PART 5 Sixth Taxing District¹

§ 1-134. Boundaries of the Sixth Taxing District. (Sp. Laws 1953, No. 566, § 2.)

The territory of the City of Norwalk which is included within the following boundaries shall be the Sixth Taxing District of said City of Norwalk as follows: starting at a point on the boundary line between Darien and Norwalk; thence running east in a direct line to the westerly end of the southerly boundary of Union cemetery, so called; thence running along the southerly boundary of said Union cemetery to the westerly side of Rowayton Avenue; thence running northerly along said westerly side of Rowayton Avenue to a point that is upon a production westerly of a line drawn 200 feet, measured at right angles, northerly from the northerly side of Sheffield Road, so called; thence running easterly upon said line 200 feet, measured at right angles, northerly from the northerly side of Sheffield Road to the westerly side of Lenox Road, so called; thence running easterly across Lenox Road to the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Lenox Road with the southerly side of Winter Street, so called; thence running along said southerly side of Winter Street to the westerly side of Vanderbilt Avenue, so called; thence running upon a production easterly of said southerly side of Winter Street across Vanderbilt Avenue and easterly to a point 200 feet, measured at right angles, from the easterly side of Vanderbilt Avenue; thence running southerly along a line 200 feet easterly from and parallel to said easterly side of Vanderbilt Avenue to land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; thence running along said land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to the easterly side of Highland Avenue at Gaynor's Bridge, so called; thence running southerly along said easterly side of Highland Avenue to the southerly boundary of land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; thence running easterly along said southerly boundary of land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to a point 600 feet east of the easterly side of Highland Avenue, said distance measured at right angles with the easterly side of Highland Avenue; thence running southeasterly in a straight line to a point which is 100 feet northwest of the most northwesterly side of the twenty-foot strip reserved for highway purposes, measured at right angles, and is 400 feet northeast of the northeasterly side of Witch Lane, measured at right angles; and thence continuing on a prolongation of the aforesaid line to a point 200 feet, measured at right angles, from the northerly side of Witch Lane, so called; thence running easterly along a line 200 feet, northerly from and parallel to said northerly side of Witch Lane to the westerly side of other land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; thence running southerly along said westerly side of other land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company across said Witch Lane and across Wilson Road, so called, to the mean highwater mark of Wilson's Cove, so called; thence running along the mean high-water mark of the northerly and westerly boundary of Wilson's Cove to the mean high-water mark of Long Island Sound; thence running along said mean high-water mark of Long Island Sound to the entrance to Five Mile River; thence running westerly across said entrance to Five Mile River to the boundary line between Darien and Norwalk; thence running in a

^{1.} Editor's Note: For taxing districts in general, see Art. II.

general northerly direction along said boundary line between Darien and Norwalk to the starting point or place of beginning.

§ 1-135. Body politic and corporate; rights in general. (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289, § 2.)

All electors of this state dwelling within the territorial limits of the Sixth Taxing District are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, purchasing, holding, selling and conveying any property, real or personal, and having a common seal for the purpose of contracting for street lighting, sewers or any other needed civic improvement voted by such district, including Rowayton Public Library.

§ 1-136. Taxation liability. (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289, § 3.)

All inhabitants and property within the limits of the Sixth Taxing District shall be liable to taxation to defray any expenses or liability said taxing district may incur under §§ 1-135 to 1-141. The Board of Estimate and Taxation may lay and collect taxes for the purpose of paying the debts of said district or any part thereof and of establishing a sinking fund for that purpose. The avails of such taxes shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Sixth Taxing District for application for said purposes only. The Board of Estimate and Taxation shall lay a tax to defray the expenses of the Rowayton Public Library to the amount appropriated by said district at any annual or special meeting of said district.

§ 1-137. Meetings; fiscal year. (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289, § 4; Sp. Laws 1955, No. 438, § 2; Charter Amendment 6-19-1974.)

Beginning in the year 1956, the annual meeting of the electors residing in said taxing district shall be held on the first Wednesday of March, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the Commissioners of said district, and acting on such matters as may be properly brought before such meeting. Notice of the time and place of said meeting shall be given by said Board of Commissioners by publishing the same in a newspaper having a circulation in said district at least 10 days before said meeting, which notice shall set forth all matters to be considered in said meeting. Special meetings in said district may be called in like manner by said Board and shall be called upon written request of 25 electors of said district to consider matters as set forth in such notice or publication. Beginning in the year 1975, the fiscal year of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk shall begin on the first day of July and terminate on the last day of June.

§ 1-138. Tax collection. (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289, § 5.)

The Collector of Taxes and Assessments of the City of Norwalk shall be Ex Officio Treasurer of the Sixth Taxing District² and all taxes levied upon property in said district shall be collected by said Collector of Taxes and Assessments, and said Collector shall whenever necessary file with the Town Clerk his certificate for the continuation of any

^{2.} Editor's Note: See § 1-147 for repeal provision. As to election and duties of Treasurer, see § 1-146.

liens for taxes levied upon property located in said district, and may bring suit for the foreclosure of any such tax lien in the name of said Sixth Taxing District in the manner provided by law for the foreclosure of tax liens, and shall have the same powers and duties in relation to the collection of taxes in said Sixth Taxing District as he has under the provisions of the Charter of said City of Norwalk, in relation to all other taxes and assessments of said city.

§ 1-139. Board of Commissioners; Clerk; mechanics and laborers. (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289; § 6;³ Sp. Laws 1967, No. 175.)

Said district shall elect a Board of Commissioners, all of whom shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their duties and shall hold their office as hereafter provided and shall receive such compensation as the electors of the district shall decide. Said Commissioners shall appoint a Clerk who shall receive reasonable compensation as determined by said Commissioners. It shall be the duty of said Clerk to keep a record of all transactions of said district and of said Board of Commissioners and discharge such duties as said Board may prescribe. Said Commissioners may employ such mechanics, experts and laborers as may be necessary in the exercise of their powers and duties.

§ 1-139.1. Duties of Commissioners; quorum. (Sp. Laws 1967, No. 176, §§ 1-3.)

- A. The Board of Commissioners of the Sixth Taxing District shall manage the affairs and business of said district.
- B. The duties of said Commissioners shall include, but not be limited to, the care, maintenance and repair of all the property of said district. They may lease, alter, improve or move the same, and sell personal property, and negotiate to sell, exchange or raze real property subject to elector approval. The Commissioners may execute and deliver on behalf of said district all documents which may be necessary or proper to effectuate such letting, sale, other change or exchange, delivering the income and proceeds therefrom in such manner as the electors of the district may authorize, and may exercise any other powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this act or conferred upon them by said district.
- C. A majority of said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 1-140. Appropriations toward the support of the public library.⁴ (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289, § 7.)

The Sixth Taxing District shall annually appropriate \$100 or more toward the support of Rowayton Public Library, and the Board of Estimate and Taxation of the City of Norwalk shall appropriate annually the sum of \$100 toward the support of such library.

^{3.} Editor's Note: See also § 1-142.

^{4.} Editor's Note: As to library appropriations see Art. XIX.

§ 1-141. Effect and approval of act. (Sp. Laws 1921, No. 289, § 8.)

§§ 1-135 to 1-141 shall not take effect unless approved by the qualified electors residing within the limits of said Sixth Taxing District at a special meeting to be called on the last Monday of June 1921, and in the warning for said special meeting notice shall be given to the electors of said district that the question of the approval or disapproval of this act will be voted upon. The electors who are in favor of approving this act will give in their ballots with the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and those opposed will give in their ballots with the word "No" written or printed thereon, and said ballots shall be furnished by the City Clerk of said City of Norwalk. If the majority of the ballots so given have the word "Yes" printed or written thereon, this act shall take effect. A ballot box for the reception of said ballots at said meeting shall be provided by the City Clerk of said City of Norwalk, and shall remain open from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Rowayton Hose House in said district, when it shall be closed and the ballots sorted and counted and the result declared. The registry list of the Fifth Ward of said City of Norwalk last made and completed shall be used to determine the electors residing in said Sixth Taxing District, and the ballots shall be polled under the same regulations as govern elector's meetings in the Town of Norwalk. If the majority of said ballots shall be in favor of approving this act, a certificate of said approval signed by the said Clerk of said City of Norwalk shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who shall record the same.

§ 1-142. Commissioners.⁵ (Sp. Laws 1923, No. 410, § 1.)

There shall be held on the last Monday of June 1923, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, to elect three Commissioners for said district, one to serve until his successor shall be elected at the regular biennial election of city and town officers in the year 1925, one to serve until his successor shall be elected at the regular biennial election in the year 1927 and one to serve until his successor shall be elected at the regular biennial election in the year 1929, or until their several successors shall be elected and qualified. The City Clerk of the City of Norwalk shall give due and regular warning of said special election, shall provide printed ballots bearing the names of the candidates for office of Commissioner, which names shall have been daily attested to him as nominated at the party caucuses held prior to said special election, and shall provide a ballot box for the reception of said ballots, which shall be polled under the same regulations as govern elector's meetings in the Town of Norwalk. Such special election shall be held at the Rowayton Hose House in said district, and the ballot box for the reception of ballots shall remain open from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., then it shall be closed, the ballots sorted and counted and the result declared. In 1925, and biennially thereafter, at the regular election of town and city officers, there shall be elected by the electors of the Sixth Taxing District, one Commissioner who shall hold office for the term of six years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. The term of office for each Commissioner shall begin on the Wednesday following his election. Said Commissioner shall perform such duties as from time to time shall be required of or imposed upon them by vote of said district.

^{5.} Editor's Note: See also § 1-139.

§ 1-143. Listing of taxable property. (Sp. Laws 1923, No. 410, § 2.)

All owners of taxable property in the Sixth Taxing District, in filing lists of taxable property in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Norwalk as contained in §§ 1-273, 1-276 and 1-281,⁶ shall list such property as in the Sixth Taxing District.

§ 1-144. Validation of election of Commissioners in 1923. (Sp. Laws 1925, No. 191, § 1.)

The election of three Commissioners of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk at the election of the City of Norwalk held on the first Monday of October, 1923, is validated and confirmed.

§ 1-145. Validation of acts. (Sp. Laws 1925, No. 191, § 2.)

All meetings of said Sixth Taxing District held pursuant to call issued by the District Commissioners and all acts, votes and resolutions passed at such meetings and all appropriation made by such meetings are validated and confirmed.

§ 1-146. Election and duties of treasurer. (Sp. Laws 1925, No. 191, § 3.)

At the election to be held in 1925 for town and city officers for the Town and City of Norwalk and the several taxing districts thereof, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected by the electors of the Sixth Taxing District a Treasurer, who shall hold office for the term of two years and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Such Treasurer shall, in and for said district, have the same authority given to and shall perform the same duties as are required of the Treasurer of the First Taxing District, of the Second Taxing District and of the Third Taxing District of the City of Norwalk under the provisions of the Charter of said city.

§ 1-147. Repeal of former act as to Collector of Taxes. (Sp. Laws 1925, No. 191, § 4.)

So much of § 1-138, amending an act consolidating the Town of Norwalk with the cities of Norwalk and South Norwalk and the East Norwalk Fire District, and incorporating the City of Norwalk, approved May 19, 1921, as requires the Collector of Taxes and Assessments of the City of Norwalk to be, Ex Officio, Treasurer of the Sixth Taxing District, is repealed.

§ 1-148. Authorization to adopt and enforce rules and regulations as to Bayley Beach. (Sp. Laws 1951, No. 369, § 1.)

The Commissioners of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk shall have power to formulate and to adopt and enforce rules and regulations in the manner hereinafter provided for governing the frequenting and use of Bayley Beach, so called, the property, buildings and equipment appurtenant thereto. Any person violating any such rule or

^{6.} Editor's Note: See § 1-273; § 1-276; § 1-281.

regulation shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both.

§ 1-149. Bayley Beach; hearing on rules and regulations. (Sp. Laws 1951, No. 369, § 2.)

Before passing any rule or regulation, said Commissioners shall hold a hearing thereon, notice of which shall be given by publishing the proposed rule or regulation and the time and place of such hearing in some newspaper having a circulation in the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, at least five days before the time fixed for the hearing.

§ 1-150. Bayley Beach; passage of rules and regulations. (Sp. Laws 1951, No. 369, § 3.)

If a majority of the electors of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk present and voting at such hearing oppose the adoption of a proposed rule or regulation, the question of its adoption shall be submitted to the electors of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk at its next regular or special meeting, and in such event such rule or regulation shall not become effective unless a majority of the electors voting at such meeting shall vote in favor thereof.

§ 1-151. Bayley Beach; effective dates of rules and regulations. (Sp. Laws 1951, No. 369, § 4.)

Any rule or regulation adopted as provided in §§ 1-149 to 1-150 shall become effective 15 days after publication thereof in some newspaper having a circulation in the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk.

§ 1-152. Bayley Beach; effective date of act. (Sp. Laws 1951, No. 369, § 5.)

§§ 1-148 to 1-152 shall take effect upon their approval by the legal voters of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk at a special meeting of said district legally called for the purpose, to be held not later than October 1, 1951.

§ 1-153. Authorization to issue bonds; Roton Point Park improvement bond issue of 1943. (Sp. Laws 1943, No. 64, § 1.)

The Commissioner of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk are authorized, when in legal meeting assembled, by a majority of votes of the members of said Commission, to issue bonds or notes on behalf of said taxing district to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$50,000, registered or with coupons attached, or both, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum, payable semiannually.

§ 1-154. Roton Point park improvement bond issue of 1943; nature. (Sp. Laws 1943, No. 64, § 2.)

Such bonds or notes shall be serial in form and payable in such substantially equal annual installments that the entire amount thereof shall be paid with 10 years from the date of issue.

§ 1-155. Roton Point park improvement bond issue of 1943; proceeds. (Sp. Laws 1943, No. 64, § 3.)

The proceeds of such bonds or notes shall be used (a) for the purpose of such of Roton Point, so called, as the Commissioners see fit, for a site for a public park for said taxing district and (b) to defray the expense of improving the same for such purpose.

§ 1-156. Roton Point park improvement bond issue of 1943; details. (Sp. Laws 1943, No. 64, § 4.)

The Commissioners of said taxing district, subject to the limitations of §§ 1-153 to 1-156, shall determine the form of such bonds or notes, the several and aggregate amounts thereof, the time or times and place or places of payment of both principal and interest, the manner of signing, countersigning, selling, exchanging or otherwise disposing thereof and the person or persons who shall execute, negotiate and deliver the same for said district.

§ 1-157. Roton Point park improvement bond issue of 1943; obligations. (Sp. Laws 1943, No. 64, § 5.)

Said bonds or notes when so executed, issued and delivered, shall be obligatory upon said district, and upon all the inhabitants and property thereof.

§ 1-158. Authorization to issue bonds; Bayley Beach bond improvement issue of 1955. (Sp. Laws 1955, No. 67, § 1.)

The Commissioners of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk are authorized, when in legal meeting assembled, by a majority of votes of the members of said Commission, to issue bonds or notes on behalf of said taxing district to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$50,000, registered or with coupons attached or both, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three 3% per annum, payable semi-annually.

§ 1-159. Bayley Beach bond improvement issue of 1955; nature of bonds and maturity. (Sp. Laws 1955, No. 67, § 2.)

Such bonds or notes shall be serial in form and payable in such substantially equal annual installments that the entire amount thereof shall be paid within 10 years from the date of issue.

§ 1-160. Bayley Beach bond improvement issue of 1955; proceeds. (Sp. Laws 1955, No. 67, § 3.)

The proceeds of such bonds or notes shall be used to defray the expense of improvement to Bayley Beach.

§ 1-161. Bayley Beach bond improvement issue of 1955; details. (Sp. Laws 1955, No. 67, § 4.)

The Commissioners of said taxing district, subject to the limitations of §§ 1-158 to

1-162, shall determine the form of such bonds or notes, the several and aggregate amounts thereof, the time or times and place or places of payment of both principal and interest, the manner of signing, countersigning, selling, exchanging or otherwise disposing thereof and the person or persons who shall execute, negotiate and deliver the same for said district.

§ 1-162. Bayley Beach bond improvement issue of 1955; obligation. (Sp. Laws 1955, No. 67, § 5.)

Said bonds or notes when so executed, issued and delivered, shall be obligatory upon said district, and upon all the inhabitants and property thereof.