



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
October 20, 2009
Justice Hall
Minutes**

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

Member Excused: Kathleen Gooding

Meeting called to order: 9:07 AM

The September 8, 2009 Minutes were accepted by Keith Clark and seconded by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski.

Old Business:

Grant:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

The Smith-Taylor Cabin Historic Preservation application met the Monday, September 14, 2009 deadline. Co-Chair Hunt received a CD of the complete application from Grant Writer Tom Lajewski of J. O'Connell and Associates and offered it to Committee members. Also Co-Chair Hunt read a draft of a letter to be submitted to the *Shelter Island Reporter* thanking the community for their support and clarifying the amount of the grant. Committee members made suggestions which will be incorporated into the final letter.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration and funding possibilities:

Co-Chair Hunt met with Highway Superintendent Mark Ketcham on Monday, October 5th regarding quotes received from three local contractors to do the critical work in Area 2 which the Town Board requested be designated and separated out from the non-critical areas of the total project. Area 2 includes the wooden bulkhead repair on the northeast and north sides of Taylor's Island where Mr. Taylor's gravesite and the historic Smith-Taylor Cabin are located. Co-Chair Hunt also gave Mark Ketcham August 2009 documentation of donated materials to the Taylor's Island Foundation, estimated at \$12,000, for that section of the project. A purchase order along with the three quotes, donation documentation, and a short narrative were signed and submitted by Highway Superintendent Ketcham to Supervisor Dougherty for his signature.

Financial Business—September 30, 2009:

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account balance is \$80,266.13; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$4,042.34; General Fund is \$2,000.

On Monday, October 5th Kathy Gooding and Co-Chair Hunt went to Town Hall for the hearing on our Committee's 2010 budget which totals \$26,500, a decrease of \$1,300 from the 2009 budget. The 2010 budget appeared, after questions and comments, to be acceptable to the Town Board. Co-Chair Hunt thanked Co-Chair Surozenski and Committee Member Keith Clark for their input. The Committee reviewed the \$1,542 total of expenditures on the 2009 Detail Statement of Accounts.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported a total of 9,406 visitors.

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

Committee members discussed seasonal work for the cabin, the grounds, and docks.

Update on NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet:

On Monday, October 19th Co-Chair Hunt phoned to follow up with Jane Finalborgo of Congressman Tim Bishop's Southampton office about Taylor's Island Seawall Repair being placed back under Parks where Taylor's Island was initially listed. Ms. Finalborgo said she'd phone Washington, find out what they had to say, and get back in touch.

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

On Saturday, September 26th this joint trip by land, from the Mashomack Visitor's Center to the causeway, was facilitated by Cindy Belt and P.A.T. Hunt and attended by 16 people.

Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail:

No update on the draft of the Trail Map.

Co-Chair Hunt shared email correspondence from TNC Michael Laspia asking for a \$150 contribution toward the \$860 printing cost of the CHMWT Map. Committee members agreed to contribute \$150 and asked for an invoice. Co-Chair Hunt questioned whether the payment should come from our Committee's budget or the Town's budget.

New Business:

Additional Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee Member:

Last month Carol Galligan attended our Committee meeting and expressed her interest in serving on the Committee which she followed up with a letter to the Town Clerk's office. The Committee explored the idea of Carol possibly taking Michael Laspia's spot since Michael recently acknowledged he hasn't been able to attend many of the meetings and wondered if he should continue on the Committee. Subsequently, Keith Clark thought of creating a liaison position which Co-Chair Hunt suggested Michael consider, rather than leave the Committee. Michael decided to remain on the Committee. Co-Chair Hunt asked about increasing the Committee, from six members to seven, to include Carol's interest. Each committee member present was in favor of adding Carol Galligan. Co-Chair Hunt to follow-up with the Town Clerk's office.

Liability of Committee Members:

Keith Clark inquired about the financial risks of serving on the Committee. Co-Chair Hunt to check with Town Hall.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:**Shelter Island Artist Audrey Hall Donates Oil Painting of Taylor's Island:**

Co-Chair Hunt invited Audrey Hall to present her painting of Taylor's Island, which she recently finished, during the Taylor's Island Foundation part of the meeting. Earlier this year Mrs. Hall said she wanted to do a painting of Taylor's Island and donate it to our preservation efforts. The 15" x 30" oil painting is entitled *Welcome*. Foundation Members Barbara "Buzz" Clark and P.A.T. Hunt accepted Mrs. Hall gift which will be on display on Taylor's Island and Shelter Island.

Docent Days:

Taylor's Island docent days continue until October 31st.

Boat/Mooring:

Committee Members discussed possible boats, moorings and dock space for access to Taylor's Island.

Congdon Creek Dock:

At Co-Chair Surozenski's request, Co-Chair Hunt checked with the Town Clerk's Office to see where our Committee is on the list for a slip at the Town's Congdon Creek Dock. On Tuesday, October 6th Sharon Ogar said Taylor's Island is approximately 138th on the list.

Website:

The redesign and expansion of the website has resumed.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2009; Mary Ellen McGayhey will record our Meeting for airing on Channel 22.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

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