

**AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CENTER 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
26 PARK PLACE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006
7:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

PUBLIC HEARING: (7:35 P.M.)

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a Local Historic Properties Commission and Designating Historic Properties and Districts. (Copy of Ordinance is in the packet.)"

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

MAYOR RECOMMENDS ACTION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

TOWN COUNCIL ACTS ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERITES COMMISSION AND DESIGNATING HISTORIC PROPERITES AND DISTRICTS, AS AMENDED."

PRESENTATIONS:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2006, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

New Business Items:

- C 1.** Request for Tax Refunds – Current Fiscal Year
- C 2.** Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Fiscal Year
- C 3.** Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Pescosolido as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission.
- C 4.** Request the Town Council to adopt a motion in order to fund the right of way activity for the replacement of the Vernon Avenue Bridge.
- C 5.** Request the Town Council to adopt a motion in order to fund the right of way activity for the replacement of the Spring Street Bridge.
- C 6.** Request the Town council to adopt a motion in order to fund the right of way activity for the replacement of the River Street Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS):

- 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated January 11, 2006 to Laurence Shaffer; Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO APPROVE NINE (9) TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,498.03 AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JANUARY 11, 2006 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

- 2. Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Year.** (Memorandum from Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue, dated January 11, 2006 to Laurence Shaffer; Town Administrator, is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO APPROVE ONE (1) TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,037.64 AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JANUARY 11, 2006 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

- 3. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor’s appointment Of Jeffrey Pescosolido, (U) 96 Brent Drive, as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, to fill a vacancy due to the regular appointment of Harry D. Thomas, said term to expire on December 31, 2008.** (Appointment letter and resume is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY PESCOSOLIDO (U), TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

- 4. Request the Town Council to approve an appropriation from the general fund in order to fund the right of way activities for the replacement of the Vernon Avenue Bridge.** (Memorandum from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator is in the packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER XII, ENTITLED "FINANCE ADMINISTRATION" SECTION 10, SUBSECTION F, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, HEREBY APPROVES A NEW APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN ORDER TO FUND THE RIGHT OF WAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE HOCKANUM RIVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES.

- 5. Request the Town Council to approve an appropriation from the general fund in order to fund the right of way activities for the replacement of the Spring Street Bridge.** (Memorandum from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER XII, ENTITLED "FINANCE ADMINISTRATION" SECTION 10, SUBSECTION F, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, HEREBY APPROVES A NEW APPROPRIATION IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN ORDER TO FUND THE RIGHT OF WAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SPRING STREET BRIDGE OVER THE HOCKANUM RIVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SPRING STREET BRIDGE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES.

- 6. Request the Town Council to approve an appropriation from the general fund in order to fund the right of way activities for the replacement of the River Street Bridge.** (Memorandum from Laurence Shaffer, Town Administrator is in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER XII, ENTITLED "FINANCE ADMINISTRATION" SECTION 10, SUBSECTION F, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, HEREBY APPROVES A NEW APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 IN ORDER TO FUND THE RIGHT OF WAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RIVER STREET BRIDGE OVER THE HOCKANUM RIVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RIVER STREET BRIDGE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES.

OLD BUSINESS:

IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request the Town Council to adopt a motion to rescind the Town Council action of December 20, 2005 consent agenda item relative to the reappointment of Jane Seymour as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission.** (copy from Robert's Rules of Order relative to the procedure for the rescission of a motion is attached.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESCINDS ITS ACTION OF DECEMBER 20, 2005 RELATIVE TO THE MOTION TO REAPPOINT JANE SEYMOUR AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLAND REGULATORY COMMISSION. SAID MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE SEYMOUR (D), TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

2. **Request the Town Council approve of the Mayor's reappointment of Jane Seymour, (D) 345 Valley Falls Road, as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said term to expire on December 31, 2008.** (resume as well as several letters in support of the reappointment are in the packet).

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE SEYMOUR (D), TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONSISTENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY VOTES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND INVITES JOSEPH COURTNEY, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER TO ATTEND.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the Board of education meeting held on December 12, 2005.
2. Letter from James D. Bell resigning from the Local Historic properties Commission.

3. Quarterly newsletter dated January 2006 from the Department of Social Services.
4. Copy of Proclamation declaring February 3, 2006 as “Wear Red for Women” day.
5. Memorandum from James Luddecke, Finance Officer relative to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report along with a copy of the report is in the packet.