



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
January 8, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Mike Laspia, Councilmen Ed Brown and Glenn Waddington
Members Excused: Roni King, Keith Clark
Guest Present: Supervisor Jim Dougherty

Opened the meeting at 9:05 AM with an acknowledgement that the *Shelter Island Reporter* in its Back When column noted that ten years ago, January 8, 1998, the Town of Shelter Island took possession of Taylor's Island in Coecles Harbor.

The December 11, 2007 Minutes were approved as revised.

New Business:

The Committee members extended a warm welcome to the two new Town Liaisons Councilmen Ed Brown and Glenn Waddington and guest, Supervisor Jim Dougherty.

Old Business:

Historic Structure Report:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the Historic Structure Report is underway with Architectural Preservation Consultant Zach Studenroth and Engineer John Fokine who is working on elevation drawings, to be followed by systems drawings. A meeting with Co-Chair Hunt and the HSR preparers is scheduled for next week. Either Councilmen Brown or Waddington will also attend.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for December, 2007: NY Class Account is approximately \$78,590; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,112.97; General Fund is \$2,000, other Town Accounts budgeted for Taylor's Island in 2007 were discussed. Councilman Waddington will follow-up with Town Attorney Laury Dowd regarding an address correction for the residual shares.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there have been 4,792 visitors and shared two new guestbook entries which are responses to a Smith-Taylor Cabin update letter.

Update on Work Accomplished at Taylor's Island and Future Plans:

Co-Chair Hunt presented and passed around the framed embossed certificate received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

designating the Smith-Taylor Cabin on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The certificate will be displayed in the cabin on Taylor's Island when the cabin is ready.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that on December 31 she went out to Taylor's Island with Tim Purtell and Robin Drake who have a friend who is a landscape architect and may be interested in volunteering to do work on Taylor's Island.

DEC Application Update:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that on December 21 she, Alfred Kilb, John Fokine and Ed Bausman met with George Costello at Town Hall to review all the materials for the application, and stated that the survey needed additional information, namely flagging the wetlands and locating the wetlands flags and low water mark. Co-Chair Hunt presented a quote from the surveyor's office for that work and the Committee agreed to go forward with it. Co-Chair Hunt stated she does not feel qualified and does not want the responsibility of the DEC application and suggested the Committee consider hiring a permit person to complete the application, which the Committee agreed was a good idea. Co-Chair Hunt agreed to follow-up by obtaining fee estimates.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Co-Chair Hunt shared the Smith-Taylor Cabin update letter she emailed to supporters and also shared a response to the letter from a descendant of Francis Marion Smith.

Robin Drake volunteered to design a brochure for Taylor's Island.

Co-Chair Hunt shared her recent NYC visit with Andrew Arkin and contact with Ms. Edie Gladstone.

Co-Chair Hunt stated that this afternoon she will be speaking about the Smith-Taylor Cabin and Cedar-Taylor's Island at the Shelter Island Women's Community Club at the Presbyterian Church.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the position of Treasurer has changed from Roni King to Maryann Koch.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

**Respectfully submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees**