

# Why we like Jim.

Jim Zeoli has the attributes needed by an effective First Selectman: leadership, dedication, first-rate management skills, in short, the experience required to successfully run town government in Orange. We agree with Democrat Selectman Joe Blake when he said to the Orange Town News, "I think he (Zeoli) has done a very good job, and has the best interests of the town at heart. ..(Jim Zeoli) has had a flair for the job."



Jim Zeoli and Selectman Judy Wright Williams inspect the Berm protecting Surrey Drive.

Add to that, few people in town know more about the Town of Orange, the people, infrastructure and the history of Orange. But most importantly Jim is a problem solver.

## There's water on Surrey Drive

Seldom does a day go by when Jim's phone doesn't ring or there's a knock on the door at town hall with a problem to deal with. On this occasion, a Surrey Drive resident informed Jim that he would most likely have to sell his home to

FEMA, and move out of Orange because of the chronic flooding in his neighborhood. Previous administrations had not had any solution to this recurring problem.

After inspecting the area, Jim Zeoli took action. Jim pulled together a volunteer team to solve this problem. Armed with the equipment needed to dredge the pond at Old Tavern Fields, they cleaned up and improved that area, trucked material from that project to the Wepawaug Conservation Area, and built a Berm to divert water away from Surrey Drive. Problem solved. The berm protecting Surrey drive has held up for over two years and continues to protect residents' homes. And all this happened with no cost to Orange taxpayers.

This type of leadership is just one of the many reasons why we like Jim and will vote to re-elect Jim Zeoli as our First Selectman.