



## ***State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives***

Brien Buckman, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 3, 2014  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Heaphy, Pratt and Quinones. Absent or excused were Chair Buckman and Rep. Summerville. Also present were Rep. Reeder and John Ruotolo, DSSD.

Rep. Heaphy called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitee(s)</b>
1. SC29.015	REVIEW; Enterprise Zone Board Project Report as Required Under Chapter 117 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances 07/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman	<b>Held in Committee</b>
2. SC29.016	REVIEW; Annual Report of the Economic Development Commission as Required by Chapter Six, Article Nine of the Stamford Code of Ordinances 07/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman	<b>Held in Committee</b>
The first 2 items were held because Director Madden was unavailable.		
3. SC29.017	REVIEW; Annual Report of the Downtown Special Services District for FY2014 as Required by Chapter 114 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances 07/08/14 – Submitted by Reps. Buckman and Reeder	<b>Report Made</b>

Mr. Ruotolo reviewed highlights of the report responded to questions from the Committee regarding the Annual Report. Items discussed included:

- The demographics of the residents of the downtown area
- The Restaurant Week program
- Residential construction in the downtown
- The Harbor Point trolley

- Veterans Park renovations
- Parade revenue and support from local businesses
- Holiday lights
- Graffiti removal
- Use of volunteers – e.g. cleaning and safety activities, events
- Events are self-sustaining
- Salaries are contained in the general administration section in the report
- Tax assessment receipts
- Audited financial statement
- DSSD payment of police for extra duty at events
- The retail situation on Bedford Street
- Vacancies at the mall

Rep. Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Heaphy,