

MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas,

Absent: Council Members Nancy Herold, Sean O’Shea, Michael Winkler

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN’S FORUM

Pat Kenny, Ellington Avenue, Ellington: Asked the Town Council to review the Rockville Public Library’s policy for posting information, as they were unable to post her concert information. She also invited Council Members to join her at the concert with Father Pat, a Celebration of Family “Tears of Love” taking place on May 9, 2009, St. Bernard Church Hall, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Vernon, CT

Citizen’s forum closed at 7:37 PM

B.) **PUBLIC HEARING**
None

C.) **PRESENTATION**
None

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Herbst pulled consent agenda item #8. Motion carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 as presented.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jean Inge to the Vernon Senior Center Advisory board for a term effective 4-22-2009 through 6-30-2010. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve David Skoczulek to the North Central Health District for a three year term beginning 4-22-2009 through 4-21-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carmine Pellegrino to the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority for a term beginning 4-22-2009 through 4-21-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the Mayor’s reappointment of Daniel C. Wright to the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority for a term beginning 4-22-2009 through 4-21-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to authorize Mayor McCoy to apply for the Department of Environmental Protection State Parks Division Recreational Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to authorize Mayor McCoy to apply for a Shade Structure Grant in conjunction with the American Academy of Dermatology and Dr. Robert Greenburg in the amount of \$8000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to authorize Mayor 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. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to approve budget amendments 19 through 27 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Discussion took place. A correction was made to Amendment #26 to change the date from May 24, 2009 to March 24, 2009. Motion carried unanimously with the date correction.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to authorize the re-designation of Capitol and Non-Recurring Funds for Company #1 Firehouse roof and bathroom renovations projects. Motion carried unanimously.

E.) **IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Motola pulled Information item #'s 1, 2 and 6 for discussion.

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.)

Mr. Ignatowicz was available to answer any questions regarding the Memorandum to Town Administrator Ward informing him of the WPCA's unanimous vote to support the originally proposed budget as recommended. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to cut object code 58400 by \$28,000 and the bottom line budget by \$12,000 for a total of \$40,000. Motion failed, Council Members Fox and Schaefer opposed, Council Member Herbst abstained.

Council Member Anderson made a request of Town Administrator Ward to explore having an outside contracting firm run the plant. Town Administrator Ward will provide this information to Town Council Members by the 2nd week of May.

Recess (8:05 PM)

Reconvene (8:11 PM)

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to send the WPCA budget back for reductions to account 41345700, object code 51020 by \$86,765.00 and object code 51030 by \$5896.00. Discussion took place. Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion for a friendly amendment to leave \$30,000 in object code 51020 so the reduction would change to \$56,765.00, motion failed, Council Members Herbst, Anderson, Schaefer, Motola, Thomas, Campbell and Champagne opposed. Original motion carried, Council Members Herbst, Fox and Schaefer opposed.

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.)

Council Member Motola, Seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion for resolution #1. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to adopt the fair housing policy statement and authorizes John D. Ward, Town Administrator and Fair Housing Officer to sign on behalf of the Town of Vernon the policy statement required by the small cities community development block grant application for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**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.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to authorize John D. Ward, Town Administrator and Fair Housing Officer to sign on behalf of the Town of Vernon the Title VI document declaring the Town of Vernon's compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, compliance is required by the small cities community development block grant application for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to send to Public Hearing on May 5, 2009 the "Interagency Agreement for the designation of Fire Marshals". Discussion took place. Mr. Walker was available to answer any questions and provided an explanation as to the need for the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- h.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**
None

- i.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**
None

- j.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**
Council Member Motola discussed informational items #'s 1, 2 and 6. He noted that the Congressional Record from Congressman Courtney honoring Stephen Marcham was well deserved. He reminded Town Council Members to attend opening day of little league if they are available. He also checked to see if Town Council Members were required to attend the Town of Vernon Development Event. Mayor McCoy informed Town Council Members they were invited to attend if available.

- 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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on March 3, 2009. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on March 17, 2009. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Council budget meeting held on March 25, 2009. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the special Town Council budget meeting held on March 26, 2009. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the special Town Council budget meeting held on March 28, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to approve the minutes of the special Town Council budget meeting held on March 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the special Town Council budget meeting held on April 1, 2009. Motion carried, Council Member Anderson abstained.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council meeting held on April 7, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the special Town Council budget meeting held on April 8, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the following motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding 60/66 Lake Street. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion regarding 60/66 Lake Street:

Motion:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS THE OFFER OF CHARLES E. PLATT AND NATALIE W. PLATT TO CONVEY A PARCEL OF LAND AT 60 LAKE STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO THE TOWN OF VERNON UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET FORTH IN A LETTER DATED JUNE 23, 2008, FROM WILLIAM E. BRESLAU, ATTORNEY FOR CHARLES E. PLATT AND NATALIE W. PLATT, TO HAROLD R. CUMMINGS, AS TOWN ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON. A COPY OF THE JUNE 23, 2008 LETTER, AND PLOT PLAN FOR 60 LAKE STREET IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO PROCEED TO CLOSING AND ACCEPT TITLE TO THE PROPERTY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion to go into executive session to discuss Echo Ridge Drive, 47 South Street, 70 Union Street and Oviate Road. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to go out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the following motion regarding Oviate Road:

Motion:
THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO SEND THE TOWN PROPERTY KNOWN AS OVIATE ROAD FOR AN 8-24 REVIEW.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst made the following motion regarding 70 Union Street:

Motion:
THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$20,100 RECEIVED FROM ALLEN AND SCRANTON, LLC, FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY ON 70 UNION STREET, IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL NO. 23-0106-00020 WITH THE RESTRICTION THAT IT IS TO BE USED FOR PARKING ONLY.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the following motion regarding 47 South Street:

Motion:
THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THAT THE TOWN PROPERTY ON 47 SOUTH STREET, IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL NO. 42-0072-0010D BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEIGHBORS IF THEY AGREE TO SUCH TRANSFER.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recess (9:15 PM)

Reconvene (9:24 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion regarding Echo Ridge Drive.

Motion:
THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THAT THE TOWN PROPERTY ON ECHO RIDGE DRIVE IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL NO. 31-0142-0221A BE CONVEYED TO THE OWNER OF THE ABUTTING ELEVEN ACRES PROVIDED THAT THE ABUTTER TO THE REAR OF THE ELEVEN ACRES NOT BE DEPRIVED OF ANY RIGHT OF PASSAGE HE OR SHE MAY HAVE.

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Adjourn (9:25 PM)

Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary