



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
May 12, 2009
Minutes**

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

Guest Present: Supervisor Jim Dougherty

The April 14, 2009 Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

Grants:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported no word on when applicants will be notified.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration funding possibilities:

Community Land Preservation Fund (2% Committee):

As a result of Bernie Jacob's letter in the April 16th *Shelter Island Reporter*, Co-Chair Hunt attended the April 20th Community Land Preservation Fund meeting. She found the meeting time and location listed in the Town Calendar of the Town of Shelter Island's website. Co-Chair Hunt checked to read past minutes of the CLPF but found no listing for them on the Minutes page of the Town's website. Co-Chair Hunt asked Supervisor Dougherty why the CLPF minutes were not posted and he said they should be.

Co-Chair Hunt told the Committee she was interested in their response to Bernie Jacob's letter, as well as additional points she read from the Town Code. The CLPF members agreed it's a matter of interpretation and suggested Fred Thiele would have the answer. Co-Chair Hunt said she would contact Assemblyman Thiele and report back to the CLPF.

Preserve America:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Teresa Montant who suggested going to the Preserve America website. Co-Chair Hunt reported there are grants you can apply for.

Cell Tower Revenue-Capital Fund:

With this fund collecting about \$4,000 per month, Co-Chair Hunt asked Supervisor Dougherty how much is in the Capital Fund. Supervisor Dougherty said to ask Town Attorney Laury Dowd.

Taylor's Island 2009 Town Budget:

The Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee budget has a balance of \$27,800.

Financial Business—April 30, 2009:

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account balance is \$80,181.87; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$3,807.20. General Fund is \$2,000.

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Kathy Sullivan regarding the Town's Taylor's Island folder. Kathy will follow-up with Town Attorney Laury Dowd.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported a total of 7,976 visits.

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

Co-Chair Surozenski spoke with an electrician about hooking up the generator and a mason about a concrete slab for the generator to sit on, in the spot where the old generator was located. Committee members spoke about the one spot where invasives continue to grow on Taylor's Island and the idea of a native species being introduced in that spot. Michael Laspia thought no native species could compete with this Japanese bamboo and suggested putting black plastic over it. Michael offered to have The Nature Conservancy take on the eradication of this invasive as a project.

Update on WMAC:

Co-Chair Hunt attended the May 4th meeting and gave each member of the Council the attached letter. Co-Chair Hunt responded to Town Board Liaison Peter Reich's April 30, 2009 email regarding fill by bringing the Taylor's Island NYS DEC Permit file and made copies of pages WMAC Member Al Loreto asked for. Taylor's Island Committee Members Keith Clark and Michael Laspia said the spoils of the dredging project at the mouth of Coecles Harbor would be too wet and need a staging area to dry before using on Taylor's Island.

Update on NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet:

Co-Chair Hunt hasn't received additional email updates.

Co-Chair Hunt phoned Congressman Tim Bishop's Southampton office and spoke with Jane Finalborgo regarding Tim visiting Taylor's Island on Monday, May 18th either before or after the ribbon cutting ceremony on Shell Beach. Jane offered to check with Tim's scheduler, Lisa. Co-Chair Hunt received a call from Lisa saying Tim had something just before and needed to catch a return flight to Washington, DC right after.

Co-Chair Hunt's April 6th phone calls to Assemblyman Marc Alessi's Wading River office to speak with Nicole, Marc's scheduler, and the Albany office to speak with Susan as a follow-up to a February 6th email have not been returned. Supervisor Dougherty extended an offer to make those calls along with Co-Chair Hunt, who said she'll accept after one more try.

NYS DEC PEP:

Co-Chair Hunt attended and presented Taylor's Island at the Thursday, April 23rd meeting at Town Hall with Laura Stephenson and Wayne Grothe of the Peconic Estuary Program. Wayne Grothe will present Taylor's Island to the PEP Natural Resources Subcommittee.

New Business:**Bidding Process:**

Co-Chair Hunt is gathering information from Town Hall and the Highway Department regarding the bidding process.

Conversation with former Shelter Islander and Supervisor Jeff Simes:

Co-Chair Hunt saw Jeff Simes at Town Hall and reported her conversation with him regarding his letter in the April 23, 2009 *Shelter Island Reporter*.

TNC/TIP&MC/TIF trip to Taylor's Island:

Co-Chair Hunt received a call from Cindy Belt, TNC Education and Outreach Coordinator, and they set up a visit to Taylor's Island by land on Saturday, September 26th, 10-11:30 AM, beginning at the Mashomack Visitors Center.

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

Co-Chair Hunt reported the Wellness Day was postponed from Sunday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 17th due to wet, cold weather. She said a couple of practitioners and a few attendees couldn't make the new date although new people can. Co-Chair Surozenski and Committee Member Keith Clark are helping with transporting people from Congdon's Dock. Shelter Island Kayaks is providing kayaks for a few people from Burns Road.

Boat/Mooring:

Co-Chair Hunt asked Co-Chair Surozenski and Committee Member Keith Clark for their help in writing a classified ad for the boat we'd like to keep at the mooring at Captain Bob's Landing. The Committee also spoke about the proper materials for the stake and pulley mooring.

Ed Clark Hen Bufflehead Decoy:

Co-Chair Hunt brought the hen bufflehead decoy recently donated to the Taylor's Island Foundation by Captain Ed Clark, Jr. which was the centerpiece of the meeting. Everyone took turns admiring Ed's gift.

Brochures:

Co-Chair Hunt asked after the Taylor's Island brochures and holder she gave Michael Laspia to display last year. Michael will check and see where they are.

August 8th Fundraiser:

Co-Chair Hunt mentioned the August 8th Taylor's Island Annual Clambake is listed in the Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce 2009-2010 Map and Brochure.

Signature Quilt:

Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the Committees and Curator of the exhibits in Town Hall, invited the Smith Cabin Signature Quilt to hang with the Shelter Island Historical Society's photographs, which it did from Wednesday, May 6th to Friday, May 8th. Supervisor Dougherty requested the quilt be taken down from its location over the Town Seal and displayed somewhere else. Rather than rearrange the existing exhibit, the quilt will return when the display changes in September.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

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