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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING

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Any comments for public participation or an agenda item must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 12, 2022 to: jzeoli@orange-ct.gov

APPROVED MINUTES

Present on-line:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Connor Deane
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Selectman Judy Williams
Ann Denny, Secretary

Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Eric Hendlin, Chairman Pension Board
Lori Vitagliano, Regional Water Authority
Ilene Moyer, Recycling Committee
Wendy Novick, Recycling Committee
Chris Kelly, OGAT

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli, followed by introductions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

- No emails were received for Public Participation.
- Selectman Goldblatt announced that plastic bags and wrap are still being collected at the transfer station even though it can no longer go to Oakridge. The recycling committee is working with ShopRite to take the material.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Bob Baltimore, Nette Bartocetti, Walter “Bud” Smith, Ruth Ann Cerino, Michael Riordan, George Chatzopoulos and two centenarians Eleanore Newman and Betty Goodwin.

- Monday, January 17, 2022: All Town Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The transfer station will remain open.
- Welcome Mary Shaw who started on January 3rd as the Town Clerk.
- The best way to receive information from the Town is to go to the town website www.orange-ct.gov and sign up for alerts.
- Covid-19 test kits and N95 masks were handed out on Thursday January 6th, thank you to emergency management for organizing and the Fire Marshal’s office, the Public Works Department, the Police Department, and the Volunteer Fire Department that helped distribute them.
- A message from the Assessor – There have been no executive orders issued regarding the 2021 GL Elderly homeowner application or the 2022 GL additional veteran applications due to be filed this year. Homeowners must reapply between February 1st and May 15th and Veterans must reapply between February 1st and October 1st. Any questions please call the Assessor’s Office at 203-891-4722.
- A message from the Tax Collector – Taxes that are due January 1, 2022, have until February 1, 2022, to pay on time. Taxes can be paid in person from 8:30 to 3:30 to get a receipt. The drop box is available until 4:30 to leave check payments only. Please no cash in the drop box. You can pay anytime online but third-party fees apply.
- For residents with public water Regional Water Authority has announced that starting in January of 2022 customers will be receiving monthly bills.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Public Hearing for fee increases for the Building Department and Public Hearing for fee increases for the Fire Marshal’s Office and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider and act on the request from the Pension Board to approve a proposal for a defined contribution RFP from Fiducient Advisors** – Eric Hendlin Chairman of the Pension Board explained that the Pension Board has worked with Mutual of America for many years and the defined contribution plan has almost 30 million in assets from participants. The board would like to see what other companies have to offer and see if they can save employees money on fees charged and offer more flexibility in investment options. Fiducient Advisors has offered to do the RFP for \$12,000. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved recommending to the Board of Finance to fund the request from the Pension Board to move forward with a defined contribution RFP from Fiducient Advisors in the amount of \$12,000.*
2. **Consider and act on the request from the Orange Recycling Committee to hold an On-Site Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday April 2, 2022 from 9AM to Noon a High Plains Community Center** - Selectman Goldblatt brought forth the request from the Recycling Committee to run an on-site HazWaste Collection at High Plains Community Center in conjunction with the shredding and mattress recycling on April 2, 2022. Lori Vitagliano from the Regional Water Authority provided information on running a satellite collection. Clean Harbors is their contractor, and it could cost around \$20,000. Costs are determined by how much waste is brought to the collection. If people come from another town their town will be billed, if their town does not participate in the HazWaste program at RWA they will be turned away. Residents are asked to sign up electronically before they come. Ilene Moyer and Wendy Novick from the Recycling committee shared their thoughts, and the recycling committee will advertise the event on their website and social media. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Deane, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved hosting a test run satellite HazWaste Collection at High Plains Community Center on Saturday April 2, 2022.*
3. **Tax Refunds for the month of January-** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$9,538.51 for the month of January.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
2. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported that the committee has completed the reviews and prioritized the projects and will be submitting the list to the Board of Finance. There are about 26 projects totaling 1.2 million dollars.

At 7:59: P.M., Selectman Williams 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