

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT,
City of Norwalk, CT
September 16, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.
Rowayton Community Center
and via Zoom**

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Mike Barbis, District Treasurer Gil Kernan, District Fire Marshal and District Property Manager, Asst. Property Manager Jason O'Donnell, District Security Officer Joe Jensen, District Community Policing Officer Jeremy Salley, District Clerk Andrea Woodworth

ABSENT: Commissioner John Ignieri.

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis welcomed those residents in attendance either in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Langalis.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Jensen,, District Security Officer, related a comment made by a resident who had seen someone sleeping on the Pickle Ball Courts. Mrs. Langalis knows who this person is and is certain hat he represents no danger. He is not homeless and has his own vehicle.

Mr. Jensen also said that the entrances to Bayley Beach are wonderful. However, it is easy for young people to climb over. Joe has met many of the young people frequenting the area and they have been much more polite and not interested in breaking the rules this year. This is much better than the perpetrators of the young people from last year who gave us so much trouble.

There have been some gatherings at the school but there have been much less undesirable activity than last year. Many young people have access to Bayley Beach at the Wee Burn fence. Wee Burn completely faced their activity. Wee Burn has made it impossible to access their pool after hours. Commissioner Mike Barbis has said that they are having discussions with Jason O'Donnell and Beach Director Bill Nollman. Bill has had many gatherings scheduled at the Pavilion and these events have gone well.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mike Barbis said that Rowayton was added to the city of Norwalk, CT as the Sixth Taxing District in 1921. We think this merits a party to celebrate our 100th birthday. We plan to celebrate at Bayley Beach. There may even be a reenactor present. The date is yet to be set. Ed and Jason will work on what rules for events should be employed for Pinkney Park.

We have been seeing many more events scheduled at Pinkney Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Barbis said that we have gotten approval from the P&Z, the Norwalk Conservation and others required for an expansion of the Ambler Parking Lot. The board of Engineers thinks that we should stick with the original design. We have been leaning towards a change in the circulation of traffic. There will be new signage but no curbs. We do have an easement with 140 Rowayton. This will eliminate our previous agreement. One issue is that we have no approval from 140 Rowayton for a sidewalk. One issue is the property line cuts through several parking spots. It's not really clear where his property is. Kevin Conroy has agreed that we will have a number of spaces for parking spots. We need to be clear. Mrs. Langalis asked if we could adjust the property issues. It's not clear whether or not Kevin has agreed where the property lines are. We would like to adjust the property line and have a property drawing in the official record.

The Bayley Beach Drainage project which has been over 15 years in the process of trying to correct the drainage problems and have a contingency plan with the CT Department of Environmental Protection. We want to have a contingency plan so there are no further questions to be clarified. Our engineer says that we want to have a contingency approved very quickly. The drainage ditch. Years ago a valve was replaced to stop salt water from backing up and going into Farm Creek. There are abundant phragmites flourishing. We will be proceeding with a plan in the coming months.

At the Rowayton Railroad Station, Ed Carlson has been processing permit renewals. We've almost doubled daily pickle ball courrkers since our last meeting. Ed said that the DOT has said that it will be adding 3 to 4 trains by September when lots of commuters will start going to the city again. Ed has said hat we now have 219 active permits. He has cleared he Wait List. We eliminated a lot of people who didn't respond to a letter describing the new renewal annual process. We are back up to the price we charged in 2019 which was \$286, annually.

The District has been asked by the people who use the Pickle Ball Courts if we would agree to the Pickle Ball regulars to paint the border lines more or less permanently. Since the parking lot has recently been repainted at a considerable fee, we would not approve this proposal. Mrs. Langalis will be in tough with Drew Seath.

REPORTS

The Commissioners report that everything is fine a the Communy Center. We're starting to use the building quite a bit. SOS doesn't have a base at the RCC but they've used the space extensively. There are many new people associated with SOS and there have been quite a few infractions Those involved will be reminded of the rules. SOS limited the # of attendees this year and that was successful we think. They would like to hold an opening party after the show. They had a minimal set and here was a party after one of the shows. They've needed several reminders about the locking of the property.

Beach Director Bill Nollman and Asst. Beach Director Juan Gonzalez said that the activity at Bayley Beach is off to a great start. Ty Haynes has repaired the Adirondack chairs that needed it. Thanks to our neighbor Ty Haynes. The playground is open. Two runners have been installed at the beach so that handicapped persons would be able to access a way to get to the water. This work was paid for a memorial trust. Di is doing her best but there are not the crowds were not what was anticipated. There was an 8th grade celebration at the beach as well as a party after the Brien McMahan High School graduated.

The first concert of the summer will be held on the Fourth of July

Report of the District Treasurer

July 16, 2021

Gil Kernan

Mr. Kernan reported that he had passed on the bills paid report to the Commissioners. There will be HDH payments that will safeguard details of the credit cards. Gil orders with the link and then they get the product. Mr. Kernan has arranged to have certain repeat bills such as ones from Utilities that are paid on a monthly basis. Auto payments to Frontier, for instance, will go out on a monthly basis. There will be a maximum amount of withdrawal that will be allowed on these accounts.

Most of the paperwork necessary for the loan from the city has been done. We are now waiting for the reply from the City. Hopefully, we'll

Our Budget virtual is good. We will have one more payment from the City. We will have an excess of revenues in the RR budget. This budget is sequestered from the other District accounts. YD, we are 23% of venue of permits; the budget and the expenses are 31% of the budget. We're still cash flow positive against those two numbers.

Mrs. Langalis said that, hopefully, we'll know from the revenue of permits soon at the RR. The annual permit renewals can occur in any month

Our capital accounts are back on track. We're trying to get the check to the provider in a timely fashion. Jason has an estimate available and we'll order the equipment.

Commissioner Barbis said that the Wi Fi at the gate house at Bayley Beach is working. Sometimes the gate guard doesn't plugging in the recharger at the end of the evening. It should be plugged in every night. We don't need a booster. There is a password at the gate guard shack. We are now accepting cash. The books in use now reflect the appropriate fee.

It has been suggested that there be a ground cover planted at the cannon that will provide a way to read the names on the plaque without damaging the grass or other planting.

Mrs. Langalis reminded Ed to repair the places on the driveway around the library.

Rob Frazier said that he has identified some maple trees on a neighbor's property. That will be a fair amount of money for the Norwalk Tree Alliance.

Report of the District Fire Marshal July 21, 2021 Ed Carlson

<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>#</u>	<u># Man Hours</u>
Blasting Permits	***	***
Blasting Site Inspection	***	***'
Building Inspections	3	4
Clerical Office Work		16
Fire Marshal Conferences	1	8
Career Development Training	1	3
Investigations(s)	1	4
Meetings: District monthly	1	2
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(Other) Plan Review	2	4
Food Truck Inspection	1	1
Sprinkler Main Air Test	1	1
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	<u>Total Man Hours:</u>	45