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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL — 14 PARK PLACE — 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

CALL IN: 1-929-205-6099
MEETING ID: 811 1990 4809 **PASSWORD:** 0216

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
7:30 P.M.

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
21 FEB 12 AM 11:42

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- B.) ROLL CALL

- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (2) , HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATIVE TO PERSONNEL AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ORDINANCE NO. __, TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD", AND THE **REPEAL** OF "ORDINANCE #292, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD". **(A copy of the Ordinance has been included in the Council packet.)**

- *Mayor Daniel A. Champagne calls the Public Hearing to order*

- *Clerk reads the Public Hearing Notice into the record.*

- *Mayor and Town Council receive public comment.*
- *Adjourn the Public Hearing*

*(NOTE: Action to be considered in “Section L - Action on Ordinance (s)
Previously Presented”*

***(TOWN COUNCIL TO RECESS TO VIRTUAL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING)***

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO RECESS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE CENTER ROAD SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT.

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to update the Town Council on various topics.
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G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1.** Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Current years. (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated February 5, 2021 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWELVE (12) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$21,108.11 AS REFERENCED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2021

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1.** Request the Town Council approve meeting dates for 2021-2022 budget meetings. (See memorandum dated February 12, 2021 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, the Vernon Town Council and Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021, THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 AND MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 WITH A START TIME OF 7:00 PM; AND SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 WITH A START TIME OF 9:00 AM. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 WITH A START TIME OF 9:05 AM AND THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 WITH A START TIME OF 7:05AM TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2021-2022 TOWN OF VERNON

BUDGET. ALL BUDGET MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC SAID MEETINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize the application for a grant offered by State of Connecticut DEEP for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management in the amount of \$14,061.75, by the Parks and Recreation Department.** (See memorandum from Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 9, 2021 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT OFFERED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEEP FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,061.75. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO SAME.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Parks and Recreation to join the Town of Bolton and the Friends of Bolton Lakes to apply for a grant offered by the State of Connecticut DEEP in the amount of \$38,144.00.** (See memorandum from Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 9, 2021 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

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4. **Request the Town Council authorize the Fire Department to apply for a grant offered by the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, through the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in the amount of \$73,833.86.** (See memorandum from Fire Chief Stephen Eppler dated February 8, 2021 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, ASSISTANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,833.86. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO SAME.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. ___, Town of Vernon Energy Improvement District and Energy Improvement District Board” AND REPEALING “Ordinance No. 292 entitled “Ordinance Establishing Energy Improvement District And Energy Improvement District Board”. (A number will be assigned to the new Ordinance once the Ordinance has passed Town Council vote.)

(ACTION – PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN SECTION “E”)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS 4 & 6 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, HEREBY MOVES TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, **“ORDINANCE NO. ___, TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD”** AND FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL **REPEALS “ORDINANCE #292, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD”**, AS AMENDED.

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **FEBRUARY 2, 2021** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Monthly Report – January, 2021, Vernon Police Department as submitted by Captain John Kelley.
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Q.) ADJOURNMENT