

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
April 25, 2006**

Senior Center 2nd Floor, Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Bill F. Campbell, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 8.

Absent: Council Members Daniel A. Anderson, Daniel A. Champagne, Mark S. Etre, Christy N. Vale; 4.

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Daniel A. Champagne (7:10 p.m.); 1.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Laurence R. Shaffer, Town Clerk and Clerk of the Council Bernice K. Dixon and Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

There were approximately 20 citizens present at the Annual Town Meeting, exclusive of those listed above.

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 on April 12, 2006 and published in the Journal Inquirer on April 17, 2006 (Due to scribner's error on April 17, 2006 the Legal Notice was republished correctly on April 20, 2006.)

(A copy of the Legal Notice is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix A.")

Council Member Champagne entered the meeting (7:10 p.m.)

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR:

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called for nominations for a moderator to preside over the Annual Town Meeting.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO NOMINATE MARTIN BURKE AS MODERATOR. There being no other nominees, the Council approved the nomination unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

The Moderator explained the requirements necessary to speak at the Annual Town Meeting as to residency, age, and ownership of property, and reported that the Budget would be going to Referendum, and that tonight's meeting would be strictly for comments on the proposed budget and that the actual vote would be taken on voting machines at a date, place and time previously determined by the Town Council.

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

Thomas DiDio, 112 Box Mountain, urged all citizens to vote and to vote in support of the budget.

Bill Smith, 30 Vernwood Drive, spoke against the proposed budget.

Michael Tobin, 424 Tunnel Road, spoke in support of the budget.

Jason L. McCoy, 216 Skinner Road, ~~spoke in support of the budget and felt that the Administration and Council did a good job on the budget considering the rise in fuel costs and contractual increases.~~ **

No other residents wished to speak and the Moderator called for any further comments from the Council and public on the budget.

“SHALL THE TOWN OF VERNON ADOPT A BUDGET FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,936,620.00?”

Hearing none, he requested a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

****statement should read:** “spoke in support of the budget and felt that the Mayor, as a Democrat, and the Council did a good job on the budget considering the rise in fuel cost, contractual agreements and fixed costs on bonding projects.

Received: April 30, 2006
Approved: May 2, 2006
Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

