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**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT
AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman John Carangelo
Ian & Suzanne Smolinsky, Stillwater Wellness LLC

Ann Denny, Secretary
John Cifarelli, Finance Director
Chief Robert Gagne

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Michael B. C. Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

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

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Board closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.***

PUBLIC HEARING

Request to approve Stillwater Wellness LLC as a Massage Establishment – Ian and Suzanne Smolinsky, from Stillwater Wellness LLC located at 661 Orange Center Road Unit 2, presented the request to the Board for their review and consideration.

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 7:06 p.m.***

VOTE

Vote on the Approval of Stillwater Wellness LLC as a Massage Establishment – On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Novicki and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request from Stillwater Wellness LLC to be a Massage Establishment.***

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

- Jody Dietch 601 Harborview Road asked to have racism as a public health crisis on the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Selectman Novicki spoke on racism as a public health crisis and asked for a discussion and possible resolution on the next agenda.
- Selectman Carangelo has heard from many people concerned with the Amity turf field and the appeal filed by Woodbridge residents that will delay the project. He would like to know if we can recoup any losses from Amity. Selectman Carangelo would like more data on the racism topic before he could make a decision.
- Selectman Goldblatt shared the same sentiments as Selectman Carangelo regarding Amity. He reminded residents of the shredding day October 17th 9:00 to noon at High Plains Community Center, sponsored by the Rotary Club. Due to Covid residents are asked to stay in their cars and volunteers will remove shredding items from the trunk. Donations for the shredding may be made to the Rotary Club Scholarship fund. The Orange Lions Club will still be collecting mattresses, if you cannot get it there yourself the Orange Lions Club will be picking up mattresses for a \$10 donation to the Lions Club. Please contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906 to schedule a pickup. Simple Recycling contract is signed and ready to proceed. Selectman Goldblatt also thought racism as a public health crisis was going to be on the August agenda.
- First Selectman Zeoli also expressed concern with how the turf field was handled. First Selectman Zeoli read two emails into the public record one from William Sherman and one from Rise Siegel regarding racism as a public health crisis.
- Selectman Novicki made ***a motion to have a discussion and possible ordinance on racism as a public health issue to the next agenda of the Board of Selectmen meeting in October***, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, ***the motion failed 3-2 Selectmen Novicki and Goldblatt voting aye and Selectmen Carangelo, Williams, and Zeoli voting nay.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **Farmer's Market:** Every Thursday from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. at HPCC, there are three left.

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on August 12, 2020.*
- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on August 12, 2020 with the following correction:* asked to have racism as a public health crisis on the next Board of Selectmen meeting should be added on page 1 under public participation after Jody Dietch's name.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from the Rotary Club to hang a banner over Orange Center Road to promote Virtual Thanksgiving 5k Road Race – *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hang a banner on Orange Center Road the two weeks prior to the Virtual Thanksgiving 5k Road Race.*
2. Request for the purchase of Quick Response Armor Kits – Chief Gagne presented three quotes for Quick Response Armor Kits and is seeking approval to waive the formal bid process. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request for the purchase of Quick Response Armor Kits from Delta Level Defense in the amount of \$23,030.*
3. Board of Selectmen Annual Town Report - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Board of Selectmen 2019-2020 Annual Report.*
4. Request to authorize the First Selectman to sign the STEAP Grant for the Stone-Otis House- *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request for the First Selectman to sign the STEAP Grant for the Stone-Otis House..*
5. September Tax Refunds Totaling \$26,989.08 - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$26,989.08.*

COMMITTEES

Pension Board – Selectman Goldblatt reported they met last month, and the last quarter earnings were 15.2%. Most of the meeting focused on what they will be doing next year lowering the interest rate again and using new mortality tables. The impact will be smoothed over two years. The auditors are happy with this change.

Emergency Management – Selectman Novicki reported they continue to meet every two weeks. The health department is continuing contact tracing, there were 10 cases last week and 4 cases the week before. State numbers are on the uptick. The Department of Health is working with school’s nurses. The primary and middle school students are following the parameters, the high school students are a little tougher. They continue to work on a plan for vaccine distribution when available. The OVNA will be starting flu clinics soon. A reminder to residents from AMR and the police department that family members cannot ride in the ambulance to the hospital. The hospital will not allow you entry and then you will need to get a ride home.

Bond Construction Oversight Committee – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.

Personnel – First Selectman Zeoli had no report.

At 7:57 p.m. Selectman Carangelo *made a motion*, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried to close Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session. Attorney Marino, Attorney Ryan, and Finance Director John Cifarelli were invited into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. 2019-2022 Proposed Labor Agreement between the Town and Police Union**
- 2. To discuss potential land acquisition**

Close Executive Session and convene into the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

No action taken on executive session items

At 9:06 P.M., Selectman Carangelo 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