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**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

**August 16, 2011 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler

**Absent:** Daniel Anderson, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, Sean O'Shea

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

**C) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Michelle Arn, 67 Overbrook Dr. – spoke about the lay-off notices to DPW and WPCA workers and issues regarding the Mayor and Town Council members

Edie Chernack, 50 Cubles Drive – spoke about the lay-off notices to DPW and WPCA workers

Michael Winkler, 20 Gottier Dr. – spoke about his experience with collective bargaining and the lay-off notices given to DPW and WPCA workers. He requested a withdrawal of the notices

Citizen's forum closed at 7:10 PM

**D) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS RELATIVE TO "A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$944,533.00." (A copy of the Resolution and the legal ad are included in the Council's agenda packet.)

**Open Public Hearing ( 7:10 PM)**

Mayor McCoy called the public hearing to order to receive comments and answer any questions from the public. The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

Public comments:

There were no public comments.

**Close Public Hearing ( 7:12 PM)**

Mayor McCoy closed the public hearing.

The regular Town Council meeting is in recess until completion of the special Town Council meeting.

7:23 PM Regular Meeting reconvened.

**E.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

1. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy to the Town Council on various topics.
  - National night out took place on August 2, 2011 and was a success
  - License plate reader is on tonight's agenda
  - Mr. Gately will present on a tax abatement policy tonight
  - The DPW and WPCA temporary agreements were rejected
  - The police radio tower is on tonight's agenda with a proposal from Marcus Communications.
  - Community Arts Center demolition continues
  - DPW is installing a generator at VCMS so it can be used as an emergency shelter. The installation should be complete by the end of September.
  - Construction to Hatch Hill Rd should be completed by November
  - Couple of issues with Firing range
  - Bids went out for Municipal solid waste and the RFPs should be coming back shortly
  - Tax collections are going well, Mastercard/debit card payments of taxes are up since last year
  - As of July 6 the e-check payment feature system is up and running
  - 60 Fire Department members were fitted for new gear; thermo imaging equipment has been installed in rescue and ladder trucks, along with new radios that are compliant with the FCC and will work with analog radios.
  - Ambulance vehicle back-up policy has been implemented
  - All members that provide service to the ambulance received new work safety shoes
  - Chief Call applied for an AFG grant for breathing apparatus and a grant for ambulances
  - Photos from the Parks and Recreation Department are available on the website using Flickr
  - Summer Carnival was a success
  - Parks and Recreation Dept are taking registration for before and after school programs
  - 2 new members of the police department were sworn in and are attending the academy.
  - The public works dept new Peterbuilt ASO is ordered with anticipated delivery late Oct
  - Work continues on Cubles drive drainage
  - All road work is outlined in 2010 road program
  - The clear overlook for Amerbelle falls through the Rockville Downtown Association is working out
  - Various new programs are being implemented i.e. Social Services back to school program provides children age K-6 with school clothes; the 5 year grant for State DOT dial-a-ride for 2011-2012 budget is being implanted
  - WPCA held a public hearing on July 21 regarding the sewer rates for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. No increase to the rates.
  
2. Presentation of a Proclamation from Mayor Jason L. McCoy to Edward and Carole Slattery as a thank you for their years of service to the Town of Vernon.  
Mayor McCoy presented the proclamations to Mr and Mrs Slattery and thanked them for their service to the Town.

Recess 7:32 PM  
Reconvene 7:51 PM

3. Presentation by Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator.

Mr. Gately presented options for a tax abatement policy which would be in line with current Connecticut state statute section 12-65b along with other Towns in Connecticut. He presented a copy of a sample policy which provided available options to cover a variety of different uses. Town Council members asked questions. Council Member Krupienski requested the policy come back as an ordinance at a future town council meeting.

**F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Krupienski pulled consent agenda item #'s 2, 4, 9, 10 and 11 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, and 13 as presented.

- C 1. Request for Tax Funds Prior Years and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated August 8, 2011 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWENTY SEVEN (27) OVERPAYMENTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TOTALLING \$ 5756.04 AND ONE (1) OVERPAYMENT FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALLING \$ 357.39 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED AUGUST 8, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the request for tax funds prior years and current year. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council endorse the appointment of William J. Nicholson, (R), 86 Huntington Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, to the Board of Education, said appointment requested to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Vicky Rispoli.** (A copy of a letter from Harold R. Cummings, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee to Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated July 29, 2011 is included for Council review as well as Mr. Nicholson's resume.) Mr. Nicholson has been invited to attend the Council meeting to answer any questions you might have.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER IV, SECTION 9 "FILLING VACANCIES", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPOINTS MR. WILLIAM J. NICHOLSON, (R), 86 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO FILL THE VACATED SEAT ON THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE RESIGNATION OF VICKY RISPOLI, SAID APPOINTMENT COMMENCES ON AUGUST 20, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 13, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the appointment of William J. Nicholson to the Board of Education beginning on August 20, 2011 through November 13, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's appointment of Joy Hollister, 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as Municipal Agent for the Elderly.**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S APPOINTMENT OF JOY HOLLISTER, 375 HARTFORD TURPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 20, 2011 AND EXPIRES JULY 19, 2015.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Joy Hollister as Municipal Agent for the Elderly for a term of 7/20/2011 through 7/19/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6.** **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Ellen Kates (R), 100 Dobson Road #2, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee.** (A copy of Ms. Kates' resume is included in the packet for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ELLEN KATES (R), 100 DOBSON ROAD #2, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON AUGUST 31, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Ellen Kates as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee for a term of 9/1/11 through 8/31/14. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 7.** **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Anthony P. Zappola, (R), 66 Brimwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee.** (A copy of Mr. Zappola's resume is included in the packet for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986 AND TOWN CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY P. ZAPPOLA, (R), 66 BRIMWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON AUGUST 31, 2014.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Anthony Zappola as a regular member of the Risk Management Advisory Committee for a term of 9/1/11 through 8/31/14. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 8.** **Request the Town Council authorize the Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into and execute all necessary documents for DOT Grant entitled State Matching Grant for Elderly and Disabled Responsive Transportation.**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR A GRANT CONTRACT COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,371.00 WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PROGRAM ENTITLED "STATE MATCHING GRANT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESPONSIVE TRANSPORTATION".

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute all necessary documents for a DOT grant entitled "State Matching Grant for Elderly and Disabled Responsive Transportation." Motion carried unanimously.

- C 12. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to submit applications for the State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program (LOCIP).** (A copy of a memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated August 12, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOCIP) FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS: \$100,000.00 FOR THE **POLICE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE**; AND \$240,000.00 FOR **ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**; AND TO AMEND THE TOWN'S SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO MOVE THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE TO FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to authorize the Mayor to submit application for the State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 13. Request the Town Council move the annual compensation increase for the Registrar's of Voters.** (A copy of a memorandum from Peter Graczykowski, Assistant Town Administrator dated August 10, 2011 to Vernon Town Council and Mayor Jason L. McCoy; and memorandum from Judith Beaudreau, Democrat Registrar of Voters and Cynthia Madden, Republic Registrar of Voters to the Town Council relative to same are included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTIONS 9-194 AND 9-195, MOVES TO APPROVE THE INCREASE IN ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR EACH REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FROM \$25,000 TO \$27,000, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011, AS BUDGETED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the annual compensation increase for the Registrar's of Voters. Motion carried unanimously.

- G.) **IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**  
None

- H.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion and bid waiver for the License Plate Reader System purchase as presented at the July 19, 2011 meeting.** (A copy of a memorandum from James Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated August 12, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator is included for Council review. PLEASE NOTE: Budget Transfer #65 in Consent #2).

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (12) SECTION NINE (9) OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO: (1) WAIVE THE SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE VIGILANT VIDEO CAR DETECTOR – DSP BASED MOBILE LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION - 3-CAMERA SYSTEM FROM WARNOCK FLEET AUTOMOTIVE, 175 ROUTE 10, EAST HANOVER, NEW JERSEY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500.00; AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINSTRATOR AS THE MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT(S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the above motion to approve the bid waiver for the license plate reader system. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

**I.) NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee to modify the COPS GRANT.** (A memorandum dated August 12, 2011 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to the Vernon Town Council and Mayor Jason L. McCoy is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MODIFY THE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS GRANT TO ALLOW ITS USE FOR THE PROPOSED DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the above motion to authorize the Mayor or his designee to modify the COPS grant. Chief Kenny and Marcus Communications gave a presentation on the new digital radio system and were available to answer questions. Discussion took place. Council Member Etre requested a friendly amendment accepted by the mover and seconder to designate the proceeds of the sale of the equipment to the installation of a cross band system. Motion as amended reads as follows:

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MODIFY THE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS GRANT TO ALLOW ITS USE FOR THE PROPOSED DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM. THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE CAPITOL RECURRING ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A CROSS BAND SYSTEM.

Discussion continued. Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Thomas called the question. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW DIGITAL POLICE RADIO SYSTEM AS PRESENTED AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00.

Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARCUS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE TOWER SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RENEWALS WITH MARCUS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained

**J.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**K.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

None

**L.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, PULLED CONSENT ITEMS FROM F) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC**

**C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #61-65 for fiscal year 2010-2011 and budget amendments #1-3 for fiscal year 2011-2012 as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke.** (A copy of budget amendment forms are attached for Council review. A motion has been prepared for each Fiscal Year for Council consideration.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #61-65 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER JAMES LUDDECKE.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the budget amendment requests #61-65 for FY 2010-2011. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

9:33 PM Mayor McCoy left the table

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #1-3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER JAMES LUDDECKE.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the above motion to approve the budget amendment request #1-3 for FY 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 4.** **Request the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing on September 20, 2011 relative to the Sale of Town Owned Property specifically 35 Village Street.** (A copy of a memorandum to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Vernon Town Council from John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated August 11, 2011 is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION OF 35 VILLAGE STREET ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 AT 7:05 PM, THIRD FLOOR, MEMORIAL BUILDING, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to schedule a public hearing on September 20, 2011 regarding the town owned property at 35 Village Street. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 9.** **Request the Town Council approve the bid waiver to use the Cooperative Purchasing Process.** (A copy of a memorandum from Peter Graczykowski, Assistant Town Administrator dated July 29, 2011 to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council members is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (12) SECTION NINE (9) OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO: (1) WAIVE THE TRADITIONAL SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES UNDER THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, COOPERATIVES, COUNCILS OR BOARDS OF EDUCATION FOR THE DURATION OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS, FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2012; AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINSTRATOR AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT (S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the above motion to approve the bid waiver to use the cooperative purchasing process. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 10.** **Request the Town Council approve a Bid Waiver for the purchase of Optical Fiber Storage.** (A copy of a memorandum from Art Beirn, Data Processing Director to the Town Council is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF OPTICAL FIBER FROM SERTEX FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the above motion to approve a bid waiver for the purchase of optical fiber storage. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 11. Request the Town Council approve a Bid Waiver for an interim solution to the disposal of collected leaves.** (A copy of a memorandum dated August 12, 2011 from Peter Graczykowski, Assistant Town Administrator to the Vernon Town Council and Mayor Jason L. McCoy and a memorandum from Robert J. Kleinhans, Director of Public Works dated August 12, 2011 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator are included for Council review.) Please note that budget transfer #2 FY 2011-2012 – Consent #2 also relates to this agenda item.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (12) SECTION NINE (9) OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO: (1) WAIVE THE SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF LEAVES COLLECTED IN THE TOWN OF VERNON DURING FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FROM CONNECTICUT MULCH DISTRIBUTORS, INC., OF 1515 NORTH STONE STREET, WEST SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06093, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00; AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINSTRATOR AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT(S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the bid waiver for an interim solution to the disposal of collected leaves. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

9:58 PM – Mayor McCoy returned

(Extend Curfew: 9:58 PM)

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to extend curfew until the end of business. Motion carried, Council Member Etre opposed.

**M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2011 DRAFT 2 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to waive the reading of and approve Draft #2 of the minutes of the July 19, 2011 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE DRAFT 2 MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2011 MEETING AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made a motion to waive the reading of and approve Draft #2 of the minutes of the June 21, 2011 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

**N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the following motion to go into executive session:

**MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION RELATIVE TO KAUTILYA VERNON HOTEL LLC. AND INVITES ATTORNEY MARTIN BURKE AND TOWN OF VERNON ASSESSOR DAVID WHEELER TO ATTEND.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SETTLE A TAX APPEAL CAPTIONED "KAUTILYA VERNON HOTEL LLC, VS TOWN OF VERNON ET AL, DOCKET NO. HHB CV-10-6010096S" FOR TAXES ON THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND 2010 FOR THE ASSESSED VALUE OF \$980,000 OR THE 100% FAIR MARKET VALUE OF \$1,400,000 AND TO REFUND ANY TAXES OVERPAID BY THE PLAINTIFF WITHIN 30 DAYS WITHOUT INTEREST AND WITHOUT COSTS.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the following motion to go into executive session:

**MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200 (2) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; PETER GRACZYKOWSKI, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; ATTORNEY EDWARD F. O'DONNELL, WITH THE LAW FIRM SIEGEL, OCONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK; AND JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made the following motion to go into executive session:

**MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 1-200 (6 ) (D ) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SITE SELECTION AT 55 RESERVOIR ROAD AND INVITES THE

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND: SHAUN GATELY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, AND JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO AUTHORIZE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SHAUN GATELY TO NEGOTIATE WITH AN INTERESTED PARTY A TAX ABATEMENT CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-65b, SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 55 RESERVOIR ROAD AND IS PRESENTLY OWNED BY LEE AND LEMONT REALTY.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Memorandum from John Leary, Chairman PMBC to the Town Council dated July 27, 2011 relative to Annual Inspections of Town Buildings.
2. Monthly Report for May, 2011 from the Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice Dixon.
3. Monthly Report for June, 2011 from the Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice Dixon.
4. Copies of Ordinance #290, #291, #292 and #293 for the Town Council Code Books as submitted by Karen Daigle, Assistant Town Clerk.
5. Copy of a letter dated July 25, 2011 and check in the amount of \$1274.00 from CIRMA for the Member's Equity Distribution.
6. Letter from Marilyn Wilson and James Kost, 35 Forest View Drive, Vernon, Connecticut thanking Mayor Jason L. McCoy for his assistance with their street dated July 13, 2011.
7. Letter relative to Forms RC-075 for disposal of records for Rockville High School, Vernon Center Middle School and Central Administration.
8. Monthly Report for July, 2011 from Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice Dixon.
9. Monthly EMS Report for July, 2011 as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
10. Monthly Report for July, 2011 as submitted by Harry Boyko, Building Official.
11. Fund Balance FY 2010-2011 Report dated 08-12-2011 as submitted by Finance Officer James Luddecke.
12. Fund Balance FY 2011-2012 Report dated 08-12-2011 as submitted by Finance Officer James Luddecke.

**Adjourn (11:02 PM)**

Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Draft #1

Unapproved Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary