

**AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 3RD FLOOR
14 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

B) PUBLIC HEARING:

C) PRESENTATION:

1. Presentation of Mayoral Proclamation to the Bicentennial Committee.
 2. Update from Rockville Downtown Association on the progress of the Economic Development Committee. (Materials to be distributed at meeting)
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D) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- C 1.** Request for Tax Refunds – Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- C 2.** Request that the Town Council approve budget amendment(s) 3 & 5 for fiscal year 2008-2009 as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.
- C 3.** Request that the Town Council approve Gary Leavitt, 173 Tallwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut (D) as regular member of Water Pollution Control Authority.
- C 4.** Request that the Town Council approve Daniel Robertson, 3 Saddlegate Lane, Vernon, Connecticut (D) as an alternate member of the Design Review Advisory Commission.
- C 5.** Request that the Town Council approve the appointment of Lucas M. Watson, 100 West Street, Apt. 306, Vernon, Connecticut (D) as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority.
- C 6.** Request that the Town Council authorize the preparation, printing and submission of material concerning the Phoenix Street Bridge and the Talcottville Main Street Bridge Bond Package.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

- 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Years and Current Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated October 10, 2008 to John Ward, Interim Town Administrator, is in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES EIGHTEEN (18) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5776.90 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, DATED OCTOBER 10, 2008 TO THE INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

2. Request that the Town Council approve budget amendment(s) #3 & 5 for fiscal year 2008 – 2009 as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer. (A copy of budget amendment requests # 3& 5 are included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST(S) #3 & 5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AS PRESENTED BY JIM LUDDECKE THE FINANCE OFFICER.

3. Request that the Town Council approve Gary Leavitt, 173 Tallwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut (D) regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term effective 10-21-2008 and expiring on 12-31-2010. (A copy of Mr. Leavitt's resume is included in the Council packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY LEAVITT, 173 TALLWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT (D) AS REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 21, 2008 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2010, DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF DAVID HATCH.

4. Request that the Town Council approve Daniel Robertson, 3 Saddlegate Lane, Vernon, Connecticut (D) as an alternate member of the Design Review Advisory Commission. (A copy of Mr. Robertson's resume is included in the Council packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ROBERTSON, 3 SADDLEGATE LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT (D), AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 21, 2008 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2011, DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF BRUCE KELLOGG.

5. **Request that the Town Council approve the appointment of Lucas M. Watson, 100 West Street, Apt. 306, Vernon, Connecticut (D) as a regular member of Vernon Traffic Authority.** (A copy of Mr. Watson's resume is included in the Council packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF LUCAS M. WATSON, 100 WEST STREET, APT. 306, VERNON, CONNECTICUT (D) AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF VERNON TRAFFIC AUTHORITY FOR A TERM TO BEGIN ON 10-21-08 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 20, 2011, DUE TO THE EXPIRING TERM OF VICKI WHITE.

6. **Request that the Town Council authorize the preparation and printing of material concerning the Phoenix Street Bridge and the Talcottville Main Street Bridge Bond Package.** (A copy of the Text as outlined by Jim Luddecke, Town of Vernon Finance Director is included in the Council packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE PREPARATION, PRINTING AND SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL CONCERNING THE PHOENIX STREET AND MAIN STREET BRIDGE PROJECT REFERENDUM QUESTIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXPLANATORY TEXT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 9-369(B).

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

F) **PENDING BUSINESS:**

1. **Update regarding the Registrar's decision to relocate District #2 from Maple Street School to Center 375.** (Letter of invitation from John Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated October 16, 2008 to the Registrars of Voters is included in the Council packet).
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G) **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request that the Town Council approve the Vernon Republican Town Committee's nomination of Sean O'Shea, (R) 40 Donnell Road, Vernon, Connecticut as Town Council member to replace the seat recently vacated by Diane Wheelock, Town Council member.** (A copy of a letter of recommendation by the Vernon Republican Town Committee, dated October 14, 2008, and a copy of Mr. O'Shea's resume are included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE VERNON REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE'S NOMINATION OF SEAN O'SHEA, 40 DONNELL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 22, 2008 AND EXPIRING NOVEMBER 8, 2009.

2. **Request that the Town Council approve the Resolution of Support – Authorizing the Mayor to Obtain State Funding for a Denitrification Study for the Water Pollution Control Facility.** (A copy of the grant materials as provided by Dave Ignatowicz, Director, of the Water Pollution Control Authority; and a copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Interim Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy dated October 17, 2008 are included in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF VERNON TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, JASON L. MCCOY, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IS DULY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN SAID CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON. THE MAYOR IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SAID CONTRACTS AND TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RECISIONS, AND REVISIONS, THERETO. THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPRESS THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ON ANY SUCH DOCUMENT, RECISION OR REVISION.

3. **Request that the Town Council Approve the Solicitation of Competitive Bids for a Fixed Price Contract To Paint All of the Exterior Windows and Doors for the Senior Center Building, and the Exterior Windows and Doors on the Basement, First and Second Floors of the Vernon Town Hall to Match the existing colors on the Front Archway of the Senior Center, and the New Windows on the Third Floor of Town Hall.** (A copy of a memorandum and supplemental materials from Council member Mark Etre, dated October 7, 2008 and copy of a memorandum from John Ward, Interim Town Administrator, dated October 14, 2008, are included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN OF VERNON WILL GO OUT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR A FIXED PRICE CONTRACT TO PAINT ALL OF THE EXTERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS FOR BOTH THE ENTIRE SENIOR CENTER BUILDING AND THE EXTERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS ON THE BASEMENT, FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE VERNON TOWN HALL. THE COLOR OF THE PAINT SHALL MATCH THE FRONT ARCHWAY RECENTLY PAINTED ON THE SENIOR CENTER AND THE NEW WINDOWS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TOWN HALL.

4. Discussion regarding the Vernon Center Heights Neighborhood Petition.

(A copy of the petition dated 08-23-08; a copy of a letter to the Mayor from Kenneth Poliquin dated 09-23-08; Agenda request from Marie A. Herbst, Town Council member, dated 10-01-08; a copy of a letter to Marie Herbst, Town Council member from John D. Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated 10-03-08 are included in your packet.

PROPOSED MOTION

None

H) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

I) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

J) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

(K) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 1-200 (6)(B), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A SETTLEMENT ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM UNDER CONN. GEN. STATUTES 7-314a ENTITLED: DAMATO vs. TOWN OF VERNON, AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: JOHN WARD, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DANIEL SULLIVAN, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, JIM LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER, AND ATTORNEY JONATHAN REIK, MCGANN, BARTLETT & BROWN.

M) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Letter to Senator Christopher Dodd, dated October 9, 2008 from Mayor Jason L. McCoy inquiring about initiatives for Towns coping with Economic Crisis.
2. CRCOG SAFE ROUTES July/August 2008 Newsletter featuring Skinner Road School.
3. Informational copy of Bolton Lakes Water Pollution Control Authority membership update. (John D. Ward to be added at the next update).

4. Monthly reports for July/August and September from Youth Services Bureau Director Alan Slobodien.
5. Resignation letter for Diane Wheelock, Town Council dated October 15, 2008.
6. Vernon Police Department Monthly Report for September 2008.
7. Copy of "Meeting Cancellation Notice" for November 4, 2008 Regular Town Council Meeting.