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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013
7:30 P.M.

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
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- 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 RELATIVE TO ORDINANCE #B-13-01, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$27,637,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION", ORDINANCE #B-13-01.

MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE

PRESENTATION BY TOWN OFFICIALS

MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL DECLARES THE PUBLIC HEARING –
ADJOURNED

(NOTE: Final action to be considered during Section. L – ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor George F. Apel to take a moment of personal privilege to honor outgoing Town Council members Thomasina Russell, Tom Didio, Judy Hany, Dan Sullivan and Marie Herbst . This presentation will be followed by light refreshments .

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated October 7, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) OVERPAYMENT FOR PRIOR YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$343.36 AND TWENTY-NINE (29) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1572.53 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 7, 2013.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's appointment of Carl F. Bard, (U), 25 Grady Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence on October 16, 2013 and expires November 30, 2014.** (A copy of Mr. Bard's resume is included for Council review. A an updated resume has been request from Mr. Bard. Mr. Bard is completing the term for Linda Gessay who previously was moved to full member.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF CARL F. BARD, (U), 25 GRADY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID NEW TERM TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 16, 2013 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve a bid waiver for the installation of an emergency by-pass valve and piping by VMS Construction, 162 Lake Street, Vernon, Connecticut by the WPCA.** (See memorandum dated October 7, 2013 from David R. Ignatowicz, Director of the Water Pollution Control to the Vernon Town Council.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY BY-PASS VALVES AND PIPING BY VMS CONSTRUCTION, 162 LAKE STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000.00 FUNDED FROM THE SEWER CONNECTION ACCOUNT.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the requested addition of the Cider Mill Property at the intersection of Boston Turnpike and Cider Mill Road to the Bolton Lakes District Sewer Service Area.** (See letter dated October 4, 2013 to George F. Apel, Mayor from Joyce M. Stille, BLRWPCA Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ADDITION OF ALL OF THE CURRENTLY ZONED COMMERCIAL PORTION OF THE CIDER MILL PROPERTY AT THE INTERSECTION OF BOSTON TURNPIKE AND CIDER MILL ROAD IN BOLTON TO THE LAKES DISTRICT SEWER SERVICE AREA PER THE 2003 ORDINANCE, # 242 CREATING THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, AS AMENDED AUGUST 20, 2013.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor George F. Apel's appointment of Robert Grasis to the position of Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control.** (Mr. Grasis' resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL , PURSUANT TO CHAPTER X, SEC. 3, AND CHAPTER IX, SEC. 1,4, AND 18 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT GRASIS AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WPCA FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$27,637,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION".

1. **Report on the action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2013, relative to 8-24 referrals.**
2. **Town Council deliberation and decision on adoption of ordinances.**
3. **Mayor George F. Apel recommends the appropriation and action on the proposed ordinances. "An Ordinance Appropriating \$27,637,000 for Road Reconstruction and Improvements and Authorizing the Issue of \$27,637,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation."**

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY ADOPTS THE PROVISIONS OF BOND ORDINANCE #B-13-01, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$27,637,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."

PROPOSED MOTION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT A REFERENDUM BE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER XII, SECTION 12 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2014, TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ORDINANCE:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$27,637,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION”.

THE WORDING SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON APPROPRIATE \$27,637,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?”

VOTERS APPROVING SAID ORDINANCE SHALL VOTE “YES” AND VOTERS OPPOSING SAID ORDINANCE SHALL VOTE “NO”. VOTING SHALL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AM AND 8:00 PM AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE (ROUTE 30), VERNON, CONNECTICUT. PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE **NOT** REGISTERED VOTERS, BUT ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE AT REFERENDA, SHALL ALSO VOTE AT CENTER 375, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, (ROUTE 30), VERNON, CONNECTICUT, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AM AND 8:00 PM. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE. THE TOWN CLERK SHALL CAUSE NOTICE TO SAID REFERENDUM TO BE PUBLISHED AND POSTED.

EXPLANATORY TEXT:**PROPOSED MOTION #3**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE PREPARATION, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF EXPLANATORY TEXT BY THE TOWN CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SECTION 9-369b(a), FOR THE REFERENDUM QUESTION PERTAINING TO ORDINANCE #B-13-01. SAID EXPLANATORY TEXT IS NOT INTENDED TO ADVOCATE EITHER THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE REFERENDUM QUESTION.

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 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – July, 2013 Building Department, as submitted by Harry Dan Boyko, Building Official.
 2. Monthly Report – September, 2013 EMS, as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
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