



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 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 John Carangelo  
Selectman PJ Shanley  
Ann Denny, Secretary  
John Cifarelli, Finance Director

*M. Goldblatt*  
TOWN CLERK

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
(2 minutes per person)

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road has a petition ready and needs to speak with the Town Attorney to see if there can be a vote at the general election.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Goldblatt wanted to make everyone aware of a new business EZ Bottle Return that opened in the former Planet Fitness site on the Post Road as an option to redeem your bottles and cans. The returns are placed on a conveyer belt and cash is given for what you return, you do not have to feed bottles and cans into a machine.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

The Independence Day Celebration Concert and Fireworks were postponed from the rain date on July 9<sup>th</sup>, the new date is Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Farmer's Market is every Thursday from 3:30 – 7:00 PM at HPCC.

The Orange Volunteer Firemen Association Carnival is Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 pm, Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 pm, Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 11:00 pm – Fireworks, Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 5:00 pm. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the town hall and various other locations in town. Don't forget to order your

wristbands via OVFD website. They are not sold at the carnival. For more information go to [www.orangevfd.org](http://www.orangevfd.org).

## MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 14, 2023 Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Assistance Program Application and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.***

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request from The FWP ADHOC Committee to hire BL Companies to do a traffic and safety study at Fred Wolfe Park** Selectman Carangelo Chairman of the FWP ADHOC Committee gave an overview of what the committee has been working on and the proposals received for the Fred Wolfe Park traffic and safety study. The committee unanimously voted to recommend BL Companies. Selectman Shanley, who is also on the committee, spoke very highly of BL Companies, they were very responsive to the committee and their references were outstanding. Discussion ensued among the Board and Derek Kohl and Dominick Celtruda of BL Companies were present to answer questions. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the board approved the request to hire BL Companies to perform a traffic and safety study at Fred Wolfe Park for the proposed cost of \$20,000 and if the FWP Committee needs the additional \$9,000 in work performed as listed in the proposal they will make a request to the First Selectman and Finance Director.***
2. **Request to conduct a Block Party in the Great Oak Road Neighborhood** ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to conduct a Block Party in the Great Oak Road Neighborhood on August 26, 2023.***
3. **Request to conduct a Block Party in the Muirfield Road Neighborhood** ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to conduct a Block Party in the Muirfield Road Neighborhood on September 9, 2023.***
4. **Request to extend the Wood and Brush Disposal contract for two years** First Selectman Zeoli presented information from Town Engineer Bob Brinton that Grillo Services has put in a request to exercise the option in the current contract to extend the current contract at the same price for two years. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to extend the Wood and Brush Disposal contract for two years to June 30, 2025 with Grillo Services for the price of \$66 per ton.***

5. **Tax Refunds for the Month of July:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,965.00 for the month of July.***

### **COMMITTEES**

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
2. **FWP AD HOC Committee** – Selectmen Carangelo stated the next meeting is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:35 P.M. Selectman Goldblatt *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session, Finance Director Cifarelli was invited to join the Executive Session. Selectman Carangelo *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Discussion of 2022-2025 Proposed Labor Agreement between the Town and Communication Workers of America AFL-CIO**

*The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:00 P.M.*

### **VOTE**

*On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the board approved*** that the Board of Selectmen move to ratify the Tentative Agreement between The Town of Orange and Communication Workers of America AFL-CIO for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 as presented in Executive Session.

At 8:03 P.M., Selectman Carangelo 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