

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

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**March 3, 2015- 7:30 PM**

Mayor Daniel Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Brian Motola, Steve Wakefield, Steven Peterson, Fred Lahmann, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, Michael Winkler, Ann Letendre and Kim Appleyard

**Absent:** Council Members Virginia Gingras and Julie Clay

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor Daniel Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

**C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Gary Pozzato, 8 Strong Avenue – Spoke against the Connecticut Water Company water diversion application. He encouraged the rejection of PZ-2015-03 and IWC 2015-01.

Dave Connors, Director of Engineering for Connecticut Water Company – Spoke in favor of the new plant, past remediation practices, and new monitoring measures in place for the future.

Citizen's Forum closed at 7:41 PM

**D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**E.) PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**F.) PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne reports to the Town Council on snow and ice removal at various town buildings.

**G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented # C1-C5. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 February 23, 2015 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (10) TEN CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2863.25, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2015.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment Carmine P. Pellegrino, (U), 15 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on April 22, 2015 and expires April 21, 2018.** (A copy of Mr. Pellegrino's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMINE P. PELLEGRINO, (U), 15 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING APRIL 22, 2015 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 21, 2018.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Daniel C. Wright, (U), 44 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on April 22, 2015 and expires April 21, 2018.** (A copy of Mr. Pellegrino's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL C. WRIGHT, (U), 44 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING APRIL 22, 2015 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 21, 2018.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Melissa Saucier, (U), 84 Frederic Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on April 4, 2015 and expires April 3, 2020.** (A copy of Ms. Saucier'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 MELISSA SAUCIER, (U), 84 FREDERIC ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 4, 2015 AND END ON APRIL 3, 2020.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of John Morissette, (U), 10 Susan Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, said term to commence on March 3, 2015 and expires August 31, 2017.** (A copy of Mr. Morissette's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MORISSETTE, (U), 10 SUSAN ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON MARCH 3, 2015 AND ENDS AUGUST 31, 2017.

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

- I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**  
None

- J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Request the Town Council endorse the CRCOG Resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Application relative to the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory Grant.** (See grant description attached provided by CRCOG.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

**CRCOG Support Resolution**  
**OPM Regional Performance Incentive Program**

Whereas Section 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

Whereas the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

Whereas on November 12, 2014 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed a resolution authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

Whereas, the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the Capitol Region have developed a list of service sharing project proposals that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities and the region as a whole; and

Whereas the Town of Vernon has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal entitled, ***Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory***.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Vernon Town Council does hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposal and authorizes Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the Town's participation in this program.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to approve the above CRCOG Resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Application relative to the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory Grant. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's recommended appointee for the position of Director of the Water Pollution Control Authority.** (See memorandum dated February 27, 2015 from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER X, SECTION 3, AND CHAPTER XI, SECTIONS 1,3, AND 18 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT GRASIS AS DIRECTOR OF WPCA FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Grasis as Director of WPCA for the Town of Vernon. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess (7:55 PM)  
Reconvene (8:02 PM)

- 3. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment #24, 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 #24 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to approve budget amendment #24. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of the auditor for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated February 26, 2015 relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPOINTS THE FIRM OF COHREZNICK LLP, OF 350 CHURCH STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT AS AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTROL #1027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,150.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to appoint the firm of Cohnreznick LLP, as auditors to audit the books and accounts of the Town of Vernon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and to authorize the town

administrator to execute control #1027 in the amount of \$57,150.00 for the fiscal year 2015 audit. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Member Winkler opposed.

**K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

None

**M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.**

None

**N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

**O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **FEBRUARY 17, 2015** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

**Adjourn ( 8:09 PM)**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary