

AGENDA
 VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
 TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
 VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017
 7:30 P.M.

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

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- D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - E.) PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "Section 11-2 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TOWN'S LIABILITY FOR INJURY CAUSED BY ICE AND SNOW ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS"

- MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
- CLERK READS THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE COMMENTS
- MAYOR CHAMPAGNE DECLARES THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED
- RETURN TO THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

(NOTE: Final action to be considered during *Section L - Action on Ordinances Previously Presented*)

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Presentation by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Marty Sitler and Assistant Parks and Recreation Steve Krajewski relative to the honorees selected as ***Outstanding Volunteer Coach, Dan Resendes; and Outstanding Organization Award, Olender's Body Shop.***

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request for the Town Council to approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year** . (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated January 24, 2017 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THREE (3) PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2165.36 AND SIXTEEN (16) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1504.99, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JANUARY 24, 2017.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robert Kleinhan, Town of Vernon Director of Public Works, 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2017 and expires on February 20, 2020** (Mr. Kleinhan's is presently an employee of the Town of Vernon, therefore no resume is included.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT KLEINHANS, TOWN OF VERNON DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Charles E. Bettinger, (R), 15 Kingsbury Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2017 and expires on February, 20, 2020.** (A copy of Mr. Bettinger's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLES E. BETTINGER, (R), 15 KINGSBURY AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robert D. O'Gara, (R), 22 Donnell Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2017 and expires on February 20, 2020. (A copy of Mr. O'Gara's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. O'GARA, (R), 22 DONNELL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Jon-Paul Roden, (R), 105-35 Maple Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2017 and expires on February 20, 2020. (A copy of Mr. Roden's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JON-PAUL RODEN, (R), 105-35 MAPLE AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Peter F. Olsen, (R), 39 Tolland Avenue, Rockville, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Housing Authority, said term to commence on March 1, 2017 and expires February 28, 2020, (A copy of Mr. Olsen's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PETER F. OLSEN, (R), 39 TOLLAND AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO BEGIN MARCH 1, 2017 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2020.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment #11 for fiscal year 2016-2017 as provided by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached.** (See budget forms with explanation attached to this agenda item.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #11 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY JAMES M. LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Donald W. Sierakowski, (D), 56 Warren Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission, said appointment to commence on February 8, 2017 and expires on April 3, 2019.** (A copy of Mr. Sierakowski'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 APPOINTMENT OF DONALD W. SIERAKOWSKI, (D), 56 WARREN AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 3, 2019.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Carmen Melaragno, (U), 71 Pearl Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said appointment to commence on February 8, 2017 and expires June 30, 2021.** (A copy of Carmen Melaragno's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CARMEN MELARAGNO, (U), 71 PEARL DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Francis Galat, (U), 631 Dart Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said term commences on February 8, 2017 and expires December 31, 2019.** (A copy of Mr. Galat'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 APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS GALAT, (U), 631 DART HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.

- C 11. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Bruce Kloter, (U), 8 Frog Hollow Road, Ellington, Connecticut as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission, said term to commence on February 8, 2017 and expires June 30, 2017.** (A copy of Mr. Kloter's resume is included for Council review. Mr. Kloter is completing the unexpired term of Jill Dulilsky.)

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 DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE KLOTER, (U), 8 FROG HOLLOW ROAD, ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Connecticut Homeland Security Department relative to the FFY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program.** (See memorandum dated January 13, 2017 from Michael Purcaro, Emergency and Risk Management Director to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMAPGNE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON, WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO THE FFY2016 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AND FURTHER AGREES TO BE THE CUSTODIAL OWNER OF REGIONAL ASSETS.

K) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

L) **ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

(ACTION – PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN SECTION “E”)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 & 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, HEREBY MOVES TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED **“Section 11-2 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TOWN’S LIABILITY FOR INJURY CAUSED BY ICE AND SNOW ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS”** .

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

NOTE: This is being presented as an **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM** upon the recommendation of Town of Vernon - Bond Counsel.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Request the Town Council to consider, deliberate and decide on a proposed Ordinance entitled: **“An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,245,000 for the Acquisition of the Property known as 135 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut; and the Design, Reconstruction and Improvements to such property for use as a Senior Center, and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,245,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation.”** Proposed Ordinance further identified as Ordinance B-17-01. Further, the Town Council hereby ratifies and confirms the referral by the Town Administrator of the proposed ordinance entitled **“An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,245,000 for the Acquisition of the Property known as 135 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut; and the Design, Reconstruction and Improvements to such property for use as a Senior Center, and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,245,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation,”** further identified as B-17-01, to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to

section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as of 1958, as amended, said statute entitled "Municipal Improvements."

Mayor recommends action of the proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED MOTION #1A:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION HEREBY APPROVES THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,245,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION." PROPOSED ORDINANCE FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS ORDINANCE B-17-01.

PROPOSED MOTION #1B:

RESOLVED: THAT THE REFERRAL BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ORDINANCE, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER", FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-24 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF CONNECTICUT, REVISION OF 1958, AS AMENDED, SAID STATUTE ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS"; IS HEREBY RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM #1 Continued

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Request that the Town Council set a Public Hearing on February 21, 2017, at 8:00 P.M., to be held at the third floor Town Council Chamber in the Town Hall Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut, to receive comments and questions relative to the proposed Ordinance as outlined below:
 - A. *"An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,245,000 for the Acquisition of the Property known as 135 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut; and the Design, Reconstruction and Improvements to such property for use as a Senior Center, and Authorizing the Issue of \$3,245,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation."*

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017, AT 8:00 P.M., TO BE HELD AT THE THIRD FLOOR TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE TOWN HALL MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

- A. *"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,245,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 BOLTON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT; AND THE DESIGN, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROPERTY FOR USE AS A SENIOR CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,245,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."*

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 **JANUARY 17, 2017** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

Q.) ADJOURNMENT