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**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

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

A) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited

B) **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Thomas DiDio, Linda Gessay, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Jim Tedford, Steve Wakefield and Michael Wendus

**Absent:** Council Member Julie Clay and Ann Letendre

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

At the Mayor's request, Council Member Wakefield and Council Member Schaefer reported on the outcome of the Summer Carnival. It was noted that as a result of the record number of attendees, approximately 65% more will be donated to the charities cited to receive proceeds. All sponsors and the Town's Public Works Department were thanked for aiding to the success of the carnival.

A.) E.) **PUBLIC HEARING #1 (7:35PM)**

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED "**Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, An Ordinance Entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property."** **Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled "Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited"**, and **Ordinance #295 Entitled "Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited."** (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order.
- Clerk read the Public Hearing Legal Notice into the record.
- Mayor and Town Council received public comment:

Maryann Levesque, 183 Bolton Road, couldn't support the proposed ordinances as written.

Julia Anderson, 1100 Hartford Turnpike, #613, questioned the wording of the first proposed ordinance.

7:43 PM Council Member Wendus left the meeting, and returned at 7:46 PM

Genaro Gonzalez, 133 West Main Street, asked for a designated area to smoke cannabis.

Mike Winkler, 20 Gottier Drive, questioned the wording of the proposed ordinances.

Ariana Nieves, 26 Zoey Drive, spoke against the proposed ordinances.

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- Mayor adjourned the first Public Hearing at 7:51 PM

**NOTE: ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED IN “Section L – Action on Ordinances Previously Presented.”**

**PUBLIC HEARING #2** (Immediately following Public Hearing #1)

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED, **“Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”, Repealing Ordinance #195 Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”.** (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order.
- Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to waive the second reading of the legal notice. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor and Town Council received public comment:
  - There was no public comment
- Mayor adjourned the second Public Hearing at 7:53 PM

**NOTE: ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED IN “Section L – Action on Ordinances Previously Presented.”**

**C.) CITIZEN’S FORUM**

Maryann Levesque, 183 Bolton Road, spoke regarding Covid-19 vaccinations.

Genaro Gonzalez, 133 West Main Street, spoke regarding Covid-19.

Citizen’s Forum ended at 8:01 PM

**F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne made a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

- Thanked Deputy Mayor Steve Wakefield for standing in while he was on vacation.
- National Night Out was held and well attended. Council Member Tom DiDio reported that the event was well attended and approximately 300 packets were given to school children. Over 35 organizations participated in the event.
- Mayor Champagne spoke on Rep. Winkler’s comments made during the first public hearing.
- Shakespeare in the Park was held in the back parking area of the Library with the second performance inside the Library due to weather conditions. Both events were very successful and further supported the community’s interest in the Arts in Vernon. Over 138 people attended the performances. A crowd funding campaign raised a total of \$15,000 from generous donors and a match from Sustainable Connecticut. Thank you to everyone involved.

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- As part of our Sustainable CT Recertification, the Town has begun the process of benchmarking its energy consumption in Town Buildings in partnership with Vernon Public Schools, the Energy Improvement District Board, UCONN, Finance, Administration, Water Pollution Control Authority and Public Works. More information to follow.
- Phase I - Windermere Fields Project - Public Works is removing the topsoil from one of the fields with the new bulldozer. The next step is meeting with Engineering to begin the field design plans. We plan on having a ceremony with Town Council and community stakeholders in the near future.
- Rockville High School Track and Field – the new field is complete and a new rubber surface is being applied to the track. Fencing around the field and track has been installed. More information on a ribbon cutting with the Board of Education and the Town Council is forthcoming.
- Citizen Block – a close eye is on building material pricing, which appear to be coming down, possibly allowing work to resume sooner than later.
- The sinkhole issue at the dog park has been resolved and repaired; the park has been fully re-opened.
- Information about the distribution of American Rescue Funds is forthcoming. Presently, we are working with local non-profits to identify needs, and will bring forward recommendations to the Council.
- The next Vernon Voice magazine will be published mid-November. This edition will include articles from the Vernon Volunteer Collaborative and updates on ongoing projects around town.
- An Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at the American Legion Post 14, West Road, Vernon was held on August 15, 2021 for Curtis Roggi, who assisted the RHS Music Department Staff in cataloging and organizing decades of sheet music and Zachary Larson, who refurbished, repaired and painted picnic tables for the American Legion members to use during their events. Thank you and congratulations to both Eagle Scouts.
- The Rockville Elks donated \$5,000 to the Social Services Department back-to-school program this year to purchase clothing and school supplies. For nearly 20 years, the community has generously contributed to this program to assist Vernon families. In addition, donations of \$3,500.00 from the community and \$1,000.00 from the Salvation Army were received. Thank you to all who donated.

Council Member Tom DiDio announced that Mary Oliver, a longtime resident and volunteer to the Town of Vernon, passed away recently.

8:11 – 8:12 PM A moment of silence for Mary Oliver.

#### **G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- C** **1. Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current years.** (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated August 9, 2021 included in the Council packet.)

#### **PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (17) SEVENTEEN PRIOR YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$4025.81 AND (47) FORTY-SEVEN CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$13896.09 AS REFERENCED IN THE

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MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO  
MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED AUGUST 9, 2021.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Rudolf Rossmly, (R), 228 Risley Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Board of Ethics, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires November 30, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Rossmly's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF RUDOLF ROSSMY, (R), 228 RISLEY ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Joshua Stenger, (D), 164 Vernon Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires on June 30, 2022.** (A copy of Mr. Stenger's resume is included for Council review. It should be noted that Mr. Stenger is completing the unexpired term of Conan Schreyer.)

**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 JOSHUA STENGER, (D), 164 VERNON AVENUE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 18, 2021 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Vincent J. Bologna, (D), 227 Tracy Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Arts Commission, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires on July 31, 2024.** (A copy of Mr. Bologna'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 REAPPOINTMENT OF VINCENT J. BOLOGNA (D), 227 TRACY DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON ARTS COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND JULY 31, 2024.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Michele Arn, (D), 67 Overbrook Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Board of Ethics, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires on November 30, 2025.** (A copy of Ms. Arn's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHELE ARN, (D), 67 OVERBROOK DRIVE, VERNON,

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CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

- C** 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of John Kelley, Chief of Police as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence August 18, 2021 and expires August 17, 2024. (It should be noted that Chief Kelley is a Town of Vernon employee and therefore no resume is included.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JOHN KELLEY, 725 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND EXPIRES AUGUST 17, 2024.

- C** 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Social Service Director, Matthew Hellman, to the position of Assistant Municipal Agent for the Elderly, said term to commence on August 18, 2021 and expires August 17, 2026. (It should be noted that Matthew Hellman is a Town of Vernon employee and therefore no resume is included.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW HELLMAN AS AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND EXPIRES ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

- C** 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Michael Baum, (D), 194 Washington Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on August 17, 2021 and expires December 31, 2025.  
(A copy of Mr. Baum's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1 & 6, AND CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 8-4a & b, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BAUM, (D), 194 WASHINGTON STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, TO ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON AUGUST 17, 2021 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C** 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Frank Borysevicz, (R), 93 Thrall Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to commence August 18, 2021 and expires November 30, 2025. (A copy of Mr. Borysevicz's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

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PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 - 2- 98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF FRANK BORYSEVICZ, (R), 93 THRALL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**  
None

I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**  
None

J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council approve the asset disposal for the Vernon Board of Education.** (See memorandum dated July 27, 2021 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Daniel A. Champagne, Mayor and Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSET FORMS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to approve the disposal of fixed assets for the Vernon Board of Education as disclosed on the request for disposal of fixed asset forms. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute any and all documents to make application for and receive Youth Service Bureau cost sharing funds from the State Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$21,135.00.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director Youth Service Bureau relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU COST-SHARING FUNDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$31,992.00. (THIS AMOUNT IS CORRECTED FROM AMOUNT ON AGENDA.)

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to authorize Mayor Champagne execute the necessary paperwork to make application for and receive Youth Service Bureau cost-sharing funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families in the total amount of \$31,992. Youth Services Director, Michelle Hill, answered questions. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

8:18 PM meeting recessed

8:27 PM meeting reconvened

K.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

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None

L.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

1. **Ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property." Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled "Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited", and Ordinance #295 Entitled "Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited." (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)**

**(ACTION – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING HELD DURING 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. , An Ordinance Entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property." Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled "Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited", and Ordinance #295 Entitled "Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited."**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved to approve the Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property." Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled "Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited", and Ordinance #295 Entitled "Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited." Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer proposed changes in wording to the title **to read** "Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Consumption of Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property." Repealing Ordinance #74 Entitled "Possession, Consumption, Distribution or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on School Grounds, in School Buildings Prohibited", and Ordinance #295 Entitled "Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors in Town Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited";

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer proposed changes in wording to the subtitle Are hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-owned or Town-leased property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-owned or Town-leased property **to read** Are hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor Prohibited in Town-owned or Town-leased property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-owned or Town-leased property; Consumption of Cannabis Prohibited in Town-owned or Town-leased property.;

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To section (d) Possession and consumption of Cannabis prohibited. It shall be unlawful to possess, burn, smoke, consume, sell, or distribute cannabis of any kind on Town-owned or Town-leased property **to read** (d) Consumption of Cannabis prohibited. It shall be unlawful to burn, smoke, consume, sell, or distribute cannabis of any kind on Town-owned or Town-leased property.

Motion to make the above changes in wording of the Ordinance carried unanimously.

Main motion to approve the Ordinance, as amended, carried unanimously.

- 2. Ordinance entitled “ Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”, Repealing Ordinance #195 Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”.** (A copy of said Ordinance is included for Council review.)

**(ACTION – FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING HELD DURING 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. , An Ordinance Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”, Repealing Ordinance #195 Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”.**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved to approve the Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”, Repealing Ordinance #195 Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”. Town Attorney, Lou Spadaccini, spoke regarding the wording of the ordinance.

8:41 PM meeting recessed

8:46 PM meeting reconvened

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, proposed changes in wording to the title **to read** “Ordinance No. , An Ordinance Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Consumption of Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”, Repealing Ordinance #195 Entitled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas”.

Council Member DiDio, seconded by Council Member Schaefer proposed changes in wording to the subtitle Is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Possession of alcoholic liquor and cannabis in public areas, highways and parking areas **to read** Is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Possession of alcoholic liquor and consumption of cannabis in public areas, highways and parking areas.

To section (a) *Short title*. This section shall be known and may be cited as “Ordinance Regarding Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in, within and upon Public Areas, Public Highways and Parking Areas within the Town of Vernon” **to read** (a) *Short title*. This section shall be known and may be cited as “Ordinance Regarding Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Consumption of Cannabis in, within and upon Public Areas, Public Highways and Parking Areas within the Town of Vernon.”

Motion to make the above changes in wording of the Ordinance carried unanimously.



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Main motion to approve the Ordinance, as amended, carried unanimously.

**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 **July 20, 2021** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Champagne announced that Executive Session #3 on the Agenda which read "THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (D), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND" was pulled.

8:50 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #1:

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

9:05 PM Executive Session #1 ended.

No action taken.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #2:

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (D), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

9:19 PM Executive Session #2 ended.

No action taken.

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Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made the following motion to go into Executive Session #3:

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (D), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND SHAUN GATELY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, TO ATTEND. (Note: Ms. Maselek did not attend)

9:38 PM Executive Session #3 ended.

9:38 PM meeting recessed; 9:47 PM meeting reconvened

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Wendus, proposed the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 14 LAUREL STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 16, 2021 BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON, VERNON MILL OWNER, LLC AND VERNON MILL OWNER II, LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Levesque, proposed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, MICHAEL J. PURCARO IS DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND FILE SUCH APPLICATION WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TO EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED, TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS OFFERED, TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, DECISIONS, AND REVISIONS THERETO, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN OF VERNON.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Monthly Report for May, 2021 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
2. Monthly Report for June, 2021 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
3. Monthly Report for June, 2021 as submitted by John Kelley, Chief of Police.
4. Monthly Report for July, 2021 as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.

**Adjourn (9:49 PM)**

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

Received: August 24, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: September 21, 2021

  
Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary