

April 4, 2017

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

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April 4, 2017 - 7:30 PM

Mayor Daniel Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson and Virginia Gingras

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Ann Letendre at 7:33 PM

Also Present: Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one spoke at Citizen's Forum

J.) NEW BUSINESS

3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's proposed amendment to the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS "THIRD AMENDMENT TO TOWN OF VERNON LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT."

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush proposed a resolution that the town council adopt the Third Amendment to the Town of Vernon Length of Service Award Program for the Volunteer Fire Department. Discussion took place.

7:33 PM Council Member Letendre entered the meeting. Discussion continued.

Motion carried unanimously.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:35 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made the following motion to go into Executive Session:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200, (6) (A) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER, AND INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND ROBERT KLEINHANS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ATTEND.

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Motion carried unanimously.

7:53 PM Executive Session ended. No action taken.

E.) **PUBLIC HEARING**
None

F.) **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation to the Town Council by Mayor Daniel A. Champagne on various topics.

- The Vernon Police Department's Annual Award Ceremony was held last week. Officer Robert Wyse was named 2016 Officer of the Year as he showed exceptional dedication to duty, superior performance, motivation and positive attitude. Thank you and congratulations to Officer Wyse.
- The Greater Vernon Holistic Fair was recently held at Vernon Center Middle School. Approximately 1,670 individuals attended with over 100 exhibitors. The event raised \$16,194, to support Vernon Youth Services Positive Youth Development.
- Mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on April 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM.
- Donation to the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation will take place on Thursday at Suburban Subaru.

G.) **ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Maryann Hopowiec, (U) 62 Legion Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said appointment to commence on April 05, 2017 and expires June 30, 2017.** (See Ms. Hopowiec's resume as attached. Also it should be noted that Ms. Hopowiec is filling the unexpired term of Judy Hany.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MARYANN HOPOWIEC, (U), 62 LEGION DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON APRIL 5, 2017 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2017.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Conan A. Schreyer, (D), 12 Winding Brook Trail, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on April 5, 2017 and expires June 30, 2019.** (A copy of Mr. Schreyer's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 09-21-76 AMENDED ON 09-21-1982 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CONAN A. SCHREYER, (D), 12

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WINDING BROOK TRAIL, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 5, 2017 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2019.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Catherine Rebai, (R), 42 Neill Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the North Central District Health Department, said term to commence on April 16, 2017 and expires on December 30, 2019.** (A copy of Ms. Rebai's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §19a-241; CHARTER CHAPTER XI, SECTIONS 1,5, & 14, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE REBAI, (R), 42 NEILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 16, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 30, 2019.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Ronald Kane, (R), 15 Tobias Court, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said term to commence on April 18, 2017 and expires on December 31, 2019.** (A copy of Mr. Kane's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RONALD KANE (R), 15 TOBIAS COURT, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 18, 2017 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

J.) NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- 1. Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to submit application to the State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program for a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00.** (See memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated March 29, 2017 to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOCIP) FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES

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ACCOUNT FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS AT THE PROSPECT STREET FIREHOUSE.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to submit an application to the State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program (LOCIP) for a grant in the amount of \$50,000. Mayor Daniel Champagne spoke and James Luddecke, Finance Officer, answered questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute the agreement entitled, "Memorandum of Understanding," relative the supervision of the Town's custodial staff.** (See memorandum from Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to the Vernon Town Council dated March 30, 2017 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON AN AGREEMENT ENTITLED, "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING," REFERENCING DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE TOWN'S CUSTODIANS BY THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to execute an agreement entitled "Memorandum of Understanding" referencing direct supervision of the Town's custodians by the Vernon Public Schools' supervisor of school facilities and special projects. No discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

None

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2017 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 abstention, Council Member Letendre.

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

None

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Adjourn (7:59 PM)

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 7, 2017

Approved: April 18, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen C. Daigle', written in a cursive style.

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary