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AGENDA  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**  
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

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO TO ATTEND.

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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 the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.**  
(See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated March 7, 2019 included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$9,365.93 AND SEVENTEEN (17) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$16,795.93 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MARCH 7, 2019.

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H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the submission of the necessary paperwork to make application for renewal of contract with Capitol Workforce Partners to receive funding to provide the Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, YSB Director for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH CAPITOL WORKFORCE PARTNERS TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO PROVIDE THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING PROGRAM IN VERNON.

2. **Request the Town Council accept the donation of \$60,000 from the estate of Fay Dresner to be used for the maintenance and/or expansion of Town swimming facilities.** (See memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS THE GIFT FROM THE ESTATE OF FAY DRESNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND/OR EXPANSION OF TOWN SWIMMING FACILITIES.

3. **Request the Town Council accept the donation of \$230,000.00 from the estate of Jean A. Bostrom for the Animal Control Facility.** (See memorandum from James L. Kenny, Police Chief to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated March 13, 2019 relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS THE GIFT FROM THE ESTATE OF JEAN A. BOSTROM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00 FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY.

4. **Request the Town Council – approve the Water Pollution Control Authority resolution relative to the Clean Water Fund.** ( See memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Robert Grasis, Director of the WPCA to Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor relative to same.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$85,972,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY UPGRADE, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES AND/OR BONDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

5. **Request the Town Council pass a resolution entitled “A Resolution From The Vernon Town Council In Opposition To The Installation of Tolls On Local and State Roads”.**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

***A RESOLUTION FROM THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO THE INSTALLATION OF TOLLS ON LOCAL AND STATE ROADS***

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon Town Council believes that the implementation of tolls on Connecticut highways would result in increased traffic on secondary roads in the Town of Vernon with motorists attempting to bypass the tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council further believes the increased traffic on secondary roads would affect the quality of life of Vernon residents in numerous ways including:

1. a dramatic increase of heavy-duty commercial vehicles and tractor trailer truck presence encroaching on our scenic New England community, negatively impacting the Town’s character and atmosphere;

2. a dramatic increase in traffic by heavy-duty commercial vehicles and tractor trailers subjecting streets to increased damage, maintenance and repair costs resulting in an increased tax burden;
3. crowding of secondary roads, an increase in traffic accidents, and disruption of the pedestrian enjoyment in and around the roads affected;
4. traffic congestion from increased vehicles and accidents delaying response time for emergency personnel, causing significant safety concerns and compromising the standard of safety care and increasing the cost of public safety to the taxpayers of the Town of Vernon;
5. discouraging retail establishments and shopping, putting our valued local businesses at a competitive disadvantage and increasing costs and convenience to residents.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Vernon Town Council does hereby declare its opposition to the implementation of tolls on state highways within the Town of Vernon's jurisdiction; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Vernon Town Council does hereby submit this resolution to the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Legislature, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

6. **Request the Town Council approve the disposal of fixed assets for the Vernon Public Schools as disclosed on the fixed asset disposal request forms.** (See the fixed asset forms in the Council packet for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS.

7. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Town of Vernon with the State of Connecticut Homeland Security Department for the FFY2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program and further agrees to be custodial owners of the assets.** (See memorandum from Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council dated March 13, 2019 relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON, WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO THE FFY2018 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AND FURTHER AGREES TO BE THE CUSTODIAL OWNER OF REGIONAL ASSETS.

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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 ON **MARCH 5, 2019** 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 for the Office of the Town Clerk – February, 2019 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
2. Monthly Report for the Vernon Police Department – February 2019 – as submitted by Captain John Kelley.

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Q.) ADJOURNMENT