

August 25, 2008

**APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SENIOR CENTER, 2nd Floor
26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT
Monday August 25, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy E Herold, Pauline Schaefer, Diane Wheelock, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Daniel Anderson, Mark Etre, Peggy A. Jackie, Brian R. Motola

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Interim Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield, Town Clerk Bernice Dixon

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no speakers at Citizens Forum

Citizen's Forum closed at 6:02 PM.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Request the Town Council to consider, deliberate and decide on a proposed Ordinance entitled "**An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,182,000 for the Replacement of the Phoenix Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,182,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation**". Proposed Ordinance further identified as Ordinance B-08-O1. Further, the Town Council hereby ratifies and confirms the referral by the Town Administrator of the proposed ordinance entitled "**An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,182,000 for the Replacement of the Phoenix Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,182,000 Bond and Notes to Finance the Appropriation**", further identified as B-08-01, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as of 1958, as amended, said statute entitled "Municipal Improvements".

Mayor recommends action on proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED MOTION #IA:

THE TOWN COUNCIL UPON CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION HEREBY APPROVES ~~AND ORDAINS~~ THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,182,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PHOENIX STREET BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,182,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION". PROPOSED ORDINANCE FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS ORDINANCE B-08-01.

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the motion to approve the provisions of the proposed ordinance appropriating \$1,182,000 for the replacement of the Phoenix Street Bridge and the authorization of bonds and notes to finance the appropriation. Discussion took place. Town Council Members and Mr. Luddecke discussed ways residents can be provided an explanation of the ordinances. Ideas included posting to the website, posting at the voting venues, and mailing the information to residents. Council member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion for a friendly amendment (see next page). Motion carried unanimously with amendments.

AMENDED MOTION #1A:

THE TOWN COUNCIL UPON CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION HEREBY APPROVES THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,182,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PHOENIX STREET BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,182,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION". PROPOSED ORDINANCE FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS ORDINANCE B-08-01.

PROPOSED MOTION #2A 1B:

RESOLVED: THAT THE REFERRAL BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ORDINANCE, “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,182,000 FOR THE PHOENIX STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT”, FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-24 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF CONNECTICUT, REVISION OF 1958, AS AMENDED, SAID STATUTE ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS”; IS HEREBY RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED.

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Wheelock made the motion to approve the referral by the Town Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report of the proposed ordinance entitled “**An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,182,000 for the Replacement of the Phoenix Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,182,000 Bond and Notes to Finance the Appropriation**”, further identified as B-08-01, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as of 1958, as amended, said statute entitled “Municipal Improvements”. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request the Town Council to consider, deliberate and decide on a proposed Ordinance entitled “**An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,320,000 for the Replacement of the Main Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,320,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation**”. Proposed Ordinance further identified as Ordinance B-08-02. Further, the Town Council hereby ratifies and confirms the referral by the Town Administrator of the proposed ordinance entitled “**An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,320,000 for the Replacement of the Main Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,320,000 Bond and Notes to Finance the Appropriation**”, further identified as B-08-02, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as of 1958, as amended, said statute entitled “Municipal Improvements”.

Mayor recommends action on proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED MOTION #2A:

THE TOWN COUNCIL UPON CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION HEREBY APPROVES THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,320,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,320,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION”. PROPOSED ORDINANCE FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS ORDINANCE B-08-02.

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the motion to approve the provisions of the proposed ordinance appropriating \$3,320,000 for the replacement of the Main Street Bridge and the authorization of bonds and notes to finance the appropriation. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED MOTION #2B:

RESOLVED: THAT THE REFERRAL BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ORDINANCE, “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,320,000 FOR THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT”, FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-24 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF CONNECTICUT, REVISION OF 1958, AS AMENDED, SAID STATUTE ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS”; IS HEREBY RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Wheelock made the motion to approve the referral by the Town Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report of the proposed ordinance entitled “**An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,320,000 for the Replacement of the Main Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,320,000 Bond and Notes to Finance the Appropriation**”, further identified as B-08-02, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as of 1958, as amended, said statute entitled “Municipal Improvements”. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request that the Town Council set a Public Hearing on September 2, 2008, at 7:35 P.M., 14 Park Place, Town Hall Memorial Building, 3~ Floor, Council Chambers, to receive comments and questions relative to the proposed Ordinances as outlined below:**
 - A. "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,182,000 for the Replacement of the Phoenix Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,182,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation".
 - B. "An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,320,000 for the Replacement of the Main Street Bridge and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,320,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation".

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2008, AT 7:35 P.M., 14 PARK PLACE, 3~ FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES ENTITLED"

- A. "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,182,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PHOENIX STREET BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,182,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION".
- B. "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,320,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,320,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION".

Council Schaefer seconded by Council Member Herbst made the motion to set a public hearing to discuss the ordinances regarding the replacement of the Phoenix Street and Main Street bridges for September 2, 2008 at 7:35 PM. Council Member Herbst requested the Administration contact the Planning and Zoning Commission to correct their minutes to reflect the referral made by the Administration, not the Town Council. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request that the Town Council approve the appointment of Theresa Battaglio, (D) of 655 Talcottville Road, as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission for a term to begin on August 26, 2008 expiring on April 3, 2010.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

REQUEST THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THERESA BATTAGLIO, (D) OF 655 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 26, 2008 EXPIRING ON APRIL 3, 2010.

Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to approve the appointment of Theresa Battaglio as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT (6:44 PM)

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: August 27, 2008
Approved: September 2, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary



James E. Krupienski
Assistant Town Clerk