



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Giordano, Matherne, McMullen, Sandford and Sherwood. Rep. Palomba was excused. Also present were Reps. Adams, Coleman, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, and Zelinsky; Dr. Patricia Parry, Health Commission; Dr. Jennifer Calder, Health Director; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; and Kathryn Emmett, Cynthia Anger and Dana Lee, Law Department.

Chair Stella called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS30.085	REVIEW; 5G Installation Throughout the City. 01/06/21 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Pratt, Curtis, and Sherwood 01/28/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-2-0 02/25/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee, 6-1-0 03/25/21 – Held by Committee 5-1-0	HELD
2. PS30.091	REVIEW; Water Quality at Cummings Beach. 04/05/21 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky	HELD 7-1-0

Rep. Zelinsky noted that at a meeting of the Health Commission, Dr. Parry had discussed a complaint on a website in February regarding diesel fuel in the water at Cummings Beach. Committee members discussed the monitoring of water quality at the beach with Dr. Parry and Dr. Calder. Items discussed included the following:

- The Health Department monitors the water for coliform from Memorial Day to Labor Day;
- The Health Department does not have the ability to monitor for pesticides
- The Department of Agriculture monitors the shellfish beds
- The Health Department is limited in what it can monitor; the lab is not designed to monitor for other contaminants; it would require additional equipment and state certification
- Dr. Calder does not know if someone else monitors for diesel fuel
- There will be diesel fuel at the access point to the marina
- The City needs to assess this situation

- Is there a health hazard?
- Could Soundwaters monitor the water?
- The City does not track social media and would not have known of this complaint
- The Fire Department has the ability to address major spills

A motion to hold Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Curtis, Giordano, Matherne, Sandford and Sherwood in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

3. PS30.092 REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in [Resolution 4081](#), Advocating that the City of Stamford Prepare And Seek State Approval of an Air Quality Monitoring Program and Implement Such a Program. **HELD 7-1-0**
04/06/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Stella.

Mr. Jankowski discussed Item No. 3 with the Committee as follows:

- The City, including the Health, Law and Operations Departments have been meeting with DEEP to put together an air quality program and is in the process of educating themselves with contractors recommended by DEEP
- DEEP has taken the position that it can't do monitoring in Stamford
- Community monitoring programs are being looked at
- The EPA might have monitoring stations

A motion to hold Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Curtis, Giordano, Matherne, Sandford and Sherwood in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

4. [PS30.093](#) REVIEW; City Actions to Address Disparities in Vaccination Rates among Various Subgroups In Stamford. **Report Made**
04/07/21 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

Dr. Calder reviewed the attached [PowerPoint presentation](#) with the Committee. The goal is to educate people and make the vaccine available.

- The community health workers are all trained by U of Penn; most are bilingual
- The vaccine sites have on-site interpreters
- The City must provide “culturally and linguistically appropriate service”

5. PS30.094 REVIEW; Enforcement of Illegal Dumping Throughout the City of Stamford. **Report Made**
04/07/21 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Pratt, de la Cruz, Curtis and Sherwood

Committee members discussed Item No. 5 with Mr. Jankowski and Mr. McGrath:

- Illegal dumping is a problem all over
- There is an increase around the 1st and 15th of the month as people move out who may not have a way to get materials to the transfer station
- The Camera Review Committee has identified 36 sites where cameras can be placed
 - Mobile camera locations have not been successful

- Fixed cameras seem to stop dumping
- Partnering with residents/businesses has not been effective
- The City will be rolling out an illegal dumping reward program
- The City is reviewing the ordinance to see if any changes would be helpful

6. [PS30.068](#) REVIEW; Impact of Work Performed by A. Vitti **Report Made**
 Construction on Air Quality.
 09/01/2020 – Submitted by Reps. Coleman, Adams, Stella, Figueroa, Zelinsky, Sherwood and Di Costanzo
 10/01/20 –Held in Committee 8-0-0
 10/29/20 – Report Made & Held in Committee 8- 0-0
 12/03/20 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
 12/14/20 – Moved to Pending

Committee members discussed Item No. 6 with Ms. Emmett and Ms. Anger:

- The most recent inspection by the Zoning Enforcement Officer was yesterday; he did not see any violation
- The building is going up; there was a truck coming out of the building, but no evidence of dumping; there was one worker hosing down the street
- The only work on site is paving to be done next week
- The C of O will only be issued after the paving is complete, there is an inspection, and the equipment is tested for noise and vibration
- Construction delays have been due to Covid, the weather and steel tariffs
- The construction should be completed within 30 days; if not, this may be resubmitted as a new item
- It would be helpful to share with the community what can and can't be done on the site and how to make reports
- An entire new structure has been built and sophisticated equipment has been installed; there is no real upside to not completing the construction
- The hotline will be established and maintained by the owner, who will have to make weekly reports to the Land Use Bureau of complaints and remedies; this information would be a public record
- Complaints received by FixIt Stamford have been followed up

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeffrey Stella, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)