

**MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT, City of Norwalk
April 21, 2010**

**Rowayton Community Center
8:00 p.m.**

The April meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commission was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Commission Chair Tammy Langalis. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting as submitted was made and seconded. The motion passed and the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Under NEW BUSINESS, Commissioner Langalis introduced Mr. Douglas Bora who had asked to make a presentation. Mr. Bora spoke knowledgeably about the history of Rowayton and some of his efforts to encourage the acquisition of Pinkney Park by the District. Fortunately, this was achieved and Pinkney Park is now one of the jewels of Rowayton. Mr. Bora asked the Commissioners to consider proposing and encouraging the construction of additional sidewalks in Rowayton. Mr. Bora specifically talked about the lack of proper sidewalks from Cudlipp and Rowayton Avenue into the village. What sidewalks are there are hazardous and there are no sidewalks in many instances. Mr. Bora is enthusiastically encouraging the building of brick sidewalks. He has seen them in other towns and has noted how much they improve the look of the town. He also mentioned that it is now possible to make other surfaces look as if they are brick. He acknowledged that the argument against spending money for brick sidewalks centers on the economy. However, he maintains that the brick sidewalks would positively affect real estate values. He also pointed out that we have all been through more difficult economic times and have survived them well in the long run. Mrs. Langalis asked Mr. Bora why he feels that brick is superior as a material for sidewalks and asked if he had spoken to anyone at City Hall about it since the city is responsible for the construction and repair of sidewalks. Mr. Bora said that they just look better and they are visually appealing. Mr. Barbis reiterated that sidewalks are a Norwalk issue. He said that he and others have been in touch with the city regarding the sidewalk issue and that they are putting money in the budget for the next fiscal year for sidewalks along Cudlipp. The Commissioners will see if they can advocate for sidewalks in various venues, opposite Hill Top homes for instance. Mr. Barbis also mentioned that they have talked with the city about the leasing the Old School Field. However, nothing has

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come of that yet. Mrs. Langalis thanked Mr. Bora for his presentation.

Mr. Chris Sovak was in attendance representing the RCA and gave a presentation re: the Summer Music Festival. Mr. Sovak reported that there would be 10 concerts in the series this summer, with six of them to be at Bayley Beach. The beach venues are grouped together at the beginning of the season save for the final Labor Day concert at Bayley Beach. The first concert will be on June 27 at Bayley. The RCA has not booked any big, nationally known bands. They acknowledge that the reggae concert always draws a large crowd. They plan to have two police officers on duty for that concert along with two RCA volunteers to facilitate smooth parking of cars and exiting of the park. The volunteers will be working in conjunction with the gate guards. There will be a port-a-john provided for each show, with multiple ones for certain concerts. The Commissioners would like the RCA to have four port-a-johns for the July 4 fireworks and concert. There should also be four at the Reggae concert. There was a discussion about what the District paid for the port-a-johns last year. They had agreed to pay \$250 and ended up paying \$750. Mr. Barbis asked that the RCA please notify Don Wilson and Mike Barbis about who the volunteers for the concerts will be. In noting that the parking lot was full by noon the day of the Radiators' concert last year, Tammy Langalis commented that the volunteers should be there early in the day on the day when a large turn-out is expected.

The schedule for the 2010 Summer Music Festival is as follows:

Kingbilly	June 27	Bayley Beach
King for a Day	July 4	Bayley Beach
John Brown's Body	July 11	Bayley Beach
The Danks	July 18	Bayley Beach
Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers	July 25	Bayley Beach
Jypsi	August 1	Pinkney Park
Mojo	August 15	Pinkney Park
Dan Hicks	August 22	Pinkney Park
Amy Correia	August 29	Pinkney Park
Eli Reed	September 6	Bayley Beach

Mr. Barbis reported that they had had a few requests to hold fairly large, tented parties and/or wedding receptions at Bayley Beach. The Commissioners realize that this might be a thorny issue and have been talking about some options. He proposed to list the framework that the Commissioners are considering and are soliciting comments from residents via e-mail. They propose that any such party be limited to 125 people. 1 - 2 District employees would need to be hired to facilitate the party at the beach and to make sure that all regulations were followed. Two port-a-johns would be required. A security deposit of \$1,000.00 would have to be held. If the rules were not honored, the deposit would be forfeited. Any such events would be limited to one per month. The party would have to end with the beach closing. The fee would be \$2,500.00 for residents

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and \$3,500.00 for non-residents. Though the Commissioners acknowledge that these parties might not be popular with the beach-going public, the revenue generated by such a party could be used to make improvements at Bayley that might not be otherwise in the budget. Insurance would be required. Dick Schock, 5 McKendry, commented that perhaps the party should be required to end ½ hour before beach closing to facilitate a timely exit by party goers. The tent would be erected on the beach side of the wall generally in front of the Pavilion. There would, of course, be coordination with other entertainment and nothing would be scheduled on nights of planned concerts. Regina Matson commented that she would like to see some improvements at Bayley Beach and this might be a good way to make those happen. Mr. Barbis said he would welcome comments from residents about such a proposed policy.

Mike Barbis addressed the issue of the Highland Avenue Bradford Pears, which are scheduled to be taken down, and the Community Center trees. He acknowledged that many people, especially the immediate neighbors, were upset to see so many trees being taken down. Mr. Barbis pointed out that the Highland Avenue trees are outside of the property of the District and are actually on state property. The Bradford pears have been very fragile in storms and have grown irregularly due to the presence of the trees adjacent to them on the District property. There has been a tree plan in place for the Community Center property trees for some time. They had planned to slowly take down the Norway Maples over a longer period of time. However, the District was offered a great deal to take down the Norway Maples all at one time for a very much decreased amount of money. The offer was for less than half the price they had anticipated spending for the tree removal over time. The pears are not great trees in that they don't have a V-shaped joint. The U joint is not as strong, so they are all being removed. The state is paying the city to do the work. They will be replaced with Constellation white dogwoods. All of this work is at no cost to the District. In addition, the City is going to give us six sugar maples in addition to the dogwoods. They will also plant them for the District on our property. The tree plan has been developed by a professional landscaper. The Commissioners have not decided to do this on a whim. Jack Robson, the District Administrator, will be overseeing the work. Rob Frazier, 150 Highland Avenue, noted that all of the trees being planted are native trees. The Highland Avenue dogwood trees will be spaced evenly along Highland Avenue. The original plan was for only grinding the stumps where we were going to put trees. Now all the stumps will be ground. Bunny Scott, 18 Drum Road, noted that it was sometimes wise to spend a little more money in order to have the job done well and completely. It was also noted that Norway Maples are considered an invasive species. Mr. Barbis referred the residents to the schematic that Mr. Robson had provided of all the trees on the property, which ones have been removed or are going to be removed, and the positioning of the proposed planting of replacement trees. Mr. Carlson noted that Hal Alvord, Director of Operations for DPW, had said that all the Bradford Pears had some damage, even the ones that look

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to be in good health. Since they are all coming down at one time and all the dogwoods are going to be planted at the same time, they will all grow in unison. If some pears had been saved and replaced at a later date, it would take years before the dogwoods appeared to be uniform. Ed Carlson, District Property Manager, noted that the District is responsible for the maintenance of the trees, even those on state property along Highland. The company planting the trees will guarantee them for one year. He suggested that we request that the City use watering bags around the trees until they have become fully established. It was noted that we would have to clear with DPW who is responsible for seeing that the trees remain watered. Mr. Conroy asked if the city has a maintenance agreement that would require the recipients of the trees to be responsible for the maintenance of the trees? The answer to that question will be sought.

The following is the **Community Center Tree Plan** presented by Jack Robson. The city/DPW has agreed to support the proposed program for replanting trees along the interior fence perimeter of the Community Center and along the State right-of-way on Highland Avenue. We have already removed ailing and large Norway Maple trees. These large trees had created such a broad canopy that the lower canopy of the Bartlett Pears became misshapen in their quest for light. So, the proposed program calls for removal of the Bartlett Pears along the Community Center border and then to plant a combination of sugar maples within the Community Center and Flowering White Dogwoods along the street. The flowering dogwoods will be planted from McKinley to Wilson Avenue. DPW will be absorbing the cost for six sugar maples and 12+ dogwoods in front of the Community Center property. The rest of the plan costs will be paid out of the tree fund established by the District.

Hal Alvord, Director of Operations with the Department of Public Works, quotes:

"There are 5 Bradford Pears in state ROW north of the Rowayton Community Center boundary that some may see as healthy and wish to retain. And these appear to have grown straighter than the more southerly ones that grew over the roadway in search of sunlight. We have looked at these and all have some measure of damage or have weak leader joints or other conditions that suggest that we'll be picking up pieces (if not all) of them out of the roadway in the not to distant future. For the sake of consistency, it would be our recommendation to replace these with the dogwoods all at one time; thus the new trees will grow at the same rate and the canopy up the street will be uniform. If we plant the dogwoods only along Rowayton Community Center today and then replace farther north as the trees fail, you will have a row of dogwoods that will not appear uniform for decades.

"Staking for all trees will take place after the Bradford Pears have been removed, and the stumps ground. More dogwoods than anticipated might be placed on the state strip of land, and one in a manner that achieves what the District desires, and does not create sight line issues." (End of quote).

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The Tree Plan is as follows:

- 12+ Flowering (white) dogwoods will be planted on State right-of-way.
- 6 Sugar maple trees along the interior fence perimeter of north Highland Avenue.
- 3 Red Oak trees along interior fence perimeter of south Highland Avenue (dog park).
- 4 Red Oak along interior fence perimeter of McKinley Avenue
- Grind all stumps along Highland Avenue
- Remove 5 maple trees along McKinley Avenue
- Remove 1 dead cedar behind Community Center building.
- Grind stumps on 5 maple trees on McKinley

Project funds for 2007-2008 \$32,500.00

Expanded for tree plan January 2009 \$ 1,500.00

Brown Tree Specialists work Jan. - Feb. 2010 \$ 9,150.00

Total spent \$10,650.00

Remaining balance after previous expenses: \$21,850.00

New expenses:

3 Red Oak for Highland Avenue @ \$760.00 each \$ 2,280.00

4 Red Oak for McKinley Avenue @ \$760.00 each \$ 3,040.00

Grind stumps on Highland Avenue (north) \$ 1,600.00

Grind stumps on Highland Avenue (south) \$ 1,000.00

Grind stumps on Highland Avenue (Dog Park) \$ 800.00

Total \$ 8,720.00

Balance remaining: \$13,130.00

Additional work required to complete tree plan

- Remove 5 maple trees on McKinley Avenue
- Remove 1 dead cedar tree behind CC building
- Grind stumps for 5 maple trees on McKinley
- Trim two maple trees on corner of McKinley
- (These 2 maple trees are hindering the normal growth of the existing young Red Oak).

Anticipated additional total around \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00, leaving a balance left of approximately \$6,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS

John Igneri spoke to the item regarding the White Bridge demolition and replacement.

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He said that he is not really sure where it stands as of now. The announcement was made that the City of Norwalk and Darien had agreed to share the costs of this project equally. However, Darien is maintaining that they agreed to a certain cost, which is a bit less than half of the cost. Mr. Igneri said that he is reasonably certain that the bridge will come down but doesn't know the exact time now. He said that we will have a better idea when the Mayor and the First Selectman finish their discussion. The model for the proposed foot bridge which will replace the old bridge is the one behind Silvermine School. It will be a vast improvement. Bike riders, runners and pedestrians will be safer. Dick Schock, 5 McKendry, asked if there would be money allowed for fixing up the area on the Rowayton side of the bridge. That will all be made clearer later in the process. Commissioner Langalis thanked John for working so closely with the city officials on the project. She commented that it is thanks to John Igneri that Norwalk is not going to just take the bridge down but put up the foot bridge in its place. In referring to the earlier discussion about sidewalks, Andy Conroy said that there are some discussions and potential plans to address the issue of sidewalks or paths along Cudlipp. They are looking for ways to allow pedestrians to walk there which will tie in well with the pedestrian bridge.

On the subject of the Bayley beach drainage project, Mr. Barbis noted that the valve under Pine Point Road is not working properly. A resident, Frank Schlater, has been monitoring it. They are making progress with the project.

Mr. Barbis said that the Long Term Planning Committee for the Community Center has been meeting with someone from the planning office. We have a slate roof on the Community Center which really needs more attention. There is also an elderly heating system at the Community Center that needs to be considered. The roof and windows are a top priority. There may be some matching funds to be made available to the District for these projects, which would be a big win/win for the District. It may even allow for doing more of the projects at one time.

Maggie Trujillo and Regina Matson, organizers of the Farmer's Market, were in attendance to give a report for the beginning of the season. They said that they had moved the Farmer's Market to Pinkney Park last year in an effort to expand the market and to bring some more excitement to Rowayton. They also strive to support local farmers and sustainability. However, Maggie stated that they do not run a full producer only market and that they are not that strict. They are trying to have a market that engenders a nice feeling of community. All of the vendors from last year are returning. There will be a few more as well. Connecticut farmers are in hot demand so Maggie and Regina are encouraged that they are happy to return to the Rowayton Farmer's Market. Maggie and Regina stressed that the same farmers return each week, but that the artisans are there by appointment only. They want to stay focused on the farmers as opposed to the artisans. Regina noted that the farmers are very aware that Pinkney Park is a very

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visible spot and they try very hard to abide by the rules. Tammy Langalis asked how they would be working out having the market while Shakespeare is there as well. The market has every intention of working amicably with SOS. Normally the market will run from 12 - 5 p.m. However, while Shakespeare is there, the market hours will be from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. so as not to compete with people coming to claim seating spaces for the SOS performance. Maggie said that they are working out the parking situation with the Five Mile River Nursery School. Tammy asked about the need for traffic monitoring and whether it was sufficient to have volunteers taking care of that. She was assured that it is carefully monitored. It was stated that they were getting new crosswalk and "No Parking" signage made. Mike Barbis asked about the possibility of carving out a couple of spaces for handicapped access. That will be addressed. The organizers also said that they plan some local low key entertainments during the market. Andy Conroy asked if they couldn't come up with some cross promotion with Shakespeare. The starting date for the market this year is Friday, June 4.

Commissioner John Igneri told the attendees that the insurance coverage for the District had been put out to bid for the coming years. He announced that our current company had effectively bid themselves out of the market. Two firms, Segur and AJGallagher, will be interviewed this coming week by the Commissioners. They will be doing a survey of District properties to be sure the coverage is appropriate and adequate for each venue.

A question from Clive Morrison, 70 Highland Avenue, asked about the proposed rebuilding of the Bell Island bridge. He said that in years past the bridge had two pedestal globe lights on top. He was wondering if similar lights could be part of the new bridge. He said the wiring is still there on the east railing of the bridge. It would be a nice touch for appearances' sake. Clive will give photos showing the lights to John Igneri. It was noted that the lights on White Bridge are on photo electric timers. They've been a significant cost over the years. Ed Carlson noted that they also create a maintenance issue. Tammy Langalis noted that the project for the Bell Island bridge reconstruction was slated for 2012 and they have been told that the structure will not prevent the kids from jumping from it.

REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners John Igneri and Mike Barbis had no further reports, having spoken to all their issues earlier.

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis said that Bob Pettus had been given permission to replace the sign at White Bridge at the entry to Rowayton at his own expense. The District will take into account any feedback from residents in determining whether the sign will be permanent. Tammy also noted that the District will be selling green recycling bins at the Gardeners' Plant Sale.

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DISTRICT CLERK

1. I've processed 162 Bayley Beach permit requests as of today. We have two walk-in sessions scheduled for application processing. They are: May 15, a Saturday, from 9-12 in the morning and May 24, a Monday evening, from 6 - 9 p.m.
2. There are now 49 people on the Rowayton Station RR parking wait list. Of those 49, 15 are probably perennial wait-listers. The permit renewal for this year is on June 19, 8-12 noon. Those cleared from the wait list after this renewal day may purchase their permits on June 26, 9-12 noon.
3. The library is raffling a mini Cooper again this year. They would like to ask permission to park the car in Pinkney Park on Memorial Day. They would also like permission to hang a banner advertising the raffle. The banner would go up after the May 1 Gardeners' Plant Sale. **APPROVED BOTH REQUESTS**
4. I will be sending out lease renewal letters in May. The leases will be renewed effective July 1, 2010. If you would like to include any changes, we should decide on those fairly soon.
5. I have sent a letter to Joe Gallo asking to confirm that he will again be the Concessionaire at Bayley Beach. I have yet to hear from him.
6. I had a call today from Life Line Screening. They would again like to hold a screening event at the Community Center. They are interested in one of three dates: July 19, July 21 or July 28. We had such an event two years ago. They paid \$275 rent for the day. Would you approve such an event again? **APPROVED** At the same price? **YES**
7. A number of nursery school picnics, camps and beach days have been scheduled at the beach. There have also been several pavilion events scheduled. There will be a party at the Community Center this Saturday and a wedding reception on July 17.
8. I have had a request from one of the co-presidents of the parents' club at Brien McMahon to ask the Commissioners if they would authorize a small donation to their senior Graduation Party. Apparently, some of the larger corporate sponsors are cutting back drastically this year. It is a party for all seniors the night of graduation that is a chaperoned "safe" night. **NOT CONSIDERED**

PROPERTY MANAGER

March 2010

Community Center:

1. The H-D drill was purchased and put into use.
2. A section of the driveway collapsed and was repaired.
3. There are areas of pavement that will need patching following winter.

Bayley Beach **No report**

Pinkney Park: **No report**

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R. R. Station: 1. A thermostat heater was replaced in the E/B shed.

April 2010

Community Center:

1. The steps to the lower lot have been repaired.
2. The toilet drain in the library was clogged following the Father/Daughter event. The library has paid for the repair.
3. The p/t help started work on April 19th.
4. The dog fence addition will be started soon. Is there money available for this?

Bayley Beach:

1. The rooms in the pavilion are being power washed following the March storm.
2. The cleaning of the sand is scheduled for May 18th.

Pinkney Park:

1. Police responded to an alarm for kitchen motion. Unsure of the cause.

Ambler Lot:

1. Weeds and vines have been removed. I need to purchase Rodeo herbicide.

Cannon Monument:

1. The grass has been reseeded in an attempt to make it look more presentable.

Ed Carlson commented that he feels we need to replace sections of pavement sometime this year at the Community Center. He said he would be starting the dog fence soon. He asked if he could charge the costs and get reimbursed from the dog park people. This will be worked out with input from Andy Conroy. Ed reported that the bathrooms at Bayley Beach have been cleaned. The sand will be cleaned on May 18 and another day at the end of July. Jack Robson asked if the machine would be capable of moving sand. Ed said he would ask. Ed said that they are still getting alarms from Pinkney House. Some are false. He was called at midnight last week and told that there was an open door. There was no open door. He speculated that possibly the alarm was tripped when the radiators came on. The ADT technician has said that the sensitivity cannot be changed. Dick Schock, 5 McKendry, suggested using Scotch tape to blind the alarm to an area in question.

FIRE MARSHAL - February 2010

<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>#</u>	<u># Man Hours</u>
Blasting Permit(s)	***	***
Blasting Site Inspection(s)	***	***
Building Inspection(s)	2	3
Clerical (office) work		20

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Fire Marshal Conferences	***	***
Career Development Training	2	6
Investigation(s)	**	**
Meetings: FCFMA	1	2
District Monthly	1	2
(Other) Sprinkler test witness	1	2
(Other)		
(Other)		

Total Man Hrs: 35

Expenses: CFMA conference \$250.00

Remarks to the Commissioners: Code requires that kitchen hood suppression system be tied to alarm panel. ADT estimate of \$558.46 to do this. This needs to be funded.

FIRE MARSHAL - March 2010

<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>#</u>	<u># Man Hours</u>
Blasting Permit(s)	***	***
Blasting Site Inspection(s)	***	***
Building Inspection(s)	2	3
Clerical (office) work		23
Fire Marshal Conferences	***	***
Career Development Training	2	6
Investigation(s) Structure Fires	2	8
Meetings: District Annual	1	2
(Other)		
(Other)		
(Other)		

Total Man Hrs: 42

Expenses: CFMA conference \$250.00

Remarks to the Commissioners: March was a busy month for the Fire Department. The FD responded to numerous storm related calls on 3/13. Two structure fires within two days. FD did a commendable job.

OFFICER JENSEN

With the onset of warmer weather, activity has been picking up from a police perspective. There have been some people gathering at the train station and at the municipal lot. Joe said that he would be in town as often as possible. He has a new supervisor who calls him away more than he would like. Officer Jensen hopes we have a quiet summer. He would like to have a copy of the concert schedule. Joe asked if he should start his patrols at the end of May. The Commissioners asked that he do so. He reported that he was able to obtain the radar trailer once and it was very effective. He will always try for more times. Mrs. Langalis thanked Officer Jensen for obtaining it whenever he could. She asked if we should

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perhaps have a speed trap set up on Roton at the beginning of the season. (The Clerk will send a letter to Deputy Chief Kulhawik). Once school is over, the camps start and we need to remind everyone to drive slowly and carefully.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR - Jack Robson

Bayley Beach

The cement walk has been repaired. Two and half courses of concrete block have been inserted under the entire length of the walk. It was capped off with a solid half block of concrete. All courses have been filled with cement and given an exterior coating of stucco. The concrete walk was reinforced with rebar during the original construction. All cracks in the walk surface were repaired. Cost: **\$7,000**

The chain link fence at the entrance to Bayley Beach is in need of repair. We need to remove the old damaged fence and replace it with chain link fencing down to our tennis court fence. Cost: **\$2,350.00.** **APPROVED**

Some of the picnic table legs need repairing. Ed Carlson will get to this as time allows. The tables need a new coat of stain as well. The Pavilion deck could use a new coat of paint. Pot holes have developed at the entrance to the parking lot. Ed Carlson will fill these with asphalt as time permits. There are about 5 serious areas to deal with.

The baseball diamond backstop was vandalized and is in need of repair. Tim Coupe was looking into having this taken care of. The shed in behind the backstop received damage, as did the dugout. Tim Coupe has not responded as yet. Since the baseball backstop was vandalized, security lights have been suggested for the baseball diamond area. Electricity needs to be installed for the security lights to function properly. The battery type lights give off a green, night vision image, and would not be clear enough to identify anyone trespassing on the property. This is still being researched.

Rowayton RR Station Parking Lot

Both guard shack exteriors are in need of repainting. A few gallons of paint or stain should do the job. It would be preferable if Ed Carlson could take care of the painting, as his time permits. **Paint cost: \$100.00** **APPROVED**

Some form of identification has been requested for the men who tend to the needs of the commuters at the Parking Lot. The recommendation is to purchase baseball type caps in a bright color. Perhaps yellow or orange, with the words "STAFF" in black on the cap above the brim. Cost approximately **\$25.00 each.** (It was thought that the caps could be obtained more economically).

Ambler Parking Lot

The meter for the district parking lot sprinkler system is not functioning. East Coast Irrigation has contacted the manufacturer and they sent him a new meter. He feels it will be covered under the lapsed warranty.

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Ed Carlson has removed the invasive vines next to the wetlands and disposed of the growth. The next step is to eliminate its root system, as directed by DEP, in Hartford. Estimated cost: **\$325.00** **APPROVED**

John Scala, the supervisor for 140 Rowayton Avenue called with a concern about a tree growing in the wetlands behind their condos. The tree is growing at the edge of the wetland and is leaning over onto their property and causing them concern that it might become uprooted in a storm. They feel this tree might take out the end condo. I have called Brown Tree Specialists to give me an evaluation on the condition of the tree. I spoke to Conservation about the problem. Within reason, we can do some cutting. I need to report to Conservation if it comes to that.

Pinkney Park

A tree behind the Exhibit Building hangs out over our neighbor's (Nightingale) property. There was a large limb that had broken off and become hung up on the upper branches causing a potential danger to the neighbor. Larry Brown was called. The limb has been removed. **Cost \$225.00**

One silver maple behind the Pinkney House and one to the front left needs pruning. I am putting a hold on this work until we review our available funds.

The wash house clapboard on the street side needs replacing due to dry rot, and then repainted. This is on hold until we review our available funds.

The chimney at Pinkney House seems to be deteriorating. We have been advised to replace 18 courses of the exterior chimney and put in a liner. A liner might eliminate the use of the fireplaces. Cost approximately **\$6,000.00** It was decided that this can wait until the next Fiscal Year.

The damaged metal bench donated by Bob Pettus needs replacing. Cost for replacement to be supplied by Bob Pettus.

"Doggie Do Not" could rake and remove all goose droppings prior to the Memorial Day weekend, at the cost of **\$200.00** for the day.

The Pinkney seawall property goose fence is still an unsolved issue. A goose fence would cost **\$1,350**. This has been recommended as successful, by A. C. Morgan, a resident on Five Mile River. Spraying the grounds would cost **\$575** per application. Three applications are recommended at this time of the year. Cost **\$1,725**. Constant patrolling of the area with a herding dog is another solution, but impractical. The pinwheels proved ineffective. **It was decided that Ed Carlson would string mono-filament wire along the sea wall as our own "goose fence" and Doggie Do Not would be asked to rake and remove all the goose dropping prior to the Memorial Day weekend.**

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Community Center Projects

The drainage system around the CC building needs to be cleaned. I received two estimates. American Rooter **\$6,950**. McVac Environmentalists **\$5,500**. To dispose of the silt removed from the drainage system is billed at \$125 per ton. This fee could change based on how much silt is recovered. **APPROVED**

Regarding the Dog Park stone wall and fence, Chubb Insurance has reimbursed us in full for the damage caused last October. The amount is **\$6,122.00**. We can proceed with the repair on the stone wall and on the chain link fence. **APPROVED**

The Community Center office floor will be reviewed after July. Estimates for resurfacing the floor were roughly **\$2,000**.

The master plan for beginning work on the CC slate roof has been put on hold, pending additional information.

During Mr. Robson's report, Andy Conroy asked about the chairs at Bayley Beach that are falling apart. Ed Carlson is going to take parts from some and fix others. When asked if there is a plan to replace broken boards, it was stated that some of the repairs would have to happen in July after the beginning of the next Fiscal Year. Ed Carlson said that we're only talking about \$100 worth of wood. It was suggested that maybe we could do the picnic tables and chairs and not paint at all since we don't have the money to do everything. Tammy Langalis stated that people use the picnic tables and chairs continually and they need to be in good shape before the beach officially opens. We don't have to hire a painter to paint the tables and chairs. Andy Conroy suggested that we should make the fence a priority. Joe Jensen was in agreement stating that a damaged fence gives greater ease of intrusion.

Bunny Scott suggested, regarding the geese intrusion at Pinkney Park, that the pinwheels did work when they were all in. Mike Barbis said that we were going to do our own version of A. C. Morgan's goose fence.

It was suggested that we get a hard estimate for a liner for the chimney at Pinkney Park and that the work be done in July.

Phyllis Padro, 19 Briar Street, stated that the fence along Highland Avenue looks terrible. Ed Carlson will remove the fence north of the entrance to the Community Center. Mike Barbis stated that the Rowayton School pond looks really great after all the work by Rowayton Gardeners with help from Rec and Parks. Phyllis noted that there will be a new tree planted tomorrow at the pond.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Andy Conroy

Mr. Conroy stated that though we have been consistently sufficiently funded, we

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don't create a reserve for use in the case of an emergency or other unexpected expense. He recommends changing that practice and to start creating a reserve. We need to build up over a couple of years a reserve fund of \$100,000. We look pretty good financially, but we have to be careful about managing our budget. We have sufficient funds to get us through the end of the year. We need to maintain a buffer that will get us through the first few months of the new Fiscal Year before we get our tax revenues. The report is good but we don't have a lot of excess money either. Clive Morrison, 70 Highland, agreed that establishing a reserve would be a very good thing to do. Tammy Langalis said that if we have any surplus at the end of a Fiscal Year we can put it toward a reserve budget. We've gone 6 years or so without going over our budgeted funds.

John Igneri made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mike Barbis. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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