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

**May 1, 2012 – 7:30 PM**

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Bill Campbell, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

**C) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

James Krupienski, 59 Deerfield Dr., spoke about the School Building Advisory Commission ordinance and the state-requested changes to the Assembly voting districts.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:34 PM

**D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**E.) PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**F.) PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mayor George F. Apel made a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.
  - Because of a stabbing on Ward Street, the Town is assigning 2 officers to the area next week. The Town has established a zero tolerance policy.
  - The VCMS bus accident resulted in 14 students being transported to the hospital. All were released within 24 hours and Dr. Conway had been in contact with all the families.
  - James Luddecke has provided a book and official statement concerning the recent bond sale.
  - We wish Judi Beaudreau well in her recovery from quadruple bypass surgery.
  - The two agenda items concerning election redistricting will not be addressed at this meeting.
  - Mayor Apel had his tenth ribbon-cutting ceremony since taking office, with Nursealon Systems, a small assembly company. We have received positive comments regarding our Planning, Zoning, Building and Economic Development departments.
  - There was a rededication ceremony on the Braille Trail at Valley Falls.

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- Deputy Mayor Brian Motola attended the opening day ceremonies of the Vernon Little League.
- Mayor Apel attended a night of recognition for the Police Department at Rockville High School.
- Vernon Community Arts Center signed their lease. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be June 9, 2012.
- On second phase of after action report for the October storm.
- Starting first phase of after action report for the Data Processing failure.
- Mayor Apel judged the tractor and bobcat competition at Rockville High School.
- Mayor is making tours of the parks for storm damage and other issues of concern.
- The Annual Town Meeting went to referendum; waiting for results during this meeting.

G.) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of David Skoczulek, (D), 75 Hockanum Boulevard, Apt # 1935, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the North Central District Health Department, said term to commence on May 2, 2012 and expires on April 30, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Skoczulek's resume is included for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19a-241; CHARTER CHAPTER XI, SECTIONS 1,5, & 14, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DAVID SKOCZULEK, (D), 75 HOCKANUM BOULEVARD, APT. #1935, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON MAY 2, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 30, 2015.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of David Skoczulek as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department for a term commencing May 2, 2012 through April 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the request by the Vernon Police Department to dispose of a television from the Dispatch area.** (A copy of a memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated April 23, 2012 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same is included for Council review.)

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**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT VIEW SONIC TELEVISION AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORM.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made the above motion to approve the disposal of a police department view sonic television as disclosed on the fixed asset disposal request form. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 5. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor George F. Apel to enter into a formal agreement to allow the Town of Vernon to become a “sponsor” organization for the Summer Nutrition Program with the State Department of Education.** (A copy of a memorandum dated May 1, 2012 from Alan M. Slobodien, Director of the Vernon Youth Service Bureau to the Town Council is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO BECOME A “SPONSOR” ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made the above motion to enter into a formal agreement allowing the town of Vernon to become a “sponsor” organization for the summer nutrition program with the state department of education. Motion carried unanimously.

**H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 23, 2012 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES NINE (9) OVERPAYMENTS OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3818.11 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 23, 2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the request for tax refunds for current year. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment(s) #40-41 for fiscal year 2011-2012, as provided by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke.** (A copy of the budget amendment forms are attached for Council review.)

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**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST(S) # 40-41 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve budget amendment requests 40-41 for fiscal year 2011-2012. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council amend the Resolution originally passed on May 10, 2005 establishing the School Building Advisory Commission, and amended on June 15, 2010 to reflect one additional term for each of the remaining members.** (A copy of the Resolution and a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 25, 2012 is included for Council review.) (It should be noted that the seventh member is George J. Greco (D) with a term expiring presently on June 30, 2014.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER, CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AMENDS THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION DATED MAY 18, 2005, CHANGING THE TERM LIMITATION FROM THREE TO FOUR TERMS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above motion to amend the Town Council resolution establishing the School Building Advisory Commission dated May 18, 2005, changing the term limitation from three to four terms. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's re-appointment of John P. Leary, (R), 26 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Leary's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED MAY 17, 2005, AMENDED JUNE 15, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED MAY 1, 2012, ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN P. LEARY, (R), 26 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John P. Leary as a

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regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's re-appointment of Bill Dauphin (D), 11 Olive Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Dauphin's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED MAY 17, 2005, AMENDED JUNE 15, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED MAY 1, 2012, ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL DAUPHIN (D), 11 OLIVE LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Bill Dauphin as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's re-appointment of Dean A. Houle, (R), 36 Brighton Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Houle's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED MAY 17, 2005, AMENDED JUNE 15, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED MAY 1, 2012, ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DEAN A. HOULE, (R), 36 BRIGHTON LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Dean A. Houle as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's re-appointment of Brendan Michael McKibbin, (U), 12 Reed Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term to**

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**commence on July 1, 2012 and expires on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. McKibbin's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED MAY 17, 2005, AMENDED JUNE 15, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED MAY 1, 2012, ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BRENDAN MICHAEL MCKIBBIN, (U), 12 REED STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Brendan Michael McKibbin as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Doug M. LaBoda, (R), 37 Grady Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. LaBoda's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED MAY 17, 2005, AMENDED JUNE 15, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED MAY 1, 2012, ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DOUG M. LABODA, (R), 37 GRADY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Doug M. Laboda as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Jeff Carlson, (R), 76 Valley Falls Road, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term will commence on July 1, 2012 and expires on June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Carlson's resume is included for Council review.)

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**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED MAY 17, 2005, AMENDED JUNE 15, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED MAY 1, 2012, ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF CARLSON, (R), 76 VALLEY FALLS ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Carlson as a regular member of the School Building Advisory Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion relative to the 2012-2013 Budget Referendum results and any action necessary to move the budget forward.** (Please bring your budget books for this discussion. Motions will be proposed at the Town Council meeting.)

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget passed at Referendum.

**Subsequent to the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget the Town Council is requested to approve the passage of the following motions.**

**PROPOSED MOTION #1a**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SECTION 6 "***Duties of the Town Council on the budget***", THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013, AT 33.63 MILS UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to set the tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at 33.63 mils upon taxable property in the Town of Vernon and signs the tax warrant for said fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously.

**PROPOSED MOTION #1b**

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-144A OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX DUE AND PAYABLE IN A SINGLE INSTALLMENT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to authorize the collection of motor vehicle tax due and payable in a single installment. Discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.

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J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update from the Ordinance Review Committee presented by Adam B. Weissberger, Chairman.

**NO PROPOSED MOTION**

Discussion took place. No action taken.

2. Discussion relative to the QALERT System used by citizens to make service requests.

**NO PROPOSED MOTION**

Discussion took place. No action taken.

3. Request the Town Council accept the changes to State Representative Districts 8 and 56. (Information will be sent to each Town Council member when it arrives from the Registrars.)

No action taken.

4. Request the Town Council consider the changes proposed by the Town of Vernon Registrars of Voters, relative to Voting Districts reconfiguration. (Information will be sent to each Town Council member when it arrives from the Registrars.)

No action taken.

K.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

L.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

None

M.) **IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

N.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

O.) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 17, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 regular Town Council meeting. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MARCH 22, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012 special Budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 22, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012 special Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Sullivan made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 24, 2012 special Budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 28, 2012 special Budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Russell made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 3, 2012 special Budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Hany made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 4, 2012 special Budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member DiDio made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 special Budget meeting. Motion carried with one abstention by Council Member Herbst.

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P.) **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Article entitled "One of a Kind" from the November, 2011 issue of ***Treatment Plant Operator Magazine*** (TPO), relative to the Vernon Water Treatment Facility and the staff.
2. Monthly Report – March, 2012 for the Vernon Police Department as submitted by Stephen M. Clark.
3. A copy of the Official Statement dated April 5, 2012 relative to our recent bond sale.

**Adjourn ( 8:29 PM)**

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

Received: May 4, 2012

Approved: May 15, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle, CCTC  
Assistant Town Clerk