

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

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
7:30 P.M.

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
15 MAY - 1 PM 12:47

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
**"THE PROPOSED LEASE OF SPACE AT MAPLE STREET SCHOOL AND
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO FIRST CHOICE HEALTH SERVICES"**.

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE DECLARES THE PUBLIC HEARING -
ADJOURNED

*(NOTE: Final action to be considered during **Section I** - PENDING BUSINESS #1)*

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Proclamation presented to Vernon Town Clerk Bernice Dixon and the staff of the Town Clerk's Office in honor of Municipal Clerk's Week May 3 - 9, 2015.

Presentation by Executive Director, Joan Sonnanburg of the Vernon Community Arts Center will present an overview of what the Arts Center does and the value to the community. Ms. Sonnanburg will be joined by Board Member and former Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the Greater Hartford Arts Council, Jane Penfield.

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

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for the approval Tax Refunds for Current Year .** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 27, 2015 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (5) FIVE CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$12,359.98, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 27, 2015.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #32, #33, #34 and #35 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 #32, #33, #34 and #35 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment 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 May 20, 2015 and expires on May 19, 2017.** 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 REAPPOINTMENT 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 MAY 20, 2015 AND EXPIRES ON MAY 19, 2017.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Jason Ellis (U), 95 Hockanum Blvd, Apt #5811, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said appointment commences on May 6, 2015 and expires June 30, 2017. (A copy of Mr. Ellis' resume is included for Council review. Mr. Ellis is completing the term of Dr. Russell Kunz.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JASON ELLIS (U), 95 HOCKANUM BLVD., APT #5811, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN MAY 6, 2015 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2017.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING HELD EARLIER RELATIVE TO the "Lease of Space at Maple Street School and Rockville High School to First Choice Health Centers, Inc. "**

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES EXECUTION OF THE PROPOSED LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND FIRST CHOICE HEALTH CENTERS, INC., ACTING THROUGH SUPERINTENDENT DR. MARY P. CONWAY, FOR TWO HEALTH CLINICS LOCATED AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND MAPLE STREET SCHOOL.

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Steven Boske, to the position of Assistant Director of WPCA. See memorandum dated April 30, 2015 from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Vernon Town Council relative to same. Also included is a copy of Mr. Boske's resume for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL , PURSUANT TO CHAPTER X, SEC. 3, AND CHAPTER XI, SEC. 1,4, AND 18 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN BOSKE AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WPCA FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the placement of properties totaling \$207,203.26 on the Suspense Tax Ledger.** (See memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue dated April 27, 2015 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator, and a copy of the properties reflected on the Suspense Tax Ledger are included for Town Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTE SEC 12-165, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK", THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PLACEMENT OF PROPERTIES TOTALING \$207,203.26 CONTAINED ON THE SUSPENSE TAX LEDGER REPORT AS PROVIDED BY TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, DATED MAY 2015.

3. **Request the Town Council approve the tax abatements of Town Owned Properties as outlined by the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, dated April 21, 2015 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator regarding same.**

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT STATE STATUTE 12-81 MOVES TO ABATE THE TAXES FOR 18 CHESTNUT STREET UNIQUE ID#40-0109-0046A, 5 BROOKLYN STREET UNIQUE ID#41-0119-00001, AND 104 EAST MAIN STREET UNIQUE ID #40-0117-00006 AS PRESENTED IN THE MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 21, 2015.

4. **Request the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing on June 2, 2015 at 7:35 PM to hear comments and answer questions relative to the Proposed Programs for the 2015 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (CT NAA).** (See memorandum from Kevin B. Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Revenue Services to all Mayors and First Selectmen dated February 27, 2015 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 2, 2015 AT 7:35 PM, THIRD FLOOR, MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO HEAR COMMENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR THE 2015 CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT.

5. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute the necessary forms to make application for and receive the 2015-2016 School Readiness Grant funds in the amount of \$332,350.** (See grant attached for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE BE AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY FORMS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE 2015-2016 SCHOOL READINESS GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$332,350.

6. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to enter into a formal agreement allowing the Town of Vernon to become a "sponsor" organization for the Summer Nutrition Program with the State Department of Education.** (See documents attached for Town Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO BECOME A "SPONSOR" ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

7. **Request the Town Council approve to waive the bid procedure for acquisition of a used grapple truck.** (See memorandum dated April 30, 2015 from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE ACQUISITION OF A USED 2006 INTERNATIONAL 4300 GRAPPLE TRUCK AND AN EXTENDED WARRANTY, FROM APEX EQUIPMENT, 1400 WEST 53RD STREET, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT (S) TO THAT EFFECT.

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 **APRIL 21, 2015** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Invitation to the Town of Vernon/American Legion 2015 Memorial Day Parade.

Q.) ADJOURNMENT