



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

Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair    Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**Time:** 7:30 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-Chair Mahoney and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Stella and Watkins. Absent or excused were Co-Chair McGarry and Committee Member Reps. Pratt, Saftic and Wallace. Also present were Reps. Michelson, McMullen and Sherwood; Michael Pollard, Mayor's Office; Erin McKenna, Planner; Kevin Murray, Parks and Facilities Manager; Officer Peter Gould, Parks Police; David Winston, Parks and Recreation Commission; Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor; Frank Fedeli, Customer Services; John Revegno, Parks & Recreation Commission; Barbara E. Karp; G. Winston; Capt. D. Hohn, Stamford Police Department; Patricia Liotta; Capt. Eric Knott, State Harbor Master; Alex Lee, and Robert Karp, Geoff Steadman, Paul Adelberg, Ray Redniss, Joseph N. Bernadino, Damian Ortelli, Stamford Harbor Management Commission, SHMC; Yale Greenman, Deputy Harbor Master; Erik B. Swanson, TGM Anchor Point Marina Manager; and Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PR30.001</a>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Adopting the City of Stamford Parks & Recreation Commission Parks & Recreation Facility Regulations, per Code §175-1. 12/27/17 – Submitted by Parks & Recreation Commission 01/16/18 – Held in Committee 9-0-0 <b>02/26/18 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0</b>	<b>Committee Approved 7-0-0</b>

Co-Chair Mahoney opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. One member of the public spoke regarding the regulations and wanted the use of mini-motor bikes clarified and abolished if allowed. Mr. Gould confirmed that the use of mini-motor cycles are not legal anywhere and this does not need to be in the regulations because it is a State Statute.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Stella and Watkins in favor).

2. [PR30.004](#) REVIEW; Maintenance, Upkeep and Future Plans for Marinas. **REPORT MADE**  
02/07/18 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Figuroa  
**02/26/18 – Report Made and Held**

Rep. Sherwood said last month the committee discussed the upkeep, current conditions and use of marinas. To get a better understanding she asked that the Harbor Management Commission, State Harbor Master and the Harbor Management Consultant come to this meeting.

<sup>1</sup>Mr. Ortelli discussed the role of the Stamford Harbor Management Commission and current conditions of the Marinas.

<sup>2</sup>Mr. Eric Knott presented on Stamford Marinas. ([see attached](#))

<sup>3</sup>Geoff Steadman, Harbor Management Consultant, spoke regarding the Harbor Management Plan and Stamford's Master Plan.

<sup>4</sup>Frank Fedeli discussed previous questions and concerns from the Parks and Recreation Committee. ([memo](#)) ([email](#))

<sup>5</sup>Lou Casolo presented on Stamford Marinas and dredging. ([see attached](#))

After detailed presentations and discussion on dredging, funding and marina safety, a motion was made to hold this item to discuss within 3 months with the Administration for a status update, said motion was seconded and approved by a vote 7-0-0. (Reps. Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Stella and Watkins in favor).

3. PR30.006 REVIEW; Status of Parks Police presence in City Parks and the Role of the Parks Police in the Safety of our Residents in these Parks. **REPORT MADE**  
03/10/18 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins, Sherwood and Michelson

<sup>6</sup>Rep. Watkins states Parks police and safety is one of his most concerned topics that he faces from constituents. He states there seems to be an underappreciation or inadequate understanding of policing in our parks and it appears that the budget proposes to reduce the role of the parks police by proposing other methods of security.

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<sup>1</sup> PART 1 Video Time Stamp 00:10:38 Mr. Ortelli

<sup>2</sup> PART 1 Video Time Stamp 00:19:46 Harbor Master Presentation

<sup>3</sup> PART 1 Video Time Stamp 00:35:26 Harbor Management Consultant presentation

<sup>4</sup> PART 1 Video Time Stamp 00:53:23 Frank Fedeli discussion

<sup>5</sup> PART 1 Video Time Stamp 01:04:14 Lou Casolo, City Engineer presentation

<sup>6</sup> PART 2 Video Time Stamp 00:00:55 Rep. Watkins

<sup>7</sup>Officer Peter Gould discussed the attached presentation. ([see attached](#))

<sup>8</sup>David Winston from the Parks and Recreation Commission read his statement into record. ([see attached](#))

<sup>9</sup>Mr. Pollard stated that this is a critical issue for the City. He commended the park police for an outstanding job and to personally wanted to thank Frank Green for his dedication as a park police and that he will be missed. He stated the City of Stamford is still considered the safest City in New England, including our parks. He said there is no one part or tool for safety in parks, there are a complex set of tools to ensure parks are safe, which ranges from law officers in the park, cameras and ambassadors. He said in order for parks to be safe and successful you have to use more than one approach.

The Committee discussed in details their concerns with:

- The number of Park Police available
- The Administration including the Parks police and Parks and Recreation Commission with decisions on possible programs to help with park safety
- Budget Line items for Parks Police, decreased
- Ambassador program being enough?

After a detailed discussion Representative Watkins proposed to hold the item, with the purpose to revisit in a month to see how complex it is to consider the various views of all and to possibly include more park police than ambassadors. A motion to hold was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0. (Reps. Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Stella and Watkins in favor).

Co-Chair Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair

This meeting is on video ([pt1](#) and [pt2](#))

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<sup>7</sup> PART 2 Video Time Stamp 00:04:44 Officer Gould Presentation

<sup>8</sup> PART Video Time Stamp 00:22:12 David Winston

<sup>9</sup> PART 2 Video Time Stamp 00:26:19 Michael Pollard discussion