

**AGENDA  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM  
26 PARK PLACE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006  
7:30 P.M.**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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**ROLL CALL:**

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**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

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**PRESENTATIONS:**

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2005, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.**

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**New Business Items:**

- C 1.** Request for Tax Refunds – Current Fiscal Year
- C 2.** Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Fiscal Year
- C 3.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Sarah Iacobello as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- C 4.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Lester G. Finkle III as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- C 5.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Ralph E. Zahner as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS):**

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated December 28, 2005 to Laurence Shaffer; Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO APPROVE THIRTEEN (13) TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,199.90 AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED DECEMBER 28, 2005 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.**

- C 2. Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated December 28, 2005 to Laurence Shaffer; Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO APPROVE TWO (2) TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,369.58 AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED DECEMBER 28, 2005 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.**

- C 3. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Sarah Iacobello, (D) 6 Tunnel Road, as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to expire on December 31, 2008.** (Appointment letter and resume is in the packet).

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SARAH IACOBELLO (D), TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

- C 4. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Lester G. Finkle III, (D) 35 Miriam Drive, as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to expire on December 31, 2008.** (Appointment letter and resume is in the packet).

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LESTER G. FINKLE III (D), TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

- C 5. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ralph E. Zahner (U) 142 Vernon Avenue #66, as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to expire on December 31, 2008.** (Appointment letter and resume is in the packet).

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RALPH E. ZAHNER (U), TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request the Town Council to authorize the advance of \$12,800.00 for expenditures incurred by the Friends of Hockanum River Linear Park in relation to the construction of a trailside picnic area at the former Saxony Mill site; and in association, the \$3,200.00 local match of in-kind labor as provided by the Recreation Department and volunteers.**  
(Memorandum from James Luddecke, Finance Officer, is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE ADVANCE OF \$12,800.00 FOR EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE FRIENDS OF HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK IN RELATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAILSIDE PICNIC AREA AT THE FORMER SAXONY MILL SITE; AND IN ASSOCIATION, THE \$3,200.00 LOCAL MATCH OF IN-KIND LABOR AS PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTEERS.**

2. **Request the Town Council to acknowledge that funding for the sewer system improvements anticipated by Ordinance #252 is not available through Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water funding and to further acknowledge that the cost to complete this project utilizing conventional funding is approximately \$9,000 additional per year.** (Memorandum from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FUNDING FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ANTICIPATED BY ORDINANCE #252 IS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CLEAN WATER FUNDING. IT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COST TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT UTILIZING CONVENTIONAL FUNDING IS APPROXIMATELY \$9,000 ADDITIONAL PER YEAR.

3. **Request the Town Council to direct the Town Administrator to seek Connecticut General Statute §8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission as it applies to the sale or the lease of the Citizen's Block.** (Memorandum from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DIRECTS THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK CONNECTICUT STATUTE §8-24 REVIEW FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS IT APPLIES TO THE SALE OR THE LEASE OF THE CITIZEN'S BLOCK.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1. **Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a Local Historic Properties Commission and Designating Historic Properties and Districts."** (Memorandum from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator relative to proposed ordinance, draft copy of proposed ordinance, copies of old ordinances, and reports from Vernon Historic District Study Committee included in the packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION AND DESIGNATING HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND DISTRICTS" TO BE HELD BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006, AT 7:35 PM, AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER.**

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**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. Minutes from the Inland Wetlands Commission special meeting of October 13, 2005 and the regular meeting of November 22, 2005.
2. Minutes from the Conservation Commission meeting of December 14, 2005.
3. Monthly reports for October and November from Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
4. Letter from Dorine L. DeCarli resigning from the Cemetery Commission.