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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki

Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Selectman Judy Williams
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Ann Denny, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

Jody Dietch 601 Harborview Road

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt thanked the poll workers, the Registrars, and the Town Clerk for all their hard work on the Presidential Primary and read the results.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **In Memoriam:** Elaine Capecelatro
- Town Hall and the Transfer Station will be closed for Labor Day on Monday September 7th.
- There will be three drive-in concerts at the Fairgrounds in Orange and six in Milford at the Post Mall. The list will be posted on the town website. The proceeds from the concerts will benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and the Beth-El Shelter.
- The town suffered a lot of damage from last week's storm over 6,000 meters in town were without power. The Transfer Station has been open daily until 4:30 p.m. and will be open this coming Sunday August 16th for residents to dispose of brush only.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on July 08, 2020.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Request from Simple Recycling for an exclusive 3-year contract to place a container at the Town of Orange Transfer Station** - Public Works put a proposal together after last month's meeting for Providing Textile and Home Goods Collection at the Orange Transfer Station. One proposal was received from Simple Recycling. Sonny Wilkins from Simple Recycling attended the meeting to answer any questions the board may have. Loretta Smith of 829 Hillcrest Road and a member of the Orange Recycling Committee spoke in favor of Simple Recycling. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the proposal from Simple Recycling subject to the Town Counsel's review of the contract.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointment of Jasper J. Jaser as Orange's Representative to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the appointment of Jasper J. Jaser as Orange's Representative to the South Central Regional Water District's Policy Board.*
2. **Request to Purchase a New Fleet Vehicle for the Fire Marshal's Office** – Fire Marshal James Vincent, provided an overview of the quote for the Fire Inspector's vehicle. The Board of Finance has already approved the funding. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request as presented to purchase a 2020 Ford Utility Interceptor for the Fire Marshal's office to replace the Fire Inspector's vehicle.*
3. **Request to Hang a Banner on Orange Center Road to Promote the Rotary Lobsterfest** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hang a banner on Orange Center Road the two weeks prior to the Rotary Lobsterfest taking place on September 12, 2020.*

4. **Waiver of Medical Benefits for 27 Town Employees** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the waiver of medical benefits for 27 town employees.*

5. **Bid for tree removal** - Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the bid results for tree removal and recommended Paulo Landscaping & Tree Removal with a base bid of \$17,400.00 for the list of trees and additional work at \$275.00 for bucket truck, chipper, and 2 men. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding the tree bid to Paulo Landscaping & Tree Removal as presented.*

6. **Bid for generator inspection and maintenance at town buildings** - Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the bid results and recommended the low bidder A & J Generator & Equipment in the amount of \$2,800.00 per year for inspection and routine maintenance, and \$90 per hour labor for repairs (\$135 per hour for overtime) and 10% markup on parts. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding the bid to A & J Generator & Equipment for the generator inspection and maintenance as presented.*

7. **Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and the Town Employees of the Highway Department AFSCME Local 1303-21, Council 4** *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and the Town Employees of the Highway Department AFSCME Local 1303-21, Council 4 as presented.*

8. **Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and the School Nurses AFSCME Local 1303-316, Council 4** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and the School Nurses AFSCME Local 1303-316, Council 4 as presented.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported they will be meeting next Thursday August 20th.
2. **Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID continues to meet every two weeks. The Department of Health is monitoring in town cases, right now there are 6 active cases, and Connecticut continues to have low infection rates. The reopening of schools is the biggest concern right now. The Health Department is working closely with the superintendents. The state has designated 260 million dollars to school openings. Residents need to continue wearing face masks and social distancing. The committee is also preparing for vaccination distribution when one becomes available. Emergency management is also doing a post storm assessment after last weeks tropical storm. The Fire Department has raised concerns about safe generator operation, they plan on doing public announcements.

3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli had no report.

At 7:42 p.m. Selectman Carangelo *made a motion*, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried to close Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss possible property purchase

Close Executive Session and convene into the Regular Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

At 8:12 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