

January 22, 2008

**MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Present: Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel A. Champagne, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Nancy E. Herold, Peggy A. Jackle, Brian R. Motola, Pauline A. Schaefer, Diane Wheelock, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Mark S. Etre

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator, Christopher Clark, Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon, Recording Secretary Linda A. Bukowy, Senator Tony Guglielmo, Fire Chief, William Call, GIS Manager, Aaron Nash, Finance Officer, James Luddecke, Parks & Recreation Director, Bruce Dinnie.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Amarjit Buttar, 78 Kenneth Drive: Expressed deep concern regarding the recent home invasion in Vernon. Public safety is the most important issue we need to be concerned about.

Tom Didio, 112 Box Mountain Drive: Spoke in support of the Go Green week in Vernon. Second concern is the number of appointments to commissions and committees a Republican, an Unaffiliated, a Republican a Republican, a Republican, and another Unaffiliated. Sees no Democrats.

Pauline Schaefer, Fox Hill Drive: As a member of the Bicentennial Committee I want to provide you information about, Jars of Buttons we are selling, pins and coins to sell. We have about 600 of these and we are using them to fundraise for this event in October. There will be a parade from the high school to tri-city plaza scheduled for October 5th, Bicentennial Day in the park and Rockville days. We are looking for more volunteers, we are celebrating 200 years. We really need a lot more participation to help prepare for this event.

Marie Herbst, 245 Brandy Hill Road: We are producing a book for the Bicentennial with a lot of pictures of Rockville. We want anyone interested in sharing photos from present to past, please let me know. We will be looking to have pictures selected for this book. We will start January 26th. We were just contacted about getting some photographs from the Police Department of officers who have served over the years.

James Krupinski, 59 Deerfield Drive: Spoke against the hybrid ordinance. Expressed concern regarding news information in the article that appeared in the January 18, 2008 Journal Inquirer about the Town's "New" website and the requirement of an outside agency to maintain.

Citizen's Forum closed at 8:44 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: (7:45 P.M.)

Public Hearing relative to a "Resolution regarding an additional appropriation for repairs to the Board of Education Central Administration Building in the amount of \$200,000.00". Mayor McCoy calls the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and recommendations relative to a "Resolution regarding an additional appropriation for repairs to the Board of Education Central Administration Building in the amount of \$200,000.00." (Copy of Resolution is in the packet.)

Legal notice read by Town Clerk, Bernice K. Dixon

Motion to adjourn the public hearing to go into the special town meeting, Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Wheelock, motion carried unanimously

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Herbst moved to elect Attorney Martin Burke as the moderator. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator asked for comments:

Marie Herbst asked Jim Luddecke for clarification if historical grant monies come available because this building is on the national listing can we still apply even though we have given money from our general fund.

Jim Luddecke - It's a question of whether you spent the money, and it depends on what you are applying for.

Michael Winkler - Approximately how much money would be left in the reserve fund that the council could spend to be adequate for the people who rate us for bond ratings.

Jim Luddecke, with this consideration the balance would be approximately 9.9% and the average for the state is 10.3%. We are within the boundaries.

Pauline Schaefer - We had bonding for the repairs on the schools if there is any left can that be put towards this?

Jim Luddecke, no the school improvement bonds were specific to the schools. They could not be utilized for this project.

James Krupinski - Would the repair of the roof have been looked at during the bonding for the town buildings.

Jim Luddecke - No that was not part of the town improvement package, the administration building never went to a vote.

Mayor McCoy - would like to see that three good bids are received

MODERATOR CLOSES THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: 8:00 P.M.

You are voting to add additional funds of \$200,000 to the general fund for fiscal year 2007–2008 for the Education Capital Improvement Budget and to designate ~~\$130,000~~ \$133,000 in the Education Reserve for Capital Improvements Non-Recurring Account. For a total of ~~\$330,000~~ \$333,000. **(Appendix A)**

Motion carried unanimously

MODERATOR CALLS FOR MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Wheelock, moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION:

- 1. Marina Rodriguez, Assistant Town Planner, C. E. D. Coordinator will be making a presentation on "Economic Development Report of Activities for 2007".** It's a positive report, some highlights for the past year are as follows: was vacant for a while, I have been on board for about a year. One of the first things that the town wanted to re-establish that Vernon was a good place for companies to do business. We approximately get 960 calls a year. We have been advertising in some publications, we have gotten several leads. We work closely with the state with businesses that may want to relocate. We have updated the list of commercial properties, vacant for purchase or lease. Inventories have been updated, an easier to read list with mapping for easy access. We are trying to link it with the internet. Working with groups to identify blight structures, also at the Council's request we are working with the Downtown Rockville Revitalization. Main activity is working on grant applications, working with approximately 25 businesses with their applications for zoning or relocation helping them to get approved. Making sure their designs are adequate, making some modifications. I am working the retail village for the Gerber tract, to change some text amendments for PDZ. Also for the exit 67 applications, some have been approved, the Home Depot application which has been recently approved. Talcottville Mill working with the LLC to move forward with work on the mill. Working with Garden Barn for their zone change to expand their location. We want to have the Economic Development active again and have them help me with the economic development plan.

Discussion took place with Council

During discussion it was proposed by Marie Herbst and Mayor McCoy to draft a resolution to give to Senator Guglielmo to help Planet Fitness move into his new building. Asking the senator to help with the State DOT resolve the situation with this business. Have this prepared for the next council meeting.

2. **Joseph Vallone from Loom City Lofts LLC, will be present to discuss and answer questions regarding the announcement from Hon. M. Jodi Rell regarding \$1.2 million to support Roosevelt Mills redevelopment in Vernon.** This is a great project and something this town will be very proud of it. I want to thank Senator Guglielmo for all his help getting this passed. Senator Guglielmo comments: The bond bill was passed in 2007, two step process one you get it on the bond bill, then to the commission agenda. We met with the secretary, Joe, Claire and the Mayor, which went well. Received a call that it was being put on the agenda and it would be unusual for it to not be passed. We are in good shape, this should be passed without any problems. This is a great project. Joe Vallone comments: the building is on the National Registry and it's a wonderful location. We have completed the chlorine contamination cleanup which is the most lethal; I always say we have lead and asbestos as appetizers, 100 year of coal ash and chlorinated solvents for the entrees. We have started to remove the asbestos, where we are now we need to remove the boiler building and a wall from the original wall. The grant of \$1.2 million will help to complete the cleanup. This will get it down to clear concrete, which was the original agreement I signed with then Mayor Wheelock. It has taken a long time, but you can track the reasons. Once this piece is complete we can move on to complete the construction loan to build the apartments and commercial space. These apartments are market rate I do not expect any problems leasing them. Everyone I speak to are very excited about this building. Then I hope to move on to the property across the street. We know that the site could be phase II, we have a contract on it and once Roosevelt Mills starts then we will see how badly contaminated that land is. I really like this part of the town and am excited to be working here. The area is wonderful and the town should be very proud of this area.

Discussion took place with council

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.
- C 2. Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of Steven L. Wakefield as Hearing Officer.
- C 3. Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of John K. Anderson as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- C 4. Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of David Hatch as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- C 5. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Juanita L. Bair as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- C 6. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Francis O. Kaplan as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- C 7. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of John K. Anderson as Special Constable.
- C 8. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of John Kopec as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission.
- C 9. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Daniel Anderson as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department.
- C 10. Request the Town Council adopt a resolution relative to State Project No. 146-180 entitled Historic Talcottville Improvements.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

1. **Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES TAX REFUNDS FOR THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,288.08 AND TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,077.16 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JANUARY 17, 2008 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously (**Appendix B**)

2. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Steven L. Wakefield (R), 152 Brookview Drive to serve as Hearing Officer.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN L. WAKEFIELD TO SERVE AS HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

3. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John K. Anderson (R), 20 Hemlock Drive to serve as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

4. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of David Hatch (U), 65 Brandy Hill Road to serve as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID HATCH TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

5. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Juanita L. Bair (R), 153 Brookview Drive to serve as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Carl Bard.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JUANITA L. BAIR TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

6. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Francis O. Kaplan (R), 344 Merline Road to serve as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of John Lampson.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS O. KAPLAN TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

7. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of John K. Anderson (R), 20 Hemlock Drive, to serve as Special Constable for the Town of Vernon .**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON TO SERVE AS SPECIAL CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler moved to postpone. Motion fails

Original Motion carried. Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Jackle opposed

8. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of John Kopec (R), 24 Jan Drive, to serve as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission to fill a vacancy due to the term expiration of Steve V. Taylor.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KOPEC TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Anderson (R), 29 Oxbow Drive, to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Kathleen Porter.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Champagne moved to approve motion.

Motion carried. Council Member Anderson abstained

10. **Request the Town Council adopt a resolution relative to State Project No. 146-180 entitled Historic Talcottville Improvements.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2005 BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR TALCOTTVILLE ENHANCEMENTS UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION PILOT PROGRAM (TCSP)" AND A CERTIFICATION INDICATING THE COUNCIL ADOPTS AS ITS POLICY TO SUPPORT THE NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENTS AND WARRANTIES REQUIRED UNDER THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES", AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON'S PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix C)

IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None

PENDING BUSINESS:

Discussion and Town Council action regarding proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Grant an Exemption of Property Tax for Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Certain Authorized Alternative Fuel Vehicles". (Copy of proposed Ordinance is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CERTAIN AUTHORIZED ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES”.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried. Council Members Herbst, Winkler, Schaefer and Fox opposed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mayor Jason McCoy and Councilmember Marie Herbst will be discussing a “GO GREEN” initiative to encourage people in the Town to conserve energy and protect the environment. The Mayor is establishing a “GO GREEN” committee to develop GREEN WEEK. Mayor McCoy and Councilmember Herbst will work together through this committee to establish GREEN WEEK activities and events, and encourages all residents and schools to participate.**

Discussion took place

2. **Discussion of property tax exemption for solar energy systems.**

Discussion took place – more information to be presented at next meeting.

3. **Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of Watson C. Bellows, Jr. as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WATSON C. BELLOWS, JR. TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Herold moved to approve motion. Motion carried unanimously

4. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Alan Eisenberg (U), 77 Greylock Road, West Newton, MA, to serve as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy due to the demise of Michael D. McNamara.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF ALAN EISENBERG TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2009.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried. Council Members Herold, Winkler and Herbst opposed

5. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor’s appointment of William J. McGurk (U), 21 Stillmeadow Lane, Somers, to serve as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of J. Mark Silhavy.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. MCGURK TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Champagne moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried. Council Member Herold abstained

6. **Request the Town Council to request an §8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission relative to the conveyance of property located on Hatch Hill Road.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO REQUEST AN §8-24 REVIEW FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON HATCH HILL ROAD.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to withdraw motion

Motion carried unanimously

7. **Request the Town Council to approve the budget amendment(s) for fiscal year 2007-2008 as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer. (Appendix D)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #20 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #21 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve motion.

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Discussion took place

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #22 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to withdraw motion.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS LISTED ON THE FORM DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS LISTED ON THE FORM WITHOUT THE KAR MAR PUMPER DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Anderson moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to extend curfew. Motion carried. Council Member Champagne opposed.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Anderson moved to withdraw motion.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Jackle moved to divide motion

Motion carried. Council Member Herbst and Fox opposed

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS LISTED ON THE FORM DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 Object #57610 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND

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REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS LISTED ON THE FORM WITHOUT THE KAR MAR PUMPER DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Herbst moved motion to approve.

Discussion took place

Motion carried. Council Member Wheelock, Anderson and Jackle opposed

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS LISTED ON THE FORM DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 OBJECT #57875 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE PURCHASED OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Herbst moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #25 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Anderson moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Anderson moved to postpone motion for 60 days.

Motion carried unanimously

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #26 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Motola moved to approve motion.

Motion carried. Council Member Herbst abstained

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19-22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

AMENDED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

No action was taken on the Motion based upon need for Town Meeting and Public Hearing scheduled under Additional Agenda Item #1

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. **Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Consumption and Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Areas and Buildings."**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC AREAS AND BUILDINGS" TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:35 P.M. AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried. Council Member Herbst, Schaefer, Champagne, Fox, Winkler opposed

2. **Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Section 3-1 of the Town of Vernon Code" relative to increased fees for certificates of occupancy and building permits .**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1 OF THE TOWN OF VERNON CODE" TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:40 P.M. AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve motion.

Motion carried unanimously

3. Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Solar Energy Systems".

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS" TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:45 P.M. AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

A.A.I. 1. Budget Amendment #27 was tabled and a Special Town Meeting and Public Hearing to be scheduled on February 5, 2008.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY CALLS A PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RELATIVE TO "A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO THE PENSION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00", AND THAT SAID PUBLIC HEARING IS TO BE HELD AT 7:50 PM AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD AT 7:55 PM ON FEBRUARY 5, 2008, SECOND FLOOR, VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Discussion took place

Motion carried unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve motion.

Motion carried unanimously

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting from December 10, 2007, minutes from the Permanent Municipal Building Committee meeting from January 9, 2008.
2. Memorandum from Abraham Ford, Zoning Enforcement Officer, regarding the Quarterly Zoning Report, dated January 9, 2008.
3. Invitation to Mayor and Council members to attend a live auction to benefit Rockville High School Project Graduation.
4. Monthly report for December 2007 from Alan Slobodien, Director, Youth Services Bureau.
5. Report dated January 14, 2008 from John Leary, Chair, Permanent Municipal Building Committee relative to annual inspections of town buildings.

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6. Copy of legal opinion(s) from Assistant Town Attorney Martin B. Burke concerning "Power of Town Council Over Land Use" and "Zoning Authority in the Town of Vernon".
7. Copy of press release from Hon. M. Jodi Rell announcing \$1.2 million to support Roosevelt Mills redevelopment in Vernon.
8. Memorandum from Christopher Clark, Town Administrator relative to MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wheelock, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved adjourn at 11:36 PM

Received: January 25, 2008

Approved: February 5, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Bukowy, Recording Secretary



James Krupinski
Assistant Town Clerk