

**AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: (7:45 P.M.)

Public Hearing relative to a "Resolution regarding an additional appropriation for repairs to the Board of Education Central Administration Building in the amount of \$200,000.00". Mayor McCoy calls the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and recommendations relative to a "Resolution regarding an additional appropriation for repairs to the Board of Education Central Administration Building in the amount of \$200,000.00." (Copy of Resolution is in the packet.)

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

MAYOR RECOMMENDS ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TOWN COUNCIL ACTS ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**TOWN COUNCIL SHALL ADJOURN ITS MEETING UNTIL COMPLETION OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (7:50 P.M.)

TOWN CLERK TO READ LEGAL NOTICE

MAYOR CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MODERATOR

CLOSE NOMINATIONS, VOTE ON MOTION, AND DECLARE MODERATOR

MODERATOR ASKS FOR COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

VOTE ON RESOLUTION

MODERATOR WILL CALL FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN

ADJOURN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

PRESENTATION:

- 1. Marina Rodriguez, Assistant Town Planner, C. E. D. Coordinator will be making a presentation on “Economic Development Report of Activities for 2007”.**
- 2. Joseph Vallone from Loom City Lofts LLC, will be present to discuss and answer questions regarding the announcement from Hon. M. Jodi Rell regarding \$1.2 million to support Roosevelt Mills redevelopment in Vernon. (copy of press release is included in this packet as information #7).**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- C 1.** Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.
- C 2.** Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of Steven L. Wakefield as Hearing Officer.
- C 3.** Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of John K. Anderson as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- C 4.** Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of David Hatch as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- C 5.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Juanita L. Bair as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- C 6.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Francis O. Kaplan as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- C 7.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of John K. Anderson as Special Constable.
- C 8.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of John Kopec as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission.
- C 9.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Daniel Anderson as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department.
- C 10.** Request the Town Council adopt a resolution relative to State Project No. 146-180 entitled Historic Talcottville Improvements.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

1. **Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Years.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated January 17, 2008 to Christopher Clark, Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES TAX REFUNDS FOR THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,288.08 AND TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,077.16 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JANUARY 17, 2008 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

2. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Steven L. Wakefield (R), 152 Brookview Drive to serve as Hearing Officer.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN L. WAKEFIELD TO SERVE AS HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

3. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John K. Anderson (R), 20 Hemlock Drive to serve as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

4. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of David Hatch (U), 65 Brandy Hill Road to serve as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID HATCH TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

5. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Juanita L. Bair (R), 153 Brookview Drive to serve as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Carl Bard.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JUANITA L. BAIR TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

6. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Francis O. Kaplan (R), 344 Merline Road to serve as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of John Lampson.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS O. KAPLAN TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

7. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of John K. Anderson (R), 20 Hemlock Drive, to serve as Special Constable for the Town of Vernon.** (Resume is in the packet-refer to CNB#3).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN K. ANDERSON TO SERVE AS SPECIAL CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2009.

8. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of John Kopec (R), 24 Jan Drive, to serve as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission to fill a vacancy due to the term expiration of Steve V. Taylor.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KOPEC TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

9. **Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Anderson (R), 29 Oxbow Drive, to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Kathleen Porter.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2009.

- 10. Request the Town Council adopt a resolution relative to State Project No. 146-180 entitled Historic Talcottville Improvements.** (Copy of memorandum from Sebastian J. Sbalcio, Principal Engineer – Consultant Design, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations, and copy of draft Resolution is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS A RESOLUTION ENTITLED “FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2005 BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR TALCOTTVILLE ENHANCEMENTS UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION PILOT PROGRAM (TCSP)” AND A CERTIFICATION INDICATING THE COUNCIL ADOPTS AS ITS POLICY TO SUPPORT THE NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENTS AND WARRANTIES REQUIRED UNDER THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES”, AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON’S PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.

IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

PENDING BUSINESS:

Discussion and Town Council action regarding proposed Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Grant an Exemption of Property Tax for Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Certain Authorized Alternative Fuel Vehicles”. (Copy of proposed Ordinance is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CERTAIN AUTHORIZED ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES”.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Mayor Jason McCoy and Councilmember Marie Herbst will be discussing a “GO GREEN” initiative to encourage people in the Town to conserve energy and protect the environment. The Mayor is establishing a “GO GREEN” committee to develop GREEN WEEK. Mayor McCoy and Councilmember Herbst will work together through this committee to establish GREEN WEEK activities and events, and encourages all residents and schools to participate.**
- 2. Discussion of property tax exemption for solar energy systems. (Copy of 12-5 of the Vernon Town Code is included in the packet.)**
- 3. Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of Watson C. Bellows, Jr. as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Resume is in the packet).**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WATSON C. BELLOWS, JR. TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010.

- 4. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Alan Eisenberg (U), 77 Greylock Road, West Newton, MA, to serve as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy due to the demise of Michael D. McNamara.** (Resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF ALAN EISENBERG TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2009.

- 5. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of William J. McGurk (U), 21 Stillmeadow Lane, Somers, to serve as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of J. Mark Silhavy.** (Resume, letter from Mr. McGurk, and bio is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. MCGURK TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2012.

6. **Request the Town Council to request an §8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission relative to the conveyance of property located on Hatch Hill Road.** (Memorandums from Christopher Clark, Town Administrator, and Len Tundermann, Town Planner and maps are in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO REQUEST AN §8-24 REVIEW FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON HATCH HILL ROAD.

7. **Request the Town Council to approve the budget amendment(s) for fiscal year 2007-2008 as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.** (A copy of the budget amendments and supporting documentation is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION#1:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #19- 22 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #24-27 FOR FISCAL 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

PROPOSED MOTION#2:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM AND REQUESTS THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS LISTED ON THE FORM DATED JANUARY 22, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. **Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Concerning Consumption and Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Areas and Buildings.”** (Copy of the draft ordinance, as amended, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES,” HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING “AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC AREAS AND BUILDINGS” TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:35 P.M. AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

2. **Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending Section 3-1 of the Town of Vernon Code” relative to increased fees for certificates of occupancy and building permits .** (Copy of the draft ordinance is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES,” HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1 OF THE TOWN OF VERNON CODE” TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:40 P.M. AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

3. **Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Solar Energy Systems”.** (Copy of section 12-5 of the Vernon Town Code is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES,” HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING “AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS” TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 7:45 P.M. AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2008 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting from December 10, 2007, minutes from the Permanent Municipal Building Committee meeting from January 9, 2008.
2. Memorandum from Abraham Ford, Zoning Enforcement Officer, regarding the Quarterly Zoning Report, dated January 9, 2008.
3. Invitation to Mayor and Council members to attend a live auction to benefit Rockville High School Project Graduation.
4. Monthly report for December 2007 from Alan Slobodien, Director, Youth Services Bureau.
5. Report dated January 14, 2008 from John Leary, Chair, Permanent Municipal Building Committee relative to annual inspections of town buildings.
6. Copy of legal opinion(s) from Assistant Town Attorney Martin B. Burke concerning "Power of Town Council Over Land Use" and "Zoning Authority in the Town of Vernon".
7. Copy of press release from Hon. M. Jodi Rell announcing \$1.2 million to support Roosevelt Mills redevelopment in Vernon.
8. Memorandum from Christopher Clark, Town Administrator relative to MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program.