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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
TOWN HALL
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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Present:

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

Sue Mauro, Administrator Silverbrook Estates
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Kathy Giotsas, Library Director
Ann Denny, Secretary
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel

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)

Kevin Bavolar, 880 Greenway Road Orange read a letter from Nick Calcaterra regarding the access road to Fred Wolfe Park. Dee Dee Lebov, 660 Broadview Road asked if there has ever been a traffic study done. Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road spoke regarding the driveway entrance from Hollow Road and the parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt announced shredding and hazwaste day went well. 9,600 lbs. were shredded, the Orange Rotary received about \$1,700 in donations for their scholarship fund, 33 mattresses were collected with the help of the Orange Lions, the Orange Community Women held a collection for household goods that were brought to Savers, and 169 vehicles came through the hazwaste collection. He thanked Bob Brinton and Don Foyer for their help in setting up, and he hopes that the hazwaste collection can be an annual event.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Walter Bespuda, Bea Torrenti

- Happy Easter and Passover for all those who celebrate.
Town Offices will be closed this Friday April 15, 2022 in observance of the Good Friday Holiday. The transfer station will be open.
- The Board of Finance Budget Hearing will take place Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the HPCC Cafeteria. The Proposed Town Budget is on the website and in the Town Clerk's office for review.
- Amity Regional School District No. 5 Operating Budget Referendum will take place Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at HPCC from 6 AM – 8 PM
- Next month's Meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM followed by the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM in the HPCC Gymnasium.
- The Town Referendum will take place Wednesday, May 18, 2022 from 6 AM until 8 PM at HPCC.
- The Concert and Fireworks are Saturday July 9th with a Rain date of July 10th.
- Bicentennial Commemorative Gifts are on sale now in the First Selectman's office.
- The daily COVID positivity rate for the state is 6.23%, and hospitalizations are at 126 which is up from 9 last week.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 09, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **To consider and act on the request to approve the contracts for funding of services at Silverbrook Estates** – Sue Mauro the Administrator of Silverbrook Estates explained the following contracts for Silverbrook:

- a. Congregate and Administrative Budgets
- b. New Five-Year Food Service Contract with Glendale Senior Dining, Inc.
- c. Rent Roll

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the Congregate and Administrative Budgets, and the rent roll for Silverbrook Estates as presented.***

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the new five-year food service contract with Glendale Senior Dining, Inc. for Silverbrook Estates as presented.***

2. **Bid for painting the gymnasium at High Plains Community Center** – Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the eight bids received and recommends the low bidder New Haven Painters LLC of Milford. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding the bid for painting the gymnasium at High Plains Community Center to New Haven Painters LLC of Milford for \$8,700.*
3. **Request to purchase furniture for the library with ARPA grant money received** – Library Director Kathy Giotsas presented information on the three quotations for furniture she is looking to purchase. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the library to purchase furniture from Robert H. Lord in the amount of \$16,812 of which \$16,758 will come from ARPA grant money received by the library and the balance of \$54.00 will be paid from the library gift/grant fund.*
4. **Request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute a Grant Award** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved authorizing the First Selectman to sign a Grant Award on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.*
5. **Tax Refunds for the Month of April:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$27,254.55 for the month of April.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report the committee meets next month.

At 7:50 P.M. Selectman Shanley *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Carangelo *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor. Attorney Marino was invited to join the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Discussion of potential land purchase**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:13P.M.

VOTE

There was no action at this time.

At 8:14 P.M., Selectman Shanley made ***a motion to adjourn the meeting.*** Selectman Okenquist seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen