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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF VERNON
PUBLIC HEARING
AND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2011

This is to give Notice that on December 6, 2011, in accordance with Chapter XII Section 10(f) of the Vernon Town Charter, the Vernon Town Council scheduled a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting to be held December 20, 2011, at the third floor Town Council Chambers in the Town Hall Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut, to hear comments and take the necessary action relative to the following Resolution recommended by the Mayor:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY COSTS INVOLVING THE PREPARATION, RESTORATION,
REPAIRS, CLEANUP AND ACTIONS TAKEN DUE TO WINTER STORM ALFRED IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$562,000.00**

WHEREAS, on October 29-30, 2011, Winter Storm Alfred dropped a heavy, wet snow that downed trees and power lines, creating power outages for the majority of town residents and businesses. The Town immediately commenced emergency measures to protect the lives, property, and health and safety of Vernon citizens. The course of recovery has included town wide debris collection and disposal, including the removal of hazardous limbs; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Connecticut, triggering the release of Federal funds to help communities recover. The Town has initiated the application process to pursue Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the emergency protective measures and debris removal is **\$3,816,000.00**. This total excludes the incurred cost of equipment usage and structural damage, as restitution of these items will be realized by current appropriations, insurance claims, or other resources; and

WHEREAS, previously, the Town Council, pursuant to said emergency, resolved to add an appropriation of \$3,254,000.00 to the Emergency Management budget as follows: \$420,000.00 at their November 3, 2011 meeting; and \$2,834,000.00 at their November 15, 2011, meeting. Utilizing the prior appropriation of \$3,254,000.00 against the estimated cost of \$3,816,000.00, leaves a balance of **\$562,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the balance of \$562,000.00 be appropriated from unassigned General Fund balance

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That the Town Council hereby approves an additional appropriation from the General Fund balance in the amount of **\$562,000.00** to the fiscal year 2011-2012 Emergency Management budget, account 10232189-54820, to fund the emergency protective measures and debris removal resulting from Winter Storm Alfred. The combination of the \$562,000.00 and the \$3,254,000.00 approved at previous meetings, amounts to a total emergency project appropriation of **\$3,816,000.00**.

Said Public Hearing will take place at 7:05 p.m., and said Special Town Meeting will take place at 7:10 p.m., concerning the above Resolution.

The Town Council

By: _____
Bernice K. Dixon, CCTC; CMC
Town Clerk

Dated at Vernon, Connecticut, this 8th day of December, 2011.