeting was 06.25.21 and EMAC discussed Hurricane preparedness. In regard to COVID 65% of all Orange residents are fully vaccinated, homebound residents that request it are still being vaccinated, and the State Health Dept. is offering mobile clinics with local businesses and organizations. The Orange Health Dept. is waiting on guidance regarding the opening of schools in the fall. CERT was recognized by The Orange Rotary.
3. **Personnel Committee** – The committee did not meet personnel items will be presented in Executive Session.

At 7:50 P.M. Selectman Goldblatt *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Novicki *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Discussion of Pay Rates for Non-union Salary and Hourly Positions**

The Regular Meeting convened at 9:10 P.M.

VOTE

Pay Rates for Non-union Salary and Hourly Positions - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the pay rates for non-union salary and hourly positions as discussed in executive session.*

At 9:12 P.M., First Selectman Zeoli 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