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AGENDA  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**  
7:30 P.M.

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

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D.) 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 TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT **TTD-CV-14-6026153-S CROWNE, CHRISTOPHER ET AL** VS TOWN OF VERNON AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; AND DAVID WHEELER, TOWN ASSESSOR TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

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F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

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G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for the approval Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated December 8, 2014 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) PRIOR YEAR TAXES TOTALLING \$2312.08 AND FOUR (4) CURRENT YEAR TAXES TOTALLING \$6778.34, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 8, 2014.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Kenneth J. Boynton, (U), 100-25 Dobson Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Building Code Board of Appeals, said appointment commences on December 17, 2014 and expires June 30, 2017.**  
(A copy of Mr. Boynton'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 DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH J. BOYNTON, (U), 100-25 DOBSON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 17, 2014 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2017.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of John T. Mytych, (D), 53 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said term to commence on December 17, 2014 and expires June 30, 2017.** (A copy of Mr. Mytych's resume is included for Town Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN T. MYTYCH, (D), 53 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 17, 2014 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2017.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Andrea Nardi, (U), 30 Bamforth Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on December 17, 2014 and continue indefinitely.** (A copy of Ms. Nardi's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 09-21-76 AMENDED ON 09-21-1982 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA NARDI, (U), 30 BAMFORTH ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 17, 2014 AND CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Christopher A. Haddock, (D), 38 Merline Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board, said term to commence on January 1, 2015 and expires on December 31, 2017.** (A copy of Mr. Haddock's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #226, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER A. HADDOCK, (D), 38 MERLINE ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2015 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

- C 6. Request Request the Town Council approve budget amendment #12, #13, #14 and #15 for fiscal year 2014-2015 as provided by Finance Officer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.** (See amendment forms in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #12, #13, #14 and #15 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER JAMES M. LUDDECKE ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA.

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H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

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J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council authorize a bid waiver for environmental consulting work at 200 West Main Street, and that said work is paid through allocated DECD MBAI grant funds.** (See memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated December 11, 2014 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9 DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES, AND HEREBY AUTHORIZES GEI CONSULTANTS, INC. GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT TO CONDUCT GROUNDWATER SAMPLING COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS AT KAPLAN MILLWORKS, 200 WEST MAIN STREET, VERNON CONNECTICUT.

SAID SERVICES WILL BE PAID THROUGH MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT AND INVENTORY FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000.

2. **Request the Town Council endorse the Fire Department's application for two FEMA Assistance Grants for the purchase of SCBA and the replacement of an aging ambulance.** (See letters from Chris Hammick, Health and Safety Officer to Chief William Call dated December 6, 2014 ; and memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated December 10, 2014 to the Town Council relative to same.

**PROPOSED MOTION #1**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION TO THE FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS ACT GRANT - 2014 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 30 SCBA UNITS TALLING \$199,140.

**PROPOSED MOTION #2**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION TO THE FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS ACT GRANT - 2014 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BARIATRIC AMBULANCE WITH SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT TALLING \$302,836.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the 2015 FOIA Meeting Schedule as presented.** (See memorandum from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, to the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL DATED DECEMBER 10, 2014.

4. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to apply for a DEEP Urban Forestry Grant – America the Beautiful.** (See memorandum from Bruce Dinnie, Director to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, John D. Ward, Town Administrator and the Vernon Town Council dated December 11, 2014 relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION FOR AN **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL GRANT** TO REPLACE LEGACY TREES IN HENRY PARK, AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS GRANT OR PROJECT.

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K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **NOVEMBER 18, 2014** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **DECEMBER 2, 2014** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – November, 2014, Town Clerk, as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
2. Invitation to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's **Christmas Party** directly following the Town Council meeting on December 16, 2014
3. Monthly Report – November, 2014, Police Department, as submitted by Stephen M. Clark.

Q.) ADJOURNMENT

*Following adjournment : Please join Mayor Daniel A. Champagne for some holiday refreshments in the Mayor's Office .*