



Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 14, 2020

Town of Orange, Connecticut

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

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

Ann Denny, Secretary
John Cifarelli, Finance Director
Robert Gagne, Chief of Police
David Ryan, Labor Counsel
Robert Brinton, Town Engineer

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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 was recited, followed by the roll call.

At 7:02 p.m. Selectman Carangelo *made a motion*, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried to close the Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session. Finance Director John Cifarelli, Chief Gagne, and Attorney Ryan were invited into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 2019-2022 Proposed Labor Agreement between the Town and Police Union

Close Executive Session and convene into the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE

1. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the board unanimously approved the proposed labor agreement between the Town of Orange Police Department and the UPSEU/COPS dated July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2022.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Now is the time to get a flu shot. The OVNA is having clinics on Wednesdays in October. For more information you may call the OVNA at 203-891-4752, or check with your local pharmacy to see about getting one.
- Youth Services and Park & Rec presents a Halloween Drive-in Movie night on Saturday October 24th please call the Park & Rec office to make a reservation at 203-891-4790. This is a pre-paid event no drive-up payment the day of. Thank you to the Orange Lion's Club for donating candy and snacks for the event.
- Daylight Saving's time ends Sunday November 1st remember to set your clocks back one hour.
- Election Day is Tuesday November 3rd. All three districts are voting at High Plains Community Center. The Town Clerk has sent about 3,400 absentee ballots out and about 2,000 have been returned. The earlier the ballots are returned for processing the better. The ballots can be returned to the drop box located on the sidewalk near the rear entrance to the Town Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers that have been coming in to help with this task it is greatly appreciated by the clerk's office.
- Veteran's Day is Wednesday November 11th Town offices will be closed but schools and the transfer station will be open.
- It is not too early to think about securing your mailbox for the winter.
- Many people have been walking in the street which is wonderful but as the days get shorter please wear bright clothing or a neon vest with reflectors. We want everyone to stay safe.

Selectman Goldblatt announced the shredding day is this Saturday October 17th. Mattresses will be collected by the Orange Lions closer to the entrance of HPCC. Residents bringing shredding are asked to enter the front parking lot in a single line of vehicle traffic, do not park and please pop your trunk and volunteers wearing masks and gloves will remove the shredding material from your car and bring it to the shredding truck. Anyone wishing to donate to the Rotary Club Scholarship Fund may put it in a bucket that they will be passing. He also reminded residents that the voting in High Plains will be split by district, 114 in the Gymnasium, 117 in the South Wing, and 119 in the Cafeteria. Please return absentee ballots by 5 P.M. on Monday to make it easier to get them counted. Ballots returned on Election Day are not counted until after the polls close to make sure no one has voted twice.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the Board approved the minutes of the Public Hearing regarding a Massage Establishment Permit and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on September 09, 2020 5-0-1 Selectman Okenquist abstained.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bid for snow plowing services** - Bob Brinton, Town Engineer, reviewed the list of recommended bidders for Snow Plowing Services for the 2020 – 2021 Winter Season. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding one truck each to the six contractors as presented for snow plowing services for the 2020-2021 season.*
2. **Bid for Silverbrook Estates Fire Sprinkler System** - First Selectman Zeoli explained only 1 bid was received and it was for double the engineers estimate. This item is being removed from the agenda at this time.
3. **Request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute an agreement between the UI & SCG Energy Efficiency Program and the Town for pipe insulation and LED Lighting at High Plains Community Center** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the program and answered questions. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute an agreement between the UI & SCG Energy Efficiency Program and the Town for pipe insulation and LED Lighting at High Plains Community Center.*
4. **Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022-** The calendar was reviewed. Meetings will still meet at 7:00 P.M. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the 2021-2022 Selectmen Meeting schedule.*
5. **Tax Refunds for the month of October** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$11,369.39 for the month of October.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
2. **Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID continues to meet every two weeks, the last meeting was 10.02.20. Connecticut still has one of the lowest rates in the

country, but citizens need to remain vigilant with wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The Department of Health is monitoring in town cases, there were 7 new cases and 5 cases the following week. The twenty plus age group seems to be where the new cases are but no severe cases since the end of May. Phase 3 reopening began October 8th which increased indoor capacities from 50% to 75% and still no bars or nightclubs opening. Schools are doing well but there is no way to track what children are doing after school. The OVNA has been doing flu clinics on Wednesdays in the month of October and working on a plan for Covid vaccine distribution when one becomes available.

3. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported the annual letters for Capital requests has gone out to Department Heads and Boards and Commissions with a return date of November 23, 2020. The Committee will begin reviewing them in December.
4. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
5. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli had no report.

At 7:56 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