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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013
7:30 P.M.

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

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne reports to the Town Council on a variety of subjects.

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 November 25, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684.04 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2013.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Marina Rodriguez, Director of Social Services, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as Vernon's representative to The Access Agency, Inc., said appointment to commence on December 4, 2013 and expires on May 19, 2015.** (Ms. Rodriguez will complete the term vacated by Joy Hollister. Ms. Rodriguez is a town employee therefore, no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE ACCESS AGENCY, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MARINA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS VERNON'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ACCESS AGENCY, INC., SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 4, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON MAY 19, 2015.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John D. Ward, Town Administrator, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut, as the Alternate Director of the Bolton Lakes Water Pollution Control Authority, said appointment to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires December 31, 2016.** (Mr. Ward is an employee of the town, therefore, no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Nancy Osborn, (R), 95 West Road, Apt. 57, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Capital Improvements Committee, said appointment commences on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. Osborn's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10-61 - 10-63, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF NANCY OSBORN, (R), 95 WEST ROAD, APT. 57, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Linda Gessay, (D), 6 Lewis Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, said appointment to commence on December 4, 2013 and expires on November 30, 2018.** (A copy of Ms. Gessay's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA GESSAY, (D), 6 LEWIS STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 4, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 30, 2018.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Lynda Morhardt, (D), 114 Valley Falls Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said appointment to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. Morhardt's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF LYNDIA MORHARDT, (D), 114 VALLEY FALLS ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of James Tedford, (R), 70 Troutstream Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board, said appointment to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Tedford's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #226, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES TEDFORD, (R), 70 TROUTSTREAM DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Victor Riscassi (U), 71 Bette Circle, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said appointment to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Riscassi's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF VICTOR RISCASSI, (U), 71 BETTE CIRCLE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Ronald J. Scussel, (D), 345 Lake Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said reappointment commences on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2018.** (A copy of Mr. Scussel's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1 & 6, AND CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 8-4a & b, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RONALD J. SCUSSEL, (D), 345 LAKE STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2018.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Terence Monahan, (R), 95 Hockanum Blvd., U-6024, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Design Review Advisory Commission, said term to commence on Jnuary 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Monahan's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #268, TOWN CODE SEC. 10-105 - 10-108 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF TERENCE MONAHAN, (R), 95 HOCKANUM BLVD, UNIT 6024, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 11. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Mathew Kennedy, (U), 86 Main Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission, said appointment to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Kennedy's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 185 (TOWN CODE SEC. 2-122) THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MATHEW KENNEDY (U), 86 MAIN STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 12. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Melissa Kracke, (U), 35 Vinetta Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. Kracke's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 189 - TOWN CODE SECTION 10-91 & 10-92, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MELISSA KRACKE, (U), 35 VINETTA DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 13. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Michael Guminiak, (R), 19 Duncaster Lane, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Design Review Advisory Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Guminiak's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #268, TOWN CODE SEC. 10-105 - 10-108 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL GUMINIAK, (R), 19 DUNCASTER LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 14. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Burt Wheeler, (R), 27 Old Town Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Wheeler's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BURT WHEELER, (R), 27 OLD TOWN ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 15. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John K. Anderson, (R), 20 Hemlock Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Anderson's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON, (R), 20 HEMLOCK DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 16. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Jane LaMorte, (D), 94 West Street, #82, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on January 1, 2014 and expires on December 31, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. LaMorte's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE LAMORTE, (D), 94 WEST STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- C 17. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment #7 and #8 for fiscal year 2013-2014 as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #7 AND #8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council approve a retroactive property tax-exemption for Tri-County ARC, located 40 Hale Street, Vernon, Connecticut for the 2012 Grand List.** (See memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council dated November 27, 2013 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY GRANT A RETROACTIVE PROPERTY TAX-EXEMPTION FOR TRI-COUNTY ARC, LOCATED AT 40 HALE STREET, FOR THE 2012 GRAND LIST.

- 2. Request the Town Council approve the redesignation of available funds in the reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Account, for the completion of the renovations at the Animal Control Facility, by transferring the remaining balance from various accounts totaling \$77,446.70.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated November 25, 2013 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE RE-DESIGNATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING ACCOUNT, BY TRANSFERRING THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$12,346.70 FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER - "ADDITION AND ENCLOSURES"; AND \$17,000.00 FROM "CAGING"; AND \$48,100.00 FROM "INCINERATOR"; TO THE DESIGNATION "ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY - RENOVATIONS & CAGING" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,446.70.

- 3. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents relating to the application and acceptance of the Local Prevention Grant (LPC) application.** (See Grant application in the amount of \$4245.00 to the Local Prevention Council relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION AND TO RECEIVE THE LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4245.00.

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 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – October, 2013 from the Vernon Police Department as submitted by Captain Stephen M. Clark.
 2. Monthly Report – October, 2013 from Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as submitted by EMS Coordinator Jean Gauthier.
 3. Latest numbers from CCM relative to the Pro-Act Prescription Cards, as submitted by Gina Calabro, Director of Member Services and Marketing for CCM.
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