



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
SHELTER ISLAND
NEW YORK**

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
May 13, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Roni King, Mike Laspia, Town Liaisons: Councilmen Glenn Waddington and Ed Brown

Opened meeting at 9:00 AM.

The April 8, 2008 Minutes were approved as revised.

Old Business:

Grants

NYSOPR&HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported working with Elizabeth Bunich of Jean O'Connell's office in applying for a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The deadline for the completed grant application is Monday, June 30, 2008. On Tuesday, May 6th Co-Chair Hunt attended the Town Board Work Session regarding the Supervisor sign the authorization form allowing our Committee to apply for this funding. The Town Board was in agreement. On Thursday Co-Chair Hunt plans to carpool to the Public Information Meeting, 1-3 PM, at the Planting Fields Arboretum, with Ron Lucas and Betty Kontje, Goat Hill Board members.

Historic Structure Report:

Co-Chair Hunt went out to Taylor's Island with John Fokine on Friday, May 9th to check some measurements. John emailed an estimate to restore and repair the cabin and copies were given to Keith and Richie for their feedback. Screens on the porch were discussed. They probably were bronze which would be costly to replace and to maintain. Committee members opted for screens on the windows when they are replaced.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for April 30, 2008:
NY Class Account is \$79,303.11; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,126.86; General Fund is \$2,000; status of residual shares is unchanged

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there have been 5,348 visitors.

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

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the porch roof repair and clean-up is complete and the cabin and grounds look great. The flashing put around the stone chimney kept a driving rain out--the fireplace was dry although the flat roof of the east bedroom has a leak.

Ray Congdon collected a bunch of cedar posts that might work for the railings and Richie put them in storage. The Committee commented that the railings and their supports will strengthen the porch roof. There was a discussion about turned cedar railings--western red or white cedar that weathers gray, 2 1/2-3" diameter being an appropriate size for the cabin. Sanding and refinishing the porch deck were also discussed.

The well pump is back in place.

Update on DEC Application:

Co-Chair Hunt followed-up her March 31st telephone call to Chuck Hamilton with Jane Costello's suggestion--an email, on Monday, April 14th, the day he was due to return. On April 28th Co-Chair Hunt followed up her email with a telephone call and spoke with Irene who said she'd give Chuck the message and the Taylor's Island web address. Irene further said that Chuck didn't have any trips planned out East in the next couple of weeks. Co-Chair Hunt phoned Chuck's office on May 12th and Irene went and checked his appointment book and said he's not heading out this way through the end of June. Irene asked what the call was about and requested Co-Chair Hunt fax her email of April 14th which she did on May 13th.

A couple of additional signatures were requested and submitted to the DEC to complete the permit application.

Co-Chair Hunt asked to return to the question of funding the work of the DEC application that Councilman Waddington brought up at the last meeting. Possibilities discussed include the Taylor's Island Foundation; the Town of Shelter Island--Taylor's Island line of the General Fund, Waterways Management Advisory Committee; Senator Ken LaValle's discretionary funds; Class account containing monies from Mr. Taylor's estate; corporate sponsors such as 20 Mule Team Borax.

List of Suggested Uses of Taylor's Island:

Co-Chair Hunt passed out copies of the list of Past and Present Uses to consider in taking a look at the suggested future uses and asked if anyone had anything to add. She also commented that since the June meeting is set to talk about the suggested uses which were generated from the public's input, perhaps that meeting is the one to be videotaped and aired on Channel 22. The Committee preferred the July 8th meeting rather than the June meeting with the initial discussion.

Docent tours:

The once monthly guided tours of the Smith-Taylor Cabin will begin on Sunday, May 25th with Co-Chair Hunt, followed by Sunday, June 29th with Roni and Pat King. Co-

Chair Hunt will submit a press release to appear in the community clip and calendar sections of the Shelter Island Reporter.

Boat slip:

Councilmen Waddington and Brown reported that what's recommended and available is a mooring with a pulley system at Captain Bob's Landing at the beginning of the first Ram Island causeway. Mike Anglin offered to drop the gear in about a month. At Mike's suggestion, Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Sharon Jacobs of the Town Clerk's office on May 9th and put either/or the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee, the Taylor's Island Foundation on the waiting list for a slip at Congdon's Dock, which is estimated to be anywhere from 20-30 years from now.

Shelter Island Senior Citizens Association:

The Shelter Island Reporter included a write-up with a photograph of the presentation on Taylor's Island at the April 16th SISCA meeting. The members of SISCA expressed an interest in planning an outing/event on the island.

Ram Island Association:

Co-Chair Hunt will speak with the Board of the Ram Island Association on Saturday, May 17th to give an update on Taylor's Island.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

The Second Annual Meeting of the Taylor's Island Foundation was Saturday, May 10th.

South Ferry Cruise--A few additional posters went up around the Island and Jim Polychron, who is in charge of the wine for the event, took a couple posters to put up at Pindar and Duckwalk Vineyards. The SI Historical Society included a miniature of our poster in their Spring 2008 newsletter.

Music will be a play list of big band sounds and other music of the 30s and 40s. The guest list is at 46 and there's room for a total of 75 guests.

Ideas for alternate dates of the August 15th fundraiser were discussed since it's the day before the SIFD Chicken Barbecue. The suggested dates will be checked out with Andrew Arkin's availability.

A fundraising idea for next year centering on a day of health and healing on Taylor's Island with Shelter Island and East End practitioners was introduced.

A draft of the Taylor's Island Foundation brochure was reviewed at the Annual Meeting and approved with just a couple of edits needed.

New Business:

Co-Chair Hunt announced that Saturday morning, June 7th, approximately 30 ROTC students and five adults from Riverhead High School will be kayaking to Taylor's Island and would like to view the Smith-Taylor Cabin. Shelter Island resident Peter McCarthy is an instructor of the group.

Jay Damuck will be kayaking with groups from Camp Quinipet in July and August and would like to tour the Smith-Taylor Cabin with them.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

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

**P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair
Taylor's Island Preservation and
Management Committee**