

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
June 27, 2006**

Senior Center, 2nd Floor, 26 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut

Deputy Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, Bill F. Campbell, Daniel A. Champagne, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon, Christy N. Vale; 11.

Exited During Meeting: Council Member Mark S. Etre (9:29 p.m.), Pauline A. Schaefer (9:57 p.m.); 2.

Also Present: Deputy Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Finance Officer James Luddecke, Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Thomas DiDio, 112 Box Mountain Drive, felt that the Town should not be held "hostage" by 10% of the voters and agreed with a prior comment made by Council Member Vale stating that "terrible financial decisions" had been made. He also urged the Town to "stop the insanity" as soon as possible.

Joe Grabinski, 623 Dart Hill Road, questioned why less services cost more dollars. He also spoke against binding arbitration and felt that it is controlling the Town.

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:46 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved that THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESCINDS ITS ACTION OF JUNE 20, 2006 REGARDING THE MOTION RELATIVE TO SETTING A MIL RATE IN THE EVENT THAT THE BUDGET DOES NOT PASS AT THE JUNE 20, 2006 REFERENDUM, SAID MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-123 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007, AT 36.78 MILS UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR WITH A DUE DATE OF JULY 14, 2006.

ANY SURPLUS OF TAX REVENUE CREATED THAT IS DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ADOPTED MIL RATE AND THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET WILL BE RESERVED AS AN OFFSET TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET. UPON ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET, THE FINANCE OFFICER SHALL CALCULATE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED TO BE SURPLUS AND REPORT IT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAID RESERVE.

The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-123 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SETS THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007, AT 36.73 MILS UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL SIGNS THE TAX WARRANT FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR WITH A DUE DATE OF JULY 14, 2006.

ANY SURPLUS OF TAX REVENUE CREATED THAT IS DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ADOPTED MIL RATE AND THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET WILL BE RESERVED AS AN OFFSET TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET. UPON ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET, THE FINANCE OFFICER SHALL CALCULATE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED TO BE SURPLUS AND REPORT IT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAID RESERVE.

A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WAS MADE TO THE MOTION TO ADD THE WORDS "WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF PASSAGE OF THE FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET AT REFERENDUM" TO THE LAST LINE OF THE MOTION.

Discussion took place.

The meeting recessed at 8:56 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Council Member Etre exited the meeting (9:29 p.m.)

Council Member Schaefer exited the meeting (9:57 p.m.)

The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-144A OF THE CT GENERAL STATUTES, AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX DUE AND PAYABLE IN A SINGLE INSTALLMENT.

The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Copy of section from *Robert's Rules of Order* as it pertains to "The Motions to Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted."
2. Copy of minutes from June 20, 2006 Town Council meeting.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Received: July 1, 2006
Approved: July 11, 2006
Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary