



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
June 9, 2009
Minutes**

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

Member Excused: Michael Laspia

Guest Present: Supervisor Jim Dougherty

Meeting called to order: 9:07 AM

The May 12, 2009 Minutes were accepted as corrected by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, seconded by Keith Clark.

Old Business:

Grants:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that on May 20th Traci Christian emailed saying notification letters would be received later that week or next week. Co-Chair Hunt shared a copy of the notification letter and her subsequent phone call to Traci Christian on where improvements could be made when we reapply. Co-Chair Hunt spoke about reapplying with Grant Committee members and with the Town's Grantwriter, Jean O'Connell, when she visited Town Hall on Friday, June 5th.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration funding possibilities:

Community Land Preservation Fund (2% Committee):

Co-Chair Hunt attended the May 18th meeting and shared her email correspondence with Assemblyman Fred Thiele, as well as Bernie Jacob's correspondence with him. Co-Chair Hunt mentioned to Supervisor Dougherty that the CLPF minutes were still not posted on the Town's website. Supervisor Dougherty again said they should be and made a note to follow up.

Preserve America:

Co-Chair Hunt shared the Shelter Island page on the Preserve America website. She phoned Preserve America and spoke with Judy Rodenstein (202.606-8584) to ask her to link to the Taylor's Island website. Ms. Rodenstein said they link to general websites concerning a Town's historic sites and to check back and see whether or not Taylor's Island gets listed or is too specific.

Cell Tower Revenue-Capital Fund:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Kathy Sullivan of the Supervisor's office and asked how much money is in the Capital Fund. Kathy left a message saying the Capital Reserve has \$34,892.44.

Financial Business—May 31, 2009:

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account balance is \$80,198.98; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$3,924.05; General Fund is \$2,000.

The Town's Taylor's Island folder was found in the safe. Co-Chair Hunt looked through, arranged the materials by date, made a few copies of correspondence that hopefully will aid us in changing the address so the checks for the residual shares will come to Town Hall rather than the former Town Attorney's office in Riverhead.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported a total of 8,201 visitors and read the entry of one new guestbook signer.

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

Co-Chair Surozenski had no update on the generator installation.

Committee members spoke about the foyer door, porch deck refinishing, landing box, mushroom anchor inside the bulkhead on the east side of the Island, signage at Reel Point, signage on the cabin, water testing.

No update received from Michael Laspia on the project to eradicate the invasive Japanese bamboo.

Co-Chair Surozenski expressed an interest in having additional picnic tables for the Island. He suggested two 6 foot tables would be ideal and easier to move when he's mowing the grass.

Update on WMAC:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Teresa Montant of the Highway Department about clean fill and found there are currently about 300 cubic yards of spoil at the Highway Department from Shell Beach and the Merkel Basin spoils will be transported there as well. Co-Chair Hunt relayed this information to WMAC member Al Loreto and WMAC Liaison Peter Reich.

Update on NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet:

Co-Chair Hunt is receiving email updates although none of them pertain to our Taylor's Island project.

Co-Chair Hunt attended the Shell Beach ribbon cutting on Monday, May 18th, met Congressman Tim Bishop and reconnected with Jane Finalborgo of Congressman Bishop's Southampton Office.

On June 8th Co-Chair Hunt phoned Marc Alessi's Wading River office and spoke with his new scheduler to set up a visit to present Taylor's Island. Co-Chair Hunt will ask for Tuesday, July 28th at 10:00 AM since that time works best for her and Committee Member Barbara "Buzz" Clark.

NYS DEC PEP:

Co-Chair Hunt shared her email correspondence with Laura Stephenson asking her to please keep Taylor's Island in mind if an opportunity arises for Taylor's Island to be

supported in some way by the Peconic Estuary Program. Taylor's Island is no longer on the list of proposed projects.

New York Magazine:

Co-Chair Hunt passed around page 56 of the April 6, 2009 issue of *New York Magazine* that mentions Shelter Island and "the five-mile long Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail, where you can spot fiddler crabs, osprey, and turtles. Break for a picnic on the breezy veranda of Taylor Island's century-old Smith-Taylor cabin."

New Business:

Certificate of Compliance:

On Friday, May 29th Co-Chair Hunt went out to Taylor's Island with Chris Tehan of the Town's Building Department for an inspection for a Certificate of Compliance, which subsequently has been received in the mail. The cabin predates Certificates of Occupancy.

Bidding Process:

Co-Chair Hunt in gathering information regarding the bidding process from Dot Ogar and Laury Dowd of Town Hall and Teresa Montant of the Highway Department found out a bid is necessary for work \$20,000 and more. Also per Laury Dowd, the Highway Superintendent in lieu of a bid, gets the quotes as Public Works person, if there is money in the budget, and awards the job.

Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail:

Co-Chair Hunt received an email from Cindy Belt regarding reprinting the Water Trail brochure and asking for any updates to the Taylor's Island information. Co-Chair Hunt will email Cindy the updated text.

Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee:

Co-Chair Hunt expressed an interest in adding a new member to the Committee.

Committee members were in agreement.

Co-Chair Hunt asked Maryellen McGayhey if Supervisor Dougherty was requesting one meeting of each committee be recorded for Channel 22 this year, like last year.

Maryellen said no although there is money in the budget. Supervisor Dougherty said that would be okay and to set it up.

TI Foundation News:

Signature Quilt:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there was a notice in the June 4th *Shelter Island Reporter* that the Smith Cabin Signature Quilt would be on display at the Eastern Long Island Quilters' Guild's 28th Annual Peconic Quilt Show at Suffolk College in Riverhead on Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th.

In following up on Supervisor Dougherty asking Danielle LiCausi to take the quilt down, off the Town Seal, Co-Chair Hunt found and gave copies of the March 28, 2002 issue of the *Shelter Island Reporter* showing a quilt hanging over the Town Seal to each of the Town Board members. A January 3, 2002 issue of the *Shelter Island Reporter* shows the Town Seal uncovered.

Wellness Day on Taylor's Island:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the Wellness Day was postponed again from Sunday, May 17th, 10 AM-4 PM, due to wet, cold weather to Sunday, June 28th.

Boat/Mooring:

Co-Chair Hunt met with Committee Member Keith Clark and wrote a classified ad which appeared in the May 28th *Shelter Island Reporter*, was posted at the Shelter Island Yacht Club and Shelter Island IGA, and sent to WLNG's Swap and Shop. No response received.

In following up on the mooring ground tackle, Jay Damuck of Shelter Island Kayak offered a 75 lb. mushroom but Mike Anglin said a 100 lb. mushroom is needed. Committee and Foundation members will continue the search for a boat and mooring materials.

Ed Clark Hen Bufflehead Decoy:

Co-Chair Hunt asked about a raffle rather than a silent auction so that everyone who buys a ticket has at least one equal chance of leasing Buffy for the year. Co-Chair Surozenski suggested another raffle prize be two tickets to next year's clambake.

Brochures:

Co-Chair Hunt continues to display the brochures in new locations and replenish in old locations.

Original Taylor's Island Canoe:

A past history and current story of the Taylor's Island wooden canoe was reported by Co-Chairs Surozenski and Hunt.

Mashomack-Coecles Harbor Association Annual Meeting:

Committee/Foundation member and M-CHA member, Barbara "Buzz" Clark reported on the meeting held on Saturday, May 30th at John Picker's home. Co-Chair Hunt also attended the meeting.

Docent Days:

Co-Chair Hunt said the docent days started on May 10th and asked Committee members to let her know what days they'd like to serve as docents. The weather has been unseasonably cold and continues to be wet.

Annual Meeting:

The Taylor's Island Foundation Annual Meeting took place on Sunday, May 31st at the home of P.A.T. Hunt. All Foundation members were in attendance.

Hamptons Greek Festival:

Co-Chair Hunt shared her emails with Father Alex of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons and her wish to set up a Taylor's Island table at the event.

August 1st:

Co-Chair Hunt reported an event will take place on the Island from 4:30–7:30 PM with Board Member Julie Ben-Susan in attendance. If possible, we'll keep the rented equipment in the cabin for our Kettle Clambake the following Saturday and minimize transport.

August 8th Fundraiser:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Committee members about the plans for the Kettle Clambake.

Website:

Co-Chair Hunt said that Bridg Hunt has been working on renovating and expanding the website, scanning documents, photos, etc.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

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