

April 27, 2010

**APPROVED VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Rockville High School  
70 Loveland Hill Road  
Vernon, CT**

**TUESDAY, April 27, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**The meeting came to order at (7:00 PM)**

There were approximately 65 citizens present at the Annual Town Meeting in addition to the Mayor and members of the Town Council.

Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon read into the record the legal notice of the annual Town Meeting and certified that the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall, and published in the Rockville Reminder on April 20, 2010.

Mayor McCoy called for nominations for a moderator. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to nominate Town Attorney Hal Cummings as the moderator. Motion passed unanimously.

As Moderator, Hal Cummings explained the requirements necessary to speak at the Annual Town Meeting as to residence, age and ownership of property. He reported that pursuant to chapter 7-7 of the CT General Statutes, a petition was delivered to the town clerk within 24 hours of this meeting, which requires the budget to be sent to Referendum rather than voting at the Annual Town Meeting. He informed the citizens that tonight's meeting would serve as a public forum for residents to make comments and ask questions regarding the proposed 2010 – 2011 budget. The Referendum vote will take place at Center 375, 375 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, May 8, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

James Luddecke provided the citizens an overview of the budget.

The Moderator then asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the proposed budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Gordon Gibson, 836 Hartford Tpk: Asked questions regarding the health insurance increase and Rx coverage.

Edie Chernack, 50 Cubles Dr: Provided comments regarding the Town Planner and Town Clerk's office needing more staff. She also commented on the conditions of her road due to the lack of catch basins. She also spoke about the DPW's recycling campaign.

Mary Oliver, 15 Dobson Common Circle: Thanked Town Council Members for their efforts and urged them look outside the box when considering revenue sources. She also asked Town Council Members and Administration to keep informed of funding opportunities from the Federal Government.

Joe Grabinski, 623 Dart Hill Rd.: Spoke about the Education budget and educational institutions such as magnet and charter schools. He requested Administration provide information to residents regarding the labor costs of the budget.

Bill Dauphin, 11 Olive Lane: Spoke about the education budget and spoke in favor of the education curriculum. He requested Administration collect data on what people are looking for in

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the budget as to whether they are voting in opposition because they would like to see the budget increased or decreased.

Paul Stansel, 39 Reed Street: Spoke in favor of the education budget and requested Town Council Members and Administration to consider enhancements to the school budget to help keep children in the schools.

Myron Krueger, 55 Edith Road: requested a presentation of the education budget at next year's annual meeting. Spoke about salaries in the education budget. He also requested the budget overview include the cost of unfunded mandates.

Bill Smith, 30 Vernwood Dr.: Congratulated Town Council, Mayor and staff for their efforts on the budget. However, he does not approve of the budget.

Marie Herbst: Suggested Town Council Members, Members of the Board of Education and Mayor volunteer to provide an overview of the budget to help educate citizens prior to the next referendum.

Myron Krueger, 55 Edith Road: A short presentation of the budget would be helpful.

Edie Cherniak Chernack, Cubles Drive: spoke about the education budget and magnet schools. Requested Board of Education members consider bullying issues at the schools.

Gordon Gibson: Spoke in favor of the Agriculture, Science and Technical Program at RHS and suggested adding funding to the budget to upgrade the building.

Mayor McCoy responded to questions from the audience. He provided highlights of the budget including the Board of Education.

Joe Grabinski: Suggested presenting a survey to see how people stand on the budget. Also spoke about the education budget and curriculum.

Bill Dauphin: Spoke about Advanced Placement classes in the education curriculum. He is in favor of the current teachers and administrative personnel salaries.

Kyle Daigle, 16 Vernon Avenue: Spoke in favor of current teacher and administrative personnel salaries.

James Krupienski, 59 Deerfield Dr.: The Town Council is looking for input from the citizens. He urged citizens present at the meeting encourage their friends and neighbors to vote for the budget and come to next year's Annual Town Meeting.

Nancy Krupienski (comments provided by James Krupienski) spoke in opposition to the recycling campaign. Requested Town Council members examine the budget and review certain areas for potential increase and decreases.

Dan Champagne, 724 Hartford Turnpike: Spoke about the recycling campaign.

The Moderator took the following straw pole:

Citizens voting to support the budget as presented: **total votes: 30**

Citizens voting to oppose the budget as presented: **total votes: 4-5**

Citizens voting to increase the budget: **total votes: 1**

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Citizens voting to decrease the budget: **total votes: 2**

The moderator called for a motion to approve of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was moved and seconded from the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment (8:29 PM)**

The moderator requested a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded from the floor.

Received: April 30, 2010

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle  
Assistant Town Clerk

Appendix A

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF VERNON**

**PUBLIC HEARING / ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON PROPOSED BUDGET  
APRIL 27, 2010**

The Electors and Taxpayers who are qualified to vote in the Town Meeting are hereby warned that, pursuant to Chapter VI and Chapter XII, Section 8, of the Town Charter of the Town of Vernon, a Public Hearing and the Annual Town Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut, to give Electors and Qualified Taxpayers of the Town of Vernon an opportunity to be heard regarding appropriations in the Vernon Town Council proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011; and to consider and adopt a budget for the Town of Vernon for said fiscal year.

SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON ADOPT A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,721,459 FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011?

The entire proposed budget, including budget summary, can be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the Town Clerk's Office, Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.

A summary of proposed appropriations and anticipated revenues are as follows:

**TOWN OF VERNON, CT  
APPROPRIATIONS  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

Description	Actual FY 2008-09	Approved Budget FY 2009-10	Revised Budget FY 2009-10	6 Months Expended FY 2009-10	Estimated Expended FY 2009-10	Department Request FY 2010-11	Mayor Recommend FY 2010-11	Town Council Approved FY 2010-11	Incr (Decr) Against the 09-10 Budget
<b>General Government:</b>									
General Government	\$3,030,800	\$2,748,176	\$3,058,832	\$1,346,310	\$3,039,483	\$3,047,418	\$2,741,847	\$2,732,107	(\$16,009)
Community Development	333,007	326,497	338,336	207,451	321,124	307,701	277,701	260,202	(66,295)
Public Safety	7,403,589	7,738,505	7,999,379	3,962,860	7,603,856	8,146,100	7,831,120	7,836,502	100,667
Maintenance and Development	5,681,843	5,639,974	5,678,302	2,440,450	5,656,540	5,482,248	5,447,348	5,423,833	(212,341)
Human Services	906,592	926,300	911,059	506,532	918,553	944,490	943,159	938,008	(12,106)
Parks, Recreation and Culture	1,309,429	1,308,615	1,327,509	893,888	1,330,218	1,350,606	1,319,743	1,319,743	12,128
Town Wide	6,900,581	6,786,082	6,960,941	3,988,405	6,752,098	7,136,656	7,136,656	7,156,656	376,674
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>24,965,847</b>	<b>25,498,149</b>	<b>26,364,868</b>	<b>13,151,496</b>	<b>25,621,673</b>	<b>26,414,219</b>	<b>25,697,974</b>	<b>25,670,281</b>	<b>262,162</b>
<b>Capital Improvements &amp; Debt Service:</b>									
Capital Improvements-Town	294,603	78,120	61,580	-242,914	242,914	1,484,232	0	0	-78,120
Capital Improvements-Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	4,658,317	4,708,665	4,755,251	2,983,234	4,695,655	5,597,482	5,497,425	5,492,249	782,584
<b>Total Capital Improve./Debt Service</b>	<b>4,852,920</b>	<b>4,786,785</b>	<b>4,816,831</b>	<b>2,738,148</b>	<b>4,938,579</b>	<b>7,081,714</b>	<b>5,497,425</b>	<b>5,492,249</b>	<b>796,464</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>48,227,219</b>	<b>45,815,832</b>	<b>45,835,932</b>	<b>18,790,585</b>	<b>45,835,932</b>	<b>47,758,959</b>	<b>47,558,959</b>	<b>47,558,959</b>	<b>1,723,027</b>
<b>*** Grand Total ***</b>	<b>\$78,648,986</b>	<b>\$78,089,866</b>	<b>\$78,977,671</b>	<b>\$35,168,229</b>	<b>\$76,396,184</b>	<b>\$81,264,891</b>	<b>\$78,763,958</b>	<b>\$78,721,459</b>	<b>\$2,631,593</b>

Description	Actual FY 2008-09	Approved Budget FY 2009-10	6 Months Expended FY 2009-10	Estimated Expended FY 2009-10	Department Request FY 2010-11	Mayor Recommend FY 2010-11	Town Council Approved FY 2010-11	Incr (Decr) Over
<b>Education:</b>								
Salaries and Wages	\$31,438,617	\$30,273,718		\$30,273,718	\$30,624,930	\$30,624,930	\$30,624,930	351,212
Employee Benefits	3,900,929	5,051,748		5,951,748	7,532,958	7,332,958	7,332,958	1,380,810
Professional and Technical Services	748,032	828,852		828,852	1,080,872	1,080,872	1,080,872	952,000
Property Services	1,591,647	1,603,117		1,603,117	1,417,098	1,417,098	1,417,098	(168,019)
Other Purchased Services	5,338,069	5,125,342		5,125,342	4,955,660	4,955,660	4,955,660	(169,682)
Supplies and Materials	2,278,858	1,640,288		1,640,288	1,797,954	1,797,954	1,797,954	(57,706)
Capital Equipment / Outlay	614,657	412,867		412,867	349,847	349,847	349,847	(63,020)
Other / Sundry	317,000	0		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$46,227,219</b>	<b>\$45,815,832</b>	<b>\$18,790,585</b>	<b>\$45,835,932</b>	<b>47,758,959</b>	<b>47,558,959</b>	<b>47,558,959</b>	<b>1,723,027</b>

**TOWN OF VERNON, CT  
REVENUE ESTIMATES  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

Description	Actual Revenue FY 2008-09	Revenue Estimates FY 2009-10	6 Months Collected FY 2009-10	Estimates Collected FY 2009-10	Revenue Estimates FY 2010-11	Incr (Decr) Against Prior Year
General Property Tax Levies	\$52,186,924	\$53,965,435	\$34,660,011	\$53,738,794	\$56,954,253	\$2,988,818
Licenses and Permits	406,025	437,348	237,316	389,400	415,306	(22,048)
Intergovernmental Revenues	21,194,696	19,822,170	5,159,585	20,568,757	19,584,628	(237,542)
Charges for Services	1,421,907	1,082,150	564,779	1,301,437	1,018,100	(64,060)
Fines and Penalties	19,089	10,630	4,313	3,200	11,200	570
Gifts and Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Money and Property	296,447	184,400	26,030	122,775	126,285	(58,115)
Other Revenues	332,252	345,303	183,797	342,042	374,083	29,786
Transfers In	978,878	242,430	9,960	237,117	237,610	(4,820)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$76,425,815</b>	<b>\$78,089,866</b>	<b>\$40,785,092</b>	<b>\$76,708,022</b>	<b>\$78,721,459</b>	<b>\$2,631,593</b>

**TOWN OF VERNON, CT  
ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

Description	Actual FY 2008-09	Budget FY 2009-10	Revised Budget FY 2009-10	6 Months Expended FY 2009-10	Estimated Expended FY 2009-10	Department Request FY 2010-11	Mayor Recommend FY 2010-11	Town Council Approved FY 2010-11	Increases (Decreases) Column 8-2
Waste Treatment Plant	\$6,756,856	\$5,705,145	\$5,705,145	\$2,249,462	\$6,574,763	\$5,615,919	\$5,615,919	\$5,602,823	-\$105,622
Center 375	206,937	240,949	240,949	272,777	416,607	233,654	233,654	247,626	5,577
<b>Total Enterprise Activity</b>	<b>\$6,973,793</b>	<b>\$5,946,094</b>	<b>\$5,946,094</b>	<b>\$2,522,239</b>	<b>\$6,991,370</b>	<b>\$5,849,573</b>	<b>\$5,849,573</b>	<b>\$5,850,449</b>	<b>-\$99,845</b>

\* WPCA Recommended

Copies of the summary of proposed appropriations and anticipated revenues are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.

Dated at Vernon, Connecticut this 10th day of April, 2010.  
Journal Inquirer

Bernice K. Dixon, CCTC, Town Clerk, Town of Vernon,  
Clerk of the Town Council

Appendix B

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF VERNON

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON PROPOSED BUDGET  
MARCH 22, 2010; MARCH 27, 2010; and APRIL 27, 2010

This is to give notice that the Town Council will hold a Budget Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Town Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 14 Park Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut. The Second Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010, at 10:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Town Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut. The Annual Town Meeting and Third Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut. Electors and Qualified Taxpayers are invited to attend and provide the Mayor and Town Council with written or oral comments and ask questions concerning the Town's proposed budget for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The entire proposed budget, including budget summary, can be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the Town Clerk's Office, Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut.

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APPROPRIATIONS  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

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<b>General Government:</b>								
General Government	\$3,030,806	\$2,748,176	\$3,058,852	\$1,348,910	\$3,039,483	\$3,047,418	\$2,741,847	(\$6,329)
Community Development	333,007	328,497	338,366	207,451	321,124	307,701	277,701	(48,798)
Public Safety	7,403,989	7,738,505	7,998,379	3,982,860	7,603,656	8,145,100	7,831,120	92,615
Maintenance and Development	5,681,843	5,635,974	5,678,902	2,440,450	5,656,540	5,482,248	5,447,348	(188,629)
Human Services	905,592	926,300	941,059	506,532	918,553	944,490	943,159	18,859
Parks, Recreation and Culture	1,309,429	1,306,615	1,327,609	698,888	1,330,219	1,350,605	1,319,743	13,128
Town Wide	6,500,581	6,786,092	6,960,841	3,988,405	6,752,098	7,136,656	7,136,656	350,574
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>24,865,847</b>	<b>25,468,149</b>	<b>26,304,868</b>	<b>13,151,496</b>	<b>25,621,673</b>	<b>26,414,218</b>	<b>25,697,574</b>	<b>229,425</b>
<b>Capital Improvements &amp; Debt Service:</b>								
Capital improvements-Town	294,603	76,120	81,580	242,914	242,914	1,494,232	0	-76,120
Capital Improvements-Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt service	4,568,317	4,709,665	4,755,251	2,983,234	4,665,665	5,497,425	5,497,425	787,760
<b>Total Capital improve./Debt service</b>	<b>4,862,920</b>	<b>4,785,785</b>	<b>4,836,831</b>	<b>3,226,148</b>	<b>4,938,579</b>	<b>6,991,657</b>	<b>5,497,425</b>	<b>711,640</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>46,227,219</b>	<b>45,835,932</b>	<b>45,835,932</b>	<b>18,790,585</b>	<b>45,835,932</b>	<b>47,758,959</b>	<b>47,558,959</b>	<b>1,723,027</b>
<b>*** Grand Total ***</b>	<b>\$76,045,986</b>	<b>\$78,089,866</b>	<b>\$76,977,571</b>	<b>\$35,168,229</b>	<b>\$76,396,184</b>	<b>\$81,164,834</b>	<b>\$78,753,958</b>	<b>\$2,664,092</b>

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Property Services	1,591,047	1,023,117		1,603,117	1,417,098	1,417,098	(186,019)
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<b>Mayor Recommended Revisions</b>						(200,000)	
<b>Total Proposed Education Budget</b>						<b>\$47,558,959</b>	

**TOWN OF VERNON, CT  
REVENUE ESTIMATES  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

Description	Actual Revenue FY 2008-09	Revenue Estimates FY 2009-10	8 Months Collected FY 2009-10	Estimates Collected FY 2009-10	Revenue Estimates FY 2010-11	Increase - (Decrease) Column 5 - 2
General Property Tax Levies	\$52,186,924	\$53,965,435	\$34,660,011	\$53,738,794	\$57,194,028	\$3,228,593
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$76,425,815</b>	<b>\$76,089,866</b>	<b>\$40,785,802</b>	<b>\$76,708,022</b>	<b>\$78,753,958</b>	<b>\$2,664,092</b>

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ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

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Waste Treatment Plant	\$5,764,856	\$5,708,145	\$5,708,145	\$2,249,462	\$6,574,763	\$5,615,919	\$5,615,919	-\$92,226
Center 375	206,097	240,049	240,916	272,777	416,607	233,654	233,654	(7,255)
<b>Total Enterprise Activity</b>	<b>\$5,970,953</b>	<b>\$5,948,094</b>	<b>\$5,949,061</b>	<b>\$2,522,239</b>	<b>\$6,991,370</b>	<b>\$5,849,573</b>	<b>\$5,849,573</b>	<b>-\$99,521</b>

\* WPCA Recommended

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Dated at Vernon, Connecticut this 15th day of March, 2010.

The Town Council, by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk

Journal Inquirer  
March 16, 2010