



# TOWN OF VERNON

14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT 06066

OFFICE OF PERMANENT MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING COMMITTEE

## PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

### **DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting: August 22nd, 2023**

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- **Call to order:** 6:26 P.M.
- **In attendance:**
  - Committee Members John Leary, Carol Guttman, Joe Greco, Jason Mistretta, Recording Secretary Claire Crane, Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works, and Mark Rizzo, Supervisor of School Facilities
- **Absent:** Tim Poloski
- **Citizens Forum:** no citizens in attendance.
- **Approval of July 2023 Minutes:** Motions made by J. Greco and C. Guttman and it passed unanimously.
- **Adjournment:** Motions made by J. Greco and J. Mistretta and it passed unanimously at 6:32 P.M.
- **Inspection of Town Buildings:** 777 Hartford Turnpike – Vernon Center Middle School
- **Inspection/Observations:**
  - The overall impression is that VCMS built in 1966 and 140,000 square feet is being attended to and is well kept. Custodial staff was hard at work putting on the finishing touches to floors and reassembling class rooms.
    1. Concrete pads by the 2<sup>nd</sup> entry/exit door were replaced, the wall repointed and sections of the sidewalk replaced.
    2. Three classrooms were completely renovated.



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3. The administration area was repainted. The new “alert system” beacon, providing another layer of security, has been installed and was pointed out to the committee.
4. Blue accents have been painted in the cafeteria and along the hallway outside of the cafeteria to bring the school colors into the environment. Stairwells have been painted.
5. A bottle filler station was installed and viewed by the committee. Each year Public Works through grants tries to obtain one new unit as they are approximately \$4,000.
6. The Tech Hall was repainted, and any room due for interior painting had their ceilings painted black to provide a uniform look. The updated look of the rooms made an impression; they look great. Of note, is the special wax put down in the wood-working room to prevent slippage near sharp tools. Additionally, an electrical upgrade was completed adding safety features for the room.
7. The Sewing Room was stripped down for new furniture, remediated for asbestos when an island was removed exposing it, and an electrical upgrade made to the room.
8. The ABL room renovations were close to completion. This room provides an environment with air conditioning, low lighting, and other attributes for students with sensitivities. A new stove and refrigerator were due to be installed.
9. Lights continue to be retrofitted to LED. Additionally, emergency lighting is now LED. Ceiling tiles look great.
10. VCMS serves as a Red-Cross Shelter and the hot water heater was replaced using in-house employees at a savings to the town. This was a huge project and the new unit is HE and High Recovery.
11. 150 feet of an asphalt sidewalk was capped for safe egress. Also, drainage was installed in the soccer fields last summer.
12. One item for repair: Room 25 – Science. Tile entry should be replaced.

Regards,

Recording Secretary – Claire Crane

*Claire Crane*