

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 13, 2017 – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:** Pauline Schaefer, Ann Letendre and Virginia Gingras

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne read a portion of a letter submitted by Town Administrator, John D. Ward, announcing his resignation from the Town of Vernon effective July 13, 2017.

**C) NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Subsequent to the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget at the Town Meeting, the following motions are needed pursuant to Town Charter, Chapter XII, Section 6, "within five (5) days of adoption of the annual budget by the annual town meeting, the Town Council shall fix the tax rate in mils which shall be levied on the taxable property in the town for the ensuing fiscal year."**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018, AT 38.71 MILS UPON TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 16-3, SECTION 187, REFERENCING THE ASSESSMENT YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015, THE MIL RATE ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX IS CAPPED AND SET AT 37.00 MILS, AND FURTHER, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to set the tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at 38.71 mils upon taxable real and personal property in the Town of Vernon. In accordance with State of Connecticut Public Act 16-3, Section 187, the mil rate on the motor vehicle tax is capped and set at 37.00 mils, and further, that the Town Council signs the tax warrant for said fiscal year. James Ludecke, Finance Director and Treasurer, answered questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-144a OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX DUE AND PAYABLE IN TWO INSTALLMENTS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to authorize the collection of Motor Vehicle tax due and payable in a two installments, in accordance with the provisions of section 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush amended the motion to authorize the collection of Motor Vehicle tax due and payable in a single installment on September 1, 2017. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn 7:19 PM

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary