



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

Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 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. Lee, Mahoney and Watkins. Absent or excused were Chair Jacobson and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Sherwood and Spadaccini. There was no quorum present. Also present were Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; Dana Lee, Law Department; Christina Crain and Clare Kretzman, Senior Center

Vice Chair Zelinsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitee(s) or Designee(s)</b>
1. <a href="#">O30.063</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Green Roofs. 11/07/19 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson and Lee	Report Made & Held

Rep. Lee explained that the committee discussed this a few months ago for private dwellings. The basic concept behind green roofs are roofs that utilize green technology – solar panels, waste water mitigation and gardens that act as heat sinks. Cities which have adopted ordinance promoting green roofs have discovered that they reduce energy consumption and, in the case of solar panels, provide energy offsets. The City does not have the authority to impose these requirements on private dressings, but the City is one of the largest property owners in Stamford. The goal of this ordinance is to marry the maintenance of roofs with the utilization of green roof technology.

Rep. Lee submitted additional materials to be included in the record: (i) [a report on Fairfield's sustainability program](#), (ii) [a report on a solar initiative in Darien](#), (iii) [a study of a green roof program in Toronto](#), and (iv) [a brief summary of the same](#).

Mr. Lee stated that the Board of Representatives has the power to pass this type of ordinance as to City-owned properties. The current draft is based upon the complete streets ordinance; the language needs to be modified to include recitals regarding the costs and savings as well as applications, standards and procedures.

Committee members discussed this proposal:

- This only relates to City-owned buildings
- There is an economic case that this will save the taxpayers money in the long run

2. [O30.061](#) REVIEW; Exploring Opportunities to Reserve Additional Spaces at Government Center for Senior Center Members. Report Made  
10/25/19 – Submitted by President Quinones and  
Reps. de la Cruz and Zelinsky

Rep. Zelinsky noted that at the Senior Center luncheon members stated that there is not enough parking for the Senior Center members. Committee members discussed this item with Ms. Crain, Ms. Kretzman and Mr. McGrath. Ms. Crain distributed the [attached handout](#).

- There are over 900 members
- They offer about 8-10 programs
- An average of 135 members come to the Center each day, approximately 75% of them drive
- There are 25 spaces reserved on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Government Center; many members cannot find parking spaces and leave
- 400 Stamford residents go to the Darien Senior Center, many because of parking
- They are asking for 10 more spaces
- They understand that parking in the Government Center is tight
- They can't park on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor because the average stay is 3 hours
- They are coming to the point where they are outgrowing their current space
- Stamford has 22,000 residents over the age of 60; the numbers are limited by the physical constraints
- The current lease expires in September 2021, and may look at alternative locations in the context of those negotiations
- This may be a symptom of a lack of space generally in the Government Center; the more appropriate question may be where the Senior Center should be located
- It is possible to get 6 more spaces near the elevator; they will then reevaluate the impact of another 4 spaces
- Longer term plans need to be discussed with the Mayor and Director McGrath

Vice Chair Zelinsky adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Zelinsky, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)