



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
April 14, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Michael Laspia, Town Liaison Councilman Ed Brown

The March 10, 2009 Minutes were approved as corrected.

Old Business:

Grants:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported she phoned the Town's Grantwriter Jean O'Connell and NYS OPRHP Long Island's Grants Program Representative Traci Christian for clarification on the possibility of using some of the potential matching grant money intended for the Smith-Taylor Cabin on the DEC permitted bulkhead and seawall repair/restoration. Traci followed up the telephone conversation with an email stating "...some of the monies from the potential 2008 award could possibly be used for bulkhead repair, but the main scope of the project must be for the preservation of the structure as outlined in the submitted application..."

Future Grant to fund DEC Permit Work and other funding possibilities:

No additional input from the Town's Grants Committee beyond what is reported above/NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP.

The other funding possibilities explored include:

- Co-Chair Hunt followed up on Supervisor Dougherty's suggestion that she ask Town Attorney Laury Dowd if the 10% potential stewardship money of the 2% Community Preservation Fund monies collected could be used on properties received as a gift. Attorney Dowd's response was no.
- Co-Chair Hunt confirmed Supervisor Dougherty's thoughts on the allocation of the cell tower revenue—50% goes into the Capital Fund and 50% goes into the General Fund. Town Accountant Eileen Tuohy said the amount of money collected is about \$4,000 per month, per fund. In conversations with Town Attorney Laury Dowd and Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar, Co-Chair Hunt learned that the Capital Fund is not allocated to any particular item. If a project is suggested for the Capital Fund money, the Town Board passes a resolution proposing a permissive referendum which is advertised for 30 days, allowing the public to comment.

- Co-Chair Hunt learned that creating the Town of Shelter Island Parks and Recreation Municipal Services Five Year Master Plan 2007-2011, adopted December 8, 2006, was at the suggestion of Town Grantwriter Jean O'Connell to facilitate grant money for parks. There is no Town budget money associated with the Parks Plan at this time.
- The remaining 2007 and 2008 balances for the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee, unused and returned to the Town's General Fund, total \$41,601.17 (2007--\$12,308.75; 2008--\$29,292.42). The 2009 balance for the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee is \$27,800.00.
- The Waterways Management Advisory Council
- The accounts established with money Mr. S. Gregory Taylor left for the stewardship of his gift, reported below in Financial.
- Taylor's Island Foundation
- Senator Ken LaValle's discretionary fund
- Preserve America—Funding may be available with Shelter Island having that designation. Co-Chair Hunt to check with Teresa Montant.
- The Nature Conservancy
- NYS DEC Peconic Estuary Program
- Local Banks, Organizations, Businesses

Co-Chair Hunt asked the Committee to consider, "Who benefits from the repair work being done? Who benefits from the repair work not being done?"

Financial Business—March 31, 2009:

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account is \$80,166.60; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,807.20. General Fund is \$2,000.

Co-Chair Hunt in following up on Councilman Glenn Waddington's suggestion to check with Town Attorney Laury Dowd for the residual shares materials folder found out that the Taylor's Island Committee and the Town folders are both missing. Co-Chair Hunt to follow-up with the office staff.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported a total of 7,793 visitors and read one entry, Mail from the Foundation Page.

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

Co-Chairs Surozenski and Hunt and Committee Member Keith Clark gave updates on floating docks, generator, water. Highway Superintendent Mark Ketcham also stopped by the Committee meeting with an update.

Update on WMAC:

Co-Chair Hunt attended the April 6th meeting to follow-up the WMAC's recommendation for a Town permit with a request for funding from the Waterways Fund. Each member of the WMAC made their recommendation for funding which ranged from 20-50% of the total estimated cost of the project and/or a scaled down version of the project. Co-Chair Hunt was asked to furnish the WMAC with an estimated cost of the critical areas—the east, northeast, and north sections which are closest to Mr. Taylor's gravesite and the historic Smith-Taylor Cabin.

Update on NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet:

Co-Chair Hunt received two email updates of the Draft list of project proposals. The first, dated March 18, 2009, lists Taylor's Island Repair/restoration, State Agency—Parks on Page 700 of 878 and again State Agency—DEC on Page 712 of 878. The second draft, dated March 25, 2009, lists Taylor's Island only with the DEC as State Agency.

On Tuesday, March 10th Committee member Barbara "Buzz" Clark and Co-Chair Hunt met Congressman Tim Bishop's Southampton Office staff member, Jane Finalborgo, and were joined by Southampton friend and Taylor's Island supporter, Dorothy Reilly. The Smith Cabin signature quilt, Smith-Taylor Cabin Historic Structure Report, "All About Andrew Arkin" photobook, Taylor's Island brochure and the 2008 List of Docent Days were materials shared during the visit.

Co-Chair Hunt accepted Supervisor Jim Dougherty's invitation to make a conference call to Mark Copeland of Congressman Tim Bishop's Washington Office. The intention of the call, made on Wednesday, March 11th, was to demonstrate that the Town and the Town's Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee are together on pursuing NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment funding for Taylor's Island.

NYS DEC PEP:

Co-Chair Hunt shared her email correspondence with Laura Stephenson of the Peconic Estuary Program. She also reported she phoned Wayne Grothe of The Nature Conservancy who is Co-Chair along with Laura of the PEP Natural Resources Subcommittee to see if he'd been out to Taylor's Island and he has. Laura and Wayne will be at the Shelter Island Town Hall on Thursday, April 23rd from 3-5 PM regarding potential projects for PEP funding. Taylor's Island was fourth on the PEP's list of potential funding projects, dated 8/06, in the amount of \$80,000.

TI Foundation News:**Wellness Day on Taylor's Island:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported an enthusiastic response to the Wellness Day scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd, 10 AM to 4 PM. She also requested help with transporting people from Congdon's Dock. Some of the people attending will be coming by kayak from Burns Road.

Boat/Mooring:

Co-Chair Hunt said she'll take a look at a boat, motor and trailer that are for sale on Shelter Island. Keith Clark said he'd give Co-Chair Hunt information on a boat, motor

and trailer for sale that he heard on Swap and Shop that might be right for transporting people to Taylor's Island from the mooring at Captain Bob's Landing. The Committee members also mentioned the need for the mooring equipment.

New Business:

New York Magazine:

On March 26th Co-Chair Hunt received a call from Eric Benson of *New York Magazine*, referred from the Supervisor's office, to confirm information on the Smith-Taylor Cabin. Eric said the magazine is doing a Travel Feature on Shelter Island and the Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail which will be coming out next week.

Town Board Work Session:

Taylor's Island is first on today's Town Board Work Session agenda regarding the WMAC's recommendation for funding the bulkhead/seawall repair/restoration.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee