

Jim Zeoli

A Lifetime of Commitment

A few years ago, a long-time Democratic elected official commented about Jim Zeoli, “He has done a very good job, and has the best interests of the town at heart.” Whether coming to support a family whose home is on fire in the middle of the night, or helping to find a creative solution for a neighborhood’s flooding problem, First Selectman Jim Zeoli has been a staunch advocate for the people of Orange.

Recently, our town’s bond rating was up for review by Standard and Poor’s. With all the financial trouble facing the State of Connecticut, rating agencies are downgrading towns. Jim demonstrated that our team has kept the town fiscally responsible. They certified that the town was too well-managed to be given a downgrade.

S&P reaffirmed Orange’s AAA rating. This is the best possible rating a municipality can receive, allowing us to bond at lower rates, saving taxpayer’s money.

Open Government All meetings of our Boards and Commissions in Orange are open to the public, and include public participation. Access to our First Selectman has been and remains available to those who choose to take advantage. Jim meets with many town residents during various hours in the day, including evenings.

Involvement in our Schools Jim spends a great deal of time on education. From technology to school security, building maintenance and more, the focus of the First Selectman involves the needs of our schools. And it doesn’t end with Orange Elementary. Jim has spent many evenings walking down the halls of Amity heading to a meeting with the Board of Education or the Administration. Jim has the interests of the students as well as the Orange taxpayer in mind.

Seniors, Veterans and the Disabled Orange has an excellent Senior Center with many programs and services available. Renovations to High Plains Community Center will begin soon. It is important to help seniors stay in their homes if they choose. Help for our Senior citizens, veterans and the disabled is available to those who need it through our property tax abatement program and other social service programs.

Jim’s time is spent dedicated to Orange. His knowledge of our town and ability to get things done, not only solving problems as they arise but also planning for Orange’s future, demonstrates that Jim Zeoli and his Republican team deserve to continue serving our community.

