

Draft Minutes

VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM.

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

B.) ROLL CALL:

- **Present:** Council Members Laurie Abernathy, Bill Dauphin, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jesse Schoolnik, Andrew Tedford, Jim Tedford, Michael Wendus
- **Absent:** Laura Bush, Phyllis Winkler
- **Entered During Meeting:** None
- **Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) CITIZENS FORUM: None

D.) NEW BUSINESS:

1. Subsequent to the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 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, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AT **35.09 MILS** UPON TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF VERNON.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SEC. 12-71e,, REFERENCING THE ASSESSMENT YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND EACH ASSESSMENT YEAR THEREAFTER, 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 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to set the tax rate for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at **35.09 mils** upon taxable real and personal property in the Town Of Vernon. In accordance with State Of Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 12-71e, referencing the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, and each assessment year thereafter, 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 Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The 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 Levesque 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 statement. The motion carried unanimously.

D.) ADJOURNMENT: (7:28 PM)

- Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously at **7:28pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

Meriline Sarkar
Recording Secretary