



Town of Orange, Connecticut

TOWN HALL
617 ORANGE CENTER ROAD
ORANGE, CONNECTICUT 06477-2499

PHONE: (203) 891-4730
FAX: (203) 891-2185
www.orange-ct.gov

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
TOWN HALL
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Selectman PJ Shanley
Selectman John Carangelo
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel

Ann Denny, Secretary
Brian Cleveland, Pack 922
Antonno Bonazzoli, Pack 922
Cristian Mortali, Townline Farm
Rachel Holden, Townline Farm
George Lesko, Orange Lions Club
Lawrence Messina, Orange Lions Club
Bob Sigler, Orange Congregational Church

ORANGE, CONN
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
REPT. NO. 11-10000005
2023 FEB 20 AM 8:42
March 2
M. J. Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, Antonno Bonazzoli from Pack 922 led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

DeeDee Lebov, 660 Broadview Road asked what the FWP Committee is going to do if the playground is off limits.

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road spoke regarding the farm leases and a petition he has going to not farm the land.

Selectman Judy Williams and Chris Kelly who worked on interviewing families for the history of Orange for the Bicentennial announced that the 37 interviews that were done will be ready to be viewed starting tomorrow on OGAT and the Town of Orange YouTube channel.

Jomo Nichols, 358 Hitching Post Drive is confused why the option in the farm lease was rolled forward from 1998.

Mario Coppola, 239 Wilson Road spoke about FWP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Monday, February 20, 2023: All Town Offices will be closed in observance of President's Day. The transfer station will remain open.
- **Veterans** The Town of Orange is working to put a list of living Korean-era veterans who served in the U.S. Military between 1950-1955 and Vietnam veterans who served in the U.S. Military between 1961-1975. If you are a resident of Orange that served our country during these times, please contact Ann Denny in the First Selectman's Office with your information. You may call 203-891-4737 or mail the information to Town of Orange 617 Orange Center Road Orange, CT 06477 Attn: Ann Denny, or send it via email to adennyv@orange-ct.gov.

Selectmen Goldblatt announced that the next recycling day is Earth Day Saturday April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at HPCC. There will be a HazWaste collection near the pavilion. Shredding will be collected in front of High Plains again sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orange who will be accepting donations for their scholarship fund. Mattresses will be collected in front of High Plains, or you may call Ken Lenz of the Orange Lions at 203-795-3906 and they will pick up for a \$15 donation. The Orange Community Women will be collecting household items and Buy Nothing Orange Facebook group will be there for people who want to swap or exchange items for free. The Orange Community Women will take what is left over from the exchange.

Selectman Shanley announced that Mitch Goldblatt is being honored on March 30th at Grassy Hill Country Club with the O'Sullivan Award. Tickets are \$75 for more information contact Jen Alfaro at alfarofamily2001@gmail.com.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 11, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, with one revision as noted on page three.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request from Cub Scout Pack 922 to waive the customary rental fee for HPCC for Pinewood Derby Event** – Mr. Brian Cleveland and Antonno Bonazzoli, from Pack 922 presented the request before the Board of Selectmen. They would like to use the High Plains gym for the Pinewood Derby on Friday, March 31st, and request to waive the customary fees. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and ***unanimously carried, the board approved the request by Cub Scout Pack 922 to use the High Plains gym and to waive the customary rental fees for HPCC on March 31, 2023.***

2. **Request from Townline Farm to tap maple trees on the Wright Farm Property** Cristian Mortali and Rachel Holden of Townline Farm requested to tap the maple trees on the Wright Farm Property. Attorney Marino will draft a license agreement and a certificate of insurance will need to be provided to the town. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Shanley and carried 5-0-1, Selectmen Williams, Shanley, Carangelo, Okenquist, and Goldblatt voted aye, Selectman Zeoli abstained, ***the board approved the request from Townline Farm to tap the maple trees on the Wright Farm Property.***
3. **Request from the Lions Club to Waive the Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Café at HPCC for a Military Whist** – George Lesko from the Orange Lion’s Club requested a waiver of the facility rental fee for the HPCC Cafe on Friday March 31, 2023, for a Military Whist which is a card game the Orange Lions are holding as a fundraiser. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental fees for use of the café at HPCC for the Lion’s Club Military Whist on March 31, 2023.***
4. **Request to Hang a Banner to Promote the Strawberry Festival and to waive the customary rental fees for the use of the HPCC kitchen** – Bob Sigler, Strawberry Festival Co-Chairperson, requested to hang a banner two weeks prior to the Strawberry Festival to help promote the event that is being held Saturday June 10, 2023, and requested the customary rental fees for the use of the HPCC kitchen be waived. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request from the Strawberry Festival Committee to hang a banner over Orange Center Road two weeks prior to the event and waive the customary rental fees for the use of the HPCC kitchen.***
5. **Consider and Act on the Request to Approve a Three-Year Commitment Resolution in the Town’s Participation in the HazWaste Central Program** – This resolution is for the Town of Orange to participate in the hazardous waste collection that is held on Saturdays, from May through October, at the Regional Water Authority’s headquarters in New Haven. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the three-year commitment resolution for The Town of Orange to participate in the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s Hazardous Waste Collection Program from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.***
6. **Dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Budget Referendum** - ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Referendum as presented.*** (See attachment for details on dates)
7. **Tax Refunds for the Month of February:** ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board***

approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$57,172.07 for the month of February.

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the committee meets next Thursday 2/16/23.
2. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported the committee presented all capital items to the Board of Finance on February 3rd. A request was made to the Board of Finance to change the limit for Capital Expenditures from \$10,000 to \$25,000 going forward. The Capital Planning Committee feels that items under \$25,000 should go into budgets as operating expenses.

At 8:15 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Denny

Secretary to the Board of Selectmen