

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
7:30 P.M.

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN'S FORUM

B.) **PUBLIC HEARING**

C.) **PRESENTATION**

1. Mayor's Proclamation to Craig Segar for his volunteerism on behalf of the Vernon Town Council and the Town of Vernon bringing the televised Town Council meetings to our citizens.
2. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented to the Town of Vernon and the entire Finance Department lead by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.

TOWN COUNCIL TO RECESS FIFTEEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT AND CELEBRATION.

3. Informational presentation by the Walter Mealy, Planning and Zoning Commission representative along with Len Tundermann, Town Planner regarding the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development.
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D.) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- C 1. Request for Tax Funds Prior Years and Current Year.** (A copy of the memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue to John D. Ward, Interim Town Administrator dated January 12, 2009 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ELEVEN (11) TAX REFUNDS TALLING \$3539.53 FOR THE PRIOR YEARS, AND TWELVE (12) TAX REFUNDS TALLING \$4552.76 IN TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JANUARY 12, 2009 TO THE JOHN D. WARD, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

- C 2. Request that the Town Council approve the appointment of Christopher A. Haddock (D), 38 Merline Road, Vernon, Connecticut to the Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board as a regular member. Mr. Haddock's term to commence on 01-21-09 and expire on 12-31-2011.** (Copy of Mr. Haddock's resume is included in the Council packet)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 226, SECTION ONE MEMBERSHIP, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER A. HADDOCK (D), 38 MERLINE ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF MUNICIPAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON 01-21-09 AND EXPIRING ON 12-31-2011.

- C 3. Request that the Town Council Approve the Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Pescosolido, (D), 9 Brent Drive, Vernon, Connecticut to the Inland Wetland Commission to a term commencing on 01-01-09 and expiring on 12-31-2011.** (A copy of Mr. Pescosolido's resume is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF PESCOSOLIDO, (D), 9 BRENT DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION TO A TERM COMMENCING ON 01-01-09 AND EXPIRING ON 12-31-2011.

- C 4. Request that the Town Council Approve the Mayor's reappointment of Mark J. Kalina (R), 33 Snipsic Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an Alternate member of the Inland Wetland Commission to a term commencing on 01-01-2009 and expiring 12-31-2011.** (A copy of Mr. Kalina's resume is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARK J. KALINA (R), 33 SNIPSIC STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION TO A TERM COMMENCING ON 01-01-2009 AND EXPIRING ON 12-31-2011.

- C 5. Request that the Town Council Approve the Mayor's appointment of David Clough, (R), 221 Skinner Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Said term commencing on 02-21-2009 and expiring on 06-30-2013.** (A copy of Mr. Clough's resume is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID CLOUGH, (R), 221 SKINNER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS . SAID TERM COMMENCING ON 02-21-2009 AND EXPIRING ON 06-30-2013.

- C 6. Request that the Town Council Approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carl H. Slusarczyk (R), 72 Frederic Road, Vernon, Connecticut, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals said term to commence on 07-01-2008 and expire on 06-30-2013.** (A copy of Mr. Slusarczyk's resume is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 2, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CARL H. SLUSARCZYK (R), 72 FREDERIC ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON 07-01-2008 AND EXPIRES ON 06-30-2013.

- C 7. Request that the Town Council approve the appointment of Keith R. Lauzon (U), 49 Brookview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, to Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term commencing on 01-21-09 and expiring on 12-31-2010.** (A copy of Mr. Lauzon's resume is included in the Town Council packet for review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1 & 6, AND CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 8-4a & b, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KEITH R. LAUZON (U), 49 BROOKVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON 01-21-09 AND EXPIRING ON 12-31-2010.

- C 8. Request that the Town Council Authorize the Mayor to sign the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant No. 06-6002112 in the amount of \$200.00.** (A copy of the grant is attached for your review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZE MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO SIGN THE GRANT FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT NO. 06-6002112 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00.

- C 9. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute, grant agreement No. B-08-SP-CT-0722, with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$196,000.00 for exterior and interior upgrades to the historic Amerbelle Mill facility.** (A copy of a memorandum dated 01-11-09 from John D. Ward, Interim Town Administrator, to the Vernon Town Council and Mayor Jason L. McCoy is included in the Council packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY, TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR EDI-SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT NO. B-08-SP-CT-0722 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,000.00 FOR EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR UPGRADES TO THE HISTORIC AMERBELLE MILL FACILITY.

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

F.) **PENDING Business**

1. **Mayor Jason L. McCoy to present the selected candidate for the position of Town Administrator.** (Contract discussion to take place during the Executive Session listed later in the agenda.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER X, SEC. 3, AND CHAPTER XI, SEC. 3, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER.

G.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council endorse the Vernon Arts Commissions selection of the architectural firm of Quisenberry Arcari Architects, LLC., for the creation of the "Community Arts Center" at the former Kindergarten Building, located at 709 Hartford Turnpike.** (A copy of a memorandum dated 01-11-09 from John D. Ward, Interim Town Administrator, to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Vernon Town Council is included in the Council packet for review. Bob Hurd and other committee

members along with Thomas Arcari, Partner in Quisenberry Arcari Architects LLC., will make a presentation.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO ENDORSE THE SELECTION OF THE FIRM OF QUISENBERRY ARCARI ARCHITECTS, LLC, AS THE DESIGN CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING INTO THE VERNON COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,500.00.

2. **Discussion of the MUNI-CODE and our Ordinance postings on the internet as requested by Town Council Member Mark Etre.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

CONSISTENT WITH CHARTER CHAPTER V, ENTITLED TOWN COUNCIL, SECTION 6, ORDINANCES MUST BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER APPROVAL. THE TOWN COUNCIL ALSO REQUIRES ANY APPROVED ORDINANCE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH MUNICODE SERVICE (OR TOWN CLERK APPROVED EQUAL) WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE APPROVED ORDINANCE.

3. **A Fiscal Update on 2008-2009 Budget, per request of Town Council Member Marie Herbst.**

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 DECEMBER 16, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 1-200 (6)(D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: PENDING LITIGATION CONCERNING DEBRIS IN THE HOCKANUM RIVER IN THE AREA OF - 98 E. MAIN STREET, ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT AND INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND, HAROLD CUMMINGS, TOWN ATTORNEY; JOHN D. WARD, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; PETER HOBBS, BUILDING OFFICIAL; CRAIG PERRY, INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER; JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER AND TERRY MCCARTHY, TOWN ENGINEER.

2. THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 1-200(6)(D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO ATTEND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, DAN SULLIVAN; AND LABOR COUNSEL, ATTORNEY BUD O'DONNELL.

M.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Monthly Report for November, 2008 submitted by the Town Clerk.**
- 2. Fire Marshals Quarterly Report FY 2008-2009, submitted by Fire Marshal.**
- 3. Monthly Report for November, 2008 submitted by the Senior Center Director.**

- 4.** Thank you email from the Town of Bolton, Town Administrators, Joyce Stille and the BLWPCA to Mayor Jason L. McCoy, regarding his efforts on their behalf with the passage of Bill No. 1200 – An Act Concerning Various Measures of Relief for Municipalities.
- 5.** Reminder Article dated January 13, 2009 entitled, “Town Officials ready to face challenges, and grow in 2009.
- 6.** December, 2008 Monthly Report – Truancy Intervention and YSB After School Program submitted by Alan Slobodien.
- 7.** December, 2008 Monthly Report – Rockville High School Program, submitted by Alan Slobodien.