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**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLWING ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited

B.) **ROLL CALL:**

- **Present:** Council Members Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Ariana Nieves-Matias, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford, Michael Wendus
- **Absent:** Laura Bush
- **Entered During Meeting:** None
- **Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Subsequent to the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget at the Town Meeting, the following motions are needed pursuant to Town Charter, Chapter XII, Section 6, "within five (5) days of adoption of the annual budget by the annual town meeting, the Town Council shall fix the tax rate in mils which shall be levied on the taxable property in the town for the ensuing fiscal year."

PROPOSED MOTION #1:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, AT **33.39 MILS** UPON TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 16-3, SECTION 187, REFERENCING THE ASSESSMENT YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021, THE MIL RATE ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX IS CAPPED AND SET AT **32.46 MILS**, AND FURTHER, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Wendus, made a motion to set the tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at **33.39 mils** upon taxable real and personal property in the Town of Vernon. In accordance with State of Connecticut Public Act 16-3, Section 187, referencing the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, the mil rate on the motor vehicle tax is capped and set at **32.46 mils**, and further, that the Town Council signs the tax warrant for said fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-144A OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES DUE AND PAYABLE IN ONE STATEMENT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Rogers made a motion, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizing the collection of motor vehicle taxes due and payable in one installment. Motion carried unanimously.

D.) ADJOURNMENT: (7:27 PM)

- Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously at **7:27pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

Meriline Sarkar
Recording Secretary