

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT, City of Norwalk, CT
October 20, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.
Rowayton Community Center**

ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT: District Treasurer Gil Kernan, District Asst. Property Manager Eric Holter, District Beach Director and District Property Rental Agent Bill Nollman.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis called the October 20, 2021 meeting of the Sixth Taxing District to order. She welcomed those in attendance. Unfortunately, there is no Zoom option for this meeting since the person who would set it up is absent. Mrs. Langalis introduced the Commission to the meeting attendees.

The Minutes of the September 29, 2021 were approved as submitted on a motion by Commission Chair Tammy Langalis which was seconded by Commissioner John Igneri.

It was reported by Commissioner John Igneri that the aerator system is now in the duck pond near Rowayton School. There are six units which are set low in the water. When the pond freezes, none of the equipment will be above the ice. It is hoped, and expected, that this installation will keep the weeds away from the pond.

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Commissioner Igneri also reported that the Gazebo in Pinkney Park is now installed. This replaces the one severely damaged by fire earlier in the year. The manufacturer shipped it to us primed but it will be finally painted soon. Lighting is included in the construction and it has been connected.

There is also a replacement tree to be planted by Reynolds Farms in Pinkney Park next week, we hope.

There was a fire in Pine Point just before this meeting. It was on a back deck and was caused by a grill. The damage was not extensive.

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis said that people are still putting plastic bags in their recycle bins. Plastic bags in the recycle bins means that the whole bin will not be recycled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Langalis said that there was a ceremony at Brien McMahon sponsored by the Board of Education in memory of Commissioner Mike Barbis. They have donated a Buddy Bench to Rowayton School to go in the courtyard there in Mr. Barbis’ honor.

There is a little more daily parking now at the Rowayton Railroad Station, Mts. Langalis reported. There is a food truck there for commuters and pickle ball players. That has been very popular. If the lot starts to fill up more, we may need to make some changes at that time. There is a beech tree by the RR Station that has some sort of bacterial infection.

Report of the District Treasurer October 20, 2021 Gil Kernan
(In the absence of Mr. Kernan, he reported to the Commission by phone that we are right where we need to be against the current budget).

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Report of the District Fire Marshal	September 2021	Ed Carlson
<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>#</u>	<u># Man Hours</u>
Blasting Permits	***	***
Blasting Site Inspections	***	***
Building Inspections	4	5
Clerical (office) work		17
Fire Marshal Conferences	***	***
Career Development Training	1	3
Investigations	1	1
Meetings:		
District Monthly	1	2
FNHCFMA	1	2
<u>Building Plan Review</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Expenses: Conference: \$300.00

Remarks: I will be attending the CT IAAI Conference November 18 and 19.

Mr. Carlson said that he ‘s been keeping up with the new construction of condos. The one at 111 Rowayton Avenue will have 5 units and the one at 143 Rowayton Avenue will have 4 unites.

District Property Manager October 20, 2021 Ed Carlson

Community Center

1. A sump pump was purchased for the Potting Shed basement to help with the flooding.
2. The Underground ceiling and walls were cleaned of mold. Room will need painting in the future.
3. The Rowayton School Pond aerators were installed and are in operation.

Bayley Beach

1. The floats have been removed for the winter. The plan is to replace one for the spring and possibly both of them to save money.
2. The bathrooms will be closed by the end of October, with the water turned off and the bathrooms winterized.

Pinkney Park:

1. The Gazebo has been erected. The final coat of paint is to be applied. Benches have been ordered.
2. The Brown tree company did tree trimming to raise the canopy to get a better view from the back porch and the museum deck.

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3. The Rowayton Historical Society is getting estimates to have the ducts cleaned in Pinkney House.

R. R. Parking Lot:

1. There are currently 299 active permits.
2. There are 90 additional permits that have not been paid for. The total is 389 permits if everyone submits a payment.

Art Center:

1. The outside stairs have been replaced.

The Bayley Beach floats may be replaced (either one or both) in the spring. It is less expensive to replace both in the spring rather than to replace them separately. Instead of hard wooden floats, we’re going to try these. One new type float costs about \$900.

Mr. Carlson said that he checked on possible mold in the basement. There were a dead squirrel and a dead mouse there. He disposed of the dead wildlife.

Report of the District Clerk October 20, 2021 Andrea Woodworth

1. A Thank You note was sent to Ted Cook for planting and taking care of the flowers at the RR Station this summer.
2. As most of you probably saw when I sent out the draft minutes, I’m having several problems with the formatting of the Word application on my District computer. I meant to send the Agenda , which I will try to do from my personal computer.
3. The letter to SOS will go out soon. That got caught up with all the problems I was having with the District computer.
4. Bill Nollman now has all my kayak/SUP board racks files on the kayak/SUP board rentals of spaces at the beach. I think he is planning on trying to find out who will be renting again next year. I usually contact renters and remind them to remove their kayaks/SUP boards by November 1.

Highland Avenue resident Rob Frazier wonders about planting trees where there are already lots of trees. He knows the District has always been generous in supporting the Norwalk Tree Alliance.. Mrs. Langalis said that we did have some money in this FY’s budget. Doug Hillman will know how much that was. There is a beech tree by the RR that is suffering from some sort of bacterial infection.

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McKinley Street resident Bob Orabona said that he gives a lot of credit to whoever put up the bat boxes. The Girl Scouts and the Gardeners helped place them in the best places. They will only nest in special places.

Apparently there is a board in the flooring of the footbridge over Farm Creek which needs replacing. Ed Carlson, the District Property Manager will take a look. If it’s a small project, he and his staff will take care of it. If it requires more to be done, Mr. Carlson will contact the City for it to be done by them.

Ridgewood Road resident Dan Carroll asked about the Bayley Beach Driveway and Pedestrian sidewalk project. Apparently, the Roton Point Club’s board may vote on this without having a full membership vote. We hope that this project will be started in April. It is supposed to be a 5 – 6 weeks’ project and should be done by the end of May.

John Kiska is resigning from his leadership of the people who use the Dog Park on a regular basis. We’re looking for someone to head up that effort. We’ll have a report later.

Mrs. Langalis reminded everyone that there is only one trash pick up per week. now after the July and August twice a week pick up. The Smith Street facility for lawn trash will stay open depending on the weather.

The date of the next meeting is November 17th. The meeting will be held in the Grace Room upstairs in the Community Center. There will soon be names on all the doors upstairs.

Commissioner John Igneri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Langalis seconded the motion and the October meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea J. Woodworth
Clerk, 6th Taxing District