



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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

**Place:** *This meeting met remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Phil Berns, Vice Chair Sean Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Megan Cottrell, Jennifer Matheny, Nina Sherwood and Jennifer Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Virgil de la Cruz, Eric Morson, Annie M. Summerville and Kindrea Walston. City staff members Peter Gould, Stamford Police Department (Park Police Operations Officer), Attorney Chris Dellaselva, Assistant Corporation Counsel. Absent or excused were Committee members Rep. Mary Fedeli, Jonathan Jacobson, and Fred Pierre-Louis.

Vice Chair Sean Boeger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitee(s) or Designees</b>
1. LR31.078	REVIEW; The Rights of The Public to Intervene in Land Use Board Matters 07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns 07/15/24 – Held at Steering <b>10/01/24 – Recommended</b>	<b>Motion to recommit 5-0-0</b>

Motion to recommit Item 1 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort)

2. LR31.081	REVIEW; Legal requirements of land use boards to promulgate guidance, regulations, versus decide applications particularly when staff is shorthanded 07/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns <b>10/01/24 – Recommended</b>	<b>Motion to recommit 5-0-0</b>
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Motion to recommit Item 2 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort)

3. [LR31.080](#) ORDINANCE for discussion; banning the use of paper bags. **Motion to recommit 5-0-0**  
 07/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz  
 07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**10/01/24 – Recommended**

Motion to recommit Item 3 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort)

4. [LR31.075](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 137, Article VII, Non-Biodegradable Disposable Carryout Bags to Delete §137-65, Establishment of Charge, and §137-66, Exemptions. **Motion to recommit 4-1-0**  
 06/05/24 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Figueroa  
 06/25/24 – Held by Committee 8-0-0  
 07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**10/01/24 – Recommended**

Motion to recommit Item 4 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort voted in favor; Rep. Cottrell voted against)

5. [LR31.060](#) REVIEW; Potential Ordinance to Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP). **Motion to recommit 5-0-0**  
 09/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson  
 10/24/23 – Held by Committee  
 11/28/23 – Held by Committee 7-0-0  
 01/23/24 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
 02/27/24 – Held by Committee  
 04/30/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0  
 05/28/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0  
 06/25/24 – Held by Committee 8-0-0  
 07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**10/01/24 – Recommended**

Motion to recommit Item 5 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort)

6. [LR31.076](#) ORDINANCE; Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of External Loud Speakers **Motion to recommit 6-0-0**  
 07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger  
 07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**10/01/24 – Recommended**

Extensive discussion with Officer Gould re: fines, enforcement, state ticket tracking, repeat offenders. Chair Berns joined meeting.

Motion to recommit Item 6 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort)

7. [LR31.077](#)      ORDINANCE; Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of Motorized Recreational Vehicles  
 07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger and Curtis  
 07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**10/01/24 – Recommended**      **Motion to recommit 5-0-0**

Officer Gould gave audio-visual presentation on various off-road vehicles often seen on the streets, issue of street takeovers and what other Connecticut municipalities are doing to crack down on such behaviors, as well as mention of how New York City is handling such off-road equipment seized.

Motion to recommit Item 7 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (, Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort). Vice Chair Boeger announced that Chair Berns had left the meeting prior to the vote.

8. [LR31.082](#)      RESOLUTION and Public Hearing; of a Lease agreement between the City of Stamford and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).  
 07/25/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
 08/13/24 – To be Considered by the Planning Board  
 09/12/24 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance  
**10/01/24 – Approved by Committee**      **Approved 5-0-0**

Call for public testimony was made by Vice Chair Boeger; no one was present to give testimony. Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 9:23 p.m.

Attorney Dellaselva presented Item 8 to committee, noting the minimal changes to lease terms in this five-year renewal.

Motion to approve Item 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny, Sherwood, Vandervoort).

9. LR31.083      REVIEW; of the public speaking portion of the rules and procedures of the monthly meeting and how we can correct factually incorrect statements made by speakers.  
 08/07/24 - Submitted by Rep. Goldberg  
**10/01/24 – Motion to recommit failed**      **Motion to recommit 2-3-0**

Discussion regarding Item 9 was conducted between committee members; Rep. Goldberg, who submitted item, was not present to participate in discussion.

A motion to recommit Item 7 to the upcoming Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on 10/29/24 was made, seconded, and failed by a vote of 2-3-0 (Vice Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Matheny voted against; Reps. Sherwood and Vandervoort voted in favor of recommitting).

Vice Chair Boeger emphasized that if Rep. Goldberg wants to bring the item back, he may make the request to the Steering Committee.

Vice Chair Sean Boeger adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).