

**REGULAR MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS  
OF THE  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
July 11, 2006**

Senior Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Christy N. Vale; 9.

**Absent:** Council Members Jason L. McCoy, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon; 3.

**Also Present:** Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. reminded all that the 4<sup>th</sup> budget referendum would be taking place this Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Center 375 from 6am until 8pm. She also stated that Connecticut Water had asked for a 30% increase in rates, which is not reflected in the Budget and if do go through the bill would be due January 1, 2007.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Eileen Miller, 77 Center Road, spoke against the Town giving money to "charities" and felt that donating is an "extra". She also spoke regarding the Board of Education budget-felt that the budget was a "hide-n-seek" budget. She also commented that the Council should work with the public not against it.

Raymond Bricault, 10 Russell Drive, spoke against the Police Captain having the need for his own patrol car.

Police Chief Rudolph Rossmly responded to Mr. Bricault's comments stating that the police captain responds to "true emergencies" and that his patrol car is an "office out of the office". He also stated that the captain's car is a "need" not a "wish".

Joe Grabinski, 623 Dart Hill Road, disagreed with comments made in this evening's Journal Inquirer in a letter written to the editor. He also thanked Mayor Marmer for putting the budget out to Referendum, so that the public could decide on the budget.

Catherine Rebai, 42 Neill Road, Board of Education Chair, introduced interim Superintendent Richard Paskiewicz. She also responded to previous comments made concerning the budget.

Council Member Christy N. Vale spoke regarding a previous comment made by a citizen regarding the Northeast Health District and stated that it was not a "charity" it is a "bill".

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. to receive comments and recommendations relative to the ordinance entitled, **“An Ordinance Establishing the Procedure for the Sale of Town Owned Real Estate.”**

The legal notice was posted in the Journal Inquirer on July 5, 2006 and posted on the Town Hall bulletin board on July 5, 2006.

(A copy of the Legal Notice and Ordinance is appended to these minutes and marked at “Appendix A.”)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No residents wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

**MAYOR RECOMMENDED ACTION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE SALE OF TOWN OWNED REAL ESTATE”.

Discussion took place.

The motion was carried 8 to 1 with Council Members Campbell, Champagne, Etre, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Oliver and Vale voting yes and Council Member Anderson voting no.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:**

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. opened the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m. relative to a **“Resolution regarding an additional appropriation for education in the amount of \$1,066,309.00”**; and relative to a **“Resolution regarding an additional appropriation for the fifty third pay week in the amount of \$222,000.00”** in order in order to receive comments and recommendations relative to these Resolutions.

No residents wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:16 p.m. in order to go into a Special Meeting regarding the Resolutions.

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. opened the Special meeting at 8:17 p.m.

The Clerk read the two (2) resolutions into the record and certified that the legal notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall on July 5, 2006 and posted in the Journal Inquirer on July 5, 2006.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved TO NOMINATE JAMES LUDDECKE AS MODERATOR OF THE SPECIAL MEETING. There being no other nominees, the Council approved the nomination unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member Etre, moved TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE LEGAL NOTICES A SECOND TIME. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

The Moderator explained the requirements necessary to speak and vote at the Special Meeting as to residency, age, and ownership of property. He then asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the resolutions.

Council Member Etre requested that Finance Officer James Luddecke explain the transfer of funds for the Board of Education.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION **“RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FIFTY THIRD PAY WEEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,000.00”** The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Herbst, moved TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION **“RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,066,309.00”** The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

(A copy of the Resolutions are appended to these minutes and marked as “Appendix B”).

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Campbell, moved TO CLOSE THE SPECIAL MEETING. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote and the special meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2006, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2006, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

With the Council's indulgence Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. added the minutes of June 27, 2006 be added to the agenda for approval.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2006, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion was carried unanimously 9 to 0 on a voice vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Fiscal Year.
2. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Karen Roy-Guglielmi as a member of the Vernon Housing Authority.
3. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of David Herrmann as a regular member of the Board of Ethics.
4. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Linda Gessay as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics.
5. Request the Town Council approve the reappointment of Carole Guttman as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals.
6. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Christopher Clark to the Board of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

7. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Christopher Clark as an alternate member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority.
8. Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of John Leary to the Permanent Municipal Building Committee.
9. Request the Town Council to authorize the expenditure of up to \$8,000.00 with Vollmer Associates relative to the Central Park project.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS):**

Council Member Herbst requested that C.N.B. 9. be pulled.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved TO APPROVE C.N.B. 1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING C.N.B. 8 AS FOLLOWS:

C.N.B. 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Prior Year.

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO APPROVE TWO (2) TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$657.46 AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JULY 5, 2006 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

(A copy of the memorandum is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix C.")

C.N.B. 2. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Karen Roy-Guglielmi, (U) 66 Indian Trail, as a member of the Vernon Housing Authority, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Eleanor Kleinhans, said term to expire on February 28, 2009.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN ROY-GUGLIELMI (U) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2009.

C.N.B. 3. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of David Herrmann, (D) 521 Bolton Road, as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, due to the resignation of Loyola Welsh. said term to expire on November 30, 2008.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID HERRMANN (D) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

C.N.B. 4. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Linda Gessay, (D) 6 Lewis Street, as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics, said term to expire on November 30, 2009.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA GESSAY (D) TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2009.

C.N.B. 5. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carole Guttman, (U) 47 Winding Brook Trail, as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, said term to expire on June 30, 2009.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLE GUTTMAN (U) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2009.

C.N.B. 6. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Town Administrator Christopher Clark, to the Board of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER CLARK TO THE BOARD OF THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO FILL THE SEAT AND TERM VACATED WITH THE RESIGNATION OF LAURENCE SHAFFER.

C.N.B. 7. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Christopher Clark as an alternate member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, to fill a vacancy created by the vacancy of Laurence Shaffer. said term to expire on December 31, 2007.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER CLARK TO THE BOARD OF THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, AS AN ALTERNATE, TO FILL THE SEAT AND TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007, VACATED WITH THE RESIGNATION OF LAURENCE SHAFFER.

C.N.B. 8. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John P. Leary, (R) 26 Hany Lane, as a member of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, said term to expire on June 30, 2009.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN P. LEARY TO THE PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2009.

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

**NEW BUSINESS (TAKEN FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

C.N.B. 9. Request the Town Council to authorize the expenditure of up to \$8,000.00 to satisfy a contract amendment with Vollmer Associates relative to the Central Park project.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$8,000.00 TO SATISFY A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH VOLLMER ASSOCIATES OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN, BID, AND INSPECTION OF THE CENTRAL PARK PROJECT.

Town Administrator Christopher Clark was available for questions and comments.

Discussion took place.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Vale, moved TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

A.A.I. 1. The designation of \$103,500.00 of available funds in the Education Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Account for the following projects:

- Rockville High School Track resurfacing - \$50,000.00
- System Wide School Roof Scan - \$15,000.00
- Rockville High School Intercom System - \$29,000.00
- Rockville High School Photo Lab - \$9,500.00

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

A.A.I. 1. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DESIGNATION OF \$103,500.00 OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE EDUCATION CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RESURFACING - \$50,000.00  
SYSTEM WIDE SCHOOL ROOF SCAN - \$15,000.00  
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL INTERCOM SYSTEM - \$29,000.00  
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO LAB - \$9,500.00

Discussion took place.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. Minutes from the Board of Education meeting held on June 26, minutes from the Design Review Committee meeting held on April 3, 2006.
2. Monthly report for May, 2006 from Alan M. Slobodien, Director, Vernon Youth Services Bureau.
3. Letter from Loyola Welsh resigning from the Board of Ethics.
4. Letter from Eleanor S. Kleinhans resigning from the Vernon Housing Authority.
5. Letter from Denise J. Stankovics, Co-Director, Rockville Public Library relative to an item that appeared in the *Hartford Courant*.

**ADJOURN:**

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO ADJOURN.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Received: July 18, 2006  
Approved: July 11, 2006  
Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike  
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

