

**APPROVED ACTIONS
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT
October 16, 2019**

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Mike Barbis, John Igneri, District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson, District Fire Marshal and District Property Manager Ed Carlson, District Clerk Andrea Woodworth.

ABSENT: District Assistant Property Manager Jason O'Donnell.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Shakespeare on the Sound Managing Director Lorah Haskins and Board Member John Love presented a request for the 2002 Shakespeare performances and pre-SOS event. ShakesBEERs, in Pinkney Park in 2020.
- Commission Chair Tammy Langalis asked the SOS representatives to please be aware of the Farmer's Market which are scheduled on Friday afternoons.
- Mrs. Langalis also reiterated that the Commissioners expect that the presence of vehicles associated with the production be kept to a minimum and never parked for a period of time in the park.
- Mrs. Langalis also noted that the Commissioners received no complaints from area residents this last year and hoped that that would be the same in 2020.
- Commissioner Mike Barbis said that SOS is not using the available office space in the Community Center which is now just used for storage. They have asked to have the yearly rent for the space waived.
- Rowayton Parents' Exchange co-presidents Kim Manion and Julie Vincent addressed the recently cleared area at Bayley Beach which is adjacent the playground there. They are wondering whether or not the Commission would consider a grant to the RPE if they came up with a plan to expand the Playground to include some form of a Splash Pad. The Commissioners asked that they do more research to determine what might be possible. The RPE was trying to get a feeling for an amount of possibly available funds. Mrs. Langalis indicated a low number might be under \$10,000 and a higher max could be as much as \$25,000.
- District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson gave an update of the planned implementation of the "Barnacle" system for disabling vehicles at the Railroad Station on which there are open tickets. Most of the offenses are for vehicles using the daily parking.
- Commissioner Mike Barbis announced that the biggest news is the new email distribution list built by the District thanks to the help of a cross-section of Rowayton organizations. This allowed for the first newsletter from the District which went out this evening. Thanks to the hard work of resident Andrew Meyerson who also facilitated the inclusion of the District and Community Calendars on the 6TD web site.
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- Mr. Barbis also reported that he and Jason O'Donnell have met with an engineer on the Bayley Beach project. The District was hoping to be able to do this project before the start of winter weather. The Roton Point Club has not yet approved of the part of the project that affects them.
- Mr. Barbis said that they have engaged the same engineering firm to address the drainage problems in and around the Little League field and the tennis courts.
- Mike Barbis said that he had emailed the Norwalk police chief asking for their help in monitoring after hours' activity at Bayley Beach and also at the Rowayton School parking lot.
- Mr. Barbis asked that Property Manager Ed Carlson direct a crew to weed the area around the RR abutment on the northeast side of the railroad.
- Commissioner Barbis asked how the calendar on the 6TD website would be managed. Mr. Meyerson indicated that the District Clerk, Andrea Woodworth, would be in charge of updating the calendar as information comes in.
- Mrs. Langalis noted that, as he is not running for reelection, District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson is present at his last meeting as the Treasurer of the District. She said that we have all appreciated his very effective efforts over the last four years and we thank Jim for his service. Jim has succeeded in bringing administration of the RR station up to the 21st century. Rowayton resident Gil Kiernan is running unopposed for District Treasurer.
- Mrs. Langalis also said that she is running unopposed as well.
- District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson said that there is about \$7,400 left in the Community Center renovation account.
- Mr. Hendrickson also said that we have a request for some unbudgeted items for the Rowayton Fire Department. Mr. Barbis said that the requested new radios will work on both the old and new frequencies. The RFD has \$48,000 left in their budget total of \$67,000. Mr. Barbis indicated that he thought that the RFD saves the town lots of money which might balance out a budget overrun.
- Fire Marshal Ed Carlson noted that it has been a fairly quiet time except for one recent call where the alarm went off but the alarm company couldn't notify the fire department as the property owner didn't have a land line.
- Mr. Carlson will attend an arson conference in the near future.
- Property Manager Ed Carlson said that the Potting Shed gate apron will be started on November 11.
- Mr. Carlson recommended that the Commissioners look at an extension of the hours for the beach director or his/her assistant. Nice weekends after the season bring a lot of people to the beach. As it is now, no one is there to monitor the facilities.

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- Mr. Carlson also reported that there was boutique set up on the Pinkney Park front lawn on the same day as a wedding planned there. The person in charge had not sought or obtained permission to use the park in this fashion.
- After a long delay in obtaining permits, etc., Wendy Nardi will be offering soups reserved online to returning commuters at the RR Station. She has cleaned up the guard shack on the Eastbound side and is almost ready to be open for business.
- The water will be turned off at Bayley Beach this coming week.
- District Clerk Andrea Woodworth reported that Requests for Proposals for the garbage collection, snow plowing at the RR Station and snow plowing at the Ambler Lot were recently published in The Hour.
- Mrs. Woodworth thanked Andy Meyerson who was instrumental in the posting of the calendar on the District web site.
- A request to possibly have a photo shoot at Bayley Beach this Saturday was received just this afternoon.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

- On a motion by Commissioner John Igneri, the Minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting were approved with corrections by Mike Barbis.
- The RPE will come up with some ideas for use of the space recently cleared at Bayley Beach and present them to the Commissioners before the Budget season if they wish to ask for a grant from the Sixth Taxing District.
- The District will attempt to begin the Bayley Beach Sidewalk Project with the pouring of the sidewalk from the WeeBurn entrance and ending at the entrance to Bayley Beach and Roton Point Club before the end of this year to get at least that part of the project done. There may be a need to remove a few trees in order the move the fence and to clean up the entire area.
- In order to be proactive in the attempt to curtail the after hours' illegal use of Bayley Beach, the Commissioner may decide to hire someone to monitor the beach on certain evenings when high school events are scheduled.
- Commission Chair Tammy Langalis asked the Property Manager Ed Carlson to remove and discard the two old wooden benches in the Courtyard that were previously near the single door entry to the Community Center. Commissioner John Igneri said that a couple of benches at Pinkney Park may also be dangerous and need to be removed as well.
- A possible photo shoot this Saturday at Bayley Beach was approved.
- The November meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners will be on November 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Grace Room at the Rowayton Community Center.
- On a motion by Commissioner John Igneri to adjourn the meeting, the October 16, 2019 meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.