



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 08, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.  
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman Margaret Novicki

Selectman Ralph Okenquist  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Ann Denny, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 7:18 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the roll call.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(2 minutes per person)

- Selectman Goldblatt read into the record a letter he received from a resident of 100 Red Cedar Road Silverbrook Estates that included the names of most of the residents at Silverbrook. The letter was regarding rent increases, the food, and cleaning service that the residents are not satisfied with. Selectman Goldblatt also had an announcement from Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro urging residents to complete the 2020 Census to ensure that everyone is counted. Please visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) to fill out the census form. Selectman Goldblatt thanked Home Depot for the shed they delivered and installed for the plastic bag and wrap recycling at the transfer station. It is now back up and running so please bring your bags and plastic wrap for recycling.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **In Memoriam**: Al Pol and Cynthia Butler
- **Farmer's Market**: Every Thursday from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. at HPCC
- **Tax Payments**: For residents that do not want to come in person during COVID 19 the Tax Office would like to let everyone know that there are options on the website for paying your tax bill. There are three ways to pay online credit card which charges a 2 ½ % convenience fee, debit card has a \$3.95 flat fee, and E-Check has a \$2 flat fee for up to \$9,999, and a \$10 flat fee for payments over \$10,000.
- **Presidential Primary**: Tuesday August 11, 2020 all voters at HPCC. You must be a registered democrat to vote in the democratic primary and a registered republican to vote in the republican primary, unaffiliated voters can not participate in the primary. The Secretary of State has sent out information on how to obtain an absentee ballot.

## MINUTES

*On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Assistance Program Application and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on June 10, 2020.*

*On a motion* made by Selectman Novicki, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 29, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consider and act on implementing fee for bulky waste at the transfer station:**  
First Selectman Zeoli gave an update on the bulky waste fees. The contract for bulky waste removal with City Carting was extended one year, the price will remain the same at \$84.66 per ton for FY20-21. This is the price the Finance Director used to determine the rate of \$0.15 per pound. The fee will be implemented as soon as the Finance Director can have the credit card machine installed. No cash will be accepted. *On a motion* made by Selectman Novicki, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved implementing a fee of \$0.15 per pound with a waiver of 250 lbs. per load for residents for dumping bulky waste at the transfer station, the fee will be implemented as soon as the credit card machine is installed.*

- 2. Request from Simple Recycling for an exclusive 3-year contract to place a container at the Town of Orange Transfer Station** - Selectman Goldblatt called Sonny Wilkins of Simple Recycling on the phone to participate and answer any questions the selectmen may have regarding Simple Recycling. Selectman Goldblatt showed pictures of the closed Goodwill container at the transfer station and read an email that Goodwill is removing bins from all locations right now, but people may still donate by bringing to stores. First Selectman Zeoli handed out information on a company called Bay State Textiles that listed 46 communities in Connecticut where they have trailers and bins at schools for collecting textiles. After much discussion it was felt that the town needs to find out if Goodwill will be removing the trailer from our transfer station and information on Bay State Recycling as another option before a decision could be made. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to table the request from Simple Recycling for an exclusive 3-year contract to place a container at the Town of Orange Transfer Station.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Bid Recommendation for the Boiler Replacement at High Plains Community Center:** First Selectman Zeoli read an email from one of the bidders Gary Maturo of Edgerton Inc., and the recommendation from Town Engineer Bob Brinton. First selectman Zeoli explained why Edgerton's bid was not accepted last year and why the boiler was rebid this year. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the recommended low bidder Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc. in the base bid amount of \$40,160 for the boiler replacement at High Plains Community Center*
- 2. July Tax Refunds Totaling \$1,816.69** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$1,816.69.*

### **COMMITTEES**

- 1. Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
- 2. Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID continues to meet every two weeks. There is now a travel advisory for 19 states traveling to CT that requires a 14-day self-quarantine. Our state and town are doing well keeping numbers down, only 17 active cases and 3 cases that were asymptomatic in the last two weeks in Orange. We need to remain vigilant because since the Phase 2 reopening there have been a lot of complaints to the health department regarding people in stores not wearing masks. Phase 3 has been postponed indefinitely. There is a need to

start stockpiling PPE for the fall in the event of a new outbreak, and if supplies of vaccine become available how will distribution in the town be handled. The Long wharf testing facility is now closed, people will need to use Yale and Griffin for testing. The Governor issued a plan on re-opening all schools in the fall. General guidelines have been issued on the health and safety of teachers and students, but there are a lot of operational issues to resolve like how to social distance, transportation, and face masks. Will more cleaning personnel be needed? Will a classroom be quarantined if a teacher or student gets sick? Dr. Mohammed is working with Community Services to bring back some activities. Summer camp is in session, and some religious institutions are re-opening at 25% capacity.

3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the committee met after 3 months to review close out invoices for finished projects. The committee also walked over to the Case Memorial Library to review interior and exterior work that needs to be done.
4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli reported that the committee has not met, but the committee will need to meet on the police contract and non-union personnel.

At 8:27 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Carangelo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Denny  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen