

PUBLIC HEARING / ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

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VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the public hearing/annual town meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

There were approximately 122 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 Public Hearing/Annual Town Meeting and certified that the notice was published on the bulletin board in the Town Hall and published in the Journal Inquirer on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

Mayor called for nominations for a moderator. Harold Cummings, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion for Martin Burke as the moderator. Motion Carried unanimously.

As Moderator Mr Burke explained the requirements necessary to speak at the Public Hearing/Annual Town Meeting as to residence, age and ownership of property. He named Harold Cummings as the parliamentarian.

Mayor McCoy presented an overview of the budget.

The Moderator then asked if anyone present wanted to comment on the budget:

Public Comments:

James N. Chicklas, 127 Cross Drive, requested information regarding the larger salaries for town employees.

Carl Schaefer, 1A Fox Hill Drive, Commented on the contingency fund, requesting information on wage adjustments and step adjustments. He asked where the salary for Chris Banchetti is coming from. He also spoke about the town paying for street lights in condominium complexes. He also asked about the Capitol Improvements and spoke about equipment that needed to be replaced this year that was not approved.

Herbert Slicer, 561 Hartford Tpke, spoke about the line to enter the public hearing and also about the budget.

James Krupinski, 59 Deerfield Dr, spoke about the budget process. Requested budget be voted down and sent back to Town Council Members to finish the job.

Dan Champagne, 724 Hartford Tpke, spoke in favor of the budget having no increases. Requested support for the budget.

The Moderator closed the public hearing at 8:21 PM.

Moderator asked for the following motion to be put on the floor.

Proposed motion #1:

Council Member Motola seconded by Dean Houle made the following motion to adopt the Town of Vernon budget for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$79,293,749:

Motion:

Shall the Town of Vernon adopt a budget in the amount of \$79,293,749 for a period commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012?

The Moderator called for vote by the qualified voters of the Town of Vernon on the adoption of the 2011-2012 annual budget.

Motion carried by voice vote from the floor. There were a few in opposition and 3 people abstained.

The Moderator then called for the adoption of the following minutes:

Proposed motion:

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion:

The Annual Town Meeting waives the reading of and moves acceptance of the minutes as presented for the town meeting held on July 6, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion:

The Annual Town Meeting waives the reading of and moves acceptance of the minutes as presented for the town meeting held on September 7, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn (8:24 PM)

Moderator calls for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded from the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary