



## ***Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair      Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2014

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center,  
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Caterbone and McGarry and Committee Member Reps. DePina, Giordano, Heaphy, Mahoney, Pratt and Ryan. Also present were Kevin Murray, Parks and Facilities Manager; Captain Sue Brethauer, Stamford Police Department; Arnold Kapiloff and Paul Grillo, Stamford Golf Authority; Joseph Andreana and Althea S. Brown, Parks and Recreation Commission; and several members of the public.

Co-Chair Caterbone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 5. <a href="#">PR29.020</a>	RESOLUTION; changing the closing time for Cummings Park to 10:00 p.m. 09/23/14 – Submitted by Kevin Murray 09/17/14 – Approved by Parks & Rec Commission	<b>Approved 6-0-1</b>

The Committee first took up Item No. 5. Kevin Murray explained that it not be possible to put in a gate to close off the upper and lower parts of the park because they are trying to be consistent within the park. Access to the harbor is necessary for enforcement. The park currently closes at midnight. This change will help limit loitering and crime. Cove and West Beach currently close at 10pm.

Representative Ryan stated that this park is in his district and residents of his district asked for this change as an initial first step to address the safety issues of the park.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1. (Reps. McGarry, DePina, Giordano, Heaphy, Mahoney and Ryan in favor; Rep. Caterbone abstaining.)

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1. PR29.015 REVIEW; Sterling Farms' building improvement plans and restaurant leases **Report Made**  
06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Reeder, Caterbone & McGarry  
06/24/14 – No action taken  
08/19/14 – Held in Committee  
09/16/14 – Held in Committee

Arnold Kapiloff and Paul Grillo answered questions from the Committee, noting:

- Zody's is currently the only restaurant
- There are no plans for the main house other than maintenance and repair
- The main house currently only houses the SGA office
- They would be willing to consider a grant to restore the building if someone approached them with one
- They might never be able to bring the building up to current Code if they did renovations
- The theater buildings on the property are not within their control

- <sup>2</sup>2. PR29.016 REVIEW; Potential ordinance amendment/adoption regarding regulation of the launching of certain boats and water craft from Public Access points and Street Ends abutting or accessing Stamford Harbor, Westcott Cove, and the Long Island Sound. **Held in Committee**  
06/05/14 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan  
08/19/14 – Report Made  
09/16/14 – Held in Committee

Rep. Ryan asked that this item be held because it is currently before the Harbor Management Commission.

3. PR29.017 REVIEW; Use of Jackie Robinson Park for special events. **Report Made**  
09/02/14 – Submitted by Rep. DePina  
09/08/14 – Held at Steering

Rep. DePina reported that she appeared before the Parks & Recreation Commission and this issue was resolved.

4. <sup>3</sup>[PR29.019](#) RESOLUTION for public hearing and final adoption; **Approved 7-0-1**  
Mandating that Newman Mills/Riverbank Park be designated a parking permit park.  
09/03/14 – Submitted by Kevin Murray  
08/20/14 – Approved by Parks & Rec Commission  
09/16/14 – Approved for Public Hearing

Co-Chair Caterbone opened the public hearing. Marty Levine spoke in favor of this resolution, noting that he generally objects to this type of restriction, but the park has

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become so crowded it is necessary. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Co-Chair Caterbone closed the public hearing.

Joe Andreana explained that the neighbors came to the Parks & Recreation Committee requesting this change. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1. (Reps. McGarry, DePina, Giordano, Heaphy, Mahoney, Pratt and Ryan in favor; Rep. Caterbone abstaining.)

- <sup>46</sup>. [PR29.021](#) REVIEW; The 2014 Beach Season, Including **Report Made**  
Statistics on Usage, Both Weekend and Weekday,  
and Revenues from the Parking Stickers.  
10/06/14 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy

Kevin Murray reviewed the materials provided to the Committee. The company providing the passes charges \$27,000 and collected \$244,000. He is satisfied with this company. They provide financial reports every month. Committee members discussed whether the 5-month season is appropriate.

Co-Chair Caterbone adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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