



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
February 9, 2010
Town Hall
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chairs P.A.T. Hunt and Richie Surozenski, Carol Galligan, Kathy Gooding and Town Liaison Councilman Ed Brown

Member Excused: Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Michael Laspia

Meeting called to order: 9:02 AM

The January 12, 2010 Minutes were accepted by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and seconded by Carol Galligan.

Old Business:

Grant:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Gary Rouleau of J. O'Connell & Associates said he's heard we'll hear by the end of February.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration and funding possibilities:

Co-Chair Hunt received an email from the Supervisor's Office of a NYS DEC Notice of Receipt of Resubmission for constructing 170' of bulkhead in front of concrete seawall in Area 3.

Financial Business—January 31, 2010:

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account balance is \$80,333.67; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$4,160.32; General Fund is \$2,000.

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Town Attorney Laury Dowd regarding making another attempt to change the mailing address of the residual share checks so they will come to Town Hall rather than to the Riverhead office of former Town Attorney Helen Rosenblum. Atty. Dowd suggested asking Atty. Rosenblum to handle the matter. Co-Chair Hunt will contact Atty. Rosenblum about the change.

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

On Wednesday, January 27th Co-Chair Hunt saw the landscaper revegetating Area 2 of the bulkhead project with native species. Carol Galligan offered to provide additional planting information from an article she wrote about an Island property using various native species.

Co-Chair Surozenski suggested March or April for sheetrock removal in the east bedroom.

Update on NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet:

On Thursday, January 21st Kathy Gooding, Councilman Ed Brown and Co-Chair Hunt met with Supervisor Jim Dougherty regarding Taylor's Island and FY2011 Appropriations Request Forms for restoration of the Smith-Taylor Cabin and the DEC Permitted bulkhead work. Supervisor Dougherty was supportive of our submitting requests again this year and of our meeting with Congressman Tim Bishop's Legislative Director, Mark Copeland, on January 27th to present the Taylor's Island projects. Supervisor Dougherty also supported our submitting the Taylor's Island project proposals to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, as suggested in #7 on Congressman Bishop's FY2011 Appropriations Form.

On Wednesday, January 27th Barbara Clark, Kathy Gooding and Co-Chair Hunt drove to Congressman Bishop's Coram office to meet with his Legislative Director, Mark Copeland. The first thing Mark told us was he heard Taylor's Island was no longer on the NYS and National Registers of Historic Places. He then followed up by saying he had people from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in his office earlier that week and asked them about a property falling off the Registers and they told him that never happens. Mark proceeded to spend an hour with us and was very helpful going over the form and making recommendations.

On Wednesday, February 3rd Kathy Gooding received a phone call from Councilwoman Chris Lewis reporting that a conference call with the Town's Grant Committee and Town Grant writer Jean O'Connell ended with Jean recommending Taylor's Island not compete with the other two Town projects, West Neck Water District and Invasive Species Removal, requesting FY2011 Appropriations money. Co-Chair Hunt phoned Councilwoman Lewis and recounted the visit with Mark Copeland which included Mark saying the Town of Shelter Island would probably be putting in four requests and that the Smith-Taylor Cabin request from the Saving America's Treasures account is the only one he knew of. Councilwoman Lewis followed up with a call to Jean O'Connell which resulted in Jean's office assisting Taylor's Island going forward with two FY2011 Appropriations requests.

Co-Chair Hunt shared correspondence with Assemblyman Marc Alessi's office as a follow-up to a meeting she and Barbara Clark had with him and his staff last July. This correspondence was given to Judy Meringer for Supervisor Dougherty on Friday, February 5th along with a note stating Gary Rouleau of Jean O'Connell's office recommends sending a similar request to Senator Ken LaValle. Co-Chair Hunt hasn't heard back yet.

Committee Member Liability:

Co-Chair Hunt asked if the Committee felt complete with discussing this topic and they responded yes.

SI Comprehensive Plan:

On Thursday, January 21st Co-Chair Hunt emailed the attached pages to members of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee containing "Proposed Modifications to the Draft of the Comprehensive Plan to include the Town Park property known as Taylor's

Island and its historic structure, the Smith-Taylor Cabin” for consideration at the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, January 22nd. Councilwoman Chris Lewis and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Chairman Don Kornrumpf sent emails to Co-Chair Hunt reporting a favorable response from the Committee to the proposed additions of Taylor’s Island in the proposed areas of the Comprehensive Plan.

Taylor’s Island Exhibit at Town Hall

Plans for the Taylor’s Island Exhibit in the Town Hall Meeting Room now include hanging the exhibit the morning of Tuesday, March 2nd and if necessary, continuing on Wednesday, March 3rd, keeping the exhibit up through May, scheduling an Opening for Friday, March 12th and a Closing some time late May. Co-Chair Hunt will check these dates and times with Sharon Jacobs who keeps the schedule of the Town Board Meeting Room.

New Business:

Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities:

Kathy Gooding suggested and will look into requesting funding for the Smith-Taylor Cabin from the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities.

Social Networking Site:

Kathy Gooding told the Committee about the social networking site she and her son recently started for Taylor’s Island on facebook. To date there are 225 fans of Taylor’s Island.

Taylor’s Island Foundation News:

Site/Guest Use Rental Agreement/Contract:

The gathering of site/guest use rental forms used by area organizations continues.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the new website went live on Sunday, January 24th. She shared comments from people on the email list who received a link to the new site and reported statistics from Google analytics.

Taylor’s Island Ornament:

On Saturday, January 30th Co-Chair Hunt met with Vivienne Gershon to give her a photo of the Smith-Taylor Cabin as a template for an ornament. Mrs. Gershon expressed an interest in seeing the Cabin first hand which will be scheduled with the warmer weather.

Senior Citizen Trip to Taylor’s Island:

Vivienne Gershon expressed an interest in a group visit by senior citizens to Taylor’s Island. Co-Chair Hunt told Mrs. Gerhson a trip by boat was planned for seniors a few years ago but didn’t meet the minimum number of people set by SISCA. Mrs. Gershon suggested a trip by land might be more favorable. Co-Chair Hunt will contact SISCA President Carolyn Willberg about scheduling a trip.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:05 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

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