

December 21, 2010

**APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Harry D. Thomas

Entered During Meeting:

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

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Peter Olsen, Jeff Arn, Vernon Housing Authority presented the Mayor with their annual check in lieu of taxes.

Walter Miele, South Street – spoke about the Town Council Members participation in community activities. Spoke about Mayor and Town Council Member accomplishments in 2010.

Chester Morgan, 60 Old Town Rd. – spoke about the accomplishments of Lester Finkle during his tenure on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

David Engelson, 81 Meadow View Lane – Thanked the following organizations that participated in Thanksgiving food drive and Holiday adopt a family program: ECHN, Vernon Police Dept., Vernon Fire Department, Vernon EMT and Ambulance Corp. Vernon Rotarians, Vernon Police Explorers, and Vernon Public Works Dept.

Edie Chernack, 50 Cubles Dr – Spoke about the DPW Director providing part time support to the Board of Education

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to extend the curfew for citizen's forum.

Anne Fisher, Chair, Vernon Board of Education – spoke in support of Consent item #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

Michael Bolduc, Vernon Little League – spoke about the conditions of the field at VCMS and requested support for Consent item #7 regarding the designation of funding to preserve and repair the girls and boys ball fields at VCMS.

Marie Herbst, 245 Brandy Hill Rd – Spoke about the Vernon Fire Department's toys for Tykes toy drive.

Christy Vale, 100 Dobson Rd. - spoke in support of Consent #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

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Bob Kleinhans, DPW Director – spoke about DPW employee Jim Jardis' organization of the Public Works "stuff a truck" where DPW employees volunteered their time to collect toys for HVCC.

Brian Usher, 12 Hayes Dr., - spoke in support of Consent #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

Citizens Forum closed at 7:39 PM

D.) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

E.) PRESENTATIONS by the administration

Proclamation presented to Lester Finkle, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission for his many years serving the greater Vernon Community. Lester is leaving the area to take on a new challenge in Washington, DC.

The Mayor presented Mr. Finkle with his proclamation and thanked him for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Presentation to the Town Council by Mayor Jason L. McCoy on a variety of topics.

- Mayor is meeting with Department heads on January 8 regarding the budget and welcomes cost saving suggestions from Council Members.
- Parks and Recreation Dept is up \$38,000 in revenue. Their on-line sign-up system for programs is working out well and saving time.
- Town Clerk's office is down approximately \$40,000 in conveyance taxes
- The Building Dept is down \$3,000 in fees
- Mayor McCoy attended a CCM meeting where they discussed improving efficient delivery of services for municipalities.
- There is a potential for increases in the health, pharmacy and liability insurance. They are currently out to bid
- Gas rate is down from \$2.70 to \$2.40, gas usage is also decreased
- The Marriott will break ground at the end of February
- Bolton Lakes Community will use the current town software to collect fees for the Bolton sewer system.
- In the beginning of January, \$4 mil will go out to bond, also reissuance of old debt.
- The town came in under budget on leaf collection this year
- Roosevelt Mills trailer is being used to mix brine.
- Concrete is being poured for the crematorium
- The outside of Town Hall is being repointed and the inside water damage will be repaired
- The cost of installing a handicapped door into the main area of the town hall lobby is \$2660.00
- Mr. Meile donated a motion sensitive camera to the animal control
- The Mayor accidentally left off an appointment to the Energy Improvement District. Requested this be added on as an additional agenda item.
- Spoke about Consent #8, regarding the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial Maintenance Services.

F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Schaefer pulled consent agenda item #7 and Council Member Winkler pulled consent agenda item #8 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve consent agenda item 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 as presented.

- C 1. **Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated December 13, 2010 is included in the Council packet.) **Appendix A**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$401.82 AND FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$807.72 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 13, 2010.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the tax refunds for prior and current years. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of Jeffrey A. Boulrice, (D) , 15 Hilltop Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2011.** (A copy of Mr. Boulrice's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292, AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3 (A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY A. BOULRICE, (D), 15 HILLTOP AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoy's appointment of Jeffrey Boulrice as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of Mark St. Germain (R), 25 Grier Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2011.** (A copy of Mr. St. Germain's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK ST. GERMAIN, (R), 25 GRIER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoy's appointment of Mark St Germain as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/11. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of H. Russell Kunz (R), 26 Valley View Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2012.** (A copy of Dr. Kunz's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF H. RUSSELL KUNZ, (R), 26 VALLEY VIEW LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoy's appointment of H. Russell Kunz as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/12. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 5. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of John K. Anderson, (R), 20 Hemlock Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2012.** (A copy of Mr. Anderson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292, TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON, (R), 20 HEMLOCK DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of John K. Anderson as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/12. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6. **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's Appointment of Carol S. Nelson, (R), 419 Lady Bug Lane Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Center Advisory Board, said term to begin December 22, 2010 and expires on June 30, 2012.** (A copy of Ms. Nelson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF CAROL S. NELSON, (R), 419 LADY BUG LANE VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Mayor McCoys appointment of Carol Nelson as a regular member of the Senior

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Center Advisory Committee for a term of 12/22/10 through 6/30/12. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to add additional agenda item #1. Motion carried unanimously.

H.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

I.) NEW BUSINESS

None

J.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

K.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

L.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, PULLED CONSENT ITEMS FROM F) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC

- C 7. Request the Town Council designate \$10,000 from the Open Space Fund to be expended for the preservation and repair of the girls' and boys' ball fields at Vernon Center Middle School.** (A copy of a memorandum from Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated December 17, 2010 to the Vernon Town Council is included for your review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL DESIGNATES TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) IN THE OPEN SPACE RESERVE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' BALL FIELDS AT VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the designation of \$10,000 from the open space fund for the preservation and repair of the girls and boys ball fields at VCMS. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve the Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial and Maintenance Services.** (A packet of information was distributed at the Town Council Meeting December 7, 2010 with all appropriate documentation. The motion below includes a change in adoption date from that packet.) **Appendix B**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT(S) OR AGREEMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT OF CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION," AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 21, 2010.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve Board of Education's request for the Town to provide Management of Custodial

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and Maintenance Services. Discussion took place. The Superintendent, Assistant Town Administrator and Town Attorney were present to answer questions.

8:16 Council Member Schaefer left the table

8:17 Council Member Schaefer returned

8:20 Council Member Motola left the table

8:24 Council Member Motola returned

(8:43 PM) Recess

(8:53 PM) Reconvene

Discussion continued. Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to move the question. Motion carried, Council Members Herbst and Krupienski opposed.

Motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Winkler, Krupienski opposed.

Additional Agenda Item #1:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the following Motion:

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE #292, TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF MS. KATE SIMS, RN, MBA, 71 HAYNES STREET, MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT 06040, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, AND SAID TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 22, 2010 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2013.

Discussion took place. Council Member Krupienski requested Ms. Sims party affiliation. Motion carried unanimously.

M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

O.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Monthly Report Police Department November, 2010 as submitted by Captain Stephen Clark.
2. Monthly Building Department Activity Report for December, as submitted by B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official.
3. Monthly Report Youth Service Bureau November, 2010 as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director.
4. Invitation to the Mayor's Holiday Celebration.

Adjourn (8:59 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Received: December 27, 2010

Approved: February 1, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle
Assistant Town Clerk

Appendix A



TOWN OF VERNON

8 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CT 06066
Tel: (860) 870-3660
Fax: (860) 870-3585

OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

TO: John Ward, Town Administrator
FROM: Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue
DATE: December 13, 2010
SUBJECT: Refunds for Town Council Approval

PRIOR YEARS:

Hantzos Peter 401.82
Assessor's Correction – Sent to E. Lyme

CURRENT YEAR:

Brooks Martha B 74.15
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Brooks Martha B (3) 129.69
Assessor's Correction – Apply Veterans Exemption

Garden Barn Nursery Inc. 14.74
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Nissan Infiniti LT 77.21
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Stoddard Heidi M 271.36
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Thompson John W 29.91
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Toyota Motor Credit Corp 188.95
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

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Young Lorraine E.....21.71
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

(1) Prior Overpayments \$401.82

(8) Current Overpayments \$807.72

Cc: James Luddecke TXP11062 TXC11062

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Appendix B

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:
**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT OF CUSTODIAL AND
MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Vernon Board of Education formally requested that the Mayor of the Town of Vernon ask the Vernon Town Council to adopt a resolution allowing the Town of Vernon to provide management of custodial and maintenance services (the "Services") to the Vernon Board of Education through the existing position of the Town of Vernon's Director of Public Works;

WHEREAS, such request by the Vernon Board of Education is appropriately made under the Chapter XI Section 12 of the Vernon Town Charter, which allows the Town of Vernon Department of Public Works to maintain and care for the Vernon Board of Education buildings and grounds, if requested by the Vernon Board of Education and approved by the Vernon Town Council; with the costs of such maintenance, including the Services, charged against the budget of the Vernon Board of Education;

WHEREAS, such maintenance and care responsibilities inherently encompass the organization of work through management and supervision of resources, including personnel, contracted work, purchasing and procurement activities;

WHEREAS, the Vernon Town Council has determined that such consolidation of the Services at the Vernon Board of Education will result in a more efficient and effective delivery of custodial and maintenance services at an overall budget savings to the Town of Vernon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon Town Council hereby approves the Vernon Board of Education's request for the Town of Vernon to provide to the Vernon Board of Education the Services as outlined in the letter dated December 2, 2010 to Mayor Jason L. McCoy from the Superintendent Mary P. Conway through the existing position of the Town of Vernon's Director of Public Works for a period of twelve (12) calendar months, with any extension contingent on re-adoption of the resolution by the Vernon Town Council;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that in exchange for the Services, as set out herein before and outlined in the letter dated December 2, 2010 to Mayor Jason L. McCoy from the Superintendent Mary P. Conway, the Vernon Board of Education shall transfer or pay the costs to the Town of Vernon's Director of Public Works, from the budget of the Vernon Board of Education in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for a period of twelve (12) calendar months, said amount to be paid or transferred using the most efficient administrative method as mutually agreed to by the Town Administration and the Board of Education Administration.

Said Resolution shall be in effect from the date of adoption by the Vernon Town Council.

Effective Date: December 21, 2010

Town Council Vote: Carried 7 to 4

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Adopted by the Town of Vernon on December 21, 2010.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Karen C. Daigle, Assistant Town Clerk of the Town of Vernon, do hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the Vernon Town Council at its regular meeting of December 21, 2010.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said action has not been modified nor rescinded, and that it remains in full force and effect.



Karen C. Daigle, CCTC
Assistant Town Clerk

Dated at Vernon, Connecticut, this 31st day of January, 2011.

