

**APPROVED ACTIONS  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT  
JUNE 19, 2019**

- I. ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Mike Barbis, John Igeneri, District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson, District Fire Marshal and District Property Manager Ed Carlson, District Assistant Property Manager Jason O'Donnell, District Clerk Andrea Woodworth
- II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
- Commission Chair Tammy Langalis welcomed attendees, our Community Policing Officer Jeremy Salley and the new Supervisor of Community Policing for the Norwalk Police Department, Ralph Fonseca.
  - After hour activities at the beach were discussed at length. Various suggestions were entertained for curbing this activity at Bayley Beach.
  - WeeBurn Beach Assistant Manager Tim Szemplinski was in attendance and outlined steps taken at WeeBurn to curtail vandalism and after hours use.
  - There is the intersection and sidewalk project into Bayley Beach that has been in the planning stages. The entry gate will be made higher and made more difficult to scale once the project is finished.
  - District Security Patrol Officer Joe Jensen asked if it is possible to make some temporary improvements to the fence while we wait for the sidewalk project to occur.
  - The lack of adequate cell phone coverage, especially at the beach, was discussed. Some improvement has come with boosters in the area.
  - As for the continuing problem of speeding on the approach to the beaches and clubs, we send out letters to all of these entities asking that they alert their membership, vendors and employees to be especially careful and to at least obey the posted speed limit if not to drive more slowly.
  - Commission Chair Tammy Langalis asked Community Policing Officer Jeremy Salley to plan on parking his police vehicle near the area from Roton Avenue onto Pine Point Road at peak travel times in hopes that people will get used to the idea that there may be a police presence there and be encouraged to slow down.
  - Commissioner Barbis gave details of a planned Bayley Beach Intersection and Sidewalk Project that the District has been working on with engineers. The goals for this project are to improve both vehicular and pedestrian safety. We have initiated a discussion with the Roton Point Club and Commissioners Barbis and Langalis hope to present to their Board in July. If we get everyone on board, the idea would be to have the project underway after the summer season in the fall.
  - Beach access for short term renters in town was discussed with the District Clerk describing how she now handles those requests.
  - Projects still in the works to completely finish the Community Center Renovation were discussed. One of the largest projects is finding a way to improve the acoustics in the Moose Room and to muffle the sound between the upstairs Grace Room and the Moose Room.
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- The various rooms will be officially named and appropriate art work for those rooms is being collected. A number of paintings have been cleaned and one was framed.
- There are still some drafty windows in the Moose Room and kitchen. Gardiner Gray will rebuild the windows and they will look essentially the same as now.
- There is an ongoing issue with leaks. They are in the Library and in the District offices. These were not budgeted for in the renovation project but are not really part of that project in any case.
- Mrs. Langalis asked the Assistant Property Manager Jason O'Donnell if the antique art work for over the mantel in the entryway and at the top of the stairs of the entryway was ready for hanging.
- Mr. Barbis mentioned that they wanted to spruce up and hang the Commissioners' plaque that was always in the Commissioners' Room (Board Room).
- It was announced that there will be a going away reception for Melissa Yurechko, the Library Director, on June 26 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Moose Room.
- Mr. Barbis noted that there have been some parking issues on Deane Court with a neighbor confusing a nanny parking her car there with a commuter. Rowayton Community Police Officer Jeremy Salley will stay on top of this.
- Mr. Barbis also said there have been ongoing drainage problems at the Little League field at Bayley Beach. There have been two sets of engineers who assessed the problem. The weather this spring has been very wet (twice the normal rainfall) that the drainage situation is particularly bad.
- Mr. Barbis asked Mr. O'Donnell for information on the efforts by the RLL and RTA to assess the drains in the immediate area (an initiative they took upon themselves). The RLL/RTA hired a company to try to clean them out. It appears that the drainage system might extend from the 6TD's property to Roton Point.
- It was asked if the RTA planned to resurface court #5 this year. The money is apparently there for that.
- Commissioner John Igeneri said that there has been much progress on the sidewalk along Wilson Avenue and to the Highland Avenue intersection. They have created a mini sidewalk on the west side of Highland so that a crosswalk can be painted since such a walk needs to go from one sidewalk to another. They will eventually continue the sidewalk down the hill on Wilson Avenue toward Rowayton School.
- District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson reminded everyone of the quickly approaching end of the Fiscal Year on June 30 and encouraged all bills to be submitted to the Treasurer's office as quickly as possible.
- Mr. Hendrickson said that our expenses are currently at 87% of the budgeted expenses and our income is at 99% of the budgeted income for FY 18-19.
- The Treasurer's Office has initiated the process of switching our bank accounts at Wells Fargo to People's Bank

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- Mr. Hendrickson also mentioned he is still researching the use of “Barnacles” to disable vehicles at the Rowayton RR Parking Lot of commuters with outstanding fines.
- District Fire Marshal Ed Carlson said that he had attended an expert witness testimony seminar that was very instructive and valuable, as first responders to fires are the first to be asked to testify at subsequent legal proceedings.
- District owned AED units have been returned to their designated locations.
- Mr. Carlson reported that Shakespeare on the Sound had started their load in to Pinkney Park on June 9.
- A successful photo shoot was held at Bayley Beach on Monday, June 17.
- There will be a Memorial Service for local resident Marc Machette at Bayley Beach starting at 9:30 a.m. on June 29.
- Mr. O'Donnell reported that Beach Director Don Wilson seems to be happy with the new life guards this year. He assured the Commission that there would be adequate lifeguard coverage on the Fourth of July
- It was discussed that the Sixth Taxing District has not had a General Counsel for a number of years but that we were in the process of choosing one.

**III. ACTION ITEMS:**

- On a motion by Commissioner Mike Barbis, the Minutes of the May 15, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting were approved as submitted.
- The Commissioners decided to investigate installing an additional security measure at Bayley Beach before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in hopes of curtailing the after hours use of the beach.
- After an agreement with Roton Point Club on the Bayley Beach Intersection and Sidewalk Project is reached, the Commissioners will schedule a public meeting to discuss the plans with residents.
- The present system of giving authorization letters for use of Bayley Beach to short term residential renters will continue as it has been done.
- The Commissioners are making it a goal to install a system for mitigating the acoustics problem in the moose Room by the end of the summer.
- Assistant Property Manager Jason O'Donnell will hang the antique boat picture over the mantelpiece in the entryway and the Farrell property mural at the top of the stairs tomorrow.
- The Clerk was asked to obtain a suitable “Rowayton” gift for Melissa Yurechko for presentation at the reception in her honor on June 26, 2019.
- Commissioner Mike Barbis said that they would put money into the budget for Fiscal Year 20-21 to purchase our own propane tank for the concession at Bayley Beach.
- The Commissioners will hire a new General Counsel as soon as it is feasible.

- The next 6<sup>th</sup> Taxing District Commissioners' Meeting will be on July 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be no Sixth Taxing District Commissioners' Meeting in August.
- The June 19, 2019 meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Taxing District was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.