



## ***Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives***

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas, and Vandervoort. Absent or excused were Committee Members Reps. Figueroa, Goldberg, and Pierre-Louis. Also in attendance was Rep. Summerville; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Tyler Theder, MS4 Compliance Officer; and members of the public.

Co-Chair Boeger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F31.497</a> \$1,250,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Project: 001424; Stamford Bioswales Initiative; Operations, Stormwater Management; The City of Stamford Bioswales Initiative will expand the footprint of green infrastructure through the City; the Intent of this project is to protect and improve ecological and human health. 12/16/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 12/17/24 – Approved by the Planning Board <b>01/09/25 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0</b>	<b>Approved 8-0-0</b>

Mr. Theder reviewed this item and answered questions.

He worked with a Stamford federal lobbyist to earmark for \$1M from the US EPA to expand the city's green water initiatives and construct bioswales. There is a grant match request of \$250K in conjunction with the \$1M. This is an MS4 permit requirement.

Bioswales appear as small urban gardens carved out of existing sidewalks, approximately 5 feet x 20 feet in size. He has identified 20 preliminary locations, most within the DSSD boundaries. Bioswales filter water before it reaches the groundwater. They need routine maintenance. Life expectancy is approximately five years, depending on the amount of contaminants in the water.

A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

2. [F31.498](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for FY24/25 by adding an appropriation of \$1,250,00.00 for the Stamford Bioswales Initiative and authorize \$250,000.00 General Obligation bonds of the City to meet said appropriation. **Approved 8-0-0**  
12/16/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
**01/09/25 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0**

A motion to approve Item #2 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

3. [F31.499](#) GRANT RESOLUTION; Authorizing the mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Stamford Bioswales Initiative Project **Approved 8-0-0**  
12/16/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

A motion to approve Item #3 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

4. [F31.500](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 7-0-1**  
\$48,554.00 Stamford Police Department; JAG 24 Overtime for First Responder Training on how to work with veterans in mental distress.  
12/13/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
**01/09/25 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0**

A motion to approve Item #4 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor; Rep. Boeger abstained).

5. [F31.501](#) GRANT RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Department of Justice. **Approved 8-0-0**  
12/13/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

A motion to approve Item #5 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

6. [F31.502](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**  
\$1,091,949.00 Grants Dept: State EOC; Child Day Care Administration, Grant Award was larger than anticipated  
12/27/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
**01/09/25 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0**

Ms. Carpenter explained Items #6 and #7 were in the operating budget for FY24, and this is to correct the amounts that were under budgeted. This funding is for CLC and Apples. They are the only two providers who receive this funding.

A motion to approve Item #6 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

7. [F31.503](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**  
\$339,296.00 Grants Dept: State EOC; Child Day Care  
Administration, Grant Award was larger than  
anticipated  
12/27/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
**01/09/25 – Approved by the Board of Finance**  
**6-0-0**

A motion to approve Item #7 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

Co-Chair Fedeli reminded the Committee that budget season is approaching, and Co-Chair Boeger and she are working on the schedule with the Board Office.

A question was asked about the 2023 Audit. Ms. Carpenter confirmed it is not yet finalized. Co-Chair Boeger said the Committee could have Director Barnes come to a meeting to give a brief overview of the status.

Co-Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).