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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REQUEST TO INCREASE THE BASE FEE FOR ALL ZONING APPLICATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING TO INCREASE THE BASE FEE FOR ALL WETLAND APPLICATIONS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

NOTICE: In accordance with Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7B Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely with no In-person attendance. The meeting will still be broadcast live on OGAT.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present on- line:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Ann Denny, Secretary

Paul Mongillo, IT Director
Josh Cloutier, IT
Ron Davis, OGAT
Chris Kelly, OGAT
Jody Dietch, Resident

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli, followed by the roll call.

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Request to increase the base fee for all zoning applications

The Secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Jody Dietch wanted to participate on-line in the public hearing to show the public how the technology worked. She did not have a comment on the zoning or wetland fees.

First Selectman Zeoli noted no correspondence has been received since the last selectmen's meeting regarding the public hearing on zoning fees.

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Board closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.***

VOTE

On a motion made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the Board voted to increase the zoning fees as presented.***

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the Board closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.***

PUBLIC HEARING

Request to increase the base fee for all wetland applications

First Selectman Zeoli noted no correspondence has been received since the last selectmen's meeting regarding the public hearing on wetland fees.

On a motion made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Novicki and unanimously carried, ***the Board closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m.***

VOTE

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the Board voted to increase the wetland fees as presented.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt announced that the shredding day has been postponed until Saturday October 17th from 9-12 at High Plains Community Center. The Rotary Club is still sponsoring, and the Lions Club will be collecting mattresses. The Orange Community women have been asked if they want to participate but they have not responded yet. The pink bag program has been suspended because they are not an essential business and can't pick up right now during the COVID -19 restrictions that have been put in place by

the Governor. Please save your textile and clothing to recycle until Simple Recycling can resume pickups. The blue bins are still being picked up, so please continue with regular recycling.

Selectman Novicki gave an update on the Emergency Management committee. She has attended the last three weeks; they are now conducting virtual meetings. Emergency Management started in the beginning of March to coordinate the town's response to COVID-19 as a public health emergency. They have been working to form a unified command structure so that everyone knows what their responsibilities are, and to assess the level of risk to the Town, and to coordinate public information messages. If anyone in the town wants to donate new masks, gloves, goggles or gowns for first responders they can drop them off at the Police Department. She felt townspeople are uninformed and that we need to have more information sharing from the town. The website should be updated more frequently, more alerts by text or phone, and First Selectman Zeoli should be out there more and speaking to citizens to provide information on new developments.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Paul Dinice will be retiring this Friday after 40 years of service to the town, hopefully Jack Demirjian will be moving into the position. If anyone would like to wish him well, please do so on the phone before Friday.
- A Declaration of Local State of Emergency was signed today at the urging of Emergency Management.
- We have 8 and a possible 9th COVID-19 case as of today. People are welcome to follow him on Face Book he does post information there often. Community Services is working very hard, providing food, shopping, picking up medicine, and providing rides for people that need it. Thank you to all the workers there for all you are doing for our residents.
- The budget process is going to be challenging, and there is a lot of evaluation that still need to be done.
- The Living Treasure Pasta event is postponed from May 15th to a future date yet to be determined.
- Town Hall and the Community Center will be closed Friday April 10th in observance of Good Friday, but the transfer station will be open.
- In Memoriam: Mary Newell, Ruth Petremont, and John Ciola.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Public Hearing amending section of the code of the Town of Orange to repeal Chapter 204 Dance Halls and other public entertainment and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on March 11, 2020.***

OLD BUSINESS

Consider and act on a bid recommendation for the removal and replacement of the Clark Building roof- Town Engineer Bob Brinton and First Selectman Zeoli met with and checked the references of the three low bidders from last month's bid opening and Mr. Brinton recommends AVT Construction in the amount of \$46,844. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved AVT Construction for the removal and replacement of the Clark Building roof in the amount of \$46,844.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to Approve the Contracts for Funding of Services at Silverbrook Estates** – Sue Mauro the Administrator of Silverbrook Estates submitted the following contracts for Silverbrook:

- a. Congregate and Administrative Budgets
- b. Security Contract with Securitas Security
- c. Rent Roll

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the contracts for funding of services at Silverbrook Estates as presented.***

2. **Request from Gyroscope Development Group, LLC to abandon a portion of Neenan Street** – First Selectman Zeoli gave a summation on why this request has come to the Board of Selectmen at this time. The board will be voting to recommend this request to abandon Neenan Street be added to the Annual Town Meeting agenda, subject to a vote at a public town meeting, the date to be determined. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and carried 4-2-0, Selectmen Zeoli, Okenquist, Carangelo, and Williams voted aye, Selectmen Goldblatt and Novicki voted nay, ***the Board approved to recommend the request to abandon a portion of Neenan Street be added to the Annual Town Meeting agenda, subject to a vote at a public town meeting, the date to be determined.***
3. **April Tax Refunds Totaling \$4,576.43** - ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Novicki and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$4,576.43.***

COMMITTEES

Pension Board – Selectman Goldblatt reported that they held a special Zoom meeting with Advisor Chris Kachmar. The pension board unanimously voted to do a small rebalancing of our portfolio to protect the pension plan.

Capital Planning - Selectman Okenquist reported they are done and just waiting to see what happens with the budget.

Bond Construction Oversight Committee – Selectman Goldblatt had nothing to report. There are no meetings scheduled at this time.

Personnel – First Selectman Zeoli had no report, they did not meet this month.

At 8:17 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