



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

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair      Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 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 Franzetti and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Giordano, Hoch, Mahoney, McGarry, Pratt and Ryan. Absent or excuse were Committee Member Reps. Heaphy and Wallace. Also present was Frank Fedeli, Citizens Services.

Co-Chair Franzetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PR29.034</a>	REVIEW; Non-Resident Marina Fees Charged by City of Stamford. 08/05/15 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera and Rep. de la Cruz 08/27/15 – Held in Committee 10/01/15 – Held in Committee 10/13/15 – Held at Steering 11/09/15 – Held at Steering 12/22/15 – Report Made and Held	<b>Report Made &amp; Approval of Resolution, as amended, 7-1-0</b>

Chair Franzetti reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting at which the Committee considered this item.

Mr. Fedeli stated that

- The City has 447 municipal slips
- The old Cummings Marina is under design and will be deeper and provide more access
- All other municipal marinas charge by the foot – Greenwich charges \$28/foot, not including tax; Stamford charges \$25/foot including taxes
- It is hard to compare rates to private clubs; many of the private marinas are also clubs with memberships and dining facilities and members and non-members pay different rates; at Ponus members pay \$50/foot; Halloween is no-frills and inexpensive, but you have to donate 8 hours of labor

- The City charges non-residents 2.5 times the current rates; he does not know the origin of this rate
- 32' is the largest boat the City can accommodate, and the City has 50 vacancies
- Using 1.5x the current rate for non-residents will bring in \$62,400 if 25 slips for 32' are filled. Marina fees have been flat for the last several years
- Very few slips are filled by non-residents; Darien residents are interested in obtaining slips at Cove Marina but they balk at the cost

Mr. Fedeli and the Committee discussed the following:

- The vacancy rates for larger boats are much lower than for small boats; the slips have been reconfigured over the years because most people are interested in slips for larger boats
- The additional boats would not require additional staffing
- The current policy is that residents get priority for a slip, although a non-resident would not be kicked out mid-season
- The vacancies among all size slips are: Cove: 25-28' - 2 vacancies, under 17' - 45 vacancies; Czescik: 22-25' – 31 vacancies, 25-28' - 11 vacancies, 28-32' – 6 vacancies
- The 2015 fees are going to be carried over to 2016
- Rep. de la Cruz's proposal would be to charge non-residents who pay taxes in Stamford the same as residents and to charge non-residents who do not pay taxes in Stamford should pay 150% of what current residents pay

Rep. de la Cruz made a motion to approve the proposed resolution for publication, amended as follows: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT provided the conditions of Resolution 2698 are satisfied, the marina fees for non-resident Stamford property or business owners that pay taxes to the City of Stamford be the same as for residents. A surcharge of 150% shall be applied to other non-residents." This motion was seconded. Committee members requested information regarding the current fees and the economic impact of this change. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Franzetti, Caterbone, de la Cruz, Giordano, Hoch, McGarry and Pratt in favor; Rep. Mahoney opposed).

Co-Chair Franzetti adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).