

**AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006
7:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer will present proclamation declaring 2006 through 2016 as the "Decade of Languages". In attendance will be Jaya Vijayasekar, Coordinator of World Languages at Rockville High School, students Lacey LaHaie, Maham Chowhan, and Megan Sawyer.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2006, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

New Business Items:

- C** **1.** Request for Tax Refunds – Current Fiscal Year
- C** **2.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Vishnu R. Khade as a member of the School Building Advisory Commission.
- C** **3.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Kathleen Porter as a member of the Board of Directors, North Central District Health Department.
- C** **4.** Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of Alfred A. Caudullo as a member of the Board of Directors, North Central District Health Department.
- C** **5.** Request Town Council authorize the Mayor to execute Department of Transportation grant to receive funding.
- C** **6.** Request the Town Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork to make application for and receive Police and Youth funds from the State Office of Policy and Management.
- C** **7.** Request the Town Council to appoint Scully and Wolf, LLP as auditors to audit the books of the Town of Vernon for fiscal year 2006 audit.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS):

- 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated March 1, 2006 to Laurence Shaffer; Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO APPROVE TEN (10) TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,527.78 AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED MARCH 1, 2006 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

- 2. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Vishnu R. Khade, Ph.D., (D) 125 Merline Road, as a member of the School Building Advisory Commission, said term to expire on June 30, 2006.** (Appointment letter and resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF VISHNU R. KHADE (D), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2006.

- 3. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kathleen Porter (D), 214 Merline Road as a member of the Board of Directors for the North Central District Health Department, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Christal Petrone said term to expire on December 31, 2006.** (Appointment letter and resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN PORTER (D) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2006.

- 4. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Alfred A. Caudullo, ECHN, 71 Haynes Street, Manchester, Connecticut, as a member of the Board of Directors, North Central District Health Department, said term to expire on February 5, 2009.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ALFRED A. CAUDULLO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 5, 2009.

- 5. Request the Town Council to authorize the Mayor to execute Department of Transportation grant to receive funding.** (Copy of memo from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator and Resolution is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "STATE MATCHING GRANT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORTATION".

- 6. Request the Town Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork to make application for and receive Police and Youth funds from the State Office of Policy and Management in an amount of \$9,999.00.** (Copy of memo from Alan M. Slobodien, Director of Youth Services to the Town Council is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR ELLEN L. MARMER M.D. TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE POLICE AND YOUTH FUNDS FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$9,999.00.

- 7. Request the Town Council to extend Contract #685 for two additional years and appoints the firm of Scully & Wolf, LLP as auditors to audit the books for the Town of Vernon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.** (Copy of memo from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer to Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY EXTENDS CONTRACT #685 FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AND APPOINTS THE FIRM OF SCULLY & WOLF, LLP, OF 2670 MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT AS AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT #685 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 AUDIT.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Request Town Council approval to designate funds for the planning and study of pool repairs, Horowitz Pool.** (Memo from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator, is in the packet. The information from the previous Town Council meeting is also included.)

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER XII, SECTION 10, SUBSECTION (f), HEREBY APPROVES AN AUTHORIZATION OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION INTO THE 2005-2006 BUDGET YEAR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 TO SPECIFICALLY CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE DETERIORATING CONDITIONS AT THE HOROWITZ POOL.

**SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS A
RESOLUTION ENTITLED “2005-2006
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HOROWITZ
POOL STUDY.”**

IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request for Town Council to adopt a resolution entitled “Anniversary Celebration Fund”.** (A copy of the Resolution as well as a memo from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

**THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THE
RESOLUTION ENTITLED “ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION FUND”.**

2. **Request the Town council to authorize the Town Administrator to seek proposals for the transfer of tax liens for 200 West Main Street and West Main Street.** (Memo from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator, Town Council communication from December 6, 2005, copy of Ordinance #217 and Ordinance #231, and copies of minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of February 2, 2006 is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

**THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH
ORDINANCE #217 AND ORDINANCE #231,
AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR THE TRANSFER OF
TAX LIENS FOR 200 WEST MAIN STREET AND
WEST MAIN STREET.**

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY VOTES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND INVITES JOSEPH COURTNEY, TOWN ATTORNEY, JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER, AND MICHAEL COLLINS, ESQ., TO ATTEND.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the Board of Education meeting of February 27, 2006, minutes from the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting of September 27, 2005, and minutes from the Vernon Traffic Authority meeting of January 12, 2006.
2. Inspection report from the Permanent Municipal Building Committee for the Public Safety Building.
3. Letters from State Representative Claire Janowski, State Senator Tony Guglielmo, and Mayor Ellen L. Marmer M.D., relative to the Governor's proposal to eliminate the car tax.
4. Informational material from David Wheeler, Assessor regarding "Revaluation 2004, Town of Vernon."
5. Memo from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator regarding Contract #785 along with supporting documentation.