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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2022**  
7:30 P.M.

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS
- D.) CITIZENS FORUM

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- E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

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 TO ATTEND.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

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

- F.) PUBLIC HEARING

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- G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Betsy Soto, Director of the Vernon Housing Authority to present the annual PILOT check to the Town of Vernon.

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- H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- 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 November 23, 2022 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$594.44 AND SEVEN (7) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$1,744.85 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2022.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve the budget amendment requests #2, #3 and #4 for fiscal year 2022-2023 as provided on the budget amendment forms from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer.** ( See budget amendment forms attached.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS 2,3 AND 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AS PROVIDED ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER JEFFREY A. O'NEILL.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Don Schubert, 22 Wildwood Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2023 and expires December 31, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Schubert's resume is included for Council review).

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DON SCHUBERT, 22 WILDWOOD ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as an Alternate Director to the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on January 1, 2022 and expires December 31, 2024.** (Mr. Purcaro is the Town Administrator and therefore no resume is included.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Matt Hellman, Director of Social Services, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of The ACCESS Agency, Inc., said term to commence on January 1, 2023 and expires December 31, 2025. (Mr. Hellman is the Director of Social Services and therefore no resume is included.)**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE ACCESS AGENCY, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW HELLMAN, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ACCESS AGENCY, INC. FOR A TERM TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Carmen Melaragno, (R), 71 Pearl Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence January 1, 2023 and expires December 31, 2025. (A copy of Mr. Melaragno's resume is included for Council review.)**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMEN MELARAGNO (R), 71 PEARL DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Joseph Greco, (U), 66 Vernwood Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on January 1, 2023 and expires December 31, 2025. (A copy of Mr. Greco's resume is included for Council review.)**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GRECO, (U), 66 VERNWOOD DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Sheila Dunn, (U), 32 Kevin Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, said term to commence on December 6, 2022 and expires June 30, 2023.** (A copy of Ms. Dunn's resume is included for Council review. Ms. Dunn is completing the unexpired term of Mr. Kane.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF SHEILA DUNN, (U), 32 KEVIN DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 7, 2022 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2023.

- C 9. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Sherrin Roch, 14 Lantern Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as the Parking Violation Hearing Officer, said term to commence on January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.** (A copy of Ms. Roch's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE III "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING", SEC. 13-39 "FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS" § (e), TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERRIN ROCH, 14 LANTERN LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE PARKING VIOLATION HEARING OFFICER, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2024.

- C 10. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Linda Gessay, Town Council member, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission, said term to commence on December 7, 2022 and expires June 30, 2023.** (Ms. Gessay is a Town Council member and therefore no resume is included. It should be noted that Ms. Gessay is completing the unexpired term of Judy Lampson.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SEC. 3, 05-02-1989 TOWN RESOLUTION VOL. 24, PAGE 382 AS AMENDED /VOL. 37 PAGE 266 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 02-19-2002, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF LINDA GESSAY, TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING DECEMBER 7, 2022 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2023.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council authorize the funding for the printing of the Historical Society Brochure entitled "Discover Vernon" in the amount of \$1,734.65.** (See budget amendment #5 attached and the memorandum from Director Jean Luddy to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

RESOLVE, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER OF \$1,734.65 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION - PRINTING AND BINDING ACCOUNT 10112120 OBJECT CODE 55500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PRINTING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BROCHURE ENTITLED "DISCOVER VERNON".

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

**Request the Town Council schedule a public hearing regarding "Be it ordained that the Design Review Advisory Committee ordinances codified in Article VIII, Sections 10-105 through 10-108 in the Vernon Code of Ordinances and originally adopted as Ordinances #191, #193, #219 and #268 are hereby repealed in their entirety".** (Said referenced ordinances are attached for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SEC. 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING "***BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORDINANCES CODIFIED IN ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 10-105 THROUGH 10-108 IN THE VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ORIGINALLY ADOPTED AS ORDINANCES #191, #193, #219 AND #268 ARE HEREBY REPEALED IN THEIR ENTIRETY***", AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGS §7-157(b) FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ACTION, SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 LOCATED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED REPEAL.

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M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **NOVEMBER 15, 2022** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

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R.) ADJOURNMENT