



**Camera Review Committee**

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Randall Skigen  
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**CAMERA REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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Stamford, CT 06901

**Minutes for June 26, 2014 Meeting**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Commission Members**

Randy Skigen, Chair  
Ted Jankowski  
Donald Rozier  
Ron K. Thomas  
Paul Waldron

**City of Stamford Staff**

Jon Fontneau, Chief of Police  
Mike Toma, Asst. Corporate Counsel  
Kathy Ruther, Public Safety Secretary

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Meeting came to order at 8:37am, and attendees introduced themselves.

**Nomination of Chair**

Motion – Ted Jankowski nominates Randy Skigen to for Chair position, seconded by Paul Waldron, and Randy accepts Chairmanship.

**Review of Rules and Regulations**

Took 1.5 years to pass, dense regulations. Group should read over and be familiar for next meeting.

Public Safety would like to address the issue of illegal dumping initially. Discussion of illegal dumping, costs City taxpayers \$50k per month (estimate from Operations). In addition to that, factor in the cost of lost disposal fees. Chief Fontneau stresses that deterrence is the goal of the any initiative to prevent dumping.

Traffic cameras are not under surveillance. Chief Fontneau will share locations of traffic cameras to committee (Attachment A). Discussion of Operations Office debris pick-up and addressing spots of heavy abuse. New cameras for this purpose.

## **Schedule of Meetings**

Monthly meetings will begin on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 9am {see web site for full listing of dates}. (19:44)

## **Additional Comments Regarding Assignments**

Mike Toma will available to answer procedural questions. Mike joins the meeting (28:20).

Ted Jankowski looking at cameras technical issues and costs. Funding needs to be addressed – sourcing and funding. Paul will work with Ted on technical sub-committee.

Tour of traffic cameras will be organized

Next meeting dumping location requests should be ready, Committee members should be familiar with document

## **Mayor Martin Addresses Committee**

Mayor greets group (30:54), discusses

- Wants cameras to be effective to prevent crime, especially illegal dumping
- There may be errors in, or updates to, the Policy document, and those can be changed
- His hope that playground surveillance will occur in the future
- Notify district representatives as to where cameras are
- The goal is that by enforcing a few locations, which will prevent dumping in other locations due to perception. “Subject to Surveillance” – area that may or may not have a camera, but they can think there’s a camera.
- Fear of using cameras. There was a fear of discrimination. Since Boston Marathon, public has moved more towards public safety. Can’t be just in minority residential areas.
- Using traffic and dumping cameras to assist with 911 calls when appropriate (a top future)

Mayor departs. (45:18)

Randy re-iterates Mayor’s suggestions of changing the Camera Ordinance, and process delays around making changes. Ted departs.

## **Adjournment**

Paul Waldron moves to adjourn, seconded by Don Rozier. Meeting adjourned at 9:26am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ruther