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

**June 4, 2013 -7:30pm**

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, Julie Clay, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Thomasina Russell, Daniel Sullivan, Marie Herbst,and Adam Weissberger
**Absent:**
**Entered During Meeting:** Michael Winkler(7:53PM)
**Also Present:** Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

**C) CITIZEN'S FORUM**
Marie Herbst, 245 Brandy Hill Road, commented on the conflict of holding two positions of Town Attorney and Town Committee Chair.

Closed 7:37PM

D.) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Peterson made the following motion to go into executive session.

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200(6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ***LOCAL 1471, COUNCIL 4 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO.*** FURTHER, THE TOWN COUNCIL INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

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

PROPOSED MOTION:
THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL TO ENTER INTO THE NEGOTIATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND LOCAL 1471, COUNCIL 4 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERAL OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO EFFECTIVE JULY 1,2013 THROUGH JUNE 30,2016 ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRESENTED.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: 7:38PM
RECONVENE 8:04PM

E.) **PUBLIC HEARING**
None.

F.) **PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

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

G.) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented # C1- C-10. Motion carried unanimously.

**C 1.** **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of David Alter, (D), 5 Eleanor Street Ext, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013 and expires on June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Alter's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID ALTER (D),5 ELEANOR DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2016.

**C 2.** **Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Jean Inge (D), 50 High Ridge Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013 and expires on June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. Inge's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JEAN INGE (D), 50 HIGH RIDGE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2016.

**C 3.Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Gerard Probulis (U), 1 Quail Hollow Close, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013 and**

**expires on June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Probulis' resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF GERARD PROBULIS (U), 1 QUAIL HOLLOW CLOSE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2016.

**C 4.** **Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Robert Hurd, (R), 7 Rheel Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Building Code Board of Appeals, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013 and expires June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Hurd's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTIONS 4 AND 6; C.G.S. §29-266, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT HURD, (R), 7 RHEEL STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016.

**C 5.** **Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Scott Brown (U), 62 Center Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Cemetery Commission, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013 and expires June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Brown's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19A-296; CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 10, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SCOTT BROWN, (U), 62 CENTER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2016.

**C 6.** **Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Peter Olson (R), 39 Tolland Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013**

**and expires June 30, 2018.** (A copy of Mr. Olson's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO C.S.G. § 7-136 AND ORDINANCE NO. 15; TOWN CODE SECTION 10-81 AND 82, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PETER OLSON (R), 39 TOLLAND AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

**C 7.** **Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Irma Carter, (D), 25 Lantern Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to commence on July 1, 2013 and expires on June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Ms. Carter's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. § 7-105 AND CHARTER CHAPTER IX, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF IRMA R. CARTER, (D), 25 LANTERN LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

**C 8.** **Request the Vernon Town Council approve Donald Schubert, (R), 22 Wildwood Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Apeals, said reappointment to commence on July 1, 2013 and expires on June 30, 2018.** (A copy of Mr. Schubert's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2 & 6; THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD SCHUBERT, (R), 22 WILDWOOD ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2018.

**C 9.** **Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Steven Wakefield, (R), 152 Brookview Drive,**

**Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Building Code Board of Appeals, said reappointment will commence on July 1, 2013 and expires June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Wakefield's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**:

PURSUANT TO TOWN OF VERNON CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SECTIONS 4 AND 6; C.G.S. §29-266, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN WAKEFIELD, (R), 152 BROOKVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016.

C 10. **Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #51-54 for fiscal year 2012-2013, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke.** (A copy of budget amendment forms are attached for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #51-54 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES LUDDECKE.

H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
None.

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council set the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Mil Rate and Collection of Motor Vehicle tax in one installment.** (Also proposed, should the referendum not pass, a motion is offered to set an additional meeting date for budget considerations.)

**PROPOSED MOTION #1 – SHOULD THE REFERENDUM PASS**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014, AT 35.51 MILS UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Sullivan made a motion to approve the Pending Business items as presented. Finance Director Jim Luddecke was present to answer any questions. Discussion took place.

Motion to move the question carried with 12 in favor and 0 against.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to amend the motion:

**AMENDED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014, AT 35.40 MILS UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Motion carried with 9 in favor and 3 opposing.

**PROPOSED MOTION #2**

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 Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to authorize the Collection of Motor Vehicle Tax Due and payable in a single installment. Motion carried unanimously.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request by the Board of Education relative to CIGNA Shared Premium Stabilization Funding. The Town Council is requested to schedule a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting for the additional appropriation**. (See copy of letter from Dr. Mary P. Conway, Superintendent of Schools dated May 29, 2013 to Mayor George F. Apel and a Legal Notice prepared by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:35 PM, AND A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:40 PM., ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013, AT THE THIRD FLOOR TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TOWN HALL MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OUT OF $300,000.00 FROM THE MEDICAL SAVINGS FUND, AND AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF $300,000.00 TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET.

Council Member Weissberger, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to schedule a public hearing to take place at 7:35pm a special town meeting to take place at 7:40pm on Tuesday June 18, 2013. Motion carried 11 in favor and 1 opposing.

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**

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

1. Monthly Activity Report Building Department – March, 2013, as submitted by Harry Dan Boyko, Building Official.
2. Department Monthly Report for Vernon Police Department – April, 2013 – as submitted by Stephen M. Clark, Captain.

**Adjourn 8:39 PM**

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary