

**SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
BUDGET MEETING  
OF THE  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
March 22, 2007**

Senior Center 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Daniel E. Anderson, George F. Apel, Bill F. Campbell, Daniel A. Champagne, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 12.

**Exited During Meeting:** Council Member Jason L. McCoy (8:56 p.m.); 1.

**Also Present:** Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke and Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

No residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:10 p.m.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:12 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., called the Public Hearing to order at 7:12 p.m. to receive and hear comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget of the Town of Vernon.

The Clerk read the Legal Notice and certified that the legal notice was posted on March 15, 2007 on the Town Hall bulletin board and published in the Journal Inquirer on March 16, 2007.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Robert Hurd, 7 Rheel Street, President Board of Trustees Rockville Library, spoke in favor of the library budget and felt the Town should "preserve the partnership".

Robert Dickerman, 42 Eva Circle, requested copies of the budget for citizens of the Town. The Mayor stated that the budget summaries would be available in the Town Clerk's office by March 28<sup>th</sup> and would also be placed at the library and in the Senior Center. Mr. Dickerman questioned the infrastructure portion of the budget.

James Webb Wilson, 300 South Street, suggested that the Town should consider what the Governor will do with Education funds.

No other residents wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. presented the 2007-2008 Budget overview to the Town Council prior to beginning of deliberations.

The Mayor also thanked Finance Officer James Luddecke, Budget Analyst Diane Luddecke and Town Assessor David Wheeler for all their time and hard work regarding the budget and the revaluation.

**MAYORAL REQUEST:**

The Mayor hereby requested that each Department Head in attendance present an overview of their department Budget to the Town Council prior to their Budget discussion.

**TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET CONSIDERATION.**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved THAT TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

- (A.) REVENUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE OPENING MEETING AND AT THE FINAL BUDGET MEETING;
- (B.) ALL BUDGET ACCOUNTS SHALL BE OPENED AND CLOSED, WITH THE COUNCIL MAKING DECISION ON EACH INDIVIDUAL BUDGET DURING THE ALLOCATED TIME FRAME;

AT THE FINAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2007, THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY ADD OR DELETE FROM ANY ACCOUNT.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Apel, moved TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ: THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO SUSPEND ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER AND EACH TAB OF PAGE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET BE OPENED; CLOSURE SHALL BE AT THE END OF FINAL DELIBERATIONS.

The amendment was moved 7 to 5 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, Etre, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Schaefer and Simon voting no.

The motion, as amended, was moved 7 to 5 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Apel, Campbell, Champagne, Etre, McCoy and Motola voting yes and Council Members Fox, Herbst, Oliver, Schaefer and Simon voting no.

**B. BUDGET REVIEW:**

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2006-2007 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

1. Animal Control
2. Dog License Account
3. Senior Center
4. North Central District Health
5. Registration
6. Elections-General
7. Elections-Primary
8. Elections-Referendum

9. Building Inspection
10. Cemetery Operations

Council Member McCoy exited the meeting (8:56 p.m.)

11. Vernon Cemetery Commission
12. Arts Commission
13. Greater Hartford Transit District
14. Town Council
15. Town Clerk
16. Probate Court
17. Assessment
18. Revaluation
19. Board of Assessment Appeals
20. Collector of Revenue
21. Refunds-Tax Adjustments
22. Executive and Administration
23. Law
24. Finance-Administration
25. Finance-Independent Audit
26. Finance-Treasury
27. Finance-Purchasing
28. Revenue discussion

See attached budget sheets.

**Revenue Discussion:**

None.

**Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:**

By unanimous consent, the Council moved TO REDUCE CODE 10114141 INDEPENDENT AUDIT OBJECT CODE 53030 ACCOUNTING/AUDIT FEES BY \$485.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$38,858. The motion was carried unanimously 12 to 0 on a voice vote.

**ADJOURN:**

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, move TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Received: March 27, 2007  
Approved: April 17, 2007

Karin Z. Pike  
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

Town of Vernon**Town Council Budget Hearing  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008****Meeting Date: Thursday, March 22, 2007, 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Floor, Senior Center**

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TAB	PAGE #	DEPARTMENT	CODE	AMOUNT PROPOSED	AMOUNT APPROVED
		<i>Public Hearing</i>			
		<i>Budget Overview</i>			
6	31	Animal Control	10233188	123,911	123,911
12	80	Dog License Account	22231417	36,264	36,264
8	57	Senior Center	10457242	119,532	119,532
8	42	Penny Rand-Director North Central District Health	10455220	108,822	108,822
5	5	William Blitz Registration	10113130	83,255	83,255
5	6	Judith Beaudreau-Registrar Elections – General	10113131	20,150	20,150
5	7	Judith Beaudreau-Registrar Elections – Primary	10113132	14,550	14,550
5	8	Judith Beaudreau-Registrar Elections – Referendum	10113133	10,100	10,100
6	29	Judith Beaudreau-Registrar Building Inspection	10232187	323,735	
12	81	Postponed until April 9 budget meeting Cemetery Operations	23342420	289,026	289,026
10	73	Alan West-Cemetery Superintendent Vernon Cemetery Commission	10826302	162,696	162,696
9	63	Alan West-Cemetery Superintendent Arts Commission	10562260	8,440	8,440
5	20	Greater Hartford Transit District	10116158	1,964	1,964
5	1	Council Members Etre and Oliver Town Council	10110110	17,523	17,523
		Bernice Dixon-Town Clerk			

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5	17	Town Clerk Bernice Dixon-Town Clerk	10115150	286,839	286,839
5	2	Probate Court Judge O. James Purnell	10111112	15,202	15,202
5	13	Assessment David Wheeler-Assessor	10114144	245,309	245,309
5	16	Revaluation David Wheeler-Assessor	10114147	50,000	50,000
5	18	Board of Assessment Appeals David Wheeler-Assessor	10116155	2,600	2,600
5	15	Collector of Revenue Carol Nelson-Tax Collector	10114144	238,108	238,108
5	14	Refunds - Tax Adjustments Carol Nelson-Tax Collector	10114145	34,000	34,000
5	3	Executive and Administration Christopher Clark-Town Administrator	10112120	701,314	701,314
5	4	Law Christopher Clark-Town Administrator	10112121	140,000	140,000
5	9	Finance – Administration Christopher Clark-Town Administrator	10114140	415,960	415,960
5	10	Finance - Independent Audit James Luddecke-Finance Officer	10114141	39,343	39,343
5	11	Finance – Treasury James Luddecke-Finance Officer	10114142	3,380	3,380
5	12	Finance – Purchasing James Luddecke-Finance Officer	10114143	11,125	11,125
2		<i>Revenue Discussion</i>			
		Miscellaneous Accounts Requiring Action:			