

May 5, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TELECONFERENCE CALL IN NUMBER: 1-929-205-6099
MEETING ID: 840 5598 3405 PASSWORD: 0505
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 – 7:30PM

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

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B.) ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Thomas DiDio, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Jim Tedford, Steve Wakefield, Michael Wendus

Absent:

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Recording Secretary Kathleen Minor

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

None

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

None

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Champagne asked Town Administrator and Director of Emergency and Risk Management, Michael J. Purcaro to deliver the presentations by the Administration.

- Douglas Racicot, Operations Director of the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service and Christopher Hammick, President of Tolland County Dispatch have reported a 30%-33% increase in cardiac arrests at home during this pandemic. A Public Service Announcement campaign to call 911 will be announced
- The Town of Vernon has partnered with Priority Urgent Care in Ellington, CT to offer COVID-19 drive-thru testing on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the Town of Vernon Senior Center at 135 Bolton Road from 10:00am-3:00pm. Testing will be available to anyone regardless of their ability to pay. The frequency of these clinics and the possibility for walk up testing in the downtown Rockville area is in discussion
- The Town of Vernon is coordinating a blood drive with the American Red Cross for this region. Assistant Town Administrator Dawn Maselek is leading the coordination efforts and more information will follow
- Governor Lamont has issued the order to close public schools for the remainder of the school year. There will be more clarification and guidance regarding the Rockville High School graduation
- Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator, has been the Town of Vernon's Recovery Officer since the beginning of the pandemic and will be assisting businesses to open safely as the State of Connecticut reopens

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G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with roll call vote.

- 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 April 28, 2020 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$1815.25 AND ONE (1) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUND TOTALING \$741.07 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 28, 2020.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEM(S)

None

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

None

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A Proposed Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #233 Entitled Ordinance Pertaining to the Control of Dogs Within The Town of Vernon". (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review. A number will be assigned once the Ordinance is approved.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #233 ENTITLED, ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF VERNON**", AT 7:45 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD VIA VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE: CALL IN INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS: CALL IN: **1-929-205-6099**, MEETING ID: **840 5598 3405** PASSWORD: **0505**.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing regarding "**An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #233 Entitled, Ordinance Pertaining to the Control of Dogs Within the Town of Vernon**" at 7:45PM on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 via virtual teleconference, call in information is 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID 840 5598 3405 Password 0505. Town Administrator Purcaro corrected the Meeting ID to 967 5064 0235 and the Password to 0519. Mayor Champagne spoke. Town Attorney Louis Spadaccini answered questions. Discussion ensued. Council Member Letendre asked that the title of the

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Ordinance include the words "Livestock" and "Poultry". Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) 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 ON **APRIL 21, 2020** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes as amended of the regular Town Council meeting held on April 21, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council Member Motola asked if everyone would be tested for COVID-19. Town Administrator Purcaro responded that there is a prescreen telehealth number to call in the press release, however no one will be turned away.

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

None

Q.) ADJOURN (8:00PM)

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: May 13, 2020

Approved: May 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary