

April 15, 2008

**MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, April 15, 2008 - 7:30 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Nancy E Herold, Brian R. Motola, Diane Wheelock, Michael A. Winkler

Absent: Marie Herbst, Peggy A. Jackle, Pauline Schaefer

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No citizens spoke at Citizen's Forum

B) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

C) PRESENTATION:

1. Bruce Dinnie, Director of Parks and Recreation, Don Bellingham, George Arthur, Joe King, Ann Letendre, and Ginny Gingras will be presenting Mayor Jason L. McCoy 2 awards:

- Special Achievement Award presented by the Connecticut Greenways Council for the Town's dedication to the development of greenways and trails.
- Designation of the Tankerhoosen Greenway as an official Connecticut Greenway.

The Town of Vernon was recognized for its dedication to developing trails and greenways and protection of natural resources.

Mayor McCoy thanked all the committed volunteers and members of the Vernon Greenway Council for their dedication and the many hours they put into maintaining the trails.

2. Presentation on new Town of Vernon website.

Jeff Cohen of Image Works, a Vernon company charged with the upgrade of the town's website gave a presentation regarding the new website.

3. Mayor to read Proclamation, announcing April 16, 2008 as "National Start! Walking Day".

D) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

C 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.

C 2. Request that the Town Council authorize the auction of fixed assets from the Parks and Recreation Department.

C 3. Request the Town Council to authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy as designated person of record to sign "claims for reimbursement" forms related to the Summer Nutrition Program.

C 4. Request the Town Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary forms to make application for and receive School Readiness funds for FY 2008/2009.

C 5. Request the Town Council to remove names of appointed members from the officials listing.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve consent agenda items 1-4 and consent agenda item #5 as amended. Council Member Herold requested to pull consent agenda items number 2, 4 and the amended number 5. The motion to approve consent agenda items number 1 and 3 carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

1. **Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated April 9, 2008 to Christopher Clark, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$624.77 AND SIXTEEN (16) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,013.88 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED APRIL 9, 2008 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve the request for tax refunds current and prior fiscal years. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request that the Town Council authorize the Town Administrator to auction several pieces of equipment form the Parks and Recreation Department. The proceeds from said auction will be used to purchase new equipment.** (Memorandum from Christopher Clark, Town Administrator, and memo from Bruce Dinnie, Director of parks and Recreation included in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION :

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SCHEDULE AN AUCTION TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Item description	Fixed Asset #
Patu Wood Chipper	99000211
John Deere Riding Mower	86013278
Chemical pumps for pools	88014243
ATV	96000388
Table saw	89016251
Air compressor	85010070
Snow plow	86013130

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve the authorization of the Town Administrator to schedule an auction for several pieces of equipment from the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion took place. Nancy Herold requested that in the future an explanation as to why the equipment is up for auction be provided along with checking with other Departments to see if they might be able to utilize the equipment. Town Administrator Christopher Clark and Parks & Recreation Director Bruce Dinnie will e-mail other Departments to see if they can use any of the equipment prior to the auction. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy as the designated person of record to sign “claims for reimbursement” forms for the Summer Nutrition Program.** (Memorandum from Alan Slobodien, Vernon Youth Services Bureau Director is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES JASON L. MCCOY, MAYOR, AS THE DESIGNATED PERSON OF RECORD TO SIGN “CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT” FORMS FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FRANK ZITKUS, CONTROLLER, BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN “CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT” FORMS FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve the request for the Town Council to authorize Mayor McCoy as the designated person of record to sign “claims for reimbursement” forms for the Summer Nutrition Program. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute the necessary forms to make application for and receive School Readiness funds for FY 2008/2009 in the amount of \$107,000.00.** (Memorandum from Alan Slobodien, Vernon Youth Services Bureau Director and supporting documentation is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES JASON L. MCCOY, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY FORMS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE SCHOOL READINESS FUNDS FOR FY 2008/2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,000.00.

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Fox moved to approve the authorization of Mayor McCoy to execute the necessary forms to make application and receive School Readiness funds for FY 2008/2009 in the amount of \$107,000.00. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Request the Town Council adopt a motion to remove non-active members from the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board.** (Letters from Christopher Clark, Town Administrator are in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REMOVAL OF THE BELOW LISTED APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND DIRECTS THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE TO REMOVE SUCH MEMBERS FROM THE OFFICIAL'S LISTING:

1. WENDY W. WANCHAK
2. DR. VISHNU R. KHADE

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to approve the amended motion to remove non-active members from the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board. The amended motion as follows:

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REMOVAL OF THE BELOW LISTED APPOINTED OFFICIAL AND DIRECTS THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE TO REMOVE SUCH MEMBERS FROM THE OFFICIAL'S LISTING:

1. WENDY W. WANCHAK, MUNICIPAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Motion postponed. Council Member Wheelock withdrew her motion, Council Member Campbell withdrew his second.

E) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

The following agenda items were presented by Mayor McCoy and adopted by all town council members as informational items.

1. Submission of 2 newspaper articles regarding the CRRA audit.
2. Information regarding the grant from the State Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$27,840 awarded to the Town of Vernon to create a unique trail.
3. The Talk of Connecticut's morning host, Brad Davis will be broadcasting from the Town of Vernon on April 17, 2008 5:30 am – 10:00 AM.

F) PENDING BUSINESS:

None

G) NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request the Town Council to request an §8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission relative to conveyance of property located on Route 83 (Talcottville Road.)** (Supporting material is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO REQUEST AN §8-24 REVIEW FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON ROUTE 83 (TALCOTTVILLE ROAD); SAID PARCEL REFERENCED IN A MAP

ENTITLED "TOWN OF VERNON, MAP SHOWING LAND ACQUIRED FROM, TOWN OF VERNON, BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OPERATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 83, SCALE: 1"=40', JANUARY 2008, ARTHUR W. GRUHN, P.E.- TRANSPORTATION CHIEF ENGINEER, BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND HIGHWAY OPERATIONS, TOWN NO. 146, PROJECT NO. 146-169, SERIAL NO. 1, SHEET 1 OF 1, SAID PROPERTY TO BE CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 83 (TALCOTTVILLE ROAD).

Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Etre moved to approve the request an 8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission relative to conveyance of property located on Route 83 (Talcottville Road). Motion carried unanimously.

H) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

I) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

None

J) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Submission of 2 newspaper articles regarding the CRRA audit.

Mayor McCoy provided an explanation to council members regarding the articles in the Hartford Courant regarding the CRRA audit.

2. Information regarding the grant from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$27,840 awarded to the Town of Vernon to create a unique trail.

Mr. Dinnie presented information regarding the grant awarded to the Town of Vernon in the amount of \$27,840 to allow the Town to create a unique trail to allow for visitors to bike, walk or ride to historical destinations in Rockville. The trails will connect nine miles of Vernon Rails to Trails beginning with Saxony Park ending at Paper Mill Pond Park, with connections to West Main Park, Central Park, Talcott Park, and Henry Park. Signage describing the history of landmarks on the trails will provide information to visitors. Mr. Dinnie is working is the Vernon Historical Society to develop the content of the signs and asks council members to provide him with any information of interest.

3. The Talk of Connecticut's morning host, Brad Davis will be broadcasting from the Town of Vernon on April 17, 2008 5:30 am – 10:00 AM.

Brad Davis will be broadcasting from the first floor of the Vernon Town Hall. Mayor McCoy encourages council members to attend.

K) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

None

L) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DECIDES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTERS AND INVITES SUSAN BOYAN, ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY, JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER, DAVID WHEELER, ASSESSOR AND, CHRISTOPHER CLARK, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

8:40 PM - Council Member Wheelock seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to go into Executive Session. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Winkler and Fox opposed.

M) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Monthly statistics dated March 28, 2008 from Chief Kenny, Police Department.
2. Quarterly newsletter, spring 2008, from Paula Claydon, Director, Social Services and monthly report from Penny Rand, Senior Center Director for March, 2008.

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3. Press release relative to new Town of Vernon website; including copy of new Town of Vernon website homepage.
4. Copy of minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting of March 24, 2008.

Received: April 17, 2008

Approved: May 6, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Krupinski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "K".

James E. Krupinski, Asst.

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Appendix A



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE
CAROL S. NELSON -CCMC

TO: Christopher Clark, Town Administrator

FROM: Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue *CSN*

DATE: April 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Refunds for Town Council Approval

PRIOR YEARS:

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage fbo Pullum, Shirley L 624.77
Paid at closing, by escrow agent and by homeowner

CURRENT YEAR:

Altland, Kelley M 280.40
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

Chase Man Auto Fin Corp 541.37
Assessor's Corrections – Sold Vehicles (2)

Chavez, Jaime A 118.16
Assessor's Correction – Junked/Totaled

Clisham, Margaret K 371.55
Paid Wrong Amount

Countrywide Tax Service fbo Benton, Josephine 1579.51
Paid at closing and by Escrow Agent

Ferreri, Marcella J 40.73
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

First American RE Tax Serv fbo Hauze, William D 1416.14
Paid Wrong Amount

Appendix A (cont)

Refunds
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First American RE Tax Serv fbo Moriarty, Maureen A..... Paid Wrong Amount	1877.20
First American RE Tax Service fbo Owens, Frederick W & Haveles, Elana..... Paid Wrong Amount	208.96
First American RE Tax Service fbo Weimann, Martin W & Laura B..... Paid Wrong Amount	1543.15
Forsley, David B..... BAA Adjustment	56.27
Krafjack, Marcia C..... Paid Wrong Amount	7.92
Nissan Infiniti LT..... Assessor's Correction – Out of State - ME	477.52
Phelps, Mark A..... Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle	136.95
Popik, George L & Carol A..... Paid Wrong Amount	20.00
Smalley, Joseph J Jr..... Assessor's Correction – Repo	338.05
(1) Prior Overpayment.....	\$ 624.77
(16) Current Overpayments.....	\$ 9013.88
Grand Total.....	\$ 9,638.65