



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

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

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, June 22, 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 Franzetti, Co-Chair Caterbone, and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Heaphy, Mahoney, McGarry, Pratt, and Ryan. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Hoch, and Wallace. Also present were Rep. McMullen; Frank Fedeli, Staff Liaison, Harbor Commission; Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman, Harbor Commission; and members of the public (public hearing sign-in sheet [attached](#)).

Co-Chair Franzetti called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

¹A motion to suspend the rules to review "The Woodway Park Lease with the City of Stamford and the process the Board of Representatives went through to approve it" was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-2 (Reps. Caterbone, Giordano, Mahoney, McGarry, Pratt and Ryan in favor; Reps. Franzetti and Heaphy abstaining).

It was decided this item would be taken up after Item #1 due to Item # 1 having a public hearing.

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 6-0-2

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

²Co-Chair Franzetti opened the public hearing. Three people spoke. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Co-Chair Franzetti closed the public hearing.

¹ Video time stamp 00:00:28

² Video time stamp 00:05:30

³The Committee discussed this item. Mr. Fedeli explained that the Harbor Commission no longer has City funding. State statute mandates that a substantial amount of fee structure must administrate the Commission and be put back into the harbor for safety and improvements. The Commission is proposing two types of user fees. One fee is for permits for structures on/near the Harbor Commission Management Plan area. The second fee is \$50 per round trip for commercial vessels. The two biggest commercial users of the Harbor are O&G and Rubino Brothers. Enhanced harbor safety is important. The Commission has offered to fund another shift of the marine police. Dr. Ortelli explained that dredging studies need to be done. Mr. Fedeli will provide ongoing financial updates to the Committee.

Harbor Master Eric Knott asked that the attached [statement](#) be submitted into the minutes.

A motion to hold this item for one month was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2-4-2 (Reps. Giordano and Heaphy in favor; Reps. Caterbone, McGarry, Pratt and Ryan opposed; and Reps. Franzetti and Mahoney abstaining).

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-2 (Reps. Caterbone, Giordano, Mahoney, McGarry, Pratt and Ryan in favor; Reps. Franzetti and Heaphy abstaining).

Under Suspension of the Rules:

2. PR29.047 REVIEW: The Woodway Park Lease with the City of Stamford and the process the Board of Representatives went through to approve it” Report Made

⁴There was discussion among the committee about the origins of the lease, what the lease involves, and the process the Board of Representatives with through to approve it. Rep. McMullen distributed a copy of the lease and backup information ([attached](#)).

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 4-4-0 (Reps. Caterbone, Mahoney, McGarry, and Ryan in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Giordano, Heaphy, and Pratt opposed).

Co-Chair Franzetti adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

³ Video time stamp 00:12:56

⁴ Video time stamp 00:44:21