



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
August 19, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Roni King, Town Liaison: Councilman Brown

Members Excused: Keith Clark, Mike Laspia, Town Liaison: Councilman Waddington

Opened meeting at 9:10 AM

The July 8, 2008 Minutes were approved as revised.

Old Business:

Grants:

Preserve NY/HSR:

Co-Chair Hunt shared with the Committee the beautiful bound copy of the Historic Structure Report, which took almost one year to complete. Committee members were interested in obtaining additional copies which Co-Chair Hunt will look into with Zack Studenroth. She also left a message for Erin Tobin of the Preservation League of NYS regarding the HSR's completion and inquiring about scheduling publicity about the grant's task being completed.

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that Elizabeth Bunich of J. O'Connell's office submitted the grant application by the June 30th deadline. Co-Chair Hunt had not received a copy of the grant application which Ms. O'Connell requested her office staff to send by email.

Co-Chair reported that she, John Needham, and Councilman Brown, met with Jean O'Connell on August 8th in Town Hall, to discuss an issue regarding the October 2006 DEC Water Quality Grant application.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she and Jean O'Connell spoke about possible grant monies for repair of the cement sea walls, wooden bulkhead and creation of the kayak landing area, which may be applied for after receipt of the DEC permit.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for July 2008: NY Class Account is \$79,701.26; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,356.67; General Fund is \$2,000.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there have been 6,599 visitors, and read the comments from three new guestbook signers and one website visitor.

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

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the porch deck was sealed, the poison ivy and invasive plants removed, the Rose of Sharon trimmed and now in bloom, and three small bathroom fixtures were installed.

Co-Chair Surozenski suggested purchasing an electric generator with a battery electric start for supplying electricity for all the needs of the cabin, including an electric water heater and small refrigerator. The Committee reviewed and discussed the use of solar panels on Taylor's Island.

Update on DEC Application:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that on July 29th Chris Arfsten of the DEC stated that the Taylor's Island permit application was all set and we should hear from him in two weeks so we can proceed with our project. Co-Chair Hunt followed up with a call to Chris Arfsten on August 18th and left a message asking for an update.

WMAC Update:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that on August 4th the Town authorized a permit (Permit Number C-2970) for a stake, mooring and pulley system located at Captain Bob's Landing in Coecles Harbor and waived the application fee. Our Committee to send a thank you note to the Town Board for waiving the fee. Committee advised waiting until next spring to put in the mooring.

TI Foundation News:**Kettle Clam Bake:**

Co-Chair Hunt gratefully reported on the success of the sold-out Kettle Clam Bake on August 9 from 2 PM to 5PM. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the Committee and everyone who attended this incredibly successful and satisfying event. A slide show with audio of the All About Andrew Arkin event is on the Taylor's Island website. Channel 22 will also have coverage of the event.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Foundation considering the purchase of four 10'x10' canopies rather than renting them next year.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she and Marie Sweeny sewed the signature blocks together completing the quilt top honoring Francis Marion Smith which was on display in the cabin at the Kettle Clam Bake. Ms. King suggested, and the Committee agreed, that the quilt be on display at Town Hall when not at the cabin.

Co-Chair Hunt reported she will check into setting up a table at the Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday to sell the Taylor's Island T-shirts, possibly tended by Barbara Clark, Roni King and Pat King; and she has permission to set up an information table at the Country Fair that she will tend.

Future Fundraising:

The Committee reviewed and discussed other means of fundraising, including a wellness day in the spring, and agreed that these fundraising events build community. Additional sources of funding may still be required to complete major projects.

Docent Tour Requests:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that a lovely group of youngsters from Camp Quinipet visited Taylor's Island on July 10th. The SISCA outing to visit Taylor's Island on July 29th was cancelled due to low enrollment. The Essex Yacht Club is planning on coming ashore August 30th to view the cabin.

The Bayley and Drew families, descendants of Francis Marion Smith, had a family reunion on Shelter Island which included a trip out to Taylor's Island on August 3rd.

Volunteer Barbecue-Thank you:

Tentative dates for the volunteer barbecue are September 27th or 28th, to be finalized at the next meeting.

New Business:

Co-Chair Hunt shared printed copies of an e-mail from the Town Attorney regarding a history of the Foxen Creek/Mashomack Road.

Co-Chair Hunt requested the October meeting date be changed from the 14th to the 21st.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 AM**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the Committees