

**AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL 3RD FLOOR
14 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

**MOVE TO RECESS THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL
COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE
#220.**

B) PUBLIC HEARING: (7:35 P.M.)

**Open the Public Hearing to receive comments and questions relative
to Ordinance #220 entitled "An Ordinance Exempting Certain
Activities of Charitable, Religious or Non-Profit Organizations from
Taxation."** (A copy of the legal notice and a copy of Ordinance #220 are
enclosed in the Council packet.)

LEGAL NOTICE READ BY TOWN CLERK.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE TOWN
COUNCIL MEETING.**

C) **PRESENTATION:**

1. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 14 – 23, 2008, TO BE PRESENTED TO GERALDINE STRONG, CHAPTER CHAIRMAN, CAPTAIN NOAH GRANT CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**
 2. **ALAN SLOBODIEN, YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU DIRECTOR, TO GIVE BACKGROUND PRESENTATION ON THE VERNON COMMUNITY NETWORK.** (Documents to be distributed at meeting.)
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D) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- C 1.** Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Year and Current Year.
- C 2.** Request that the Town Council approve budget amendment #96, for fiscal year 2007-2008, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.
- C 3.** Request that the Town Council authorize the designation of John Ward, Interim Town Administrator, as the Fair Housing Officer, replacing Christopher Clark, Former Town Administrator.
- C 4.** Request that the Town Council approve the Appointment of John Ward as Alternate Director of Bolton Lakes Water Pollution Control Authority, filling the vacancy held previously by Christopher Clark.
- C 5.** Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's recommendation of Christy N. Vale, 100 Dobson Road Unit #3, (R), as a Regular Member of the Board of Ethics.
- C 6.** Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's reappointment of M. Lisa Moody, 89 Campbell Avenue, (R), as a Regular member of the Capital Improvements Committee.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

1. **Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Year and Current Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated September 8, 2008 to John Ward, Interim Town Administrator, is in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES TAX REFUNDS FOR THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 122.52 AND THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$543.68 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 TO JOHN WARD, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

2. **Request that the Town Council approve budget amendment #96, for fiscal year 2007-2008, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (A copy of budget amendment request #96 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #96 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, AUTHORIZING \$3983.29 IN 2007-2008 UNSPENT FUNDS FROM VISTING NURSE AND HEALTH SERVICES OF CT TO HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

3. **Request that the Town Council authorize the designation of John Ward, Interim Town Administrator, as the Fair Housing Officer, replacing Christopher Clark, Former Town Administrator.** (A copy of a Memorandum from Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated September 9, 2008 and a copy of the July 17, 2008 Fair Housing Policy Statement is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON HEREBY ADOPTS THE PROVISIONS OF THE "TOWN OF VERNON FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT" AND HEREBY DESIGNATES JOHN WARD, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AS THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER.

4. **Request that the Town Council Approve the Appointment of John Ward as Alternate Director of Bolton Lakes Water Pollution Control Authority, for a term effective September 16, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2010.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN WARD AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR OF BOLTON LAKES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

5. **Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's recommendation of Christy N. Vale, 100 Dobson Road Unit #3, (R), as a Regular Member of the Board of Ethics, filling the vacancy of Lois Schumey, with a term expiring on November 30, 2009.** (A copy of Christy Vale's resumé is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF CHRISTY N. VALE, 100 DOBSON ROAD UNIT #3, (R) AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, WITH A TERM EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2009.

6. **Request that the Town Council approve the Mayor's reappointment of M. Lisa Moody, 89 Campbell Avenue, (R), as a Regular member of the Capital Improvements Committee, with a term expiring on September 1, 2011.** (A copy of M. Lisa Moody's resumé is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF M. LISA MOODY, 89 CAMPBELL AVENUE, (R), AS A REGULAR MEMBER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, WITH A TERM EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.

E) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

F) PENDING BUSINESS:

NONE

G) NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request that the Town Council Approve the Recommendation of the Republican Town Committee Regarding the Replacement of Town Council Member, Peggy Jackle, (R).** (A copy of the recommendation letter from the Vernon Republican Town Committee is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE, APPOINTING HARRY D. THOMAS (R), 125 DOCKEREL RD, TO FILL THE TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF PEGGY JACKLE.

H) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

NONE

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

PROPOSED MOTION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 AND 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO RENEW ORDINANCE #220 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM TAXATION." FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.

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

K) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

L) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

NONE

M) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Letter of Resignation dated September 4, 2008 from Lois Schumey, resigning from the Board of Ethics.
2. Information Regarding the Carlson Forum, to be held November 20, 2008.
3. Letter from Registrars of Voters dated August 5, 2008, regarding Polling Place Change.
4. Town of Vernon Internal Telephone Directory revised 9/9/2008.
5. Senior Center Report for July and August 2008.