

May 2, 2017

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE - 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
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May 2, 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, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson, Ann Letendre and Virginia Gingras

Absent: Council Members, Kim Appleyard

Entered During Meeting:

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

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

Carl Schaefer, 1A Fox Hill Drive, Chairman of the Vernon Military Flags Committee, along with Chet Morgan, Jerry Bundy, Ralph Zahner, Dave Smith and Vince Castagno, explained that the committee had placed 6 flags and poles at each of 4 sites around town honoring the veterans who served our country. The committee thanked all who donated, raising over \$30,000 for the project and were now turning over 124 flags to the Town of Vernon, to be maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Champagne was presented with a photograph of the flags and several of the said flags. The Mayor thanked the committee for all their work.

7:37 PM Citizens Forum ended.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

E.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:37 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "Section 11-22 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS".

- **MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**
- **CLERK READ THE LEGAL NOTICE INTO THE RECORD**
- **MAYOR CHAMPAGNE AND TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVED COMMENTS**
 - Council Member Schaefer spoke against businesses having to pay ½ of the cost of the sidewalks in town.
 - Council Member Bush spoke in favor of the ordinance, as it would take the burden off the taxpayers.
 - Barry Beckwith, 23 Overbrook Drive, didn't see the need for all the sidewalks around town, and that the Town should fill potholes instead.

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- 7:43 PM MAYOR CHAMPAGNE DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED
- RETURNED TO THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

F.) PRESENTATIONS

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

- The cupcake extravaganza took place at Rockville High School last week, which was well attended with lots of raffle prizes. Thank you to the staff and students for producing a very successful event.
- Opening day of Little League Softball and Baseball was April 22nd. The rain forced postponement of some of the games, but didn't dampen the spirits of over 250 participants and their volunteer coaches.
- The Community Gardens located at VCMS upper field and managed by our Recreation Department benefited from a \$2,000 Healthy Communities Grant through the North Central District Health Department, which was used to install running water, a much needed resource.
- Upcoming calendar dates:
 - May 6th, 11:30 AM at Legion Field, "First Annual Opening Day and Flag Raising" for the Vernon Lacrosse League.
 - May 28th, 8:30 AM, staging for the Talcottville Memorial Day Parade; all should gather at the Talcottville Church parking lot.
 - May 29th, 8:30 AM at Northeast School, staging for the Town of Vernon/American Legion Memorial Day Parade; step off is 10:00 AM.
 - The adjourned annual town meeting is scheduled at Rockville High School for June 13th at 7:00 PM.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to move the consent agenda items as presented C1 – C2. Council Member Motola pulled C-2. Motion to approve C-1 carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request for the Town Council to approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 21, 2017 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FIVE (5) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$1177.11, FOR CURRENT YEAR, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 21, 2017.

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H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment # 30, #31, #32 and #33 for fiscal year 2016-2017 as provided by Finance Officer and Treasurer James M. Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached. (See the budget amendment forms with explanation attached to this agenda.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #30, #31, #32 AND #33 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES M. LUDDECKE.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to approve budget amendments #30-33 for fiscal year 2016-2017. Finance Officer, James Luddecke, answered questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

None

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED (Public Hearing in Sec 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 **"Section 11-22 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS"**.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer moved to approve the Ordinance entitled "Section 11-22 An Ordinance Concerning Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters". No discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

None

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

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

None

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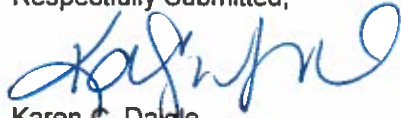
Adjourn (7:49 PM)

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

Received: May 8, 2017

Approved: May 16, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen C. Dagle
Recording Secretary