



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
September 9, 2008
Minutes**

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

Members Excused: Town Liaison: Councilman Brown

Opened meeting at 9:06 AM

The August 19, 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 for those members who missed seeing it at the last meeting. She reported that she spoke to Erin Tobin of the Preservation League of NYS, who is planning to be out this way mid-late September.

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that a determination will be made in the fall, no later than November.

Mike Laspia reported that he has heard that all NYS departments have been asked to cut their budgets, which will most likely effect future Grant monies.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for August 2008: NY Class Account is \$79,830.07; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,470.84; General Fund is \$2,000. There is no change in the status of the residual shares.

TIP&MC Budget:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she met with Supervisor Dougherty regarding the 2009 Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee's budget. The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed budget, and after reviewing the balance of the 2008 Budget, agreed that the balance will be necessary for some machinery and repair work on the cabin.

The Committee mentioned that in one past year a record of the number of volunteer hours was presented at budget time reflecting the value of all the services that are completed by volunteers and demonstrating how much money that saves.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that Supervisor Dougherty had been asked, by whom he didn't say, and he made it clear he wasn't suggesting it, that the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee might be phased out and she asked the Committee members for their input.

Also at the budget meeting with Supervisor Dougherty Co-Chair Hunt said that the fundraising events are creating community, bringing varied people of Shelter Island together, raising some money although the amount raised is insufficient for the anticipated major expenses, namely the \$100,000 matching grant money for the restoration of the Smith-Taylor Cabin and the repair of the cement retaining walls, wooden bulkhead and creation of the kayak landing area. Co-Chair Hunt also mentioned the Foundation will launch a fundraising "campaign" to supplement the fundraising events. In addition, the Committee's request to designate Taylor's Island as a Town Landing is with the hope for help from the Waterways Management Advisory Committee. Also Co-Chair Hunt mentioned that Taylor's Island is part of the Town's Park System and perhaps there is a funding possibility there which to date hasn't been drawn upon. Lastly, Co-Chair Hunt mentioned that the goal is for Taylor's Island to become self-supporting, a direction we are headed in with actions and plans for reversing the decline of the Smith-Taylor cabin and its environment.

Councilman Waddington reported that the services of the Clerk to this Committee are required by another Board and the committees that have foundations are being requested to keep their own minutes so as to free up the clerk's time. Co-Chair Hunt said she would act as clerk, recording the minutes of the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there have been 6,871 visitors and read the comments from two new guestbook signers.

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

The Committee reviewed and discussed the repair of the flashing around the chimney which came loose during the last storm. They also reviewed and discussed the energy needs of the cabin and the purchase of a generator and a hot water heater. The Committee agreed that the flat roof of the east bedroom needs to be waterproofed and an electrician needs to be involved with the installation of the generator.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that Mike Anglin offered to put in the Taylor's Island stake, mooring and pulley system free of charge next spring.

Town Landing:

Councilman Waddington stated there is no definition of a Town Landing and that needs to be addressed before Taylor's Island can be designated as one.

Update on DEC Application:

On August 25th Co-Chair Hunt phoned Chris Arfsten of the DEC and he stated that he spoke with John Costello regarding a couple of minor changes and once those changes are received, the permit application will be approved. Co-Chair Hunt further reported that on September 5th Jane Costello confirmed that the two minor notations were sent to Chris Arfsten.

TI Foundation News:**Future Fundraising:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she and Barbara Clark had planned to man a table at the Arts and Crafts Fair but were advised by Janalyn Travis-Messer that the Foundation must be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to have a table in the Shelter Island section. Co-Chair Hunt further reported she emailed the Chamber regarding membership.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she and Barbara Clark did set up a table at the Shelter Island Fire Department Country Fair with information and her computer showing a slide show of the August 9th All About Andrew Arkin event.

Docent Tours:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the Essex Yacht Club, approximately 25 people from about 12 boats, anchored in the Town anchorage and came ashore at Taylor's Island on August 30th; and they were a most enjoyable group. She further reported that a member of the group offered to donate a large ship's wheel to replace the one that once hung in the main cabin; and his offer was gratefully accepted.

The Cruising Club of America is planning to cruise to Coecles Harbor on September 30th/October 1st with an interest in coming ashore and touring Taylor's Island and the Smith-Taylor Cabin.

The cabin has been open for docent tours at least one day most weekends.

Jay Damuck of Shelter Island Kayak Tours had his "Second Annual" end of season barbecue and gathering on Taylor's Island on September 2nd.

Brochure:

Co-Chair Hunt showed the Committee the latest printing of the brochure which has one minor defect to be corrected before the final printing.

Volunteer Barbe-cue/Thank-yue:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the volunteer barbecue is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 28th.

Future Event:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that a planning session for a springtime one day spa on Taylor's Island is set for September 17th at 4:00 PM out on Taylor's Island. Suggestions are welcome.

New Business:

Mike Laspia spoke about the consequences of this summer's Barcelona Party being held in Shelter Island waters adjacent to TNC's Mashomack Preserve.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 AM**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 21, 2008, a week later than our usual meeting date. Co-Chair Hunt will speak with Mary Ellen McGayhey regarding taping this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the Committees