

**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM  
26 PARK PLACE  
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008  
7:30 P.M.**

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**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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**ROLL CALL:**

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**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

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**B) PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**none**

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**C) PRESENTATION:**

- 1. Mayor Jason L. McCoy to present certificates to members of team R.A.G.E. congratulating them as the recipient of the Judges' Award for Creative Control.**
  - 2. Ed and Carole Slattery will be present to introduce artist Will Paulin and his painting of historic sites in Vernon that was created for the Vernon Bicentennial Committee.**
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**D) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.**
- C 2. Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of John Lillis as a member of the Pension Board.**
- C 3. Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Gale G. Scott as a regular member of the Design Review Advisory Commission.**
- C 4. Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Doreen Margo Evans as Parking Violation Hearing Officer.**

**NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)**

1. **Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated April 30, 2008, to Christopher Clark, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES TWO (2) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281.60 AND SIX (6) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,468.00 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED APRIL 30, 2008 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.**

2. **Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of John Lillis (U) 21 Indian Trail, as a member of the Pension Board to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of John Daigle.** (Resume is included in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN LILLIS AS A MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2008.**

3. **Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Gale G. Scott (R) 65 Vista View, as a regular member of the Design Review Advisory Commission, to fill a vacancy due to the term expiration of William DeLaurentis.** (Resume is included in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GALE G. SCOTT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.**

4. **Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Doreen Margo Evans (D) 56 Thomas Street #3, as Parking Violation Hearing Officer.**  
(Resume is included in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE  
MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DOREEN MARGO  
EVANS AS PARKING VIOLATION HEARING  
OFFICER FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON  
DECEMBER 31, 2009.**

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**E) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**F) PENDING BUSINESS:**

none

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**G) NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request that the Town Council approve the budget amendment(s) for fiscal year 2007-2008 as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (A copy of the budget amendments and supporting documentation is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES  
THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS 31**

**AND 38-51 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.**

2. **Discussion of Burn Ordinance.** (A copy of the Ordinance is in the packet. Request Assistant Town Attorney Martin Burke be available relative to answering questions from Councilmember Marie Herbst.)
3. **Request that the Town Council schedule a special meeting and Public Hearing relative to “A Resolution Regarding the Transfer of Funds from Roadway Improvements to Partially Fund the Third Phase of the Local Match for the Intermodal Transportation Center in the Amount of \$103,691.00”.** (Information is in the packet).

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**REQUEST THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO “A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO PARTIALLY FUND THE THIRD PHASE OF THE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,691.00”, AND THAT SAID PROCUREMENT BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, ARTICLE XII, SUBSECTION 9 ENTITLED “PURCHASING” SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 7:40 AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD AT 7:50 ON MAY 20, 2008, SECOND FLOOR, VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON CONNECTICUT.**

4. **Request that the Town Council approve two Resolutions that will authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute contracts with the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental**

**Protection. The first is for the Vernon Train Depot and Mills Grant, and the second is the Rockville Downtown Trail Grant.**  
(Copies of Resolutions along with the supporting documentation is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION #1**

MOVE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE VERNON TRAIN DEPOT AND MILLS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00 AND TO EXECUTE ALL ANCILLARY MATERIALS.

**PROPOSED MOTION #2**

MOVE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE ROCKVILLE DOWNTOWN TRAIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,840.00 AND TO EXECUTE ALL ANCILLARY MATERIALS.

5. **Request that the Town Council approve a motion authorizing Administration to enter into a contract with Quality Data Services Inc. for the provision and maintenance of tax assessment/collection software in the amount of \$150,562.00, which includes annual maintenance costs over a five year period.**  
(Memorandum from James Luddecke, Finance Officer, and memo from David Wheeler, Assessor is in the packet).

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT #876-2/25/2008 WITH QUALITY DATA SERVICES INC., 289 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, FOR THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF TAX ASSESSMENT/COLLECTION SOFTWARE IN THE

**AMOUNT OF \$150,562.00, INCLUSIVE OF THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COSTS OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.**

- 6. Request that the Town Council approve the reduction of assessment at 16-18 Talcott Avenue.** (Copy of the application along with other supporting documentation is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE APPLICATION OF CONNIE DEBATE, THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 16-18 TALCOTT AVENUE BE APPROVED FOR A REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE #276, AND THAT THE AMOUNT BE TWENTY FIVE (25) PERCENT OF THE INCREASED ASSESSMENT FOR UP TO FIVE (5) YEARS. TAX ASSESSMENT SHALL BE ADJUSTED AFTER THE BUILDING IS REHABILITATED, AND THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS PROVIDED THE NECESSARY SUPPORTING DATA TO THE ASSESSOR FOR THE ACTUAL COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON THE PROPERTY.**

- 7. Motion 1:**

**To Set the Mil Rate:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009, AT 30.28 MILS UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.**

**Motion 2:**

**Motor Vehicle Tax Due in One Installment**

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-144A OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX DUE AND PAYABLE IN A SINGLE INSTALLMENT.

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H) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

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I) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:**

None

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J) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

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K) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**PROPOSED MOTION #1:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

**PROPOSED MOTION #2:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

**PROPOSED MOTION #3:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

**PROPOSED MOTION #4:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

**PROPOSED MOTION #5:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

**PROPOSED MOTION #6:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

**PROPOSED MOTION #7:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

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**L) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DECIDES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTERS RELATIVE TO NEW HARTFORD, TOWN OF VERNON, ET ALS VS CRRA AND INVITES HAL CUMMINGS, TOWN ATTORNEY, JOSEPH V. MEANEY JR., ESQ., AND CHRISTOPHER CLARK, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.**

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**M) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting from April 14, 2008.
2. Monthly report for March 2008 from Alan Slobodien, Director, Youth Services Bureau.
3. Report of gasoline/diesel fuel usage for the past five (5) years from James Luddecke, Finance Officer.
4. Copy of letter from Tamara Bojarski, resigning her position as Assistant Municipal Agent for the Elderly.
5. Copy of announcement of this year's Memorial Day Parade from Chet Morgan, member of the Elks Memorial Day Parade Committee.
6. Copies of appointment letters dated April 29, 2008 from Town Administrator Christopher Clark to members of the Public Safety Task Force.
7. Copy of letter from Susan Boyan, Assistant Town Attorney relative to Talcottville Development vs Town of Vernon along with Stipulation for Judgment and other documentation.
8. Copy (via email) of the *Vernon Bicentennial News*, including upcoming events.