



STAMFORD MAYOR
MICHAEL A. PAVIA

Among the most important themes of my campaign was improving the efficiency of government and assuring its greatest transparency. An essential step in meeting those goals is the establishment of my Task Force on Governance this fall. The City has more than 40 appointed boards and commissions which cover a wide number of government areas; they include the more widely known – Planning, Zoning and Parks and Recreation as well as less well known but important Traffic Hearing Officers. Some of these Boards and Commissions were created 50+ years ago while others such as the Public Safety Camera Review were created only in the last few years. They are an essential part of how Stamford operates at the municipal level. What many in Stamford may not realize is that all members of these Boards and Commissions are volunteers, receiving no financial compensation and working many hours to fulfill their responsibilities.

With all of this in consideration, I have charged the Task Force with a complete review of each Board and Commission to assure that its mission is still relevant and to identify and suggest ways to bring more efficiency in their operation. I want to continue to recruit outstanding Stamford citizens to each of these Boards and Commissions. By making each of them relevant and focused, I know that many individuals will wish to serve.

The work of the Task Force will be a foundation for the important and more far reaching City of Stamford Charter Revision, a process which occurs every ten years and is due to commence in 2011.

I look forward to the Task Force's final report by year end and thank them for their service. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the dozens of selfless Stamford citizens who serve with dedication and diligence on each of these Boards and Commissions for no compensation other than the satisfaction of assisting their community.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Pavia
Mayor

Mayor's Task Force on Governance

The Mayor's Task Force on Governance was announced over the summer and convened its first meeting the first week in October. Chaired by Jack Condlin, President of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, the Task Force also includes Bill Arnone – President Capital Financial Management, Daniel Benjamin – Partner, Benjamin and Gold, Sandy Goldstein - President of the Downtown Special Services Dis-

trict, John Mallozzi - Member of the Board of Representatives, Gail Okun – former Member of the Board of Education and Brian Roseboro - Managing Director, Office of the COO – UBS. Laure Aubuchon, Stamford's Economic Development Director is serving as liaison from the Mayor's Office.

The charter of the City of Stamford, Section C6-001-9, outlines the duties, responsibilities and method for selecting members of appointed boards. All nominees are selected by

the Mayor who forwards each candidate to the Board of Representatives for final approval. Each appointee must be a voter in Stamford. As vacancies occur, the Mayor can fill these appointments with members of his or her party until a bare majority is reached on each board.

There are over 40 appointed Boards and Commissions. Among the Task Force's first undertaking was to divide this group into four sub-groups reflecting their basic mission - Land

Use, Economic Development, Public Safety and Social Services. Each group has one or two of the task Force members assigned to it.

Jack Conclin, the Task Force Chair, has directed the members to consider recommendations for each board ranging from continuing as currently constituted, merging with similarly-tasked boards, closing down those boards whose original mission has been accomplished or who have been inactive. Several of the boards have not met on a regular basis while several others have not had a quorum of members. Where relevant the Task Force members will interview the chairs of their respective Boards and Commissions, review meeting minutes and agendas and seek input from Stamford residents who have interacted with the relevant Board or Commission.

“This is a very important assignment that the Mayor has given the Governance Committee. We are looking to streamline the volunteer government through the analysis of the commissions, boards and committee to identify and potentially eliminate any overlap, while ensuring that they are providing the necessary services to the residents of Stamford as efficiently as possible”, commented Jack Conclin, the Chair, on relevance of Task Force’s mission.

As noted in the Mayor’s letter, the Task Force’s work is a forerunner to the every ten year process known as Charter Revision as mandated by Section C1-40-5 of the City of Stamford Charter which calls for a review of all provisions and amendments of the Charter by an established Charter Revision Commission.

The Task Force meetings are open to the public and a final report is expected to be issued by the end of the year.

City of Stamford’s Appointed Boards and Commissions

Public Safety	ALARM APPEALS BOARD
Social Services	BOARD OF ETHICS
Social Services	COMMISSION ON AGING
Economic Development	COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE ZONE BOARD
Economic Development	CREATIVE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP
Economic Development	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Economic Development	ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD
Land Use	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
Social Services	FERGUSON LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Public Safety	FIRE COMMISSION
Social Services	GOLF COMMISSION
Social Services	STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY
Land Use	HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Public Safety	HEALTH COMMISSION
Economic Development	HOUSING AUTHORITY/CHARTER OAK
Economic Development	LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
Land Use	MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS
Social Services	OLD LONG RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Land Use	OLD TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Social Services	OPEB BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Social Services	PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Social Services	PATRIOTIC AND SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION
Social Services	PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
Social Services	PERSONNEL COMMISSION
Land Use	PLANNING BOARD
Public Safety	POLICE COMMISSION
Public Safety	PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA REVIEW COMMITTEE
Land Use	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
Land Use	SHELLFISH COMMISSION
Social Services	SMITH HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Social Services	SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
Economic Development	SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT
Land Use	TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS
Public Safety	TRAFFIC HEARING OFFICERS
Land Use	TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Land Use	URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Public Safety	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Public Safety	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
Land Use	ZONING BOARD
Land Use	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS