



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 09, 2022  
TOWN HALL  
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM  
7:00 P.M.**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
Selectman PJ Shanley

Mike Gray, Director of Business and Operations  
Dennis Marsh, Interim Dir. Community Services  
James Leahy, Vice Chair Board of Finance  
Ruth Ornstein, Discovery to Cure  
Ann Denny, Secretary  
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel

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RECORDS & COMMUNICATIONS

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)

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road would like to know when the Playground review meeting will be, and he said Park & Rec has concerns about the playground at Fred Wolfe Park.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Williams wanted to thank all the volunteer fireman, she attended the annual dinner, and it was very warming and comforting to see all the volunteers.

Selectman Goldblatt reminded everyone that Saturday April 2nd is the next shredding day, mattress recycling and the first Hazwaste disposal. The Orange Rotary Club is helping the Recycling Committee and donations can be made to their scholarship fund. Please try to bring your shredding documents in boxes that do not to be returned to help move the line quickly. Mattresses can be brought to HPCC, or it can be picked up for a donation to the Orange Lions Club. For pick up contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906. The Orange Community Women are collecting housewares and toys under the pavilion.

Information about the event is on the Recycling Committees website, as well as preregistration forms and a list of accepted items for the Hazwaste collection.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- In Memorium: Patricia Connelly, Sue Blanchette, Dr. Bob Lanzi
- The Fireman’s Annual Dinner was a very nice event and thank you to all the volunteer fireman and their families for what they do. Congratulations to Drew Panapada who received the Fire Fighter of the Year award.
- Our thoughts are with the people of the Ukraine.
- Sunday, March 13th: Daylight savings begins. Please remember to spring ahead and move your clocks ahead one hour.
- Please check the Town website for Bicentennial Events. There are registrations forms for the parade, family dinner and the golf tournament.
- The Police Department is having a drug takeback day on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at HPCC.
- The Police Department is starting the next Citizen Academy on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Detective Carolyn Bailey to register at 203-891-2130.
- The Lions Club Annual Easter Egg hunt at HPCC is Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Bunny arrives at 12:30 and the egg hunt begins at 1:00 pm. This event is free of charge.

### MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 9, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.***

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request from Discovery to Cure to use the High Plains Fairgrounds Sunday May 1, 2022** – Ruth Ann Ornstein, 773 Orange Center Road presented information on Discovery to Cure. The program is associated with the Yale School of Medicine and raises funds for women’s gynecological cancer research. It will be a walk, there will also be community vendors, crafters, children’s events, food trucks, and speakers. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request from Discovery to Cure to use the High Plains Fairgrounds on Sunday May 1, 2022.***
2. **Bid for Mary L. Tracy School Rooftop Unit Project** – Michael Gray, Director of Business and Operations presented the bid results for three rooftop condenser units for Mary L. Tracy School. ARPA funding will be used. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved awarding Ruotolo Mechanical Inc. the bid for the Mary L. Tracy School Rooftop Unit Project per the bid specifications for an amount not to exceed \$85,000.***

3. **Request to purchase a new vehicle for Community Services** – Dennis Marsh, Interim Director of Community Services presented the three quotes received for vehicles that are available through the State Contract. The money for the vehicle is in this year’s budget. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the purchase of a 2022 Ford Escape from Gengras as presented.*

Dennis invited the Selectmen to the Pasta Fest Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup> if they are available to wait tables. The honorees this year are Don Clark, Marianne Miller, and Ralph Okenquist.

4. **Orange Board of Finance view on the FY 22-23 Budget** –James Leahy the Vice Chair of the Board of Finance presented information to the Board of Selectmen. He wanted to make them aware of trends and financial information that will affect the 2022-2023 budget currently being prepared.

5. **Request to opt out of the provisions of § 6 (a) to (d) of Public Act 21-29 Concerning Accessory Apartments in accordance with § 6(f) of Public Act 21-29.** – Attorney Marino gave an overview of the law passed in the last legislative session, Public Act 21-29 regarding land use. The Zoning Board has held a Public Hearing, voted, and published a Resolution for each of these items. The next step was to send it to the Legislative Body of the Town to either opt out or veto their decision. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved for reasons as stated in agreement with the resolution of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission to opt out of the provisions of § 6 (a) to (d) of Public Act 21-29 Concerning Accessory Apartments in accordance with § 6(f) of Public Act 21-29.*

6. **Request to opt out of the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-2 (d)(9), as amended by Public Act 21-29, Concerning Limitations on Parking Spaces for Dwelling Units in accordance with Public Act 21-29 §5.** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved for reasons as stated in agreement with the resolution of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission to opt out of the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-2 (d)(9), as amended by Public Act 21-29, Concerning Limitations on Parking Spaces for Dwelling Units in accordance with Public Act 21-29 §5.*

7. **Request to opt out of the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-1BB and Subsection (d) 5 of section 8-2 of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-29, authorizing the installation of Temporary Health Care Structures in residential zoning districts in accordance with section (j) of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-1bb.** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved for reasons as stated in agreement with the resolution of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission to opt out of the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-1BB and*

*Subsection (d) 5 of section 8-2 of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-29, authorizing the installation of Temporary Health Care Structures in residential zoning districts in accordance with section (j) of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-1bb.*

8. **Request to approve a clock for installation at the Town Hall to commemorate the Bicentennial** -First Selectman Zeoli and Selectman Goldblatt presented information on three quotes received for a Howard Replica Two Face post clock with a 36” or 45” face that will be installed at Town Hall (near Orange Center Rd. and Tyler City Rd.) to commemorate the Bicentennial. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the purchase of a 36” Howard Replica Two Face post clock from Tower Clocks of Charleston, SC for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.*
9. **Tax Refunds for the Month of March:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$4,125.44 for the month of March.*
10. **Town of Orange EV Charging Stations:** - This agenda item needed no action it was for informational purposes. First Selectman Zeoli shared information with the Board regarding a grant program that the UI and Eversource have come out with for EV Charging stations. The First Selectman met with representatives to discuss sites at Town Buildings where he would like to see them installed, at this time the program would start with charging stations at Town Hall, the Library, and Community Center. They are not free charging stations; people would have to swipe a card to pay for charging their vehicle. The grants are also available for businesses and homeowners.

### **COMMITTEES**

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the committee met last month and the bid is ready to go out. It was a rough quarter for the pension plans, but they are holding steady. In this year’s budget the Board of Finance is recommending to fully fund the actuarial determined recommendation.
2. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist had no report the committee is done for the year.

At 8:38 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