

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

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**March 26, 2015 7:00 PM**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Brian Motola, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, Michael Winkler and Ann Letendre

**Absent:** Council Member Steve Peterson

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

**C) PUBLIC HEARING (7:32 PM)**

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2015-2016 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.**

**MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER**

**CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD**

**MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**RETURN TO THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Closed: 7:34 PM**

Discussion took place with regard to the Board of Education budget. Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion that the Board of Education budget that was to be discussed on Saturday, March 28, 2015 be switched with the budget accounts that were to be discussed on Monday, March 30, 2015. Motion passed with 10 in favor and one abstention (Winkler).

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 23, 2015 meeting.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2015-2016 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Fire Fighting and Administration (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
2. Public Safety – Fire Hydrants (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
3. Ambulance Division (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
4. Engineering
5. Community and Economic Development
6. Building Inspection
7. Public Works - Administration
8. Public Works – General Maintenance
9. Public Works – Equipment Maintenance
10. Public Works – Maintenance of Government Buildings
11. Public Works – Snow Removal
12. Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal
13. Public Works - Recycling
14. Public Works – Condominium Refuse
15. Public Works – Tree Warden
16. Public Works – Leaf Collection
17. Center 375
18. Registration
19. Elections - General
20. Elections - Primary
21. Elections - Referendum

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

**Fire Fighting and Administration**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 6 page 58, account 10231183, in the amount of \$570,069, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, William Call, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

7:39 PM Council Member Motola left the table; 7:40 PM Council Member Motola returned.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 6 page 58, account 10231183, in the amount of \$570,069, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Safety – Fire Hydrants**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 6 page 76, account 10231190, in the amount of \$681,610, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, William Call, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 6 page 76, account 10231190, in the amount of \$681,610, motion carried unanimously.

**Ambulance Division**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 12 page 164, account 22231417, in the amount of \$1,173,563, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, William Call, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 12 page 164, account 22231417, in the amount of \$1,173,563, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Engineering**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 7 page 103, account 10341214, in the amount of \$296,845, motion carried unanimously.

Town Engineer, David Smith, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Lehmann made a motion to reduce \$200 to account 55010 for mileage. Discussion took place. Council Member Kopec and Council Member Lehmann withdrew the motion.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 7 page 103, account 10341214, in the amount of \$296,845, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Community and Economic Development**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 46, account 10151171, in the amount of \$41,000, motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Coordinator, Shaun Gately was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 46, account 10151171, in the amount of \$41,000, motion carried unanimously.

8:48 PM Council Member Clay left the meeting.

#### **Town Planner- Administration**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 5 page 43, account 10150170, in the amount of \$251,287, motion carried unanimously.

Town Planner, Brianan Nolan was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 43, account 10150170, in the amount of \$251,287, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Building Inspection**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 67, account 10232187, in the amount of \$388,681, motion carried unanimously.

Building Inspector, Pete Hobbs, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 6 page 67, account 10232187, in the amount of \$388,681, motion carried unanimously.

9:18 PM Council Member Motola left the meeting

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#### **Public Works - Administration**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 76, account 10340200, in the amount of \$657,317, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 176, account 10340200, in the amount of \$657,317, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – General Maintenance**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 7 page 80, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,317,752, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

9:34 PM Council Member Schaefer left the table; 9:36 PM Council Member Schaefer returned.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 80, account 10340201, in the amount of \$1,317,752, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Equipment Maintenance**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 7 page 84, account 10340202, in the amount of \$784,471, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

9:56 PM Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to extend curfew by 15 minutes. Motion passed with 7 in favor and 2 abstentions (Council Members Lehmann and Campbell).

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 7 page 84, account 10340202, in the amount of \$784,471, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Maintenance of Government Building**

Council Member Lehmann, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 88, account 10340203, in the amount of \$761,647, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

9:58 PM Council Member Letendre left the table; 10:02 PM Council Member Letendre returned.

Council Member Lehmann, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 7 page 88, account 10340203, in the amount of \$761,647, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Snow Removal**

Council Member Lehmann, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 7 page 92, account 10340204, in the amount of \$186,970, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Lehmann, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 7 page 92, account 10340204, in the amount of \$186,970, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 94, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,008,575, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

10:14 PM Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to extend curfew by 5 minutes to 10:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 7 page 94, account 10340205, in the amount of \$1,008,575, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Recycling**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 7 page 163, account 10340206, in the amount of \$329,318, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 7 page 163, account 10340206, in the amount of \$329,318, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Condominium Refuse**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 168, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,423, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 168, account 10340207, in the amount of \$4,423, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Tree Warden**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 170, account 10340208, in the amount of \$13,150, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 170, account 10340208, in the amount of \$13,150, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works – Leaf Collection**

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 172, account 10340209, in the amount of \$116,558, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Bob Kleinhans and Finance Officer Jim Luddecke were present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 7 page 172, account 10340209, in the amount of \$116,558, motion carried unanimously.

**H.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

10:17 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec moved to recess the meeting until 9:00 AM Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 28, 2015.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary