

MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT, City of Norwalk, CT
March 9, 2022

6:30 p.m.
Rowayton Community Center

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Andy Meyerson and John Igneri, District Fire Marshal and District Property Manager Ed Carlson, Assistant Property Manager, Eric Holter, Assistant to the Treasurer Doug Hillman

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis called the March 9, 2022 meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Igneri and Mr. Meyerson approved the February 16, 2022 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Pickleball Transition:

Drew Seath talked about the 3 courts at the train station and that they have remained in place beyond the expected October time frame due to continued interest from residents. Mr. Seath also spoke about the fact that court 5 at Bayley Beach will receive additional lining for 2 pickleball courts, and will be available for tennis or Pickleball.

There was open discussion regarding having to be a member of the RTA to be able to play, having "open court" time, and that if the Railroad parking becomes full again, the Pickleball courts will have to come down.

Mr. Seath has also pursued having the school next to the Community Center line their courts. The main issue is that they would not be able to be used during school hours for child safety reasons. This avenue will continue to be pursued for use during off-school hours, mainly summertime and weekends.

Long Range Planning Committee:

Mr. Meyerson introduced Rob Frazier as the head of the committee.

Mr. Frazier talked about the previous renovations to The Community Center and how a Long Range Planning Committee was used at that time. Mr. Meyerson added that the renovation was over a long period of time, the

pandemic came, a break from any further work was put on hold, and now is the time to re-look at the Long Range plan.

Mr. Frazier said a survey will be sent out to residents looking for ideas/feedback on what should be done to the Community Center. The survey will be sent out in eblasts and hard copies will be placed in the library.

OLD BUSINESS

Bayley Beach Sidewalk:

Mrs. Langalis said the project will start in April, will be ADA compliant, 2 trees will be removed, and the monuments preserved. The Gardeners would like to agree on what vegetation will be used for the fence.

Planning and Zoning:

Mrs. Langalis stated that Planning and Zoning is not handled by the Sixth Taxing District, but by the City of Norwalk, and any concerns may be addressed with the 2 common council members.

Several residents stated their displeasure with the new structure at 111 Rowayton Avenue, and how it takes away from the view of the water. Mr. Meyerson said that The City of Norwalk does look for feedback on Planning and Zoning, and to visit the City website to do so.

Mr. Meyerson suggested an organization be created to go to the City of Norwalk Planning and Zoning meetings to keep apprised of future buildings in town.

Roles of your Representatives – 6TD and Common Council:

Mrs. Langalis explained the three Commissioners are elected every 6 years, overlapping for 2 years. Only two can be from the same party. They oversee a two million dollar budget, the volunteer fire department, personnel, the library, and act as stewards of the district's properties.

Mr. Igneri was a common council member of The City of Norwalk for eight years, and explained that the City is run on a weak Mayor system where the common council must approve something before the Mayor can take action.

Report of the Commissioners:

Covered earlier in meeting.

Report of the Treasurer, Gil Kernan

The Assistant to the Treasurer, Doug Hillman gave the report on behalf of Mr. Kernan. Mr. Hillman gave a report of expenditures and invoices to the Commissioners to review and sign. Mr. Hillman also said that we are right where we should be in regards to the budget.

Report of the Fire Marshall, Ed Carlson

Mr. Carlson said there will be Fireworks at Bayley beach on May 14 for a wedding. They will have a Fire Department escort.

Report of the Property Manager, Ed Carlson

Mr. Carlson reported the following:

- Looking for vendors for a chair caddy for the Community Center
- Getting an estimate to replace the damaged fence at the Community Center
- Purchased a portable sump pump for use at any property in the District.
- One Magnolia tree at the Beach was removed.
- Working with Gene Salvatorre to get estimates for the Art Center
- The solar lights at the Bell Tower are broken and need to be replaced.

Report of the Bayley Beach Director and Rental Scheduler, Bill Nollman

Mr. Meyerson said the RCA has many young volunteers who can help with district projects, and Bayley Beach may be a good property for that. Mrs. Langalis said no dogs are allowed starting April 1. Doug Hillman introduced himself as taking care of beach stickers with Bill Nollman and that the application will be on the website April 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm