



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair

Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Caterbone, Co-Chair Franzetti, and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Giordano, Pratt, Ryan, and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Hoch, Mahoney, and McGarry. Also present were Frank Fedeli, Staff Liaison to the Harbor Commission; Raymond Redniss, Mike Pensiero, Robert Karp, and Paul Adelberg, Harbor Commission; and Eric Knot, Harbor Master.

Co-Chair Caterbone called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR29.045	RESOLUTION <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ; Establishing Application Fees for Waterfront Applications and Transit Fees for Commercial Vessels in Waterways within the Stamford Harbor Management Area. 03/27/17 – Submitted by Harbor Commission	Committee Approved 7-0-0

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

Mr. Fedeli discussed that the Harbor Commission no longer has City funding. The Commission has come up with two types of specific user fees. One fee is for permits for modification or building of structures on/near the Harbor Commission Management Plan area. The second fee is for commercial vessels using the harbor, which would be \$50 round trip per vessel. State statute mandates that any monies raised from these fees must administrate the Commission and be put back into the harbor for safety and improvements.

Mr. Redniss explained that the Commission is looking to cover expenses, contingencies, and create a small fund for future needs. There is a great deal of traffic in the harbor, with various safety issues. The Commission puts out boater safety guides every year; establishes regulations for the moorings; develops storm preparedness plans; retrieves vessels; rescues vessels; and eliminates debris. Additionally, all four channels need to be dredged. They are running out of funds to do these things.

Harbor Master Knot said there is an immediate need for a contractor to repair safety issues in the harbor. A long term plan is needed for safety resources.

There was discussion in the committee. A motion was made and withdrawn to amend the resolution to include that the fees shall remain in effect for one year.

Mr. Fedeli will provide updates to the Parks & Recreation Committee upon request.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Caterbone, Franzetti, de la Cruz, Giordano, Pratt, Ryan and Wallace in favor).

Co-Chair Caterbone adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Caterbone, Co-Chair

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