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Town of Vernon, State of Connecticut Partner to Restore Fox Hill Tower

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The bonding package recently approved by the State Bond Commission includes \$2.5 million for the restoration of Vernon’s landmark Fox Hill Memorial Tower.

The tower sits at the top of Henry Park and overlooks Rockville and the Connecticut River Valley. It is an iconic symbol of Vernon and is featured in the town seal.

The tower was built in 1937 during the Great Depression as a Works Progress Administration project and intended as a memorial to Vernon’s war veterans. The WPA was an employment and infrastructure program created to get Americans back to work.

Mayor Dan Champagne sought funding to restore the tower through the State Bond Commission.

“Fox Hill Tower is a Vernon landmark and a centerpiece of so many activities, such as July in the Sky,” Mayor Champagne said. “I am thankful the Bond Commission shares my view that investing in the tower and preserving a regional landmark is worthwhile for Vernon and Connecticut.”

The Town last year hired an engineering firm to examine the tower and promenade, to recommend a restoration program and develop a budget. Its recommendations include extensive masonry restoration, concrete repair, repainting and adding handicapped access and additional lighting.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic

base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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