

AGENDA  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

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B.) **PUBLIC HEARING**

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C.) **PRESENTATION**

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D.) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Jean Inge, (D), 50 High Ridge Drive, Vernon, Connecticut to the Vernon Senior Center Advisory Board to complete the unexpired term of Grace Boucher which began on 07-01-2007 and ends on 06-30-2010. This appointment is effective on 04-22-2009 and ends on 06-30-2010. (A copy of Jean Inge's resume is attached.)**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECTION 3; ESTABLISHED 03-02-1982; TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION VOL. 17, PAGE 409, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JEAN INGE, (D), 50 HIGH RIDGE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GRACE BOUCHER WHICH BEGAN ON 07-

01-2007 AND ENDS ON 06-30-2010, SAID APPOINTMENT IS EFFECTIVE ON 04-22-2009 AND ENDS ON 06-30-2010.

- C 2.** **Request the Town Council appoint David Skoczulek (D), 75 Hockanum Boulevard, Apt. #1935, Vernon, Connecticut to the North Central Health District for a three year term beginning on 04-22-2009 and ending on 04-21-2012.** (A copy of David Skoczulek's resume is attached.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 19A-241(b), THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS DAVID SKOCZULEK (D), 75 HOCKANUM BOULEVARD, APT #1935, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON 04-22-2009 AND ENDING ON 04-21-2012.

- C 3.** **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carmine Pellegrino (U), 15 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut to the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority for a term beginning on 04-22-2009 and ending on 04-21-2012.** (A copy of Carmine Pellegrino's resume is attached.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMINE PELLEGRINO (U), 15 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING 04-22-2009 AND ENDING 04-21-2012.

- C 4.** **Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's reappointment of Daniel C. Wright, (U) 44 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut to the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority for a term beginning on 04-22-2009 and ending on 04-21-2012.** (A copy of Daniel Wright's resume is attached.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL C. WRIGHT, (U) 44 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING 04-22-2009 AND ENDING ON 04-21-2012.

- C 5. Request the Town Council authorize the Mayor Jason L. McCoy to apply for the Department of Environmental Protection , State Parks Division, Recreational Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$20,000.00.** (A copy of the Grant information and cover memorandum from Bruce Dinnie, Parks and Recreation Director dated 04-13-2009 to John Ward, Town Administrator is attached for your review. Also included for your review is a memo from John Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council dated 04-15-2009 regarding same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION BY PARKS AND RECREATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00, TO EXTEND THE HOCKANUM LINEAR PARK TRAIL IN VERNON, AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE SAME.

- C 6. Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Jason L. McCoy to apply for a Shade Structure Grant in conjunction with the American Academy of Dermatology and Dr. Robert Greenberg in the amount of \$8000.00.** (A copy of the Grant Application and a memorandum from Director of Parks and Recreation Bruce Dinnie to Town Administrator John Ward dated 04-13-2009 is attached for your review. Also included for your review is a memorandum from John Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Vernon Town Council Members dated 04-15-2009 regarding same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8000.00 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE GRANT.

- C 7. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to enter into a formal agreement with the State Department of Education allowing the Town of Vernon to become a “sponsor” organization for the Summer Nutrition Program within the State Department of Education.** (The following are included for your review: (1) A copy of a memorandum dated 04-21-2009 from YSB Director Alan Slobodien to the Town Council; (2) A copy of the Sponsorship Application and finally, (3) A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to

Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council dated April 16, 2009 all regarding the grant application.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON TO BE A SPONSOR ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO SIGN ANY PAPERWORK NECESSARY FOR THE PROGRAM.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #19 - #27 for fiscal year 2008-2009, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (A copy of the budget amendment requests are included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19 - #27, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

- C 9. Request the Town Council authorizes the re-designation of Capital and Non-Recurring Funds for Company #1 Firehouse.** (A copy of a memorandum from James Luddecke, Finance Officer to Town Administrator John D. Ward dated 03-25-2009 is included for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE RE-DESIGNATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING ACCOUNT, TRANSFERRING THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$3,441.27 **FROM** THE DPW PAVEMENT ROLLER AND TRAILER DESIGNATION; AND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$1,436.00 **FROM** THE DPW 12-TON TRAILER DESIGNATION **TO** THE DESIGNATION FOR THE COMPANY #1 FIREHOUSE ROOF AND BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

PROJECT. THIS WILL INCREASE THE FIREHOUSE DESIGNATION FROM \$33,800.00 TO \$38,677.27.

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E.) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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F.) PENDING BUSINESS

1. **Discussion with David Ignatowicz, Director of the Water Pollution Control Authority, regarding the WPCA Budget that was returned by the Town Council for additional review and reduction by the WPCA Board.** (A copy of page 8 / April 7, 2009 draft minutes regarding this issue is attached for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

To be determined

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G.) NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request the Town Council in accordance with the requirements for the Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant, endorse the following policies for the Town of Vernon during April, 2009 Fair Housing Month.** (Copies of the Fair Housing Resolution; Fair Housing Policy Statement and the Title VI Compliance Statement are included for your review.) (The wording has been provided by the Town of Vernon Small Cities Consulting Firm of L. Wagner and Associates.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE TOWN OF VERNON FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION PROVIDED BELOW AND AUTHORIZES JOHN WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND FAIR HOUSING OFFICER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON. SAID FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2009.

**TOWN OF VERNON  
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

**Whereas,** All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

**Whereas,** State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**Whereas,** The **Town of Vernon** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that those laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the **Town of Vernon** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Town Administrator of the Town of Vernon or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Vernon.

**PROPOSED MOTION #1**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT LISTED BELOW AND AUTHORIZES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND FAIR HOUSING OFFICER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON. SAID POLICY STATEMENT IS REQUIRED BY THE SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2009.

**TOWN OF VERNON  
FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the Town of Vernon to promote fair housing opportunities and to encourage racial and economic integration in all its programs and housing development activities.

Programs funded and administered by the Town of Vernon must comply with the provisions of Section 46a-64c of the C.G.S., and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

The Town of Vernon or any Subrecipient of the Town will carry out an affirmative marketing program to attract prospective buyers or tenants of all majority or minority groups, without consideration of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, age or because the individual has children in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by the Town of Vernon.

The municipality's Mayors Office is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. The Mayor may be reached at 860-870-3600.

Complaints pertaining to discrimination in any program funded or administered by the Town of Vernon, may be filed with the Town Administrator John D. Ward at 860-870-3665.

Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, Special Enforcement Unit, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Telephone (860) 541-3403.

A copy of this policy statement will be given annually to all Town employees and they are expected to fully comply with it. In addition, a copy will be posted throughout the Town.

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THIS STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT OR ON AUDIO TAPE by contacting B. Pete Hobbs, ADA Officer, 860-870-3650.

**PROPOSED MOTION #2**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND AUTHORIZES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND FAIR HOUSING OFFICER TO SIGN THE BELOW STATED TITLE VI DOCUMENT DECLARING THE TOWN OF VERNON'S COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. SAID COMPLIANCE IS REQUIRED BY THE SMALL CITIES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2009.

**TOWN OF VERNON**

**COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF  
1964**

The **Town of Vernon** does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The **Town of Vernon** seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs covered by the Regulations.

This policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town's Fair Housing Plan and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town, as the recipient, and by subrecipients. The cooperation of all Town personnel is required.

**2. Request the Town Council send the “Interagency Agreement for the designation of Fire Marshals”, to Public Hearing on May 5, 2009.**

(A copy of a memorandum from Fire Marshal Ray Walker to Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John D. Ward and the Town Council dated April 1, 2009 as well as a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Vernon Town Council Members dated April 14, 2009 regarding this subject are included for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES”, HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN AGREEMENT ENTITLED “INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF FIRE MARSHALS”, AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 LOCATED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

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**h.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

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**i.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

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**j.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

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K.) **ADOPTION OF minutes:**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MARCH 25, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MARCH 30, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON APRIL 1, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2009 AND THAT SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED.**

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L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200 (6)(D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING 76 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD, AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAVID WHEELER TOWN ASSESSOR AND ATTORNEY SUSAN BOYAN TO ATTEND.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200 (6)(D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: SALE OF TOWN OWNED LAND REGARDING ECHO RIDGE DRIVE, 47 SOUTH STREET, 70 UNION STREET, AND OVIATE ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND ATTORNEY MARTIN BURKE TO ATTEND.**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200 (6)(D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: LAND ACQUISITION REGARDING 60/66 LAKE STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AND INVITES ATTORNEY HAROLD CUMMINGS AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOHN D. WARD TO ATTEND.**

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M.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Congressional Record dated March 24, 2009 entitled "Honoring the Life and Service of Stephen Marcham", presented by Congressman Joseph Courtney of Connecticut.
2. Invitation to all Town Council Members to the Opening Day of Rockville Little League, 2009.
3. March, 2009 Monthly Report – Vernon Police Department – submitted by Captain Stephen M. Clark.
4. 2009 Fair Guide from The Association of Connecticut Fairs.
5. March, 2009 Monthly Report – Building Department – submitted by B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official.
6. Invitation to the Town of Vernon, Economic Development Fair. May 13, 2009.

7. Invitation to a Celebration of Family “Tears of Love” Concert with Father Pat, May 9, 2009, St. Bernard Church Hall, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Vernon, CT.