



## ***Operations Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, December 30, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

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

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Jacobson, Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood and Watkins. Absent or excused were Reps. Adams and Coleman. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Morson, Patterson and Pratt; Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; Thomas Turk, Highways Dept.; William Brink, WPCA; Dana Lee, Law Dept.; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept.; Jay Costello, WMC Engineers; and Liz Cuccovia, resident.

Rep. Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
14. <a href="#">O30.066</a>	REVIEW; Illegal Dumping and Enforcement of Chapter 37, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances re: Littering and Dumping. 12/03/2019 – Submitted by Reps. Figueroa, Cottrell and Stella	<b>Report Made</b>

Rep. Figueroa explained this has been an ongoing problem for years, and Districts 4 and 8 receive many constituent calls about it. There are problems on Maher Road with donation bins where people dump mattresses, furniture, etc. She read the [attached](#) email from resident Deborah Billington concerning illegal dumping.

There was discussion on this item.

- Illegal dumping often occurs by donation bins. These bins are usually put on private property so there are no City permits involved. Who should be responsible for cleaning up the dumping around these bins?
- Mr. McGrath stated that those addresses referenced in Ms. Billington's email which she had previously reported to Fix-It Stamford were cleaned up within 24 hours of her letter being received.
- Illegal dumping often occurs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15 of the month, due to residents moving.
- The Operations Dept. has an informational flyer being reviewed by the Law Dept. to be distributed to the homes in the "hotspot" areas for illegal dumping.
- Fix-It Stamford is the best way to report illegal dumping, and it can be done anonymously.
- Cameras are essential to catching the dumping while it is occurring.

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- Enforcement is the key to stopping the problem, otherwise violators will continue to dump illegally.

2. [O30.063](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Green Roofs. **Held 7-0-0**  
 11/07/19 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson and Lee  
 11/26/19 – Report Made & No Action Taken

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Curtis, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood and Watkins in favor).

31. [O30.064](#) REVIEW; Minimum Monthly Charge of \$30 Imposed by WPCA. **Report Made**  
 12/04/19 – Submitted by Reps. Zelinsky, Liebson, Sherwood, Pratt, Giordano, McGarry, McMullen, Stella, de la Cruz, Patterson, Adams, Summerville and Figueroa

Vice-Chair Zelinsky explained that he received many calls from constituents about it. The WPCA Board did not notify the BOR that this change was happening. There were 752 residents are affected by this minimum charge.

Chair Jacobson stated that the WPCA Board does have the authority to raise fees, however, it needs to adhere to the notices of hearing requirements of State statute.

Mr. Brink explained:

- The lack of public notice was an oversight.
- The customers affected will receive the [attached](#) letter and a refund check.
- The minimum charge was established in the spirit of fairness. There are residents who do not live in Stamford part of the year, and there are empty properties. There may not be any flow in these houses and properties, but there are services being used that are involved in billing.

43. [O30.065](#) REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge **Held 7-0-0**  
 12/04/2019 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Jacobson, Zelinsky, Curtis, Lee, Mahoney, Sherwood and Watkins in favor).

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jonathan Jacobson, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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