



## ***Operations Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Lee, Sherwood and Watkins. Absent or excused were Chair Jacobson and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Mahoney and Spadaccini. Also present were Rep. Cottrell; Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; Thomas Turk, Traffic & Road Maintenance Supervisor; William Brink, WPCA; Ellen Bromley, ADA Coordinator; Phil Magalnick; Honorata Kazmierczak; and Frances Lane.

Vice Chair Zelinsky called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitee(s) or Designee(s)</b>
1. <a href="#">O30.056</a>	REVIEW; Explosion at Wastewater Treatment Plant on August 1, 2019. 08/07/19 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood & Zelinsky 08/26/19 – Held by Committee <b>09/24/19 – Report Made &amp; Held by Committee 8-0-0</b>	<b>Report Made</b>

Mr. Brink updated his responses to questions raised by the Committee last month. Since the last meeting, the insurance company has confirmed that it will cover the loss less the \$100,000 deductible. The WPCA issues a purchase order for \$871,000 for replacement of the damaged equipment, which has a 12 week lead time. They have retained a contractor for demolition at a cost of \$29,000 to remove damaged equipment. That work should be completed by the second week of December. The insurance company will then create bid documents for a contractor to assemble the replacement equipment, repair the building and get the building back in service, which is expected to be completed by July.

The City's engineers have given a verbal report on the cause and the insurance company is waiting for the report of its investigator. There have been no written reports yet. Based on that, he believes that the insurance company will be subrogating to other parties. Any new equipment provided will meet current design and safety features.

2. [O30.057](#) REVIEW; Update on Final Design Plans (Date Expected August 15), Final Contract Documents (Date Expected September 16), and Timeline on West Main Street Bridge Project. **Held**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Rep. Nabel  
**09/24/19 – Report Made & Held by Committee 8-0-0**

This item was held.

3. [O30.060](#) REVIEW; ADA Compliance in the City of Stamford. **Report Made**  
09/04/19 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell

Rep. Cottrell introduced the item, noting that many of the Government Buildings are not ADA compliant. She put this item on the agenda in order to get an update on where the City is in identifying deficiencies and addressing them.

Committee Members discussed this item with Director McGrath, Ms. Bromley, Mr. Magalnick, Ms. Kazmierczak, and Ms. Lane. Ms. Bromley reviewed the [attached materials](#) with the Committee.

- The self- assessment was due to be completed in 1993; it was completed in 2016 by an outside consultant. This was only a partial assessment of buildings and facilities; it did not include roads and schools.
- A request for an accommodation under the ADA would trump City policy if it does not interfere with the ability to do the basic functions of the job
- The bathrooms in the lobby will be ADA compliant by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- How would a person who needs hearing assistive technology at a Board meeting obtain it? Maybe there should be something included on the notice so people know they can request assistive technology.
- The Stamford Asset Management Group should be looking at the issue of ADA compliance
- ADA compliance should be baked into the process of building construction/improvements
- There has not been an assessment of policies, practices and procedures, e.g., how to get materials in braille
- There has not been an assessment of streets and sidewalks
- The website must be accessible – neither the BOR nor City websites are accessible with an electronic reader
- The Government Center is used as a cooling center, but doesn't have accessible bathrooms
- For Channel 79, all presentations are narrated
- The request to the Planning Board for next year is \$250,000
- Terry Conners rink has accessible bathrooms, showers and stands
- Accessible bathrooms will be accessible for all citizens

***Under a Suspension of the Rules:***

4. O30.062 REVIEW; City Leaf Pickup Program 2019. **Report Made**  
10/29/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

The Committee discussed Item No. 4 with Director McGrath and Mr. Turk.

- The Operations Department is in the process of putting door hangars on people's homes
- Pickup will start on November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Pickup will be zonal
- They will take photos afterwards
- This year they are trying to clear streets prior to leaf removal. There will be tow signs put up at least 24 hours in advance of the leaf pickup
- The website has information on leaf pickup. The leaves must be out prior to the date on the flyer

Vice Chair Zelinsky stated that one of his constituents wanted to know why City trucks are picking up leaves at Woodside Green. Mr. McGrath explained that it is not a preference, but that there is a team getting a head start with a vacuum truck on the 240,000 lbs of leaves the City collects. The leaves are picked up above the curb line now if done properly. The City is taking advantage of days when the teams are not able to do other work. The City is only using vacuum trucks at this point. It is also possible this is City property done by the Parks Department. Mr. Turk will look into this.

Vice Chair Zelinsky adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Zelinsky, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)