

AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012
7:30 P.M.

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
12 MAY 10 PM 5:15
Bernice K. Dyson

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

E.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (A copy of the legal notice is attached for Council's review)

MAYOR APEL TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

CLERK READ THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR APEL AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- 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 May 4, 2012 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) OVERPAYMENTS OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33.18 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 4, 2012.

- C 2. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor George F. Apel to execute, on behalf of the Town of Vernon, an application to the State of Connecticut for \$300,000.00 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C § 5301, et. seq., as amended, also known as Public Law 93-383, and administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development as the Connecticut Small Cities Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized disburse such federal monies to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the **Town of Vernon** make an application to the State for
(Municipality)

\$ 300,000 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
Town Council**

(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by

Part VI of Chapter 130 of the CGS

(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by

Town of Vernon

(Municipality)

in an amount not to exceed **\$300,000** is hereby approved and that

Mayor, George F. Apel

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, to carryout approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of

Town of Vernon

(Municipality)

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's appointment of Charles E. Bettinger, (R), 29 Foster Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence May 16, 2012 and expires June 30, 2012.** (A copy of Mr. Bettinger's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF, CHARLES E. BETTINGER, (R), 29 FOSTER DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN MAY 16, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2012.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the job description for Senior Center Bus Driver as presented.** (See agenda item in your packets from Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.1(B) ENTITLED "JOB DESCRIPTIONS", HEREBY ADOPTS THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF **SENIOR CENTER BUS DRIVER** AS PRESENTED.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #42-#52 for fiscal year 2011-2012 as provided by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke.** (A copy of the budget amendment forms are included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #42-#52 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's appointment of Pauline A. Schaefer, (D) 1A Fox Hill Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on May 16, 2012 and expires on February 21, 2014.** (A copy of Ms. Schaefer's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF PAULINE A. SCHAEFER (D), 1A FOX HILL DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON MAY 16, 2012 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 21, 2014.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion regarding the monthly update from Finance Officer James M. Luddecke relative the General Fund Expenditures, Education Expenditures and Revenue report.** (A copy of same are included for Council review.)

NO PROPOSED MOTION

2. **Request Abatement of Taxes for Town Owned Property per CGS 12-81 129/141 Talcottville Road and 13 Morrison Street.** (See memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated May 4, 2012 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator regarding same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 12-81 MOVES TO ABATE THE TAXES OF 129 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD AND 13 MORRISON STREET AS PRESENTED IN COLLECTOR HJARNE'S MEMORANDUM OF MAY 4, 2012.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the placement of properties totaling \$71,487.99 on the suspense ledger.** (See memorandum to John D. Ward, Town Administrator from Collector of Revenue, Terry Hjarne dated May 7, 2012.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTE SECT. 12-165, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK", THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PLACEMENT OF PROPERTIES TOTALING \$71,487.99 CONTAINED ON THE SUSPENSE TAX LEDGER REPORT AS PROVIDED BY TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, DATED MAY 7, 2012.

4. **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 via the June 5, 2012 agenda.)
5. **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. This item is on hold until the June 5, 2012 agenda.)
6. **Update of Dog Barking Policy from Council Member John Kopec and requested by Council Member Marie Herbst.**

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 1, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – February 2012, Youth Service Bureau as submitted by Director Alan M. Slobodien.
2. Invitation to the Town of Vernon Memorial Day Parade, May 28, 2012 co-sponsored by the Town of Vernon and the American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary.
3. Monthly Report – March, 2012, EMS as submitted by EMS Coordinator Jean Gauthier.
4. Invitation to “Small Business Forum” hosted by State Representative Tim Ackert and State Senator Tony Guglielmo and DECD, on May 17, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Council Chambers, 14 Park Place, Vernon, CT.
5. Monthly Report – April, 2012, EMS as submitted by EMS Coordinator Jean Gauthier.
6. Monthly Report – April 2012, Vernon Police Department as submitted by Captain Stephen M. Clark.
7. Monthly Report – April 2012, Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
8. Invitation to the RDA Annual Town Meeting, May 22, 2012 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Social Time and 7:00 PM Meeting.