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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
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) (D), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION #4

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 #5

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.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve the tax refunds for current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated February 9, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ELEVEN (11) CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$15,471.43 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2023.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Geoffrey Siedor, (U), 27 Gardner Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Inland Wetland Regulatory Commission, said term to commence on February 22, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2025.** (Mr. Siedor is completing the unexpired term of Carolyn M. Futtner. A copy of Mr. Siedor'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 APPOINTMENT OF GEOFFREY SIEDOR, (U), 27 GARDNER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council graciously accept the donation received from the Rockville Bank Community Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Tri-Town Fuel Bank.** (See letter dated December 24, 2022 from the Rockville Bank Community Foundation, Inc. to Matt Hellman, Director of the Vernon Social Services Department, copy of the check for \$15,000.00 and the Acknowledgement Form and memorandum from Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator to the Rockville Bank Community Foundation dated February 16, 2023 for same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTS THE GIFT OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE ROCKVILLE BANK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE TRI-TOWN FUEL BANK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT THE REQUESTED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR SAME.

- 2. Request the Town Council consider the acceptance of 686 Dart Hill Road from the Hockanum River Linear Park of Vernon, Inc., as presented.** (See letter from the Vernon Greenway Volunteers, Inc., dated January 21, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator, memorandum dated January 31, 2023 to Ashley Stephens, Town Planner and the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting an 8-24 review and memorandum dated February 6, 2023 from Ashley Stephens, Town Planner to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator with the 8-24 response for same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS THE PARCEL KNOWN AS 686 DART HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT FROM THE HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK OF VERNON, INC., FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

- 3. Requesting approval of the transfer of Chamberlin Street to the Vernon Housing Authority and perpetual easement access by the Gesang and Declamation Club, Inc.** (See Quit Claim Deed, Mutual Access Agreement and map attached.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE QUIT CLAIM DEED AND MUTUAL ACCESS AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

4. **Request the Town Council approve the asset disposal for the Vernon Police Department.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated February 15, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FORM.

5. **Request the Town Council approve the asset disposal for the Vernon Public Schools.** (See memorandum from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer & Treasurer dated February 15, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FORM.

6. **Request the Town Council cancel the public hearing scheduled for March 18, 2023 and reschedule for March 23, 2023 to allow for publishing deadlines for the legal notice.** (See memorandum from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant dated February 14, 2023 relative to same. *It should be noted that the budget meeting on March 18, 2023 will still be held as scheduled.*)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL AMENDS THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023-2024 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET CANCELLING THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18, 2023 AT 9:05 AM AND ADDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 BEGINNING AT 7:05 PM. THE PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION WILL NOT CHANGE, THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **FEBRUARY 7, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT