



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

Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair

Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 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, Pratt, Stella and Watkins. Absent or excused were Co-Chair McGarry and Committee Member Reps. Saftic and Wallace. Also present were Reps. Lion and Sherwood; Kevin Murray, Parks and Facilities Manager; Laurie Albano, Recreation Superintendent; Michael Sullivan, Golf Course Superintendent; Officer Peter Gould, Parks Police; Robert Tyska and Michael Briscoe, Stamford Golf Commission; David Winston, , Parks and Recreation Commission; Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor; Frank Fedeli, Customer Services; and Jackie Lightfield, Stamford Partnership.

Co-Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#"><u>PR30.003</u></a>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving Rate Increases for the 2018 Season at the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course. 01/03/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin <b>01/16/18 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0</b>	<b>Approved 6-0-0</b>
Co-Chair Mahoney opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Stella and Watkins in favor).		
2. <a href="#"><u>PR30.001</u></a>	RESOLUTION <u>and approval of 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 <b>01/16/18 – Held in Committee 9-0-0</b>	<b>Approved 6-0-0</b>

Mr. Gould reviewed the changes the Parks & Recreation Commission had made to Sections 175-1-17, 175-1-20 and 175-1-28 in response to requests from the Committee last month. A motion to approve this item for public hearing was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Stella and Watkins in favor).

3. [PR30.004](#)      REVIEW; Maintenance, Upkeep and Future Plans      **Report Made & Held**  
for Marinas  
02/07/18 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and  
Figueroa

Rep. Sherwood explained that she put this item and item 4 on the agenda in response to constituent concerns regarding the condition of Cove Marina, particularly the need for it to be dredged, and the lack of electricity since Hurricane Sandy. She read the [attached letters from constituents](#) into the record.

Mr. Fedeli and Mr. Murray discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- -The process of dredging was discussed. The City has applied for a permit approximately 3 years ago. These permits usually take 3-5 years to obtain. The invited guests and the Committee discussed various ways the city might have been able to expedite the process. One way was to hire Mr. Steadman, an outside consultant (for the Harbor Commission). Another was to allow the Harbor Commission to pursue the permit directly. Ultimately, the decision was made to have the Engineering Department apply for, pursue and oversee the permit process.
- There is a Marina Revenue Fund, established in 2005 to pay for capital improvements to the marinas through bonding, although given Hurricane Sandy and the closing of Cummings Marina, there is not sufficient funds to allow for bonding.
- -A discussion ensued on whether there was sufficient money, including FEMA funds, to perform all the work necessary at the marinas.
- -Other issues discussed included the additional dredging that needs to be performed, specifically in the West Branch, the potential need for additional marine police officers and the fire and life safety concerns that have resulted from the delay in the dredging project.
- -Action items include determining the basis to request an emergency dredge request, inviting the City Engineer and the State and City Harbor Masters to the next meeting to discuss the best plan to move forward and a more complete understanding of the funding available and needed to properly address the issue.

A motion to hold this item for further discussion next month was made, second and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. PR30.005      REVIEW; Fee Structure for Marinas.      **Report Made**  
02/07/18 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and  
Figueroa

Rep. Sherwood said that she put this item on the agenda to see if there was any way to give boaters relief given the conditions of the marinas and holding their slips if they leave until the dredging is finished.

Mr. Fedeli distributed the [attached rate chart](#). He is willing to hold a slip for someone until dredging is completed. He will need to review the Code to determine if it is possible, whether this is a policy change or needs Board action. He will send his results

to the Board office. The City charges less than market rate for smaller boats.

Co-Chair Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)