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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022
HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER
GYMNASIUM
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
Ann Denny, Secretary
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel

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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 recited followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
(2 minutes per person)

Tax Collector Tom Hurley asked the Board to consider conducting a Public Hearing at the next meeting on the optional waiver of property taxes under \$25. It will be added to the public hearing on taxation at the June Board of Selectmen meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

First Selectman Zeoli announced that Selectman Goldblatt is being honored by the Rotary Club on June 8th and asked the Board if the June meeting date could be moved one day to Thursday June 9th. The Selectman agreed and moved the meeting to June 9, 2022.

In Memorium: Anthony DelVisco, Frank Coyle

- Wednesday, May 18, 2022: Town Referendum will take place from 6 AM until 8 PM at HPCC.

- Thursday May 19th Pasta Festa 5-8 pm in the gym at HPCC honoring Donald Clark, Marianne Miller, and Ralph Okenquist.
- Amity Regional School District No. 5 District Budget Meeting Monday May 23rd Budget Referendum Tuesday May 24th at HPCC from 6 AM – 8 PM

Memorial Day Weekend

- Friday, May 27th RBS Food Truck Festival Friday evening at HPCC
- Saturday, May 28th Founding Day Ceremony 10:00 am at the Gazebo at the HPCC fairgrounds. This will be the kickoff to the Summer of Celebration for the Town’s Bicentennial.
- Sunday May 29th Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade beginning at 10:30 am also at the Gazebo at the HPCC fairgrounds weather permitting the parade will be after the ceremonies.
- Monday May 30th Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
- Sunday June 5th The Garden Club of Orange presents *Bicentennial Blooms* Flower show in the HPCC Gym 1 to 4 p.m. free to the public
- Saturday July 9th Concert and Fireworks Rain date July 10th Festivities begin at 6:30 pm with food trucks ~ The concert Featuring “The Weeklings” a Beatles Tribute Band, followed by the fireworks at 9:30 pm.

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, *the Board approved the minutes of the April 13, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 5-0-1, Selectman Williams abstained.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 9, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy.*
2. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Orange Town Code Chapter 350 Taxation** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 9, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Orange Town Code Chapter 350 Taxation.*

3. **Request to remove large quantities of woodchip material at Fred Wolfe Park using LoCIP Funds** – First Selectman Zeoli met with four vendors at Fred Wolfe Park regarding the removal of woodchips. Grillo Services of Milford was the only vendor who submitted a quote of \$10 per yard, each 100-yard load will cost \$1,000. First Selectman Zeoli said there would be no more than 20 loads removed for a maximum of \$20,000. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved using LoCIP funds for removing up to 20 loads of woodchips for a maximum of \$20,000.*
4. **Request to allocate \$1,400,000 of American Rescue Funds towards town road paving** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to allocate \$1,400,000 of American Rescue Funds towards town road paving.*
5. **Request to Conduct the 10th Annual Rotary Club of Orange Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Rotary Club to conduct the 10th Annual Rotary Club Thanksgiving 5K Road Race and 2 mile walk on November 24, 2022, hang a banner two weeks prior to the event over Orange Center Road and to waive the rental fee for the use of HPCC.*
6. **Request to Hang a Banner for the 2022 Orange Volunteer Firemen’s Carnival** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Orange Volunteer Fire Department to hang a banner across Orange Center Road for two weeks prior to the carnival.*
7. **Vending License for July 9, 2022 Fireworks Show** – Howard Dragunoff, of Action Enterprises requested a vending license to sell novelties during the fireworks show on July 9, 2022. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Howard Dragunoff’s request for a vending license to sell novelties during the Fireworks Show on July 9, 2022.*
8. **Request to Hold a Block Party in the Ox Yoke Road Neighborhood** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold a block party in the Ox Yoke Road neighborhood on Saturday September 10, 2022 with a rain date of September 11, 2022.*
9. **Town Donation Towards the July 9, 2022 Fireworks** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously

carried, *the Board approved the Town Donation of \$20,000 towards the July 9, 2022 Fireworks.*

10. Tax Refunds for the Month of May: *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$28,505.76 for the month of May.*

At 7:16 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting.* Selectman Shanley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen