



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

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
July 8, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Mike Laspia, Roni King, Town Liaisons: Councilman Waddington, Councilman Brown

Members Excused: Barbara Clark, Keith Clark

Opened meeting at 9:00 AM

The June 10, 2008 Minutes were approved as revised.

Old Business:

Grants:

Preserve NY/HSR

Co-Chair Hunt gave each committee member copies of the two parts of the HSR introduction she wrote: 1.2 Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee and 1.3 Smith-Taylor Cabin: Interpretive Plan and asked for their review and input.

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP

Co-Chair Hunt submitted all the requested information, deed, petitions, letters of support, and match letter from the Taylor's Island Foundation, to Elizabeth Bunich of J. O'Connell & Associates. Senator Ken LaValle's office phoned Co-Chair Hunt asking for information about Taylor's Island. Senator LaValle subsequently wrote a letter of support.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for June 2008: NY Class Account is \$79,569.75; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,355.22; General Fund is \$2,000. No update on the residual shares.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there have been 5,931 visitors and one new guestbook signer.

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

The porch deck was prepared for refinishing; the outside cellar doors were repaired and the plywood cover to the crawl space entrance screwed in place. A suggestion was made to put a hinge with a lock on the crawl space cover. There was discussion about an LP gas instantaneous hot water heater to be installed prior to the August 9th event.

Update on DEC Application:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the DEC has not requested additional material in over a month, so she has reason to believe that the application is complete, although she has not received any written correspondence stating that. She further reported that Larry Tuthill

had told her that once a confirmation letter is received, the DEC has 45 days to make a decision.

WMAC Update:

Councilman Brown, Town Board liaison to the WMAC, gave an update on the stake and pulley mooring application. Councilman Waddington spoke about the June 10th Town Board Work Session where the subject of Taylor's Island being designated a Town landing place, not a launching place, was introduced.

The Committee reviewed and discussed whether or not Taylor's Island should be recognized by the Town as a Town Landing, in an effort to obtain funds from the WMAC to repair the wooden bulkhead and the fallen cement seawalls. They discussed the erosion that has already occurred due to the deteriorated condition of the walls and the need to stop further damage from occurring. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of obtaining this recognition and unanimously agreed to draft a letter requesting the Town Board to officially designate Taylor's Island as a Town Landing site, but not as a launching site.

TI Foundation News:

The suggested uses discussed at the last meeting are summarized in the HSR 1.3 Interpretive Plan. Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Jay Damuck of Shelter Island Kayak Tours regarding beginning and ending times people rent kayaks and he said not before 10 AM and usually it's 11 AM by the time kayakers get underway and they return by 4 PM. Jay also stated he no longer offers evening kayak tours because there isn't enough interest. Those times would complement an overnight use of the cabin.

Fundraising ideas: Ed Brown gave an update on the Taylor's Island t-shirts and wooden signs and suggested having a table at the annual August Arts and Crafts Fair. Co-Chair Hunt indicated she would make this suggestion to the Foundation.

On July 5th Co-Chair Hunt set up a Taylor's Island table at the Shelter Island Historical Society's One Day in History.

On Thursday, July 7th Co-Chair Hunt will give a docent tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin for campers from Camp Quinipet who will kayak to Taylor's Island from Burns Road.

A SISCA outing to Taylor's Island from Congdon's Dock is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Carolyn Willberg anticipates about twelve people might be interested.

Francis Marion Smith descendants, the Bayley and Drew families, are planning to be on Shelter Island the first week in August and are interested in going out to the cabin. We may accommodate their travel out and back.

The Smith-Taylor Cabin brochure has an additional line "Access by kayak and shallow bottom boat" in response to a concern by the Mashomack Coecles Harbor Association.

Co-Chair Hunt recapped the progress of the upcoming Kettle Clam Bake scheduled for August 9 from 2 PM to 5PM, and requested the Committee consider ways to make the event more eco-friendly. Co-Chair Hunt suggested the use of reusable stainless flatware

rather than disposable plastic, and the use of recyclable materials. The Committee reviewed and discussed ways of accomplishing this task.

New Business:

Co-Chair Surozenski suggested a tree be planted on Taylor's Island in memory of Jimmy Clark. Committee members will consider his suggestion and discuss the possibility at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 AM

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt

Co-Chair