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

June 5, 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 Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM
Lance Chernack, 59 Cubles Dr, spoke about the tax increases to homeowners and asked the Town Council take into consideration tax abatement for homeowners also. He also had concerns with the charter process.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:35 PM

D.) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
None

E.) **PUBLIC HEARING**
None

F.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

1. Presentation by Rockville High School SSNAP (Students Seeking New Achievements Positively) in support of Alcohol Prevention Awareness Week.
   Students from RHS spoke about the SSNAP program which promotes good decision making among their peers. They presented information about the activities that took place at the High School during Alcohol Prevention Awareness Week.

2. Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.
   - Mayor Apel congratulated Bruce Dinnie for being honored by the CT Greenway Association
   - The Memorial Day parade was a success, Mayor Apel thanked the sponsors and volunteers
   - Ribbon cuttings and dedications continue
   - Administration sponsored a Munis training for Board of Education employees using the new laptops.
   - New laptops will have several uses including Town Council meetings, trainings and the Emergency Operations Center.
   - The Town of Vernon sponsored a CCM training regarding updated Freedom of Information laws
   - Amerbelle is closing. Mayor Apel is looking into other uses for the property

- Phase 1, 2 and 3 of the Regional Water Pollution Control project has been complete, page 4 will be started in a couple of months.

G.) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Herbst pulled consent agenda item #'s 2 and 11 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 as presented.

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 29, 2012 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES EIGHT (8) OVERPAYMENTS OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF $717.34 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MAY 29, 2012.

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

C 3. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Carole Guttman (U), 6 Lantern Lane, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2015.** (A copy of Ms. Guttman's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLE GUTTMAN (U), 6 LANTERN LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2015.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carole Guttman as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term of 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C 4. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Joseph Grabinski, (R), 623 Dart Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Grabinski's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GRABINSKI, (R), 623 DART HILL ROAD, VERNON,

CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2015.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Joseph Grabinski as a regular member of the Board of Assessment appeals for at term of 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C 5. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Wesley D. Shorts, (R), 109 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2014.**(A copy of Mr. Shorts' resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WESLEY D. SHORTS, (R), 109 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Wesley D. Shorts as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission for a term of 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2014. Motion carried unanimously.

C 6. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Jean Bostrom (R), 72 Country Lane, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2014.** (A copy of Ms Bostrom's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEAN BOSTROM (R), 72 COUNTRY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Jean Bostrom as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission for a term of 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2014. Motion carried unanimously.

C 7. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Thomas Hazel, (U), 547 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1,**

2012 and expires June 30, 2015. (A copy of Mr. Hazel'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 REAPPOINTMENT OF, THOMAS HAZEL (U), 547 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILSDING COMMITTEE SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2015.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Thomas Hazel to the Permanent Municipal Building Committee for a term of 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C 8. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of John P. Leary, (R), 26 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to commence on July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Leary'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 REAPPOINTMENT OF, JOHN P. LEARY, (R), 26 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2015.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John P. Leary as a regular member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee for a term of 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C 9. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor George F. Apel to sign any and all documents relative to the State Department of Education Grant in the amount of $6250.00 on behalf of the Town of Vernon and our Youth Services Bureau.** (See documents attached as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director, included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN AN AMOUNT OF $6250.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to authorize Mayor Apel to sign any and all documents relative to the State Dept of Education Grant for Youth Services Bureau funds. Motion carried unanimously.

C 10. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor George F. Apel to sign any and all documents relative to the State Department of Education Grant in the amount of $23,085.00 on behalf of the Town of Vernon and our Youth Services Bureau.** (See

documents attached as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director, included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN AN AMOUNT OF $23,085.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to authorize Mayor Apel to sign any and all documents relative to the State Dept of Education Grant for Youth Services Bureau funds. Motion carried unanimously.

C 12. **Request the Town Council approve the resolution of support for the South Street Reconstruction project as presented below.** (See documents relative to same included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF VERNON HAS PUBLISHED A LEGAL NOTICE DISPLAY AD, MAILED A NEWS RELEASE TO A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES, AND MAILED A FORMAL LETTER TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS, ANNOUNCING A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON THE PROPOSED STP URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROJECT KNOWN AS PROJECT NO. 146-H024, RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET, FROM VERNON AVENUE TO WEST STREET, AND

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012 FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TOWN HALL AT WHICH MEETING RESIDENTS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONNECTICUT REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CRCOG) HAS SELECTED THIS PROJECT AS A REGIONAL PRIORITY AND HAS AGREED TO UTILIZE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED THE CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS FROM THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND FINDS THAT THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET PROJECT #146-H024 IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON AND WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ITS RESIDENTS AND PROVIDE FOR CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY OF THE MOTORING PUBLIC;

WHEREAS, THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ON A MUNICIPALLY OWNED ROAD, ALL PHASES (PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, RIGHT OF WAY AND CONSTRUCTION) WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE TOWN OF VERNON OR ITS CONSULTANT, UTILIZING 80% FEDERAL FUNDS, 10% STATE FUNDS AND 10% TOWN OF VERNON FUNDS AT ALL PHASES;

WHEREAS, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL, BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND BY VIRTUE OF THIS RESOLUTION, HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above resolution to approve the resolution of support for the South Street Reconstruction project. Motion carried unanimously.

C 13. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor George F. Apel to enter into a supplemental agreement between the Town of Vernon and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding State Project #146-188, Federal Project #6146(010), replacement of the West Main Street Bridge.** (See attached original resolution of support for this project provided for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F, APEL TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING PROJECT #146-188, FEDERAL PROJECT #6146(010), REPLACEMENT OF THE WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a supplemental agreement between the Town of Vernon and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding State Project #146-188, Federal Project #6146(010), replacement of the West Main Street Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

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

C 2. **Request the Town Council approve budget amendment(s) #53-57 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.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST(S) # 53-57 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 amendments #53-57 for FY 2011-2012. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

C 11. **Request the Town Council schedule a public hearing for the approval of the programs for the 2012 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act on June 19, 2012 at 7:35PM.** (See memo dated March 21, 2012 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TOWN HALL, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AT 7:35 PM REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS FOR THE 2012 CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the above motion to schedule a public hearing to take place on June 19, 2012 at 7:35 PM for the approval of

the programs for the 2012 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council accept the changes to State Representative Districts 8 and 56.** (Registrar Judy Beaudreau will be present to discuss this item. No motion is proposed at this time.)

2. **Request the Town Council consider the changes proposed by the Town of Vernon Registar of Voters, relative to Voting District reconfiguration.** (See email and attached maps for possible options being proposed by Registrar Judy Beaudreau. This information also forwarded directly to your emails from Ms. Beaudreau. No motion is proposed at this time.)

Discussion took place regarding the different proposals. Mayor Apel took a straw pole regarding Town Council member interest in the different proposals to reconfigure the voting districts to determine which proposals the discussion should concentrate on. Town Council members expressed an interest in Map #3 and 4.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to accept the proposal #4 which is to reconfigure the voting districts into 4.

Recess 8:34 PM
Reconvene 8:44 PM

Motion to accept the proposal to reconfigure the voting districts into 4 of them passed unanimously. Registrar Judy Beaudreu will bring resolution language for 4 voting districts to the June 18th meeting for discussion and vote.

J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council approve an option agreement for the assignment of delinquent tax liens for the properties traditionally known as the Hockanum Mill and further described as 200 West Main Street and 161 West Main Street to Ken Kaplan Computers, LLC.** (See attachments from Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH ORDINANCE NO. 217 *'AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF DELINQUENT TAX LIENS* AND ORDINANCE NO 231 *'AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 217'* AND VERNON TOWN CODE SEC. 12-8-(8) RELATIVE TO ASSIGNMENT OF TAX LIEN PROCEDURES AND CONN. GEN. STAT. 12-195, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION AGREEMENT WITH KENNETH A. KAPLAN FOR PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS 200 WEST MAIN STREET (TAX PARCEL 22005800013) AND 161 WEST MAIN STREET, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WEST MAIN STREET (TAX PARCEL 22-0059-00001) FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF DELINQUENT TAX LIENS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR APEL OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve an option agreement for the assignment of delinquent tax liens for the properties traditionally known as the Hockanum Mill and further described as 200 West

Main Street and 161 West Main Street to Ken Kaplan Computers, LLC. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the town Council approve the job descriptions for Assistant Town Clerk, Network Administrator and Senior Center PT Program Coordinator.** (See Memorandum from Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator re: same.)

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 DESCRIPTIONS OF ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK, NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR AND SENIOR CENTER PT PROGRAM COORDINATOR AS PRESENTED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the job descriptions for Assistant Town Clerk Network, Network Administrator and Senior Center PT Program Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's and School Superintendent Mary P. Conway's request for the unification of the Board of Education and town of Vernon Data Processing departments, hereafter referred to as the Vernon Data Processing Center (VDCP).** See memorandum from Mayor George F. Apel to the Vernon Town Council dated May 31, 2012 re: Data Processing Center Unification.)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made the following resolution to approve Mayor George F. Apel's and School Superintendent Mary P. Conway's request for the unification of the Board of Education and Town of Vernon Data Processing Departments, hereafter referred to as the Vernon Data Processing Center (VDCP).

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, ON MAY 30, 2012, THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWN OF VERNON WERE PRESENTED WITH A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE UNIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWN OF VERNON DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENTS;

WHEREAS, SUCH REQUEST IS APPROPRIATELY MADE UNDER CHAPTER XI § 19(a) OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER,

WHEREAS, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THAT SUCH CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES BETWEEN THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWN OF VERNON WILL RESULT IN A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF DATA PROCESSING SERVICES AND AN OVERALL BUDGET SAVINGS TO THE TOWN OF VERNON;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVE MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DR. MARY P. CONWAY'S REQUEST FOR THE UNIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TOWN OF VERNON DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENTS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE VERNON DATA PROCESSING CENTER (VDCP), AS PROPOSED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012.

Discussion took place. Motion carried, with 7 members in favor and 5 opposed, Council Members Didio, Gingras, Herbst, Russell and Winkler opposed.

3a. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made the following motion:

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VERNON DATA PROCESSING CENTER (VDPC) BE GOVERNED BY THE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (TeC) AS PROPOSED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012.

SAID RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Motion carried, with 7 members in favor and 5 opposed, Council Members Didio, Gingras, Herbst, Russell and Winkler opposed.

4. **Request the Town Council authorize the creation of a Charter Revision Commission.** (See memorandum dated May 31, 2012 from Mayor George F. Apel to the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Russell made the following motion:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1:

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO AMEND ITS CHARTER.

Discussion took place. Council Member DiDio requested Administration postpone the vote until the next meeting so each party could seek a pool of candidates to be submitted to the Town Administrator by 6:00 PM on Monday 6/13. He also requested extending the deadline of the revision until December. Discussion took place.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to allow the Democrats and Republicans nominate their own members of the Commission and come to an agreement for the unaffiliated person. Motion withdrawn.

Council Member DiDio made a motion to postpone the vote on Resolution #1 until the next meeting. Discussion took place. Motion failed, there was no second.

Council Member Campbell made a motion to move the question regarding Resolution #1 to amend the charter. Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 opposed, Council Member Weissberger opposed.

Recess 9:53 PM
Reconvene 9:55 PM

Council Member Motola, seconed by Council Member Kopec made a motion to extend curfew until the end of business. Motion failed with 6 members in favor and 6 members opposed, Council Members DiDio, Russell, Weissberger, Peterson, Winkler and Herbst opposed

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to extend curfew for 15 minutes. Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 opposed, Council Member Weissberger opposed.

Original motion for Resolution #1 failed with 6 members voting in favor and 6 members opposed, Council Member DiDio, Gingras, Herbst, Russell, Winkler and Weissberger opposed.

Extend Curfew 10:13 PM
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to extend curfew for 15 minutes. Motion carried with 8 members in favor and 4 opposed.

There was no action taken on Proposed Resolution #2

5. **Request the Town Council approve the tax abatement schedule in accordance with Sec. 3-4 of our Town of Vernon Ordinances . (Vacant and Blighted Buildings).** (See documents presented by Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REDUCTION IN FUTURE ASSESSMENT INCREASES AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED $15,000,000 RENOVATION OF THE 110,000 SQ.FT. TALCOTT MILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY ORDINANCE (SEC. 3-4) AND THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE AND TIME LINES. FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VERNON, LLC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE REFERENCED ORDINANCE AND TOWN TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the above motion to approve the tax abatement schedule in accordance with Sec. 3-4 of Town of Vernon Ordinances. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

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**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MAY 15, 2012 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT: MR. WAGNER WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, EXPLAIN THE TOWNS PRIOR SMALL CITIES GRANTS AND REVIEW THE TOWNS PROGRAM INCOME PLAN AND THAT AMENDED MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF MAY 30, 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 May 30, 2012 Special Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

P.) **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Monthly Report – April, 2012 for the Building Department, as submitted by Harry Dan Boyko, Building Official.

2. Monthly Report – April 2012 for the Youth Services Department, as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director of Youth Services.

3. Invitation to the Town of Vernon/Vernon Community Arts Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, June 9, 2012 11:00 AM.

Adjourn (10:26 PM)

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary