



## ***Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives***

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Quinones; and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Giraldo, Kolenberg and Moore. Absent or excused were Chair DePina and Committee Member Reps. Coppola and Zelinsky. Also present were Jim Minor, Law Department; John Freeman and Bill Buckley, Harbor Point; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations and Captain Tom Wuennemann, Police Department.

Vice Chair Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 1. <a href="#">PS29.016</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Proposed change to Sec. 164-5, Noise - Restrictions on Sunday demolitions 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Cerasoli & Coppola 06/09/14 – Held at Steering 10/2/14 – Held in Committee 12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee	<b>Approved 5-0-0</b>

Mr. Minor responded to questions from the Committee, noting that:

- This ordinance clarifies the exemptions in §164-5 to make clear that the use of demolition machinery on Sundays within 100 feet of a residential zone is only permitted for emergency work; and
- that noise generated by the construction activities of a public utility is included in the exemption

A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Giraldo and Kolenberg in favor.)

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2. [PS29.024](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed change to Sec. 164-6, Noise - to prohibit idling for more than three minutes. **Held in Committee 5-0-0**  
12/02/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Giraldo and Kolenberg in favor.)

3. [PS29.025](#) REVIEW; Construction-Generated Persistent and On-Going Polystyrene Foam Pollution in the West Branch of the Stamford Harbor and the City's Law-Enforcement, Environmental and Land Use Authorities' Response to Mitigate Such Hazard. **Report Made & Held in Committee**  
12/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan  
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee

Mr. Freeman explained that this is a project that Harbor Point has been building for over a year. They have worked with the Harbor Master, the WPCA, the Building Department and the DEEP to ensure that they are working with this material appropriately. They have received no notices of violation regarding this.

Mr. Buckley detailed how Harbor Point has address the material blowing off the building:

- last fall, when they noticed Styrofoam being released from the building in the process of rasping, he shut down the site and contacted the building department and the DEEP
- He coordinated with Bob DeMarco of the Building Department and the DEEP
- He contacted the WPCA to be sure that no Styrofoam would be discharged into the catch basins (they have felt over the catch basins to be sure that any Styrofoam was caught and he was assured that no
- They also put up nets to catch Styrofoam
- They had small boats with nets and hoses to catch Styrofoam that escaped
- They installed vacuums onto the rasping tools
- Some Styrofoam attached to the plastic docks
- The DEEP was satisfied
- There are no negative health implications from the release of Styrofoam (see [attached handout](#))
- The police and Harbor Master confirmed that there was no littering
- The Styrofoam was annoying, but not harmful and they acted to clean it up
- The activity that generated the Styrofoam has been completed
- No entity with authority over this has found any problem and the DEEP, the Harbor Master, the Building Department and the WPCA were all happy with the cleanup.

Captain Wuennemann stated that he does not believe this is a police littering issue, but would be a building code issue, if it is an issue at all. They put up the nets and did everything possible to clean this up.

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<sup>2</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:06:02

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Committee members expressed concerns that no representative of the Building Department or the Department of Health was present. A motion to hold this item in order to invite them to attend was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Giraldo, Kolenberg and Moore in favor.)

Vice Chair Quinones adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Quinones, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).