

AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
7:30 P.M.

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS CITATIONS AND AWARDS
- D.) CITIZENS FORUM
- E.) OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
- F.) PUBLIC HEARING
- G.) STATUS OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND OFFICIAL TOWN-RUN EVENTS
- H.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

- I.) REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Minutes and agendas are sent directly from the Town Clerk.

- J.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Request the Asset Disposal for the Department of Public Works be approved.** (See the memorandum from Frank Zitkus, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated February 10, 2026 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and John W. Kleinhans, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS.

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2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robert D. O'Gara, (R), 22 Donnell Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2026 and expires February 20, 2029. (A copy of Mr. O'Gara's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. O'GARA, (R), 22 DONNELL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026 AND EXPIRES FEBRUARY 20, 2029.

3. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Traffic Authority, said term to commence on February 21, 2026 and expires February 20, 2029. (Mr. Ryniewicz is an employee of the Town of Vernon so no resume is included.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CODE, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 13-16 AND 13-17; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DWIGHT RYNIEWICZ, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, 375 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026 AND FEBRUARY 20, 2029.

K.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

L.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

M.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to apply for and receive on behalf of the Town of Vernon the 2026 LOTCIP Grant.** (See memorandum from Shaun Gately, Director of Development Services dated January 7, 2026, to John W. Kleinhans, Town Administrator, and from David Smith, Town Engineer to Shaun Gately, Director of Development Services dated January 7, 2026 relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2026 LOTCIP GRANT.

2. **Request and update on the teen center study by Marty Sitler and Michelle Hill. (this item requested by Town Council member Phyllis Winkler.** (See document AGENDA from Town Council member Phyllis Winkler.)

NO PROPOSED MOTION

3. **Request made by Council Member Laurie Abernathy to discuss, creation or presentation of a contingency plan regarding ICE and Vernon Police Department, when they come to Vernon Rockville.** (This item was also requested by Council Member Winkler.)

NO PROPOSED MOTION

4. **Request made by Council member Phyllis Winkler relative to an update on all crowdsourcing for town events and expenses, including the number of citizens donating, average donation, total donations per collection.** (See document dated February 8, 2026.)

NO PROPOSED MOTION

- N.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**
- O.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**
- P.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**
- Q.) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **FEBRUARY 3, 2026** AND MOVES TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES.

- R.) **INFORMATION ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC - NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

1. Monthly Report for January, 2026 as submitted by Karen Daigle, Town Clerk.

S.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

T.) ADJOURNMENT