

October 3, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
MONDAY, October 3, 2022 7:30 PM

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VERNON TOWN CLERK
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Mayor Daniel A. 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, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, John O'Connell, Teri Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford,

Absent: Council Members Julie Clay, Ariana Nieves-Matias, Michael Wendus

Entered During Meeting: None

Also Present: Assistant Town Administrator Dawn Maselek, Recording Secretary Jennifer Walker

C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS

None

D.) CITIZENS FORUM (7:31PM)

Genaro Gonzales, 133 West Main St, spoke on various topics.

Council Member Levesque spoke in regards to trash guidelines.

Council Member Rogers spoke in regards to street cleaning and safety concerns with construction on Grove St.

Citizen's Forum ended at 7:39PM

E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

None

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION 7:39PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne proclaimed October 9-15, 2022 to be Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Vernon. Fire Marshal Daniel Wasilewski received the proclamation, expressed his thanks and spoke on plans for Fire Prevention Week. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne updated the Town Council on various topics.

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1. The New England Civil War Museum, 14 Park Place, Vernon held a Living History Day on October 1, 2022. The event was held inside from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM and included Interactive Demonstrations, Photo Station and Museum Tours.

2. The Town of Vernon Halloween Trunk or Treat is in the planning stages. This year the drive-thru event will be held on October 27, 2022 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM at Henry Park. More information to follow.

3. Every October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend, the official national tribute to those firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. In 2017, the Foundation created Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters to recognize the 25th anniversary of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Firefighters Memorial Weekend. Since then, Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters has expanded to include fire departments and families lighting their homes in red. The Town of Vernon participated last Friday night with the lighting of all the firehouses and the Fox Hill Tower. We are grateful for the Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and all their members for all their many sacrifices on our behalf.

H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve the tax refunds for prior and current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated September 26, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FIVE (5) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$1506.21 AND THIRTY-SEVEN (37) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$6185.78 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne appointment of Town Council member Maryann Levesque, (D) 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Capital Improvement Committee, said term commenced on January 26, 2022 and the end of the term should be January 25, 2025 (not 11.13.2023).** (Ms. Levesque is a Town Council member and therefore no resume is included.)

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PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10-61-63, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER MARYANN LEVESQUE, (D), 14 PARK PLACE, VERN ON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, SAID TERM COMMENCED ON JANUARY 26, 2022 AND EXPIRES JANUARY 25, 2025.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council submit application for Local Prevention Council Grant funds on behalf of the Local Prevention Council to support initiatives to prevent substance abuse by minors in the amount of \$5,342.00.** (See the memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director of Youth Services to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator regarding the same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATIONS FOR AND RECEIVE LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,342.00.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute any and all documents to make applications for and receive Local Prevention Council Grant funds in the amount of \$5,342.00.

Michelle Hill spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

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O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
None

P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **September 20, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

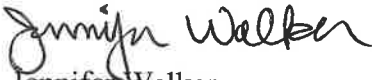
Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Rogers, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 regular town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Q.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION
None

ADJOURN (7:53 PM)

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

Received: October 5, 2022
Approved: October 18, 2022


Jennifer Walker
Recording Secretary