TOWN OF VERNON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM IN THE MUNICPAL BUILDING.

Present: Chairman Brian Dam, Board members: Arthur Richardson, James Morrissey and Cindy Thurston, Secretary Heather Mair and applicant's: Eric Whipple, Mahlon Schwartz and Reuben Hochstseler.

The following Legal Notice appeared in the Rome Sentinel:

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to §139-12(D) of The Code of The Town of Vernon, the Town of Vernon Zoning Board will hold a public meeting at the Town Hall Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm to discuss a request for a Special Use Permit for a small business at 3731 State Rt. 26 Vernon, NY. Tax map # 344.000-1-9 and 4057 Arquint Rd. Tax map # 333.000-1-21 also, pursuant to §139-18(C)6 of The Code of the Town of Vernon, the Town of Vernon Planning Board for site plan review for a Home Occupation at 4465 Skenandoah Dr. Oneida, NY 13421. Tax map # 322.000-1-73.

Chairman Brian Dam opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

First on the agenda is for a small business at 3731 State Rt. 26 Vernon Center. David Shetler, owner is not present but has Mahlon Schwartz to represent him. The business will consist of sawmill and lumber sales, horse harness sales and possibly sheds in the future.

Chairman Brian Dam informs him that if there are any changes to the driveway entrance, the DOT should be contacted, and the codes office should receive a copy of statement from the DOT. There should be a 4 ft. or smaller sign to stay in compliance.

Chairman Brian Dam makes the motion to approve.
All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's

Next on the agenda is Reuben Hochstetler with a request for a business selling and fabricating Poly furniture. An existing shop will be used to manufacture furniture. This will be a wholesale and retail business. There is ample space for parking and trucks to come in and out.

Chairman Brian Dam makes the motion to approve the manufacture and sales of furniture.
All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays

The third application is Eric Whipple for a Home occupation, reloading ammunition for online sales. This business will have no public sales at the residence; all sales are done

with shipping. Advertisements are made thru social media and word of mouth. Mr. Whipple is in the process of getting insurance needed for the business.

Brian Dam makes the motion to approve the home occupation of ammunition reloading and sales.
All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Mair, Secretary of Zoning Board